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The Monthly Newsletter of the Sand Dollar Motorcycle Club

April 2020

Celebrating 40 years of Riding from the Emerald Coast!



President's Corner

Hey Sandies,

I know it's a tough time we are in, but it will get better and we will get back to normal.

We will start riding soon.

Stay safe and healthy and check in on our fellow Sandies when you get a chance we are still a family and that won't change

Robert Woods

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Birthdays April



IF YOU SEE THESE SANDIES THIS MONTH, WISH ALL OF THEM A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY....

**Hayley Woods
Harold Luttrell
Ray Kiegbine**



We wish all these couples a very special wonderful and joyous anniversary

**Rob & Kim Laird
Michael & Elise McMillan**

What to Do, What to Do?

The next 4 weeks will seem to drag on and on unless we find something to keep us from dwelling on the whole pandemic thing. There are other things that need to be done and I'm sure most of us have "honey do" lists that seem to go on forever. But these chores will not replace our love of motorcycling, the fresh air, open road and riding friends.

I intend to spend some time looking back at the good times had throughout the years as a Sand Dollar and before. This is a great time to dig through the old pictures, remember old friends and acquaintances. Maybe some of these remembrances will generate some stories for our newsletter and reenergize the desire to continue riding after the current situation subsides.

I've got some great memories of rides with friends to places like the Grand Canyon, Mesa Verde, Carlsbad Caverns, Jack Daniels, the Natchez Trace, Andersonville and solo rides to Maritime Canada, Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore and others. It's kind of amazing when I think of all of the places I've ridden a motorcycle and the things I've seen and smelled that the average car traveler would have missed.

This is also a great time to begin planning for the next season of riding fun. Think about the places you want to see and the places you want to ride. The internet is a vast resource for planning trips both local and long distance. Get together online with friends that you want to travel with and share ideas and plans.

So, I guess the whole reason for this piece is to try and inspire Sand Dollars to keep safe and get ready for the next riding season. This is kinda like winter up north, you put the bike to bed and dream of the next season. We will get through this and get back to group riding with our friends.

Keep Safe and Dream ON!!!

Jim Morrison



What's Happening

Breakfast before our Rides..... Joe & Eddie's Restaurant (Across from Goofy Golf) 8:00 am. A note, Joe's has a bunch of new Wait staff, when you walk in and sit down, put your order in right away. Don't wait for other Sandies to join you. We leave at 9 am period.



The 40th Anniversary Party

Postponed until we are again free to get together safely. Watch your emails for updates from George.

Our 40th Year in 2020

First of all, as in all years, The Sandies are in a State of Confusion. Now ya gotta admit that there is damn funny. Okay try to be a little serious, with this Krewe, its damn hard I 'll tell ya, to be serious that is.

The wonderful thing about The Sandies is that we don't take our selves a bit seriously. The exception to that is how we ride and how we work to keep sharpening our skill set.

The Sandollar M/C in comparison to Clubs half our age and much younger is in damn good shape. This is 100% due to the wonderful members, no matter how crazy, yes, the Mother-ship is coming, of The Sandollar M/C Inc.

Let's Ride and Have a Great 2020 !!!!!

Bunny Run Cancelled

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the Bunny Run. With the current situation it was not possible to have many riders gather to participate in our run. We will keep our fingers crossed that the Pumpkin Run will go off with a bang and generate lots of revenue for our charity. Please keep all of the riders that participate in our runs in your thoughts and prayers during this hard time.



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**Minutes from Sandollar M/C Business Meeting
March 8, 2019**

Robert Woods call the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Secretary's Report

Edna read the minutes from the Feb. 2020 meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report

Edna read the Feb. 2020 Treasurer's report. The report was approved as read.

Road Captain's Report

George gave the Road Captain's report for the Mar. & Apr. events. Please call or text George Engler at 850.244.0376 with any questions or comments regarding the ride schedule.

Save the Dates:

- 03/15/20 – Rides Of March
- 03/22/20 - Lunch Special
- 03/29/20 - Bunny Pre-Ride

- 04/05/20 - Bunny Run
- 04/12/20 - Business Meeting
- 04/19/20- Skills
- 04/25/20- Saturday Adventure

Old Business

Bunny Run –Flyers needs to be distributed. Door prizes needed. Load trucks Saturday before Bunny Run.

New Business

Stop the Bleed class – 4 hour class held at Sheriff Dept. in Shalimar – March 21st. Class for how to stop bleeding if there is an accident.

Tuesday night get togethers – the location will be decided by those who attended the business meeting and that location will be good until the next business meeting. It was decided that Chili's would be the location for March.

Nomination for Officers will be held at the April business meeting.

Meeting Closed – There being no further business for the benefit of the Club the meeting adjourned at 9:35AM

Garlic Parmesan Baked Eggplant

Crispy baked, not fried, eggplant with garlic Parmesan breading. A delicious way to enjoy this fall vegetable!

Prep Time 15 minutes
Cook Time 23 minutes
Resting time 30 minutes
Total Time 38 minutes
Servings 4 people
Calories 312 kcal

Ingredients

- 1 large eggplant
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter melted
- 1 cup breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning



Instructions

1. Start by preparing the eggplant: wash the eggplant and trim off the green end. You can peel the skin if you like. Next, slice eggplant into 1/2" disks. Place all disks in colander or cooling rack set over baking sheet, sprinkle with salt and let sit for at least 30 minutes
2. Next, melt butter in a bowl. Mix breadcrumbs, spices and Parmesan cheese in another bowl.
3. Dip each eggplant disk into butter first, then breading mixture. Place on aluminum foil or parchment paper lined baking sheet.
4. Bake in 400 degrees F oven for 15 minutes, then flip each disk and baked for 7 more minutes. The eggplant should be golden brown and the breading crispy.
5. Serve as side dish, appetizer or use in eggplant Parmesan.

Recipe Notes

Eggplant skin is completely edible. It's a personal preference, just like zucchini. You can peel the skin off or leave it.

I Made this on March 22 2020 and it turned out delish.
George

Miso Ginger Dressing

Ingredients

1/3 cup walnuts
1/3 cup white miso
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest, plus $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lemon juice (1 to 2 lemons)
1/4 cup water
1 -ounce piece fresh ginger, peeled and thinly sliced
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon honey
1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper
1/2 cup grapeseed or other neutral oil

Instructions

In a blender, combine all ingredients except the oil. Blend until the walnuts are finely ground and the dressing is smooth, about 1 minute. Add the oil and blend until emulsified, about 30 seconds.

Note: K2 the store across from the Mall has all three types of Miso, White Yellow and Red

George



To the Sandie Nation, Wind Day

14 Sandies, a Guest, (Keith B) and a new Sandie, Mark Shaw and the Pretender to The Scottish Throne, Dave Mac. The whole rabble did 179 miles of simply outstanding riding. It was a very much needed session of Wind Therapy.

Let's start our journey at AL's, it was awkward standing so many feet apart, but we did it. Welcomed Mark S to the Ridingst Club around, said welcome to Keith B. But it's weird standing apart like that, now on the Rides it was all Sandies.

I need to thank my Group Leads JoeJoe and the Six's Tommy N and Jim W. It was a nice day to ride, temperature was just right for March. Sides we had Weather Central, JoeJoe keeping those on the wireless up to date. To include "there is a shower 125 miles away". Remember this is the same guy that uttered those so famous words of Sandie legend "We can out run it". Then led us into one of the worst weather experiences of my 50 plus years of riding.

Sandy S was with us but it was a strangely silent Sandy. It bothered me until I found out her mic was out of commission. As I looked heavenward and thanked God for unexpected miracles. Da Duke was at AL's but he had some chores so he didn't ride with us on the Zero. I don't think The Zero would have made today's trip but Jim rides it every day. Now it ain't a Sandie journey without Frank W and today Frank was obviously Meds free. Frank pulls one plastic glove out of his pocket declaring he was ready to get social. What's scary was it was a well-used glove, a very well used glove. I shudder to think what Franks been doing with that glove.

Wes H drove his KTM Dual Sport today, now Wes is a big fella and the KTM ain't a small bike. Wes drives up and Sandy S remarks "Wes have you lost weight"? Nope it's just that the KTM is a big bike and Wes is even bigger.

Tommy did a terrific job at Six as did Jim W. But and you knew there was a but. The comments from Tommy really really make me wonder if the Mothership can't get here soon enough. Now Jim W ain't a whole lot steadier let me assure you. Add these to the rest of the mix and now you realize that the phrase Stark raving Nuts pretty much sums up Sandies.

The first time I knew Munchkin had joined the group was at lunch I look up and there's Munchkin. Come to find out that as we were leaving AL's Munchkin drove up. I know that things will be fine in the world, Munchkin was late, almost, things are normal. Dave Mac actually stayed with the group. Okay that's not quite true Dave patiently stayed with the group until after lunch. Then our, for Dave, rather pedestrian speed, David couldn't stand it. After lunch all you could hear was Triumph Rocket leaving Earth's orbit.

In these trying times the only safe social interaction is on a motorcycle, lot of Rides out today. When you acknowledge a fellow rider, you don't feel quite so alone which is so important.

Please stay safe and remember your fellow Sandies are with you through this whole experience. Also, please check on one another, we have Sandies like Steven that need the social contact.

Kolomoki Mounds State Park

In the early days of February, I couldn't work it out to get to Al's by 9am sharp, so I stuck out on my own. It happened to be a lovely day to see what my tax dollars were doing over at the Kolomoki Mounds State Park outside of Blakely, GA. You might not realize it as you weave through the downtown streets on an early Sunday afternoon searching for some lunch, but over 2,000 years ago this was a pretty active part of the state. Woodland Indians built a 57-foot-high ceremonial mound. The product of millions of basket loads of dirt. People from miles around came to worship deities, trade, play games, and honor their dead. The park office and museum brings you up close and personal into the culture's burial practices. The structure is built into one of the mounds, allowing you to explore the archaeological work done by more recent scholars.

After changing into my sneakers, I strolled out to the tall mound and climbed the multitude of concrete steps to the top. The vista was beautiful, meanwhile I tried not to breath too hard and give away my true level of conditioning to the younger tourists who had just taken the rise by every other step. With my ego tended to, I descended to the plaza on my way to explore a trail through the woods. The circular path was redirected and shortened a number of times by deadfall. Although it'd been almost a year and a half, I could have sworn I saw "Michael was here" etched in the bark.

The abbreviated walk worked out OK, though. The shadows were getting long and I'd like to get back home before the temperature started to drop. But despite my best intentions, about half way home my hands were getting a bit cold. And then, as the empty fields passed by, they weren't. Actually, they were a little too warm! As I bump down the setting on the grip heaters, I was thinking this is a nice problem to have. And so went the maiden voyage of the new-to-me Yamaha FJR1300.

Not long after graduating from my 450 to the 600cc Yamaha FZ6, the highways and byways took me further and further from my garage. Eventually, even down to Daytona, where the parking lot of the Speedway became my personal Disney World every March. Harley, Buell, Honda, Yamaha, Kawasaki, Suzuki, Moto Guzzi, Triumph, BMW... Some were regulars, some not, but they all let me ride their brand-new machines and all for one low price of "free". I'd try them all, from the 250 pit-bike to the full touring dresser. One year, after reading about a class the magazine was calling "Sport Tourers", I thought that might be something to look into. It might be a natural progression for me.

That year, I went with a mission. I was going to be at the sign up tables at the break of dawn and before the day was done I'd be able to choose my favorite. The Honda ST1100 was as smooth as a Honda, and the Kawasaki C14 was a very comfortable powerful bike, but the Yamaha FJR1300 had all that and something more. It had the same DNA of what I already knew and liked. And so, there it was, as open minded and objective as I thought I was going to be, the decision came down to the subjective.

Back at home, I looked at the generically labeled "Harley fund". And it was found lacking. Not surprising since the monthly contributions were at a rate that'd make me the laughing stock of the paperboy convention. Nevertheless, someday...

The silver lining is that as time went by, the "Feejer" just kept getting better. The early reports were that the model tended to build up heat under the rider's seat. Well, after the heat rash I got while stuck in traffic in the middle of a Florida summer, I promised myself that I'd be eating radishes with Scarlet O'Hara before that'd happen again! And, by the time the 3rd generation came around, the complaints had subsided.

That was 2013. As the years go by, I wait for the lines on the chart to converge. The motorcycle fund slowly climbs while depreciation works its magic on the used bike market. Temptations would tempt, along the way, to influence the natural order of things. A bike would come up on craigslist within a half of day's drive. I could make it work. Sure I could. I could take the fund and combine it with the mortgage payment, buy the new bike, sell the old bike, and make the house payment before the late fees build. Easiest thing in the world...

Fortunately, my good senses or my better half, one, would intervene and it never came to that. But when the invisible hand of the free market moved the price to its sweet spot, it was not without disappointments. A Gen III FJR would pop-up in Tampa at the beginning of the week, but it'd be gone by the weekend. There'd be another in Augusta, and it'd be gone. That went on for months, and I finally resigned myself to having to pay a premium because deals don't stay long and certainly don't show their face in my small town.

Finally, last November, I was only half-heartedly looking when fair priced 2013 down in Central Florida lasted past the weekend. I checked the pictures, again. How can this be? I must be missing the big gouge in the tank and the bent handlebar. Nope. It looks good. By Thursday, it's still there and I started talking to the guy. I let him know that I had hours to drive, and that I'd check with him again before I left the house on Saturday.

Badda-bing, badda-boom. Fast forward past not having time to ride while my Dad recovered from heart surgery (he's doing fine, now) and some cooler winter days, and I'm cruising a back road with the electric windshield set to guild the wind over my helmet and the cruise-control activated. And my hands? My hands are oh so toasty.

Tim Murphy



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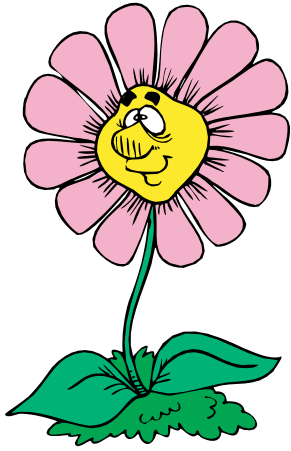
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Calendars are Subject to Change
Please check your Email Regularly

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Load Trucks & Arows 9:00 Canceled
5 Bunny Run 8 am Harley CANCELED	6	7	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Open	20	21	22	23	24	25 S
26 Open	27	28	29	30	31	



May 2020



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Business Meeting 9 am	4	5 HOPE TO	6 BE	7 RIDING	8 BY MAY!	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Need someone to Lead	18	19	20	21	22	23
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