



Sandlines

The Monthly Newsletter of the Sand Dollar Motorcycle Club

April 2021

Celebrating 41 years of Riding from the Emerald Coast!



President's Corner

Just wanted to say I'm glad I'm a Sandie.

----We have had some good rides this past month and have many more planned with the weather getting better.

The most important thing on the agenda this month is the Bunny Run at Emerald Coast Harley Davidson. This will be the first in over a year. We need every Sandie that can to come out and help. 5 or 6 people can't do it but with all Sandies on deck we can do a spectacular poker run. Really looking forward to many great rides this month.

Really looking forward to all of you great Sandies coming out to help the Bunny Run. We have some super rides, including some overnights and Skills. Come ride with us.

Vice Prez Sam Engler

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Birthdays April

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

Hayley Woods



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

A very special Anniversary
for

Two Very special people

Michael and Elise McMillan

Emerald Coast



Harley - Davidson

presents the
**BUNNY
RUN**



Sunday

April 11, 2021

**788 Beal Parkway
Fort Walton Beach, FL**

Cost: \$11.00 per Person

**Proceeds to Elder Services of
Okaloosa County**

Fort Walton Beach, FL

Event opens at 8:00 a.m.

Registration starts at 9:00

Last Bike out by 11:00

Last Bike in by 2:00

Closes at 3:00

**Proceeds to Elder Services of
Okaloosa County**

*Come out and have some fun while
supporting Elder Services Christmas,
Run with the Bunnies, Door Prizes
and more...*

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**This is an AMA sponsored event
"All minors MUST have a Parent
or Legal Guardian present with them"**



Show your AMA Card and receive 10 FREE Door Prize Tickets



What's Happening

Meeting before our Rides..... Good Things Donuts is our meeting spot before rides. Coffee and Donuts available but make sure you have the time to consume your goodies because **"We leave at 9 am period."**



Meetings.....Our meeting location has changed for the time being. We will now meet at the Golden Corral in Mary Esther at 9 AM on the first Sunday of the month. Please feel free to arrive early and grab some breakfast.



Our 41st Year in 2021

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 2021 !!!!!

Rides are Happening

Keep your eyes on Facebook and your email. Rides are happening and fun is being had. We are still observing the Social Distancing rules but using the wind to help cure the "Cabin Fever".

Tim White has been taking some days to ride with the few that show and has also taken on some Saturday rides. Keep in touch electronically and you can ride with us.



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Minutes from Sandollar M/C Business Meeting March 7, 2021

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Edna read the minutes from the Feb. 2021 meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report

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

Road Captain's Report

George gave the Road Captain's report for the Mar & Apr stating that due to weather, etc dates may change. Please call or text George Engler at 850.244.0376 with any questions or comments regarding the ride schedule.

Save the Dates:

4/4/21	Bunny Run Pre-Ride
4/10/21	Load Trucks
4/11/21	Bunny Run – ECHD
4/25/21	Skills

Watch your email for other events that may pop up

New Business

Nominations for officers – April meeting

Tuesday night get togethers going well – March location – Golden Corral

Bunny Run – April 11th – still need members to work the stops and registration, games. Come help out if you can.

Meeting Closed – There being no further business for the benefit of the Club the meeting adjourned at 9:30AM.

Zucchini and Squash Gratin

Tender pieces of zucchini and yellow squash in a mouthwatering creamy cheese sauce. This delectable easy skillet vegetable will quickly become one of your family favorites.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 onion thinly sliced
- 1 small zucchini sliced in rounds 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick (please see notes)
- 1 small yellow squash sliced in rounds 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick (please see notes)
- 2 large cloves garlic minced
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan
- 1 cup shredded smoked gouda

INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat oven to 450 degrees

Melt butter in oven proof skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook until the edges start to brown approximately 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook for additional 1 minute.

Add cream and simmer until bubbly and starting to thicken. Slowly stir in parmesan. Add zucchini and yellow squash and cook an additional 4-5 minutes.

Sprinkle with smoked Gouda and bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes or until cheese is golden brown.

It's something I enjoy when you have Summer Squash out the Wazoo, a very delicious way to use it up.

George



It was a Brake-through Street Skills

George Engler

No, it's not a misspelling, I must thank the Sensei/Michael M for giving up his Sunday morning to help The Sandies improve our Braking Skills. We had 12 Sandies out on a simply beautiful day. It was another gathering of the tribes, considering that a lot of loyal Motorcycle brand followers are very tribal. Well, most of the Tribes were represented today. Harley, Honda, Triumph, Yamaha and BRP so it was quite a mix of Motorcycles. The common thread today was that all motorcyclist's need to learn how to stop and stop safely. It's not as easy as it sounds, you screw this up and it's guaranteed to hurt and usually hurt badly.

Well, today was all about The Braking. Braking is one of the two most important Skills to practice if you ride a motorcycle (other is swerving). Without knowing how to brake and brake correctly, you're riding for a fall. As our population continues to grow and phones proliferate you gotta know how to brake. So, you say, "I got ABS", well, can you stop and evade all in one motion, I thought not. These are just some of the things we practiced today. It was to make you a better Rider by showing you how to improve your braking, then practice, then practice some more.

I cannot thank Michael enough for coming out today. Michael didn't do one or two new braking skills, Michael taught us four different classes. What a great day it was to up your Braking Skills and taught by a Master Coach no less. All it cost you was being a current member of the Sand Dollar M/C. The lessons were priceless in their instructions alone.

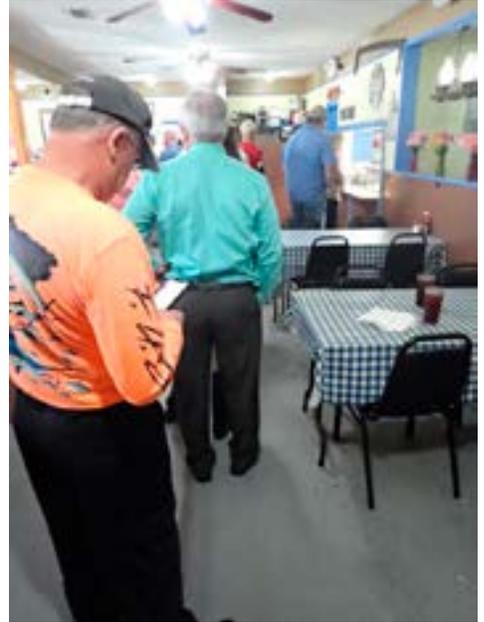
Then it was Max Braking at real world speeds. Most of us were between 35 and 55 miles an hour. Robert W, who has no ABS, used the faster speeds. Here the difference between someone that practices and someone who doesn't really shined through. Robert consistently stopped as good as us who had ABS and/or used a lower speed and that's the point - improving your skills! JoeJoe was another outstanding braker. Let's talk Joe W, his braking no matter what speed, was consistent. Dennis O another Winger was also damn good. Actually, everyone, even Sam on The Spyder, got a lot out of today. The higher speeds were real world speeds where proper Max Braking is a life saver. Not knowing how to Max brake in the real world (i.e. the crazy idjits on 98, 85 etc.) will get you hurt. If you missed today, we will do this again and again, please join us.

We ended the day with a really fun layout, JoeJoe laid out one of his famous massive slalom layouts, lots of curves & twists. JoeJoe laid it out for Spyderys also, had to drag Sam in. The day ended with Tim W leading Bunky, Frank W and JoeJoe to an outstanding fried chicken lunch. Tim then took one of his famous scenic backroad routes. Today was the second "Themed" Skills, we practice one vital Skill for the whole session. All work makes Jack, blah blah, So we turn The Master, JoeJoe loose on the range. JoeJoe makes it all just fun and you learn also while having fun.

Next month is a special Skills, Sensei will be teaching an on-road "Mentored Riding" class. This one-day course, which you would pay over 3 hundred bucks to take elsewhere, is just a part of your membership with the Sandies – no charge. It's a part of your dues. This Course is one of the best real-world, on-road, motorcycle training classes around. Be prepared to spend a good part of the day on the road. More info as we get closer.

Thank you again Michael for the invaluable training, it was a great learning day.





We Were Able to Welcome Back Some Great Sandies Today

George Engler

We are welcoming several Sandies back to The Sand Dollar M/C, BUNKY is back – we haven't seen him since covid hit last year. STEVEN G is back on two wheels (!!), Jim M is up and around, all of which is very Happy News for The Sandies. We haven't seen Steven on a motorcycle since his accident many Moons ago. For Jim it was a close call just three weeks ago. Today was a fabulous day for The Sandies and a super bonus to be riding with folks that we have not ridden with in as much as a year. It was a very joyful day. Also, we were very fortunate to have Frank W with us today. Frank had a hip issue that kept him off the bike for a bit. Well things are mo' better and Frank joined us today

Good turn-out for the Meeting, awesome lunch by the way. 9 Sandies did lunch at Laurel Hill Grill. Besides great food, we also had fun riding 125 miles of beautiful roads. A good crowd of 17 Sandies attended the Meeting. We talked at the Meeting about the Bunny Run, it's a month away. I will be sending out the map so everyone gets an idea what we are doing. It's been over a year and a half since we did an Event. We ask for your help just two Sundays a year that's all. You're 363 days with no Sandie commitment, just two Sundays. Well, we need all you Sandies on the 11th of April to step up and help your Club. Some folks have already volunteered to work Checkpoints, Tim W Check Three in Baker, Tim is a class guy by the way. Then its Bunky, Jim W and Annie on Check Two. Frank W Check One leaving Check Four open at the Fairgrounds.

We need folks to help Edna on Door prizes and Registration, Sandy S is running Game's Central. We need registration help, taking the money, putting up envelopes etc. We load trucks on Saturday before and put out directional arrows. Kinda like "If you build it, they will come" (name the Movie). With The Sandies it is "If you show up to help out you will be put to work". Let me or Sam know if you're stepping up to help.

Something all you new Sandies might not be aware of. Is that as Sandies, we do things a bit differently when we host events. As Sandies we (nor our immediate family members) do not participate in our own events. 35 plus years ago we had a Gulf Coast Club Council. At the annual meeting it was decided by all Clubs present to have the host Club members NOT participate in the host Clubs event. This way there is no question when prizes, cash etc. is given out to show that the fix ain't in. The Sandies are the only Club that still follows this long-standing tradition. We do our Ride the week before complete with 50/50 and door prizes. As the month goes on, we will have more Bunny Run history stuff. Some folks forget we have been doing these types of events for over 40 years, not our first Rodeo.

Tuesday Dining-In is at Golden Corral this month. The Sandies want to especially thank Mark Shaw for his continuing generosity. Gathering to break bread together starts at around 5:30ish. One of the few times in Sandie Land where Time is expressed in "ish".

Super day with incredible friends to share fabulous roads – This is why we love being Sandies.



The Sandies Pause for PAWS

George Engler

What made today so damn special was to have some long missing Sandies ride with us. Bunky then Steven G both on a ride, Robert W all out riding today, simply awesome. Jim (Da Duke) M has only one more transfusion treatment and Jim should have the all clear. Jim showed up today to register and sign Sandie on the registration sheet. Folks that's one of the main reason The Sandies have been Riding for 41 years, the dedication of being a Sandie.

Of course there was the fact that we were the largest group there, Ready for how much? 18 Sandies, yes 18 those are pre-Covid Sandie numbers. If we count Wes H riding with the Blue Knights it was 19. Well Wes is The President of the Blue Knights. But oh what the hell, Wes your counted as a Sandie so it's 19 Sandies. We were by far the largest group there, thanks Sandies. Magnificent as always.

Add to the perfect day was that it turned into a beautiful day. It began with thick heavy fog but as we rode northward, more on that later, it turned into beautiful blue skies. We headed north cause it took us along Route Sandie to get somewhere. Route Sandie for those not familiar with being a Sandie. It is simply the not straight there route, always a better choice by the way.

I want to bring up a point of order, Sandy S is not allowed doughnuts. Today it was watching Hammy the Squirrel from Over The Hedge on Red Bull. If you remember Hammy was so fast that lasers couldn't catch him. Well Sandies, Sandy S was like that, sounded like that. Sandy sounded like a forty five record played at 78 rpm.

Have you ever been so not here and someone standing next to you can't get your attention? Well at lunch today nice waitress brings out an order. She asks "who had the salad with no croutons, no tomatoes and only dressing" silence "Who has etc." silence, again, silence. Finally Tony G who was at her elbow goes "Oh hey that's me". That's why we can't have nice things. Usually that's Munchkins job to confuse the waitstaff. Today Tony got that bouquet. Then we have Frank W's tale of woe, he sold is family home two years ago. The folks who bought it now have it on the market at twice the price they paid Frank. Always a Sandie tale to tell around the food table.

We rode some simply outstanding roads, looking back at The Sandies coming over a hill. It looked like a Motorcycle Parade there were so many motorcycles, look'n so good.

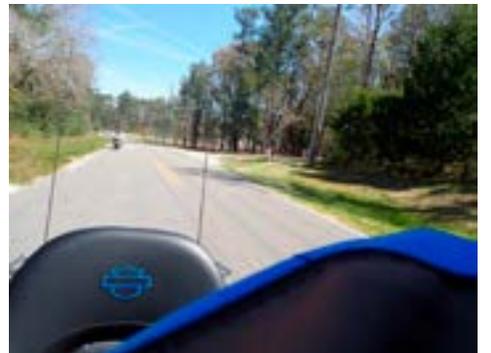
When something happens to a Sandie on a ride it stays forever . As referenced Sensei calling my Wing, Submawing, after a water incident. Well today Jim W goes to bite into his burger. Jim was reminded to check if it really had a patty of beef. Just a journey back into time when Jim was $\frac{3}{4}$ thru a burger before realizing it had no meat, poor Annie. Want to thank Tommy N for being Sheepdog. Jim W for leading Group Two. With top talent like Tommy and Jim it makes Cat Herding a lot easier and less stressful. It

was sure great to see Joe & Melanie W with us today. Joe is a pretty good bike handler and Melanie is always fun to be around.

Let's wind up with a typical Sandie finish to a Poker Run. On this Poker Run, the folks at PAWS acknowledged The Sandies for our support through the Covid 19 pandemic. We donated almost Two Tons, yes Tons, of cat food and dog food last year. You Sandies Rock in your Awesomeness.

Oh back to the Sandie part today they count points not conventional poker hands, The Sandies have done that also. 39 years of hosting our own Poker Runs we mix it up to keep it from being boring. You never know what wrinkle we will come up for The Bunny Run .

Well Bunky's score made Bunky's the high point getter till they did JoeJoe's card. Yep Bunky was booted from the throne by JoeJoe. It was a fun day all around.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Bunny Pre-Ride 9AM Emerald Coast HD	5	6	7	8	9	10 Load Trucks/ Ride The Route 9 am Warehouse
11 Bunny Run 8 am EC Harley Davidson	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Traditionally Sunday after a Sandie Poker Run the following Sunday is off	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Skills 9 am Range 8:30 GTD	26	27	28	29	30	

GTD = Good Things Donuts



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Business Meeting 9 am Golden Corral Lunch ride	3	4 Tuesday Dinners 5:30 pm	5	6	7	8
9 Skills a very special event Mentoring Ride 8 am GTD	10	11 Tuesday Dinners 5:30 pm	12	13	14	15 Saturday Adventure GTD 9 am
16	17	18 Tuesday Dinners 5:30 pm	19	20	21	22
23 Need someone to lead a Ride	24	25 Tuesday Dinners 5:30 pm	26	27	28	29
30 Anyone ?	31					

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