



Sandlines



The Monthly Newsletter of the Sand Dollar Motorcycle Club

December 2020

Celebrating 40 years of Riding from the Emerald Coast!



Vice President's Corner

This has been a very unique year.

Covid 19 started things by having many working from home. That started slowing everything down including riding.

Being Sandies that was not our way. So we started riding to have picnics on the road at wayside parks thanks to all of you that joined the fun.

Poker Runs had to be canceled. Our charity funds suffered but the Sandies said that won't work and the donations were started, and our fund grew large. After all we are the Sandies.

We wish a speedy recovery to all the Sandies that are ill.

We are Sandies so let's get on with what we do best **RIDING**.

Sam Engler, Vice President

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Birthdays December



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

**Ellen Justice
Niki Garcia
Burt Rhodes**



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

**Helen and David Bernauer
Robert & Sharon Woods**

Some Thoughts on The Current Situation

There was an incident where a group went riding and had lunch. One person was infected, not to their knowledge, so far most of the group has tested positive. Fortunately none of the folks were Sandies. This is a very true story and think what the outcome would be if there were underlying conditions.

The point is that Covid is getting close to home. When we have events, we have to social distance, at Skills that is pretty easy. Lunch, might be a different story, that's where your personal comfort has to take over. Anybody that thinks you would be thought less of for opting out obviously is not a Sandie. We've gotta be one of the least judgmental groups around. Hell, most of the Sandies are escapees from Loony Island.

Just Ride that's a pretty Covid free environment.

George, your World Famous "Cat Herder"



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.



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 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 !!!!!

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 November 1, 2020

Sam Engler called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Edna read the minutes from the Oct 2020 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 Nov. & Dec. Please call or text George Engler at 850.244.0376 with any questions or comments regarding the ride schedule.

Save the Dates:

12/26/20 Last Ride of the Year
12/31/20 Sandies ride into the New Year

Watch your email for other events that may pop up

Old Business

Elder Services – Club members very generous. We exceeded our goal, and any excess funds will carry over for next year.

Christmas Party – After considerable discussion George made a motion to postpone the Christmas Party until a late date. Jim seconded the motion – the motion was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

New Business

Pumpkin Run Pre-Ride – Tony Garcia had the winning hand at the Club's Pre-Ride and received a plaque to commemorate the win.

Meeting Closed – There being no further business for the benefit of the Club the meeting adjourned at 9:15AM.

Old School Sugar Cookies

Yield: 48 cookies

Prep: 15 mins.

Cook: 10 mins.

Total: 25 mins.

Ingredients:

2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder
1 cup butter, softened
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups white sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). In a small bowl, stir together flour, baking soda, and baking powder. Set aside.

In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in egg and vanilla. Gradually blend in the dry ingredients. Roll rounded teaspoonfuls of dough into balls, and place onto ungreased cookie sheets.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until golden.
Let stand on cookie sheet two minutes before removing to cool on wire racks.

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Depot Ride

Hi There,

Have some pictures from today's ride to the Depot Restaurant in Florala, AL. Tim W. lead the ride through Holt, FL and up into the Blackwater Forest.

We started off at Good Things Donuts with Tim & Maricetta, Joe & Melanie, Wes and Myself. We met up with Chris Mitchell, a bunch of Green Knights and others at the Holt gas station before we hit the Blackwater Woods. I don't know how he did it but Tim put together a great twisty route that crossed the Alabama/Florida border three time before we got to The Depot Restaurant in Florala, AL.

His ride up there was 110 miles long and we took the direct route back which was only 55 miles long for a total of 165 miles round trip.

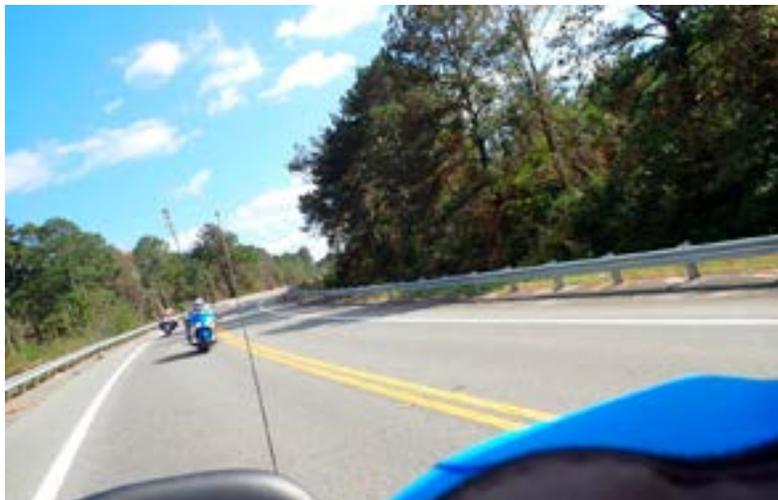
The food at The Depot got great reviews by all and we spied the next table over where they had a huge burger called the Depot Burger. I'm going to try that one next time. Today most folks had the daily special which was a choice of meat and three sides. One of the sides was pecan cobbler....yummmm!

Joejoe

Only in Alabama..."Viagra, Guns, and Gifts" all sold at the same drugstore.

I had the grilled pork chops and of course the pecan cobbler.

After lunch the crew from Ft Walton Beach headed straight down Hwy 85 back home while the crew that we met up with at Holt went their separate ways.



The Sandies and Rocky the Flying Squirrel

George Engler

Had 14 Sandies at Skills today, to include our two newest Sandies, Meagan and Duane G. Welcome by the way, you will discover in time, that not all Sandies are waiting in the Mothership Waiting Room. Today we were fortunate to have The Masters of The Range out with us. Both JoeJoe and Sensei (Michael) , each bring unique talents to a blank Range. JoeJoe just draws abstractly on the blank Range. Today he changed up his normal flow on the diverse exercise. Rosemary, that screwed me all up it took me two tries to get it half right. Michael on the other hand has a much more deliberate approach when looking at a blank Range. Put these two artists together and its Skills heaven. We ended the day with a real-life Max brake effort. The approach speeds were at Highway 98 speeds in the 45 to 60 mph range, now that's braking at its real life best. Even The Prince (Tim W) on his Tri Wheeler showed that a Spyder can come to a stop at real world speed, in a hurry.

For a while it looked like a Gold Wing meeting, it happens rarely that more Wings than Harleys are in attendance. Today we had two new Generation Wings out: Tony (Ace) G on his White Wing and Dennis O on a simply beautiful Burgundy Wing. Today the beautiful rides weren't confined to just the world of Wings. Greg L was on a simply stunning CVO Harley, the gray color was exceptional it popped from across The Range. Speaking of new Rides, Sam was out on her new 2018 Spyder, Skills is a good place to try out new rides. Meagan G, (whose first name is pronounced Meegan, by the way) sure started a bit hesitantly remember it's been awhile since Meagan rode a Ride. Well with some encouragement from Sandies and Sensei, Meagan was coming on well. It's always heartening to see the improvement from the first tentative wheel turn to the end of the session. Meagan even practiced real world braking on the Highway 98 Braking Run.

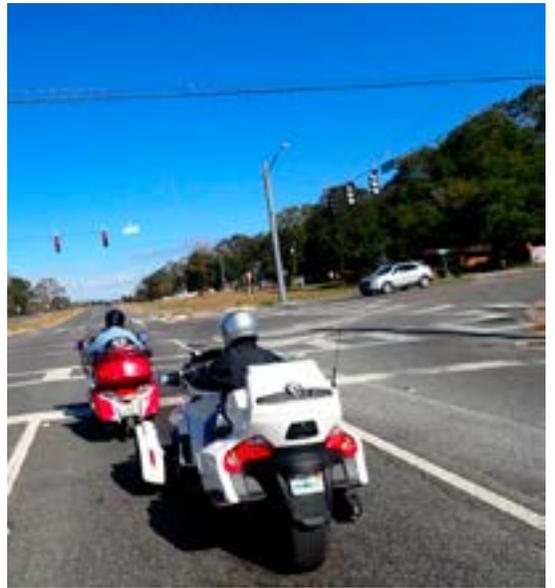
We have some good Bike handlers in The Sandies, Joe W is one of those. Joe goes out on The Range and just knocks it out of the park, always fun to watch. Tommy N was another Winger that added to the total. Tommy is another exceptional Bike handler. Today the field of good Bike Wranglers was out on The Range.

Speaking of Rocky the Flying Squirrel, it's an exercise where you have a huge "S" curve that ends in a hairpin stop. Sounds pretty easy - yeah well, there's a catch. Michael and JoeJoe threw small stuffed animals in front of you through these curves. Usually right in your path, your job was to mis while still ridng as smoothly as possible. JoeJoe was especially devious, JoeJoe put the cutest bunny smack in the middle of the stop box. I know it's a training session but I just couldn't run that bunny over, did my damndest to miss Mr. Cute Bunny. I noticed many Sandies had no compunction flattening Mr. Cute Bunny, savages.

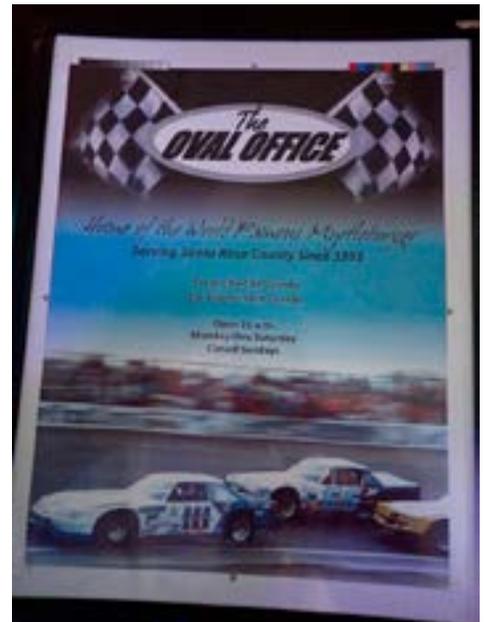
Lunch was a Tim W idea, pick-up lunch at Synergy, a gas station in Florala, of all places. Then have a picnic on Lake Jackson. The food was surprisingly good, the weather was super, what's not to like. After lunch Tim took some of The Hard Ballers, JoeJoe, Tony and Greg on a 150-mile romp through the Conecuh forest. The rest of us headed home the Sandie way or the long way around with detours.

It was simply what Skills was all about, Learning to Ride better and having fun doing it. A very special Thank You to Michael and JoeJoe for a fun day of learning. Our Annual Black Friday, Get Outta Town Ride is Friday Nov. 27, 8 am, Good Things Doughnuts, always a surprise.





**Some Pictures
from the
Black Friday Ride
to the
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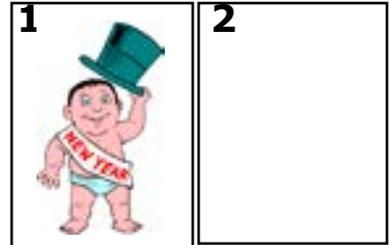


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13 Sandie Toys for Tots 9 am GTD	14	15	16	17	18	19 Tim's last ride of the year 8:00 am GTD
20	21	22	23	24	25 	26 Last Ride of The Year 8 am GTD
27 Skills 9 am 8:30 GTD	28	29	30	31 Ride into a much better year 11:30 pm Waffle House		

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