



Sandlines

The Monthly Newsletter of the Sand Dollar Motorcycle Club

February 2020

Celebrating 40 years of Riding from the Emerald Coast!



The
Bunny Run
is Coming
April 5, 2020
to
Emerald Coast
Harley Davidson

President's Corner

Hey Sandies,

It's been a great month. We did the pelican plunge, it was a lot of fun and guess who came in first place in the costume contest with a lot of coaching from his fellow Sandies? I'll give you a hint it was the great grand Pooh Pa.

One thing we as a club seem to do is keep going. That's a testament to all you Sandies out there that keep talking up the club. So, thanks for all you do.

I know there are a lot of great rides place for this year it will be a great year so let's all have fun and ride safe.

Robert Woods

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Birthdays February



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

**Tina Moody
Jim (Where's The Beef) Walters
Sandy (Too Many Road Names to List)
Shorey
Christina Schaefer
Lee Matson**



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

Gary and Cathy Simmons

Emerald Coast Harley - Davidson



presents the
**BUNNY
RUN**



Sunday

April 5, 2020

788 Beal Parkway

Fort Walton Beach, FL

Cost: \$11.00 per Person

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...*

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

**Sand Dollar
Motorcycle Club, Inc.**



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

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 Weekly Dining-In is now changing monthly. Watch the email for updates from George. The weirdness is always on Tuesdays, always starts around 6, and there's always a good crowd.

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 !!!!!

Keep Your Eyes out for the Prince of Rides and his pop-up rides-to-eat.

Tim White has been having regular rides during the week and some Saturday rides to new and wonderful places to eat. You can depend on the ride being fun and sometimes a bit challenging with a real reward at the end. The places visited are usually small, local eateries that have reasonable prices and great food. Watch your email for announcements and plan to try and go along. If you are not of the non-working persuasion there are occasional Saturday trips. Remember, Ride to Eat and Eat to Ride!!



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**Minutes from Sandollar M/C Business Meeting
January 5, 2019**

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

Secretary's Report

Edna read the minutes from the Dec. 2019 meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report

Edna read the Dec. 2019 Treasurer's report. The report was approved as read.

Road Captain's Report

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

Save the Dates:

2/2/20	Business Meeting
2/9/20	Skills
2/16/20	Winter Special
2/22/20	Saturday Ride

Old Business

Elder Services – We received a letter from Elder Services thanking the club for the donation.

New Business

George reported that since 2000 the club members in total had ridden over 3,000,000 miles.

AMA is requesting for their sanction rides attendance is submitted via a Excel spreadsheet, we will continue to submit as usual.

Robert reminded members of the need for door prizes for our poker runs.

Meeting Closed – There being no further business for the benefit of the Club the meeting adjourned at 9:25AM

BAKED BEANS

Ingredients:

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. bacon
1 lb. ground beef
1 c. chopped onion
 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. brown sugar
1 t. salt
1 t. dry mustard
1 T. vinegar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. catsup
1- 15 oz. can butter beans
1-15 oz. can kidney beans
2- 15 oz cans pork & beans

Directions:

Fry bacon until crisp. Drain, cool and crumble.
Brown onions and hamburger in bacon grease.
Partly drain beans.
Combine all ingredients in ungreased 3qt. casserole
Bake at 350 degree oven for 40 minutes.

Provided by Delma Staser (Edna's sister)



ROASTED GARLIC BUTTER PARMESAN POTATOES

INGREDIENTS:

3 pounds baby red potatoes, washed and quartered
1/4 cup olive oil
6 large cloves of garlic finely chopped or minced
Salt and fresh cracked black pepper
1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup unsalted butter
Fresh chopped parsley, for garnish
1/2 cup crispy bacon bits (optional)



DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Grease a large baking sheet with non-stick spray or olive oil and set aside.
2. In a large bowl, combine 1/4 cup of olive oil, garlic, salt, herbs, pepper, and parmesan cheese together, mixing thoroughly. (Add a little more olive oil if the parmesan cheese has absorbed most of it.)
4. Toss potatoes through the garlic parmesan mixture to evenly coat.
5. Arrange the coated potatoes cut side down in a single layer onto the prepared baking sheet. Place the baking sheet on the bottom rack of the oven. Bake potatoes for 35 to 40 minutes, turning about half way through with tongs or a spatula, until potatoes are browned and crisped at the edges.
6. In the meantime, gently melt butter in the microwave and combine with fresh chopped parsley. Remove roasted potatoes from the oven, and drizzle with the butter parsley sauce. Add bacon bits if using, toss to coat well and serve immediately.

For extra golden potatoes, you can broil the potatoes for 2-4 minutes after roasting. Allow the potatoes to cool down for a couple of minutes on the baking sheet before removing. This will ensure parmesan sticks to the potatoes, not on the baking sheet surface.

Michael

WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT RIDING WITH THE SANDIES

Steven Gardinier

I know this is a bit late, but what the heck, here goes anyway.

Please excuse the slowness you may have in reading this, as I am not able to type with both hands. (Apologies to Steve Martin) My right pinkie knuckle is not yet healed.

2019, and virtually every other year I've ridden with the "Ridingest Club Around" has been excellent. Outside of old friends, new members, old roads and new, there have been some memorable times.

We keep attracting new members, as well as embracing former members back to the fold. Welcome all!

A couple of things I really enjoy are the Tuesday evening dinner rides. Sometimes familiar restaurants, sometimes new ones. All have had one great point. YOU other members who show up! I enjoy seeing every one of you for those 2 hours or so weekly.

Speaking of food---yes George we all like to meet and eat! The monthly supper rides during the summer are one more thing to enjoy! Typically, some members who cannot make the Tuesday feast will show for a monthly feeding! I personally don't care if someone shows up on 2, 3, or 4 wheels. Just getting together with members is always a good time.

Now a bit about some other activities we have:

The Accident Scene Management class (ASM) is probably, especially to me, one of the two most worthwhile things we have done. Being able to help a crash victim or a sick person on the side of the road is one of the most awesome things we can do. Knowing just the basics of care and scene management are very valuable things to know. You know we're doing it right when the first responders thank you for the help.

Another very valuable thing we do is skills. Practicing maneuvers in a safe, controlled environment is so much easier and safer than finding out in heavy traffic that you don't know how to stop or swerve well enough to avoid hazards on the highway. Those of you who attend will be better bike handlers, no doubt about it.

Of course, the heart of any MC club is the membership. We are not a big club, but we have a membership other clubs envy. We have members who step up when needed. Our poker runs are becoming legendary when mentioned by other clubs. From our routes to our door prizes, they love the way we do it! Our members have implemented ways to improve the experience for riders and membership. What takes other clubs 3 or 4 hours or more to do we do in just two hours or less. From set up to tear down we have streamlined things to be better and better! In fact, other clubs who attend our events often ask if we can show them how to do theirs. Some even asked us to run their events for them or to join with them for an event. We are happy to tell them the

secrets but have decided not to join them. We also surprise some by not participating in our own events as competitors. Definitely the "old school" way to do it.

Another thing about the membership that has impressed me personally is the willingness to help each other out. From moving to a new house, visiting disabled members or being there to help out when "stuff" happens, a Sandie member will likely be there with a helping hand. When a member is in the hospital you will probably see one or more Sandies there when you visit. No Sandie should be sitting in an emergency room alone. I personally can attest to that. A few years back, I was stuck in an Emergency Room 200 miles from home, I looked up and saw a Sand Dollar with me. Thanks Hippy John!

Recently I had the misfortune to be in a similar situation and when I looked, three Sandies were there. Later on, more stopped by. Now at home and recovering, one great Sandie, with a bag of items from my totaled bike, stopped in and helped me out quite a lot! Others have since stopped by, called or emailed. Thank you to all!

To sum up all of this, let me make it clear. The best reason I can think of to be riding with the Sandies is **YOU! EVERY ONE OF YOU!**

SpectreSteve



A Very Good Start to the Fortieth Year

George Engler

It started out, well, icky. (Isn't that a like that scientific word?) That about sums up this early Sunday morning, it was wet, windy and the temperature was falling. I figured I would be the only one to show. Well, maybe one of The Crazy Ones, JoeJoe. Even Sam showed better sense, it was trucking time for her. Well I was pleasantly surprised we had 14 Sandie's and 12 Rides before the day was over.

Got to The Range and lo and behold JoeJoe and Da Duke (Jim M) were there already. JoeJoe was laying out an exercise that included the parked 18-wheeler. One thing about Sandie lay-outs they are very organic. We build them to the environment that we've been given. Big Truck, no prob, JoeJoe used it as a backstop to a U-turn. Miss the turn and you get to hit the trailer, it makes for a fairly dramatic learning experience, you know?

It's like the gates next to the big ditch, miss the gate it's a loong way to the bottom of the ditch. All these exercises teach and enforce that you go where you look. These exercises force you to NOT look at the obstacle but to look where you want to go. This is probably one of most important things that needs to become muscle memory when you ride a motorcycle.

You're getting close to the edge of the road on say, oh, Deals Gap. You keep looking at the edge and you're closer and closer. Suddenly you're off the road and sliding and your vacation just turned to crap. Well it's not all bad you get a really cool helicopter ride out of it.

That's why at Skills we do a lot of "you go where you look" exercises. Once you learn to force yourself to look where you want to go, it gets easier and easier. Hopefully when the doo-doo hits the propeller your muscle memory kicks in.

Okay back to Cold and Windy Range Day. Speaking of Da Duke we gotta put a playing card attached with a clothes pin to his front wheel. That damn Zero is so quiet that Jim came up behind Pat G and at the last moment Pat felt something behind him looked and jumped back. Pat can move pretty quick for a middle aged Biker.

Robert led the folks from AL's and it was looking like a real Skills. Bunky and Tim, on the Spyder, arrived with Robert. Tim showed just how agile a Spyder is, in the right hands. Tim took on the whole course and that Spyder flew. JoeJoe laid out the gates wide enough for a Spyder. But still challenging enough for the two wheel crowd. That my friend takes some good know how on laying out exercise's. Tim was having a whole lot of fun today let me tell ya.

Sam got to work the Spyder today. It took only a few rounds and Sam was moving that Spyder like a pro. When the time comes Sam will move on to a Spyder, thank you so much Tim.

His Lordship, Sir Mac was out with us today. I guess Mac can give Harry and Megan lessons on how to live without the Queens largesse.

Bunky had an oopsie at the last Skills. Bunky also had no case guards at the last Skills and put an owie on his leg. Today Bunky had case guards, life can sure teach fast.

I know we always give Pat G a hard time about his tea cup sized bladder. Today Pat also showed why he is one of the Sandies better Bike Handlers. Pat was out there killing JoeJoe's course. Good job Pat.

It wouldn't be Skills if the last Sandie to show up was not Munchkin. True to tradition Munchkin was the Last Sandie to be at Skills. In this fast changing world, it's so reassuring to know some things never change. If they do change in Munchkin's case it's just temporary.

Speaking of things that reassure you that there are some things that won't change, Jim W for example. Now, you can depend at lunch Jim will order a hamburger. Jim would go to Capt. D's and try and order a hamburger. Jim is anything if not consistent, please see the above reference conspiring Munchkin. I'm not saying Jim and Munchkin are the same. Just pointing out the fact that those two nut jobs are consistent in their oddities.

Robert was there today with his Customized Harley. It is so cool looking and Robert did everything himself. It is one very good looking Ride. Great looking Robert.

Then it was lunch, of course, today it was the Locals Eatery. Located behind the Marina at the end of 85 and John Sims. The advantage is that they open at 10 on Sunday perfect for a cold Sunday. Next thing ya know Tommy N and Sandy S showed up to join us. Tommy had just returned from an extended visit on The Left Coast. Tommy has a strange twitch which I understand will pass with enough sweet tea.

I know I say this all the time but thank you JoeJoe for all the work setting up these great Skills exercises. You keep them fresh and useable so Skills is never dull, thank you so much.



The Chili Ride (Well Kinda)

George Engler

The Ride portion didn't happen. Well, it did, sort of... I rode to the Festivities and got wet so it did happen. The getting wet is pay back for flipping off the Road Gods by riding. We had 12 Sandies and one winner. This year it was a newcomer, the usual winners were there Sharon, Edna and humbly me. But I guess everyone felt bad for Bunky. Why? Well if you drove a car (Mazda 2) with less cc's than a scooter AND it had a racing stripe, what do you think? To really let this sink in Jim W rode with him. Remember the Farmer Insurance commercial with the clown car? To further strengthen that illusion, after The Chili Festivities they were off to the airport to pick-up Bunkie's wife and large suitcase. I have no clue short of strapping Jim to the roof how all the left overs, suitcase and wife are going to fit. Knowing Bunkie's wife ain't riding on the hood like a dead deer. Seriously Bunkie's Chili was win worthy don't ask about the recipe ya don't want to know, trust me.

Another big surprise, JoeJoe baked cookies, yes, Mister bring-a-rice-dish Rello. Not to worry unlike Munchkin coming on time once, Mr. Cookie did bring a rice dish too. They were very good and I'm not saying that to be polite, they were that good. Be aware Mr. Cookie is out there, on a Harley.

Sharon W was out, 78 pound foot and all and brought her sooo very good Chili. Robert was trying all the Chili's and deserts and rice dishes. Just be careful Robert that pretty Harley may need a bit of suspension work, just say'n. Jim W can be a bit hateful, cause Jim arrived in the car as big as a shoe. So Jim takes it out on the one person that rode his motorbike rain or no. As I was leaving wet butt and all Jim let me know he hoped it rained harder. As Dave Moody used to say, "That was just rude".

I would be seriously remiss if I didn't mention Delma's (Edna's sister) fantastic beans. They were damn good, no, very damn good. Now the rest of the story, after the 39th Anniversary Turkey Creek Float. It seems everyone wanted the recipe, Edna put it into a Word document and Edna says she should send it in time for the February Newsletter.

It was a great 35th Chili Ride, okay, only I rode and even that was wet – but the Chili EATING Festivities were first rate!. Thank you so much Edna for once again opening your house to the Sandies. It makes all of our get togethers at Casa Edna feel like a dysfunctional family get together, real Addams Family like.

Thank you so much Edna.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Business Meeting 9 am Lunch Ride	3	4 Dining-IN 5:45 to 6 pm	5	6	7	8
9 Skills 8:30 AL's 9 am Range	10	11 Dining-IN 5:45 to 6 pm	12	13	14 	15
16 Winter Special 9 am	17	18 Dining-IN 5:45 to 6 pm	19	20	21	22 Saturday Special 9 am
23 Open	24	25 Dining-IN 5:45 to 6 pm	26	27	28	29

March 2020



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8 Skills 8:30 AL's 9:00 am Range	9	10 Dining-IN 5:45 to 6 pm	11	12	13	14
15 Rides Of March 9:00 am AL's	16	17 Dining-IN 5:45 to 6 pm 	18	19	20	21
22 Lunch Special 9:00 am	23	24 Dining-IN 5:45 to 6 pm	25	26	27	28
29 Bunny Pre-ride Emerald Coast Harley 9 am	30	31 Dining-IN 5:45 to 6 pm				