



Sandlines



The Monthly Newsletter of the Sand Dollar Motorcycle Club

July 2019



Time to Break
Out the
Tacky Shirts!!
Watch the
Calendars
for
Shirt Rides!

President's Corner

Sandies,

Sandies, this month has been a really hard one to say the least. Last month we did an MSF course and it was a real good one, although it was also extremely hot. Regi, the Riding Academy Manager at Emerald Coast Harley-Davidson put on a really good MSF safety course just for the Sand Dollar membership. Thank you to Regi Davis and Emerald Coast Harley for the for the excellent training!

One more thing, I really did not realize how hard being Sand Dollar M/C president would be, but George put it in perspective - it's like herding cats. Sometimes you try to corral them and catch all the strays but sometimes they just get away no matter what you do.

Stay cool while riding out there and watch for all those crazy drivers; it's getting really bad. Hopefully the new law against texting while driving will help but don't leave it up to them; pay attention and be careful out there! Until next time, stay cool, stay safe, and enjoy riding!

Robert

Birthdays July



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

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Pat (Bread Truck) Griffin,
Howard (Chief) Wilson**

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

**Mark & Gloria Storm
Pat & Kathy Griffin**

From Regi Davis at Emerald Coast Harley Davidson:

George, I'd like to offer the Sandies a club rate of \$50.00 a rider to take either the Basic or the Ultimate Bike Bonding class. That's a third off our retail price. Class dates are 14 Jul and 18 Aug...enroll online at www.EmeraldCoastHD.com. We can accept payment individually or the club can pay the day of the class. Also, we've got the forms for National HOG Members to get a \$50 rebate annually for taking an MSF course. Hope this helps!

Regi Davis
Riding Academy Manager
Emerald Cost H-D

Sandies it's Time, yes fellow Sandies it's Time for Dues. Time to Pay for all that fun you have.

A Whole \$30.00, we do have a PayPal account you can use.

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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.



Tuesdays...We will be getting together on our non- business meeting Tuesday's at a location To Be Announced by our famous "Cat Herder", so watch your emails, time as always: **6:00 PM**.

TIME TO PAY THE PIPER!!!!!!

Please see the article on page 3 for details.

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.

Shirt Ride Time: Another sign that summer is here is the colorful sight of a group of not sane motorcyclists all dressed up in very colorful shirts heading down the road. This sight has raised many questions from the non-riding population. Are we being invaded by a motorcycle gang that looks like a Jimmy Buffet Concert? Could this be a group of escaped Parrot Heads? Or just a mentally not well of Bikers? Most learned opinions lean toward the last explanation. The actual truth is that it's The Sandies out for another Fun Ride and Pikan-ik. Since The Aloha or Hawaiian Shirts have become our formal attire, why not flaunt it. What better to flaunt it then ride somewhere wearing said Shirts? The louder, the more colorful the better is our rule of thumb. I say if your family would be embarrassed to see you in it then its perfect Sandie wear. So find yourself one or two or like Munchkin have a whole suit made from Aloha material. Then step bravely out the front door, get on that motorcycle and ride with Sandie pride. There you have a Sunday Shirt Ride.



WE BE DO'N DINNER RIDES

The Sandies eons ago used to do one dinner ride a month, more than that and it got real thin on participation. The Dinner Ride will be a Mystery Dinner Ride. That means the Roadie leading it knows were it will end up. Now if you have certain dietary needs and/or a picky eater, just contact the Road Lead and find out just where.

A couple of remembers, we use the Sandie table method, parties of 4 or 5 or 6, don't let the restaurant folks, unless they have the space, set-up one mass table. It works better for the wait staff and kitchen. Speaking of wait staff, Sandies if you get good service and the kitchen screws up don't take it out on the wait folks.



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Minutes from Sandollar M/C Business Meeting June 2, 2019

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

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

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

Road Captain's Report

In George's absent Robert gave the Road Captain's report for the June & July events. Please call or text George Engler at 850.244.0376 with any questions or comments regarding the ride schedule.

Save the Dates:

6/16/19 – Skills
6/23/19 – No nutz ride
6/29/19 – Saturday adventure

7/14/19 – Skills
7/21/19 – Breakfast ride
7/28/19 – Swim and Picnic

Old Business

None

New Business

A basic/Ultimate class will be held at Emerald Coast Harley on Sunday June 9th. This is \$150 class but is free for Sanddollar members.

Members decided to keep the Tuesday night get togethers at the same place for a month. Changing locations every week makes it had to keep track of where to go.

Robert reported that the Pensacola Triathlon may be back on this year.

Dates for Dinner Rides will be determined and members notified.

Meeting Closed – There being no further business for the benefit of the Club the meeting adjourned at 9:45AM

Four Bean Salad

Ingredients:

1 can (15.5 oz) Black Beans (drained and rinsed)
1 can (15.5 oz) Cannellini (drained and rinsed)
1 can (15.5 oz) Chick Peas (drained and rinsed)
1 can (15.5 oz) Pinto Beans (drained and rinsed)
1 Medium Red Onion (finely chopped)
1 Medium Tomato (finely chopped)
 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 tsp dried Cilantro* (or 2 Tbsp fresh, finely chopped)
2 tsp Minced Garlic*

Dressing:

3 Tbsp Red Wine Vinegar
1 tsp Sugar (or sugar substitute) *
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp Crushed Red Peppers*
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Extra Virgin Olive Oil
 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 tsp Adobo Seasoning*

Directions:

In large bowl, combine all beans/peas, onions, tomatoes, cilantro and garlic.

In medium bowl, whisk together vinegar, sugar, adobo, and red pepper flakes. Slowly drizzle in olive oil while whisking until completely blended. Pour dressing over salad and toss to coat. Serve chilled or at room temp.

*All dry ingredients are to taste

From Michael & Elise



June Breakfast Ride

George Engler

10 Sandies and one 'truckcified' Sandie, (my new word, like it?) Sharon W in her F-150, joined us for a journey. Oh boy what a journey it was too. Navarre for Breakfast then home. But as in everything Sandie it was not without adventure. The big news is that Bunky is back, Bunky had eye surgery in May. Today was the first day Bunky was out on the motorcycle. What happens, it rains, Welcome back Bunky, it is back to the Sandies after all. Sometimes the Sandies become the Road God's own Hacky Sak. Today was one of those "Hey we're bored, let's mess with The Sandies" kinda of day.

First some news around the Sandies. You have already seen Jim W's leg, right? It was something we have all done, well not Sandy S, Dona L and Harold L. But the rest of us have and if you haven't, it's only a matter of time my good friends. What in the world am I babbling about? Why, leaving the side stand up and starting to walk away, of course. I know I have done it at least three times in my 60 plus years of riding. Once at the old Sears in Ft. Walton Square (now Uptown Station). CB750 Honda, started to walk away, "did I put the side stand down"?, I wondered. The CRASH behind me answered my question. My reference to Sandy S and The Spyder Duo is just that, they ride Spyderys. By the way Harold's comment about Jim's situation on the Sandie Group Face Book page is C-O-L-D brother.

Now for more Sandie news, JoeJoe has just bought the coolest mini drone. Look for aerials of our Skills in the near future. It is so small it fits in a small backpack but the camera is HD quality.

Robert W, has a new 117 S&S motor in his Harley. The cool part? Robert built it from ordered parts. Robert put it together and made the necessary adjustments, everything, himself. Good job Sir Robert!

Okay back to today's Sandie Breakfast Adventure, Munchkin and Helen arrived early and our table was already arranged. Thank You Munchkin and Helen! - it made it so nice.

Another Sandie that has been noticeably absent has been Steven G. Well that box got checked today because Steven joined us for a wet Breakfast ride. Like Bunky, Steven had a Sandie welcome back, rain and all.

What makes this Breakfast so typical was we could see the tall thunderclouds on our left over the Gulf. Deter us, really? We ride under the Sandie Sun. Which is, "Sure it looks like rain, radar says rain all around. But that teeny patch of blue over there means we don't need any rain gear". While we were eating breakfast, it moved ashore right over us, sigh. So much for Riding Under the Sandie Sun. But it won't change us not one wit, we will do it again. What is the definition of idiocy? "Doing the same thing over and over the same way expecting a different result". Yep that sums up The Sandie's and Rain, all right.

Yes, it rained and we got somewhat wet but it was fun and it was spent with good friends

Speaking of good times, its dues time, so beat the rush and stay with The Sandies.



June Skills

George Engler

It was warm today on The Range but it was a bit cooler than last weeks Ultimate Bike Bonding Class. I guess the prime difference was that last week was a true 'ramp up your Skill level' kinda Class. Today is a more practice at your Skill level Class. First JoeJoe simply outdid himself today, Yeah, Yeah I know, I say that all the time but sometimes it's a notch above really good, today was one.

We had a bunch of Ultimate Bike Bonding RiderCourse veterans returning today and we had a slew of new folks. How about 16 Sandies turning up for a June Skills? That's a great turn-out - it might even rank as a super turn-out for this time of year. We had a Spyder Duo day today, Both Dona and Harold, of Spyder fame were out there. Harold is still fighting a nerve in his leg but it's not slowing him down, nope not bit. Of course, Harold's description of running JoeJoe's Huge "S" was a bit descriptive, "You crush those two cones, flip that one waaay over there and raise general cone mayhem".

I know I say this sometimes tongue in cheek but today I really meant it. It was really nice to see Jim (Where's the Beef) W today. Yes, his fellow PITA Brother in Arms, Pat G was there also. Let me tell you, Pat G, for all of his quirks, is one damn good bike handler. And brother, dat boy got some quirks - matter of fact Pat is a card carrying member of Quirkiness. Nonetheless, is a seriously good rider. Watching him last week and then this week you can really see just how smooth and controlled Pat is on that motorcycle.

Talking good riders, how about The Mitchell, now that guy has some skills. Also, Chris has had a huge influence in the shaping of The Sandies over the years. I know most newer members don't really know Chris that well (trust me, you're lucky) but Chris has come up with many an idea for and about The Sandies. Some of the ideas eventually found their way into our statement of work. Sometimes Chris's ideas were a bit too early in concept, ahead of their time - but they evolved into our day to day operations. Well today Chris was visiting us. We use directional arrows for guidance, even JoeJoe gets lost in some of his lay-outs Well today Chris was Arrow Master and his directional arrows today could be seen from The International Space Station, very clearly I might add.

I know I use the term Sensei to attribute to Michael M. Someone asked me why? Well because a Sensei is a guiding Master of his craft and Michael is all that and more. Michael earns his living teaching and guiding our motorcycle community. Not part time, not as a volunteer but has a paid professional. Those fabulous RiderCoachs we have in our area, Michael is responsible for their continuing education and certifications. Michael is also one of the best, if not the best Bike handler I know. A lot of folks are good on one or two types of Rides but Michael is good across a whole range of different Rides. Today it was on a Goldwing, Michael was as smooth as glass out on JoeJoe's Course. The Sandies are blessed with an abundance of exceptionally smooth Two Wheel Riders Tim White, JoeJoe, Mac, Robert, The Mitchell, Pat G, Jim W, Tommy N, Munchkin, Frank W, Steven G, Dawn H, Tammy T and of course Paco. We are very fortunate to have a

Three Wheel group of Sandies that ride and like riding, Harold and Dona I are two that I feel belong in that group. So it's not that we lack talent - we have a ton of it, but Sen-sei Michael stands out even in this crowd.

Tammy T was out and doing a great job, Frank W was out and was being, ...well, Frank. That means that Frank made it look easy but also had a yarn or two to spin as he did it. Dawn keeps getting better and better as a Bike handler. What I admire about Dawn is that she keeps trying and improving at each go around.

Robert W was supposed to bring me a Cookbook that Sharon W had found. It was a Route 66 Cookbook, Sharon knows I like all things Route 66, so she found this really neat Cookbook. Remember when you were in school and you heard the excuse "My dog ate my homework" ? Today it rang true, Sharon's dog got ahold of the afore mentioned Cookbook and ate part of it. Not bad enough that the recipes and stories were damaged. Lets say when the dog does his daily it ought to be , well, colorful.

We are on notice that The End Times are on hold for now. How do I know? Cause Munchkin was his late self today so things are back to normal.

Today was hot, next month we will be even earlier in the day. But JoeJoe really did a superb job today, laying out some challenging but fun exercises. Which for Sandie Street Skills it's what it's all about, learning with a lot of fun.



Annual 'No Nutz Ride' Wherein Many Sand Dollar M/C Members Jump into Water Cold Enough to Frost Your Igloo, on Purpose! George Engler

Firstly, 15 Sandies made the 'Run to Hide The Boyz' (Yet another thinly veiled euphemistic reference to human male anatomic "Shrinkage" in cold water. Ed.) 150 simply fabulous miles, I think it was one of better rides today, seriously. We really did cover some newly paved curvy roads. Had a new Sandie join today, Gary S. who rides a 2010 Harley Ultra, he bought it used with only, are you ready, 6,000 miles, can you believe it. Why would you buy a beautiful bike like that and then not ride it? Obviously not owned by a Sandie.

Burt (Robert R) joined us on his simply outstanding KTM. Burt had it loaded for a 14-day trip he is planning to take. Today was a trial run before the Big Day, smart idea. Then we had the usual Sandie crowd of Grifters, Card Sharps and general Ne'er-dowells that populate the Sandie Riding Fools. Of course, I speak firstly of the Twins of Destruction, Jim W and Pat G. The one thing I credit Pat G is he damn sure participates. Pat was a bit reluctant to jump in to sub-zero water, well at least if you listened to Sandy S, more on that later. No way to back out, was there Pat? I was already in the water. Yep the Big Kahuna, his own self was freezing his coconuts (thinly veiled reference #3) already. Frank W, who is a bit older than aforementioned Big Kahuna, did the brave guy dive -in. Frank of course never misses an opportunity to impress the ladies. Well Frank just had to do it in front of a whole bunch of young ladies, who were suitably impressed I might add. Back to Pat G, still standing on the shore. Well after Tammy T jumped in, Pat had no choice but to wade in among the ice floes, thereby suffering catastrophic gonad retraction. (Ref #4)

Let's spend a moment talking about the water temp, which was 68 degrees. Munchkin had a very reasonable explanation why the water felt so cold. Silly me I thought it was just freaking cold. Sandy S made it in to the water but not without telling the whole world just how cold it was. To hear Sandy tell it the water was one degree above freezing. After listening to her, and taking my general resemblance to a big fat seal, I realized I needed to keep a sharp eye out for polar bears and Orcas. This was after Sandy put on her parka, in the water, kinda bizarre but that's Sandy. I think when the heated gloves came on Sandy had officially crossed over into Nutso Land.

Okay back to Pat G, in the water Pat goes, not without the usual screaming but in he went. Shortly Helen attempted to help Munchkin discover the joys of singing in a much higher pitched voice. (Ref. #5) Helen almost had Munchkin in the water but Munchkin resisted like a cat facing a bath. Munchkin did ultimately go in, then proceeded to paddle around all over the place. Sam dives in then proceeds to hang on me like a baby monkey. As I'm still keeping a sharp eye out for polar bears, Sam is not helping. Sam says it's because the water is over her head, so I ask, what isn't"? Well no one ever accused me of being a real fast thinker and I KNOW BETTER than to do short jokes. I had time to contemplate my big mouth as I was going underwater.

Paco without any fanfare, goes in and swims around apparently not feeling any effects of Sandy's subzero temps. You wouldn't expect a man of Cuban heritage to be at home

in ice water but there he was.

Meanwhile on the shore Jim W kept coming up with all the reasons HE wasn't able to enjoy the water. Helping out with this Greek Chorus, Tommy N. adding reasons why humanity should not be jumping into this freezing Artic Sea. Tommy said he may have spotted an Orca, which made me sit up and notice. Really? Are there any other predators that would think I look like a big tasty seal? Sandy finally gets out and warms herself by the fire.

JoeJoe won the "What the Hell Were You thinking?" Ugly Shirt contest" it pushed all the "Oh my!" buttons. It was lavender with a pink sky and palm trees in purple. Surrounding the palms were motorcycle choppers of indeterminate origins. It was just a raging ugly shirt – it was so ugly it left a bad after-taste in my eyes. Congratulations JoeJoe, your complete lack of fashion sense made you today's winner.

It was one incredibly fun day, great roads, riding with people that are just fun to be with.





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7 Business Meeting 9 am Lunch Ride	8	9 Dining-In TGYI Fridays	10	11	12	13
14 Skills 7:30 AL's 8 am Range (Summer Hours)	15	16 Dining-In TGYI Fridays	17	18	19	20
21 Breakfast Ride 7 am	22	23 Dining-In TGYI Fridays	24	25	26	27
28 Swim & Picnic 9 am AL's	29	30 Dining-In TGYI Fridays	31			



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11 Breakfast Ride 7 am AL's	12	13 Dining-In	14	15	16	17
18 Indoor Skills 9 am Okaloosa Island Fire Dept	19	20 Dining-In	21	22	23	24
25 Swim & Picnic 9 am,	26	27 Dining-In	28	29	30	31