



Sandlines



The Monthly Newsletter of the Sand Dollar Motorcycle Club

March 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,

There are a lot of events coming up. We have our 40th year anniversary party coming up and let me tell you after 40 years we as a club have seen and been through a lot. So please all of you Sandies come out and have a good time it will be a lot of fun.

We also have our poker run coming up so door prizes will be needed, and we will need all the help from all you Sandies to make it a success. Hope to see all you Sandies there it will be held at the Emerald Coast Harley Davidson.

Til next time be safe.

Robert Woods

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Birthdays March



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

Lee Wilber

Frank Williamson

Larry Patrick



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

NONE

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

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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

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

Time 6 ish at the Brooks Beal center, corner of Yacht Club and Beal. Let Edna know what you can bring. Dress is Sandie Casual, Shirt with a collar, jeans fine. Help us celebrate **40 years** together.

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 !!!!!

Stop the Bleed Class, Sandies have been invited by The Blue Knights

March 21 in the morning, Sandies have been invited by The Blue Knights to attend a "Stop The Bleed" class.

8 am Okaloosa Sheriff's Office Training Room. Need you to let me know if you can make it, space is limited.

In our hobby this is always an issue that can happen anytime . We are fortunate to be invited by the Blue Knights to attend this class. But they need a head count,

I know it's our 40th Anniversary Party date also. This class is in the morning festivities don't start till 6 pm. Plenty of time to get your dish for the pot-luck ready. Since the dress is Sandie semi-formal, a shirt with a collar. You can easily make this class. Just let **George** know as soon as you can space is limited.



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**Minutes from Sandollar M/C Business Meeting
February 2, 2019**

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

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

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

Road Captain's Report

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

Save the Dates:

3/8/20	Meeting
3/15/20	Rides of March
3/22/20	Lunch Special
3/29/20	Bunny Run Pre-Ride

Old Business

Chili Ride – Due to weather the ride portion was cancelled - Bunkie won the Chili contest.

New Business

Annual Party – The 40th Annual Awards Banquet will be held at the Brooks Center on Beal Parkway. The date will either be Mar. 14th or 21st depending on availability of the center.

Bunny Run – April 5th out of the Harley Shop. We need door prizes.

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

Chili Brats

Made these with the leftover Chili from The Chili Ride. Never tried this before used Johnsonville Brats and a pecan beer from Mississippi. Some crusty rolls from Publix and it was true oh my god meal. Easy and tasty as it comes

George

Ingredients:

- 6 fresh brats (not precooked)
- 1 can beer - any brand
- Leftover homemade chili (or store bought)
- 6 hot dog or brat buns
- Shredded cheddar cheese (optional)
- Chopped onions (optional)

Directions:

- Place brats in a saucepan and cover with beer. Bring to a boil. Cook for 5 to 10 minutes at a low boil.
- Remove the brats from the saucepan and discard the beer.
- Place the brats on a preheated grill and grill just long enough to brown the brats nicely.
- While the brats are on the grill, heat the leftover (or store bought) chili.
- When the brats are done, serve the brats and chili. Allow everyone to add their own chili.
- Serve with chopped onions and cheese if desired.



A Tale of a Great Motorcycle Ride (Food is Involved)

10 Sandies did 140 incredibly gorgeous miles Sunday. Yea I know I can sound like the Chamber of Commerce about Sandie stuff. The truth is that's the way I feel. Back to Sunday, it is hard as hell to explain what a close to perfect Riding day it was. First the group who rode Sunday, great riders all. What's special about this group was that even though they had ridden these roads a dozen plus times Everyone got a kick out of just riding some of the better roads in our area. The weather could not have been better, clear and dry and not a cloud in the sky.

Robert's "Project Bike" is almost done and it is so cool looking. I will repeat Robert's quote when he bought it "It's perfect I don't need to change a thing." Okay how about a "yea right" answer from everyone that knows Robert. Speaking of Robert he was also bushed from spending Friday and part of Saturday driving in the 24 Hours of Lemons at Barbers. Now that's as cool as it gets.

JoeJoe was pretty adventurous when it came to lunch, a burger topped with crawfish and other stuff. It was so big even JoeJoe couldn't unhinge his jaw to bite into it. JoeJoe had to resort to a knife and fork for JoeJoe that's a rarity.

But let's not forget that Madcap Foodie Adventurer Jim W. Now Jim is all about exploring new food horizons. Whew! I got through that with a straight face thank goodness. Jim is a burger and fries kinda guy and will be forever. there somethings in life that are pretty dependable Jim and burgers are one.

Munchkin who if you're not aware is a former citizen of The Big Easy. Munchkin's mom still lives in Slidell. With bona fides like that when Munchkin proclaims that the Po'boy rolls are the real deal believe it. Those rolls were crispy and filled with a lot of goodness, yum as JoeJoe says. Cosse's Place in Milton will really become a Sandie food stop. The food, service and price are well worth the drive.

As some of you might remember that about a year or two ago Sir Mac did a detour through the bushes in the Blackwater. No damage except to pride and ego. Well when we passed Corner Le Mac, Sir Mac mused why they hadn't erected a rather large marble marker to his exploits. Hang on, The Mothership is not far away.

Then it was on to Hall's Hardware where Sam and I spent too much money buying backyard fence hangings.

Sandies, Sunday was one the many reasons we love riding so much. It was the quintessential day ride and what a day it was.

George

Bunky and Jim's Big Adventure

Sandollar Lighthouse Tour Day 1 which didn't start as a lighthouse tour 02/10/20 it was just another day in the life of a retired person. I was drinking my morning coffee and checking the news and weather. The night before the weather God's said, 4 days in a row of rain! Not good for Sandie's that likes to ride. The current weather forecast showed highs in the mid 70's and overcast skies.

I planned a quick trip to Port Saint Joe, FL (using the PFA method "plucked from air") for a destination on Google maps and recorded it on a 3 X 5 index card turn by turn. Not trusting the weather folks, I decided to go outside and do my own observation and found those weather people got it right for once. I said to myself "it must be time for an adventure", I texted another Sandie who lives in the same town as me 5 miles away. Yes, it was Jim (where's the beef) W. He responded it's going to rain. You see the last 3 times we have been on rides together it has rained. Jim keeps saying to me "if it rains on us I'm not going to ride with you anymore". He asked why Port Saint Joe? I do not know I just picked it. I told Jim I think there is a lighthouse there and we could take our picture with it in the background. He checked the weather and also saw no rain and said it 10:30 AM now I will be at your house by 11:00 AM. Jim arrived a little before 11:00AM.

I showed Jim my 3 X 5 index card with the route that I taped on my windshield and explained to him that was my analog GPS. If you could have seen the laughter that card produced! It was just priceless, I thought I was going to have to pick him up off the driveway. So, Jim said "you lead the ride that way you can try out your new GPS" which I did. With my temporary GPS (3 X 5 card) I only missed 2 turns along the route. I don't think Jim knew we missed the 2 turns. The ride was just great, no hot sun, temperature around 75 with overcast skies. Our route took us east on highway 20 to Sand Hills community, then south on highway 77 into PCB with a turn on to highway 98.

The destruction from last year's hurricane was alarming, in places it looked like a bomb went off and this is after a year of rebuilding. As we were arriving into Port Saint Joe we could not find the city limit sign and figured the hurricane must had taken its toll. We stopped in the middle of town to find the lighthouse on our right side so we parked and took pictures. Then we, being Sandie's decided it was time to eat so we went 2 blocks and ate at McDonald's. It was now 3:00 PM EST, we did a quick calculation and decided to make our return trip by the Harley Shop in PCB for a bathroom break and get gas which we did.

We took highway 331 north to Freeport then Highway 20 west back into Niceville. We got split up just prior to the intersection of Hwy 331 & Hwy 20, I stopped to wait for Jim at which time I changed my sun glasses to my regular glasses. Jim stopped just past me and we on our way again. Jim took the lead at that point and he was still wearing his sun glasses. I guess he was riding by braille. A short distance down the road we stopped so Jim could change his glasses. We discussed the leg of the route and decided we wanted to ride a little longer. I took the lead and drove down one of my favorite

streets, bay and trees on the right, trees on the left, canopy of trees covering us and not to mention a lot of curves. However, the wildlife is abundant through there and I had Mr. Squirrel run out in front of me. Jim and I both thought he had made it between my tires. However, he didn't, so sad. We arrived back at my house at 5:30 PM, with 230 miles later, with some major smiles on our faces. It was an amazing impromptu day!

Jim texted George a picture of the lighthouse and our bikes and George said "going for the patch I see". You know, we started out with no intention of the patch we just wanted to ride. Now we are on a mission for the patch. If anybody would like to join us just let us know and come along for day 2 of our lighthouse tour.

Bunky & Jim



Satur-Sunday Ride

Okay it's broken record time. Our Saturday instead of Sunday Ride turned out fantastically. Just like the last Sandie ride, weather beautiful, Roads absolutely superb. As the last, a little adventure spiced up the Ride.

First the knitting, 6 Sandies rode 210 miles of sheer riding fun. Stopped at 2, yes, 2 country stores. Found some unique Sandie items about 90 miles from their original home.

Yes, it was cold at 9 am when we took off, about 39, I think. It was cold but you dress for it. Also, if your cupcakery is working your good to go. Sandy S arrived looking like Nannook of The Arctic. Snowmobile suit, big gloves, two scarves and who knows what else. JoeJoe was similarly dressed but in a more subdued attire. Sides it warmed up nicely and the layering thing comes in handy.

What made those cold hours bearable was the simply gorgeous sky. It was this blue that seemed to go on forever, it was easy to get lost just looking at how blue it was. I had put Doc's Place in the GPS note Doc's Place. Off we went looked down at the GPS and it said "distance 565 miles" Whoa, looked further we were headed for Carrollton Texas. I needed to be going to Doc's Country Store, glad I caught that one. We took one beautiful country road after the other. We would get to a corner and someone would say "left or straight ahead or right". You get to be on classic curvy country roads or next it's down a path that has pavement in name only. JoeJoe said at one point he heard banjos. I reminded him that as Chris M once said "you only have to be in front of the last person". Since that was Jim W, the last guy, told JoeJoe not to worry.

When you travel like this you get to see all kinds of things. Some pretty neat and others just bizarre or weird. Like the cow on a porch, looked like a regular house but it had a cow on the porch. Yes, a cow, on a porch. That leads to all kinds of what??? Why comes to mind quickly and how is another.

Well it was sights like that and throw in a whole bunch of dogs that came out to greet JoeJoe and Sandy and Jim. That could have been scary but they were just saying howdy. It's things like that make these Day Rides different adventures.

Finally got to a major highway and discovered we were about 15 miles off course. Not bad for Sandies, once Walter K got all the way to North Carolina before he discovered he was heading North. Walter was supposed to be heading back to Florida from North Georgia, South. Walter spent an extra day on the road for that one.

Arrived at Doc's Store, they have a restaurant attached. The food was outstanding I had a burger, Jim had steak, looked a lot like hamburger with gravy to me. They had a really cool farm museum with buildings from the turn of the century and equipment. A lot of the pictures are from the museum it was a pretty neat place.

We decided to keep up the stop at a corner and pick a direction route planning. It was that kind of day, you just wanted to keep riding what direction didn't matter. Got to The Perry Store, it used to be a real store with lots of old things a country store would have. Like Byrlcream, single edge razor blades that type of stuff. Now it's a store full of knick-knacks and stuff. But in a case lo and behold two Sandie Pumpkin Run pins. From 2016 and they wanted a buck and half for each, simply amazing. I had no idea; Sandie stuff keeps showing up all over the world it seems.

It was getting late so we headed home kinda the same route planning. Well 210 miles later, a little sun-wind burnt but happy as hell it was home.

It was just a unique fun day with friends, sharing a fun day of Riding adventures. It don't get any better than this. Thanks to all my Riding companions, Sam, Sandy, Jim and JoeJoe it was a fun time.

George



Skills (Again)

Now let me tell you a tale of a great day of learning and some outstanding Riders. First the knitting, 12 Sandies to include one Steven Gardinier which was awesome in its own right. I guess everyone gets tired of me telling you just how great Skills were. But the truth is today they were outstanding. I mean no BS outstanding learning environment. All this is thanks to the hard work of one JoeJoe. He thought it out and then executed it. The biggie was The Eliminator this is an exercise that The California Highway Patrol uses in their Motor Officer Training. CHP is regarded as some of the finest Motor Officers in the world and their training reflects it. The Eliminator is a series of U-turns tight, U- turns. JoeJoe opened it up considerably for us mere mortals. It was still tough I had to practice over and over and still wasn't consistent. JoeJoe let me know he put it together for me especially, gee thanks MR. R. Ever since I really dropped one of my other older wings executing a U-turn practice. It was a pretty bad drop, you could see the belly pan, that's how far it rolled. Ever since then I have this mental issue's with U-turns. Being Sandies we make a lot of U-turns, a lot as Pat G pointed out. So not being able to do a smooth U-turn is a bit of a handicap. Well thanks to JoeJoe, we all had a lot of practice.

A group of Sandies stand out in a group of their own when it comes to ability. Most were there today, JoeJoe, Pat G, David Mc, Jim W and Munchkin all were in this group today. Pat G is an especially good bike handler and it showed today Not that the rest of us had any slouch's but these folks are a cut above. Frank W for instance Frank just never quits. Frank keeps at it and gets a little bit better each time around. Bunky is another never say quit Sandie. When Bunky joined The Sandies he had very little riding experience. But a lot of Skills and miles later Bunky is becoming a much better Rider. Most of Bunky's firsts have happened as a Sandie. First Oopsie, First long Ride, First overnight motorcycle ride, First case of Monkey Butt. Yep lots of memories happen when you become a Sandie. We have 40 years' worth of memories we will be sharing on March 21st.

With Jim M (Da Duke) on the Zero it was more of the same. Superb handling, Lightning speed that E-Bike has it all and Jim takes advantage of all of it. Is it me or has anyone else noticed that since Jim, a retired SGM, fully did a Tim W, Jim's hair is getting, well rather long?

Steven G picked lunch, Pepper's in Crestview. Good food, very nice place.

George

Don't forget the 40th Anniversary Party on the 21st of March at the Brooks Beal Center at the intersection of Yacht Club and Beal. Be sure to get with Edna to let her know what you plan to bring. 6 PM, Sandie Casual dress (Shirt with a collar nice trousers (blue jeans are OK).



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Please check your Email Regularly

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Dining-IN 5:45 to 6 pm	4	5	6	7
8 Business Meeting 9 am OIFD 2nd floor	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 40th Anniversary Party 6 pm
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				

April 2020



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Load Trucks & Arrows for BUNNY RUN 9:00
5 BUNNY RUN Emerald Coast Harley 8:00 am	6	7 Dining-IN 5:45 to 6 pm	9	10	11	
12 Business Meeting 9 am Lunch Ride	13	14 Dining-IN 5:45 to 6 pm	15	16	17	18
19 Skills 8:30 AL's 9 am Range	20	21 Dining-IN 5:45 to 6 pm	22	23	24	25 Saturday Adventure 8 am
26 OPEN	27	28 Dining-IN 5:45 to 6 pm	29	30	31	