



Sandlines

The Monthly Newsletter of the Sand Dollar Motorcycle Club

March 2021

Celebrating 41 years of Riding from the Emerald



President's Corner

Hey Sand Dollars,

It has been a crazy month. I went to skills for the first time in a while and it was great! I found I needed the practice so I do recommend going to skills as soon as you can. Because it really will help you out on the street.

We have a poker run coming up so we need all your help. So please come on out and join us.

Until next time, Be safe!

Robert



Birthdays March



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

**A really Old Guy, Frank Williamson,
Larry Patrick,
Tony (Ace) Garcia,
Jill Crew,
Garvin Johnson**

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The Sand Dollar Motorcycle Club is a Chartered AMA organization. The Sand Dollar Motorcycle Club is open to all motorcyclists irregardless of riding experience or brand of motorcycle, as long as they share the Club desire to ride safely and have a good time riding.



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

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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

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 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 February 7, 2021

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Edna read the minutes from the Jan. 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 Feb.& Mar 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:

3/14/21	PAWS on the Throttle
3/21/21	Skills
3/28/21	2:00 – Sharon's Celebration

Watch your email for other events that may pop up

New Business

George is trying to set up guided tour at Barbers – a min of 10 people is needed for the private tour. Will send out more info as available.

George is also trying to set up another Accident Scene Management Class.

Elder Services sent a letter thanking the Sandollars for the Christmas donation

Members decided to start the Tuesday night dinners back up at Chili's – around 5:30. Future locations will be determined at each monthly membership meeting.

Meeting Closed – There being no further business for the benefit of the Club the meeting adjourned at 9:28AM.

Gyudon (Japanese Simmered Beef and Rice Bowls)

Ingredients:

1 small onion, slivered (about 4 ounces; 120g)
1/2 cup (120ml) homemade dashi, or the equivalent in Hondashi (see note)
1/4 cup (60ml) dry sake
2 tablespoons (30ml) soy sauce
1 tablespoon (12g) sugar, plus more to taste
1/2 pound (225g) thinly shaved beef ribeye or chuck steak (see note)
1 teaspoon (5ml) grated fresh ginger
Salt

To Serve:

2 cups cooked white rice
2 poached eggs (optional)
Sliced scallions
Beni-shoga (see note)
Togarashi (see note)



Directions:

1. Combine onion, dashi, sake, soy sauce, and sugar in a medium saucepan or saucier and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is softened, about 5 minutes.
2. Add beef and cook, stirring until beef is cooked through and liquid has reduced down to an intensely flavored broth, about 5 minutes. Stir in ginger and simmer for 1 minute longer. Adjust seasoning with salt and sugar to taste.
3. Divide rice between 2 to 3 bowls and top with beef and sauce mixture. Garnish each bowl with a poached egg (if using), sliced scallions, beni-shoga, and togarashi. Serve immediately.

Sandie Street Skills do'n the Swerve

George Engler

It started out a bit coolish, okay, okay it was cold, okay? But still 12 Sandies made it out. The Skills theme this Sunday was Swerving. Swerving is probably the toughest of the save your punkin butt maneuvers. Nobody out side of Motorcycle cops and Rider Coach's practice doing swerves. Well you can add Sandies to the list, now. What we're doing this year is practice one safety maneuver in addition to the other fun stuff on a Sunday. We have gotten out of the habit on working on a specific save your life maneuver

So for 2021 it will be practice the much needed we got to have muscle memory on this Sunday.

Swerving if not done right will make things much worse. Why I said this is, you screw it up you're hitting the SUV, hard very hard. At least braking scrubs off speed. Swerving requires you keep a steady throttle. See why practice of Swerving is so damned important. We will have Swerve Sundays in the future.

Joe W remarked that on JoeJoe's warm up session you really felt the size of these Gold Wings and Harley Dressers. Meanwhile you have Harley Dresser drivers, JoeJoe and Robert W just slinging those heavyweights around like nothing. Joe W remarked " This is why Skills is important, the practice and seeing that it can be done". Speaking of Wings, we had a bunch of Wings, more than any other single brand, just say'n. Let's see Dennis O, Joe W, Chuck J and me. We had all kinds of other brands in attendance, so it was a typical Sandie event, brand wise anyway.

Oh Jim M (Da Duke) stopped by, on four wheels. It was great to see Jim, at least out of the hospital . Some other Sandies it was good to see and visit with were Robert W, Chuck Jones. Chuck has kept his Sandie membership current even though Chuck has had very little time to Ride. Between Deniece, Chuck's wife being in the hospital and Chuck has to have jaw surgery. Still great to see Chuck and Robert, it was outstanding seeing them both. Burt and Sandy R also joined us Sandy on that beautiful Ducati Scrambler of hers. Then we have The Adventure Bike Krewe or The Dirt Gang. You know it's a very disreputable group if Tim W is a part of it. But it's sad seeing Burt R of KTM fame joining The Prince on that slippery slope.

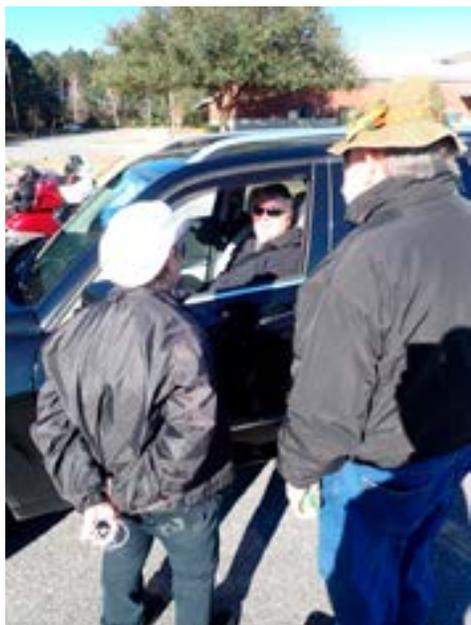
The set-up of our today was very different from our normal Sunday Skills range. They were having a youth gymnastics tournament, well the promoter pays for the Community Center. So we took just half the parking lot, JoeJoe did a great job with the space he had, outstanding job. The great part was that all the gates were wide enough for a Spyder. Sam's comment was "That was just fun", mission accomplished

Part two was the Swerve part , JoeJoe put a great exercise together, it was clever as heck. First JoeJoe built this fast S curve layout then there is a suddenly stopped vehicle. Either hit the SUV or swerve around it. But to make the next gate you had to swing back into your lane after missing the SUV, we hope . While starting the swerve you had

to look over your shoulder , since it was a four lane road. I mean hate to compound your already almost, we hope, crappy day. The fast part gets you moving and JoeJoe set it up so it put you into a fun rhythm. Then there is the SUV there in front of you. JoeJoe put the gate close enough to the SUV so even if you braked you would still likely hit the SUV. The SUV was long enough so you had to swerve to miss it. A very good real world exercise the kind our Skills were known for.

Had lunch at the Depot in Florala, always a great lunch with atmosphere. It was a super Skills gave us a bit of real world practice, thanks JoeJoe.

Next Saturdays, Sandie Saturday Adventure, is a fun one. We haven't visited this place in quite a while, stay tuned for more info.





Wet Aviator Wanabes

George Engler

The Sandies, since we ride more than most, have their share of Adventures. Well a simple ride to NAS and a quite visit to The Naval Air Museum it dang sure became a Sandie Adventure. It certainly had all the hallmarks of a bona fide Sandie Adventure. Well 7 Sandies started out from GTD, in a thick fog. No not Jim W, even though you'd think the way Jim is it would be a good description Jim. No it wasn't Jim. It was that thick fog we have been experiencing as of late. Oh yes, we rode 180 miles to do this painful Sandie Adventure thing.

First ya gotta understand for a lot of years The Sandies have been the hackysaks of The Road Gods. In this motorcycle universe The Sandies occupy, the hackysak Sandie thing is a given. Okay we have clearly established the Road Gods enjoy immensely screwing around with The Sandies.

We start out in thick fog, it gets lighter, then back into fog. We get north of Milton its looking better, turn south and some fog. Turn on to Blue Angel and Weather Shaman JoeJoe says via radio " Radar is showing a big storm ahead" Whaaat ? "It's a 10% percent chance of rain, for crying out loud. I figure we have 25 miles to go, how bad can it get, right ? Looking ahead you see dark skies, through the fog, no less. Then a little rain, then more rain, finally it's I can't see through the rain type of rain. Then Weather Witch Doc Rello announces, since JoeJoe has Nexrad weather on the Harley, " The skies are clear five miles on both sides of us". Cue the Road Gods laughing their collective butts off looking down at us. I start to say, 'All we need now is snow" and realize in their collective Roadness's, The Roadies would do just that, ice, snow, etc. But I kept my big mouth shut.

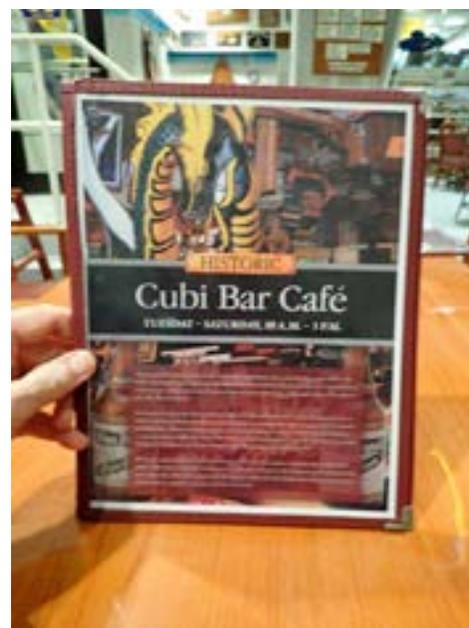
As the rain kept pounding down, the making lemonade part was, the temps were pretty reasonable. Finally The West Gate miraculously appeared out of the now rain/fog. The Marine on duty after looking at JoeJoe's ID took pity on the soaking wet Sam and waved her through. I just pretended The Marine meant me to after all I looked bedraggled, right ? We waited just past the Gate for Jim and Annie and guess what, it frick'n stops raining. As a matter of fact the sun dared peek out at us.

We arrived at the Museum, looking like a sponge after cleaning up a big family Thanksgiving dinner. Pretty bedraggled and wet. The Aviation Student doing door duty actually looked like he felt sorry for the older wet people checking in at his desk.

Joejoe headed for food at Cubi Café, of course JoeJoe had been without food for 15 minutes, gasp. The more normal Sandies decided to look around a bit first. For those of you that haven't been in a while they have added more exhibits and displays out the whazoo. All you can do is look up and say, "Oh wow" You look around and its more "Wow". I could go back every week and not be bored in the least. Oh the I-Max screen is over 80 feet tall and new seating and sound system, WOW

I noticed something very special at The Museum that I had not noticed before. When you talk to a Docent, especially about a certain airplane, if they are near it. You can see the young aviator that once was. They reach out and will affectionately pat the airplane kinda like Roy and Hoppie used to pat Trigger and Topper. They get a faraway look and talk about flying that airplane and the years just melt away. Funny I never noticed it before, maybe as I enter my seventh decade I'm more aware ?

It was an Adventure that will be storied forever as long there are Sandies telling tales. The rain will be thicker, the wind stronger, the fog more pea soupy, this Sandie Adventure will be told. A very special thank you to Annie P for A)having nary a complaint B) listening to Jim W complaining away. It was a fun trip in spite of weather, sharing the adventure with a great group of Sandies.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Business Meeting 9 am Golden Corral	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Paws Ride 9 am GTD	15	16	17 	18	19	20
21 Skills 8:30 am GTD 9 am Range	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Sharon's Celebration 2 pm	29	30	31			

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April 2021



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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 open	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Skills 9 am Range 8:30 GTD	26	27	28	29	30	

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