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PREZ SEZ:

Hey, Sandies October is here so that means the Pumpkin Run will soon be here. We need all the help and door prizes we can get. Thunder Beach is also coming up this month. The riding weather is getting good finally! The next three months are going to be hard for my family and I but I know we will get through it! It just takes time! So ride safe and until next time.

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

**Sam Engler
Bucky Ebersole
Les Suggs**



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Wes & Shayna Haggan**



"The Sand Dollar motorcycle club spells its name two different ways, runs poker runs backwards, thinks the fewer road maps on hand the better, thinks the more U-turns during a ride the better, attracts rain and cold for scheduled rides but presses on anyway, has members with many different rides and different clothes, and will call you at 11 o'clock at night and say "let's ride, they're tearing down the Navarre bridge toll gate"? This club seems to pride itself on being unofficially non-conventional as in "the Sandy way". This is reflected in the skills sessions, in particular the box. While convention now says avoid convention and think "outside the box" it fits that the Sandies would do the opposite and stay "inside the box". To further thumb their nose at convention, (sorry but this is my last chance to say it) the Sand (i.e.) box is real not theoretical, drawn on the ground in chalk and is as small as Joe Joe's meanness level dictates. While conventional clubs are kicking the tires and hauling down the road, Sandy's sweat the box. Why inside the box? Learning to drive inside the box teaches bike handling skills and impresses on you the need to keep these skills up. When I first started in the club our road boss noted I couldn't stay in the box even if I were on a child's tricycle. I still finish a beginning rider but thanks to all those who work so hard to put on the skills sessions I wound up being able to stay in the box even with figure of 8s. So keep on doing things the Sandy way. It works". **Bill Sleigh**

Bill passed away shortly after he wrote this He even had this read at his funeral service. His wife told us he was happiest riding with The Sandies.

It's Time For a Movie

As some of you Sandies are aware, JoeJoe owns a complete Out-Door Drive-In Movie Theater to include, surround sound. Well it's time we had a Saturday Night Drive-in Movie. Now he has room for Rides but very little for cars etc. so if you come by car, you might have to park and hike in. Also need to bring roll-up chairs, popcorn etc. would be fun. Now all we need are a date and a movie. The Movie has to be a Motorcycle themed movie and PG13 or higher.

Your All Lucky I killed all The Love-Bugs, None Left, Honest

We had a very productive meeting today, yes **Timothy W** they do occur, productive meetings. I will be sending out what was brought up and to get your input. Newsletter is electronic and

JoeJoe and I did a not a bad job. I guess we all have to start accepting that times they are a changing.

A word to all of you Sandies, I have collected all the Lovebugs left in Okaloosa County today with my Wing. **Tommy** and **JoeJoe** remarked “What a great job I was doing Hoovering up the Lovebugs “ . Obviously I must have been doing a super job since neither one had any Lovebugs.

Had **17 Sandies** at the meeting, **18** if you count **Sandy S** chasing us down for lunch. Had a super lunch ride **145 miles** of cloudy not bad weather. Sorry we missed **Larry P**, he had a chore at home and didn't get done in time caught us late. The big deal today was having our Prez riding with us, finally. Got that pretty ride of **Robert W** put back together and it runs fine. The other so memorable event today, besides **Sandy S** sneaking up on us. A better and way memorable event was having **Steven G** join us for meeting and lunch, on, ready, his motorcycle! Yes sir **Steven** was out and rode to lunch in Florida by the way. Another memorable rider out today, **Munchkin** and as always it was doubly memorable. **Munchkin** arrived with low gas tank, we waited for the Low Fuel light at the Armament Museum.

We finally took to the road but had to say goodbye to **Bobby The B**, home duties doncha know. **Frank W**, batching it as **Marie** is out of town. **Frank** said he was told to make sure all signs of his escapades are gone before **Marie** comes home. Now what in the devil could that mean? Certainly not the **Frank** we all know the shy retiring **Frank W**, surely not. **Jim W** and **Annie P** got caught with us in the famous Monsoon Ride of 2021. Ever since then **Jim** has one eye on the sky. **Annie** let me know that she has a new rain jacket, just in case. Well today **Jim** says his rain app said “rain by two.” As any Sandie that has ridden with the Sandies knows **JoeJoe** is Sandie Weather Central. Today **Tommy (let me stir the pot) N** would pop up on the radio with my “weather app says rain in ten minutes in your area”. **Jim** would voice a little concern, **JoeJoe** says “nothing in our area”. A bit later **Tommy**, “App says rain in your area 15 minutes”. The situation is a repeat of earlier **Jim** then **JoeJoe**. You could almost hear the giggling from **Tommy**. Now you see why it's called “Cat Herding”.

Great day for a Ride, **Sandy S & JoeJoe** took some well “Memorable Pictures”

Check out The Web Page, let's just say “Gotcha Jim W”

Open letter to the entire membership

Sandie Skills Day is fun. It's not a competition. It's not a place to do "better" than anyone else. There are no awards or trophies. It's a time & place to do better than YOU could do yesterday. The two skills most likely to save your life are Maximum Braking in a straight line and a Hazard Avoidance swerve. These are the skills needed to avoid the two most dangerous vehicles in the world (and the number 1 and 2 causes of serious crashes to motorcyclists): 1. On-coming left turning vehicles, and 2. Cars or trucks entering your path of travel from your right (at an intersection, from a driveway or side street, a parallel parking spot, etc.) These two scenarios alone account for almost two-thirds of all severe crashes involving motorcycle riders.

In other words, **the vast majority of serious motorcycle crashes happen with other vehicles which are right in front of you where you can see them coming!!** If we learn to anticipate other peoples actions better, and react to those actions with better skills (both of which improve tremendously with practice), we can reduce our chances of being in a major crash by a huge margin.

You can pay \$100 to take an MSF Experienced Rider Course, or as Sandollar M/C members, join us to practice these specific skills one Sunday a month, each and every month at no charge. (For those of you who were not aware of this fact, there are at least four active Sandollar members who are qualified to Instruct the MSF Experienced Rider Course) There is no better "life insurance" than to get life-saving skills for free.

There is a truism about human beings; we get better at most things with practice. The worst possible time to practice these 'life-saver' skills for the first time in a year (or three) is when some idiot pulls out in front of you. As you lie there with numerous bent and broken body bits, all of which hurt (and they hurt even more when all you have to do is think about how much they hurt; hospital time does not pass quickly) there will be absolutely no consolation to you (or your loved ones) when you hear the moron who pulled out in front of you say, " I didn't SEE you!!!" These are the first words spoken by every driver who ever pulled out in front of a motorcycle. No motorcycle rider has ever felt any better because the driver who tried to kill them didn't even see them.

Come to Skills Sunday and practice these maneuvers in a setting where a mistake means hitting a small orange cone rather than a 4000 pound SUV. We look forward to seeing you. I promise we will try our best to help you become a better rider, no matter what your current skill level. Novices can add new skills, experienced riders can become more proficient, and even experts can add polish. Continuous Improvement. No one is perfect, we can all get better, but only if we try.

See you there?

Sensei

Michael wrote this a few years back but in today's Sandie world it's worth a repeat

Michaels Thoughts on being a Sandie

I am a very lucky man. I make a living with motorcycles. It doesn't get much better than that, considering how much I love motorcycles and always have since I was nine years old. Still, for me it goes deeper than that.

My association with motorcycles has always put me into close quarters with motorcycle people. Some strange, some unusual, most wonderful, even if that meant being wonderfully different. They could be funny, profane, talented, daring, even criminal, but all were interesting. For the last 14 or 15 years, I've been associated with the Sand Dollar Motorcycle Club and Sand Dollar members cover that entire gamut. We have some of the best people I've ever had the good fortune to be around. Generous, kind, caring. We have people who organize well and folks who contribute specific skills, and we have some who's primary function is to be the glue that keeps us all together but what Sandies give most freely of, is their time.

This, in our current day and age, may be the most precious gift of all. To give so much of ones self is a present that is quite rare. We give money to the less fortunate, food to those who don't have it and can't go out to get it. We don't just write checks for those gifts because ultimately that money must be earned somehow and we earn it by investing our time. Throughout the year Sand Dollar members get up at ungodly hours of the morning. Then mount our motorcycles in every kind of inclement weather imaginable; torrential rain, bitter cold, intense heat, humidity levels where the moisture content of the air is so high that you almost need gills to breathe, and we ride. Riding alone with our thoughts, yet with a group of others who form a tight-knit circle of friends who we know we can rely on for pretty much anything that comes along. We give unselfishly of ourselves, our most precious commodity – our time.

Putting in the hours that will put money into the club's coffers so we can give it away. In the immortal words of an old and dear friend of mine, a retired Air Force Senior Chief Master Sergeant named Earl Ellenburg, "That ain't no way to run a railroad. But it does feel good don't it?" and the Chief was right, it feels good. We contribute the one resource we have that is finite – no matter how much money you have, you can't buy more of this resource – the time you have to live on this planet, your life. We donate pieces of our lives to help others and there is no more noble or selfless gift. Some of our members spend a day off distributing flyers about our organized rides to stores and businesses 50 or 75 miles away. Most show up to work all day at those rides while the friends and acquaintances they invited to attend are going on the ride and having a blast. We have a group who tirelessly and reliably show up to set-up and coach friends and strangers alike at our monthly Skills Days so those riders will be safer and better prepared to deal with potentially life-threatening traffic situations they will encounter almost every time they mount their motorcycles.

Sand Dollar Motorcycle Club members make a difference in a lot of people's lives. I'm proud of this club, proud of each and every member in it, and proud that I can help make a real difference in other peoples lives. And to every Sandie reading this I send this quote from a favorite movie*

"...and I'm damn proud to have you for my friend!"

M₂

Michael McMillan

Minutes from Sandollar M/C Business Meeting

Sept. 12, 2021

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

Secretary's Report

Edna read the minutes from the Aug 2021 meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report

Edna read the Aug 2021 Treasurer's report. The report was approved as read.

Road Captain's Report

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

Save the Date

9/19/21	Breakfast Rode
9/26/21	Road portion of Mentoring Skills
10/3/21	Business Meeting – Lunch Ride
10/8-10	Barbers
10/17/21	Skills
10/24/21	Pumpkin-Run – Pre-Ride
10/30/21	Load Trucks
10/31/21	Pumpkin Run

Watch your email for other events that may pop up

Old Business

Pumpkin Run – Need door prizes and volunteers

New Business

Storage Unit – New ownership, increased costs.

Direction of Club moving forward – we have over 50 paying members but only a handful of members that regularly volunteer to work poker runs, draft busters' events etc. This past year we lost two of our key members, Sharon Woods and Jim Morrison. For the club to continue as we have in the past, we need more members to volunteer at our events.

Meeting Closed – There being no further business for the benefit of the Club the meeting adjourned at 9:36 AM

Robert McLondon
Julia McLondon



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October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Business Meeting 9 am Golden Corral	4	5	6	7	8 Barbers 8 am GTD	9 Barbers
10 Barbers	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Skills 9 am Range 8:30 GTD	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Pre-Ride 8 am Harley	25	26	27	28	29	30 Load Trucks 10 am
31 Pumpkin Run set-up Harley 8 am						

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Business Meeting 9am</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Skills 8:30 GTD 9 am Range</i>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Open</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <i>Tom Turkey Poker Run Sandie Event</i>	29	30				

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					Ride into the New Year 11:00 pm Waffle house Shalimar	