



Vee-Twin Rumbblings

Newsletter of the Central Vermont H.O.G. Chapter



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Joe Lonardo Riding Academy Scholarship
- Minutes and photos of the March Social

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Chapter Director—Jeff Demers

Greetings fellow H.O.G. members!

"Spring needs to step up... and kick winter in the snowballs!" – Wanda Ashenfelter

Waiting for riding season feels a lot like kids feel waiting for their birthday! Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early spring, and I am all for that prognostication!

The official day of spring is March 19 and most of the snow has disappeared! While we need rain to prevent a drought, let's hope the rain is rationed well enough to shorten mud season. I also wish to have a June that is not as wet as last

year!

We had a great turnout for the March Social. We welcomed 2 new members that attended. Linda reported that 48% of active members were present! Green was the order for the day; many members wore green in the spirit of St. Patrick. The ride leaders meeting was held on March 9, and a chapter ride, Wilkins ride, or charity ride has been scheduled for almost every weekend from early May into October. No overnight rides have been scheduled yet this year. I am working on a ride idea for a 3-day ride to the Finger Lakes region for Labor Day weekend. If you are interested, stay tuned as hotel reservations may need to be made early.

Spread the word! If you know someone that is interested in getting their motorcycle endorsement, please encourage them to apply for the Riding Academy Scholarships. They simply need to write a paragraph or two and send it to director@centralvermonthog.com or officers@centralvermonthog.com by April 15.

"Take the journey, soar like an eagle, there are so many roads to explore, so little time." -- bikersfirst

Safe, smooth, and fun riding for all!

Jeff Demers



On the Horizon

Wilkins Harley Davidson:
Family-Owned and Operated Since 1947



GRAND AMERICAN LAUNCH PARTY & LUAU!
WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON
SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD COME SAY GOODBYE TO WINTER AND HELLO TO SPRING WITH US.. LUAU STYLE!
CHANCE TO WIN A 2024 ROAD GLIDE OR STREET GLIDE ALONG WITH OTHER PRIZES!
FREE PIG ROAST AND PINA COLADAS AT NOON UNTIL GONE!
Free Gift to anyone who arrives in a Hawaiian outfit!

WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON
LADIES ONLY GARAGE PARTY!
For women with zero to one year of riding experience.
Learn the basics of the bike, how bikes can be customized to fit YOU and how to pick up any fallen motorcycle properly! You'll have a chance to ride our Dyno Machine which lets you turn on the bike, rev it up, and go through the gears as if you were riding down the road while safely secured. Meet more women like you who are new to or learning to ride!
MARCH 28TH • 5PM-7PM

WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON
SELECT IN STOCK HARLEY-DAVIDSON HELMETS 25% OFF!
BIKER BREAKFAST & GROUP RIDING SEMINAR!
SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH | 10AM



Assistant Director—Scott Campbell

The March Social was full of sweet surprises, beginning with some wonderful baked treats from Kim Hidenfelter.

It was nice surprise to have Chris and Vickie Lacasse join us. I was lucky enough to get them out on a ride last year and I'm looking forward to riding with them a lot more this year.

Another sweet surprise was being blessed with the presence of Charter member, 100 year-old Myron Degenhardt from NY. He's

an amazing man, still very sharp and always has some Great War stories on the ready. I sincerely hope that he will be able to catch a ride or two with us this year.



Scott and Myron Degenhardt



I was also happy to introduce a brand new member to our chapter, Mr. Kim Willis.

Last year, I had led a Wilkins ride to Laconia bike week and Kim was in on that ride: this is where we first met and we rode all day together. He is a fine gentleman and I think we will all enjoy his company on our H.O.G. rides. You can see Kim in one of the photos with Myron and myself with Myron in the other.

I'm excited that we have so many rides planned for the season and more to come. The Iron Adventure Rally will be a great place to mingle amongst ourselves and with other chapters and ride together.

I hope to be able to have some co-chapter rides and events this year also.

Kim Willis and Myron

I'll see you all in April !!!



Head Road Captain—Joel DeLary

It's the middle of March and there seems to be a pretty good hint of Spring in the air but we all know how much Mother Nature can be unpredictable. We have a lot of rides on the calendar for the 2024 riding season with room for a few more here and there. If anyone is interest in a weekday ride, please reach out to us, especially if you have an idea for one because there are some who are available for weekday rides.

As most of you know, the Iron Adventure Rally of New England will be held at the Jay Peak Resort from July 11th - 13th, if you don't have plans to stay at the rally itself then you can always join the adventure during the day once you have registered for it.

There will be a guided memorial ride May 19th for Barb Wilkins, it would be great if we can get as many chapter members as possible gathered for the ride which we plan to ride in as a H.O.G. group with both H.O.G. chapters. so polish up your all H.O.G. garb and show your respect for an incredible person who gave so much to the Harley community.

Applications to the Joe Lonardo Memorial Scholarship to the Riding Academy that Wilkins offers will close April 15th with a decision to follow shortly after.

Remember to ride often, ride with awareness & respect so you can ride again.

Joel

Minutes of the March 12th Social

Chapter Director Jeff Demers started off the meeting having us pledge allegiance to the flag. Jeff reminded us that the Joe Lonardo Riding Academy Scholarship deadline is April 15th.

He invited Dylan Chase (Wilkins H-D Motorcycle Specialist) to give us a dealership update. March 23rd will be an event called “The Great American Launch” which will include a pig roast (luau). Devin LaCasse (Apparel and Licensing Specialist) mentioned some of the sales currently available at Wilkins.

Jeff asked Chapter Treasurer Don Whiton to report on the financial status of the Chapter.

There was a meeting of Head Road Captain Joel DeLary and members interested in leading rides this riding season on March 8th. The calendar now has at least one ride per weekend scheduled for most of the summer. There are plenty of dates still open for additional rides to be added. A member asked if there are any over-night rides planned. At this time there are none on the schedule but Jeff is thinking of leading a ride to the Finger Lakes in New York state during the Labor Day weekend.

Jeff introduced Chapter member and Iron Adventure Rally planning committee member Bruce Klinger, who came to the meeting to let us know what will be offered at the IAR this summer.

The rally is scheduled for July 11-13 and will be held at Jay Peak in Vermont. On the premises, attendees can take advantage of a large indoor water park (cost is \$30 per day per person), restaurants (10% discount on food for attendees), the Provisions General Store for food and other needs, a clips and reels climbing gym, arcades, movie theatre. For the Rally, there are 30 rides planned for attendees to choose from. If people haven't made housing arrangements yet, there are still condos available on site. Shuttles will be available for people staying off site.

Bruce pointed out that volunteers are crucial for making the Rally possible. And they are needed for all aspects of the event. People can volunteer by signing up online to do so. No need to commit to a particular day or time at this point. The Volunteer coordinator will be working on that in the coming months.

There is a “Chapter Challenge” - each Chapter gets points for each attendee from their Chapter, and points for the time contributed by volunteers from their Chapter. Each Chapter is encouraged to bring a Chapter flag to have on display. There is a Volunteers-only raffle. Volunteers get a t-shirt. Chapters are also encouraged to advertise in the printed rally program. This can be paid for with donated raffle items or Chapter funds.

The “Mean Green” Contest winner was Adele Kelley, who received the most votes for wearing the most green.

Two door prizes (\$10 gas cards) to Bob Vidile and Steve Hidenfelter.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle (\$55) was Bob Vidile.

The name drawn for the ‘must be present to win’ prize (\$80) was Archie Hutchinson, who was not present—so the prize amount in April will be \$90!

Minutes submitted by Linda Lamell, Secretary



Pledging allegiance to the flag



Delicious refreshments made by Kim Hidenfelter



Steve Hidenfelter claiming he made them! Ha ha!!



Member Bruce Klinger presenting information on the Iron Adventure Rally—which will be July 11-13



Charter Member Myron Degenhardt—a legend at 100 years of age and still riding!!



Justen was one of the members wearing green!

There were 25 members in attendance! That's 48 % of our current membership



Scott Campbell introduced new member Kim Willis



It's a family thing now—Devin LaCasse introduced his father Chris as a new Chapter member!



Adele Kelley won the vote for wearing the most green.



Member Bob Vidile had the 'luck of the Irish' - winning the 50/50 raffle and winning one of the door prizes!

Harley-Davidson Bucherer Blue Edition...

a gold-plated, diamond-studded and spellbindingly blue bike made in collaboration with watchmaker and jeweler Bucherer in 2018. According to *Maxim*, the \$1.79 million price tag makes it the most expensive new bike ever made.

The build, more specifically, is a product of three entities: Bucherer Fine Jewellery, Carl F. Bucherer watchmakers and boutique Harley workshop Bündnerbike. The conceit here is that this motorcycle is the latest member of the Bucherer Blue Editions – a series of watches inspired by the color and created in collaboration with some of the world's most respected horologists, from Longines to Audemars Piguet.

The base for this particular edition is a Harley-Davidson Softail Slim S – with a V-twin engine pumping out 100 HP and a top speed of 117-MPH – but everything from the rims to the tips of the handlebars is custom.

Speaking of those handlebars: they're capped with Bucherer Fine Jewellery's Dizzler rings (with five in total on the bike, accounting for a whopping 360 diamonds). And two glass-domed safes are built into the tank; the left houses a 5.40 carat-diamond Solitaire Heaven ring, the right a Carl F. Bucherer watch based on the Patravi TravelTec II. Rose gold plating is featured throughout, including on *every single screw*.

And that iridescent blue paint job? You only get that specific hue when the entire bike is first plated in silver.



Central Vermont Harley Owners Group

Sponsoring Dealership: **Wilkins Harley-Davidson, Inc.**

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Chapter Meetings: **Second Tuesday of Each Month (except December)**
Usually at Wilkins Harley Davidson, Inc.
Beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Great opportunity for someone aspiring to be a motorcycle rider...

The *Joe Lonardo Riding Academy Scholarship* was established in 2022, in memory of a fellow rider who was sadly stricken with ALS also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Joe's passion, enthusiasm and devotion for riding was exceptional as was his friendship to those around him. Joe was a very active and involved member of the Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) who enjoyed being a big part of the Harley-Davidson community in Vermont and Rhode Island.

This Riding Academy scholarship (sponsored by Wilkins Harley-Davidson) honors the passion Joe had for riding. In a paragraph or two, explain what a motorcycle endorsement would mean to you. Include your name and telephone number, and submit by **April 15, 2024** to officers@centralvermonthog.com



Joe Lonardo also LOVED
chocolate chip cookies!!

Calendar of Events for 2024—all rides & events are subject to change

This is a ‘work in progress’ - details and new events will be added as they are available
(Note: destination rides indicate the chapter ride ends at the destination)

*nonmembers will need to complete a release form for rides

Central Vermont HOG Chapter Socials, events, and rides (In blue)

Wilkins Harley-Davidson Events (In red)

Non-HOG/non-Wilkins rides/events (In black)

March

Saturday the 23rd at Wilkins: **Grand American Launch Party and Luau** (pig roast starts at noon) Wear an Hawaiian outfit and win a prize. Say goodbye to winter and say hello to Spring!

Thursday the 28th: Ladies Only Garage Party at Wilkins from 5 to 7 p.m. For ladies with zero to one year of riding experience.

April

Tuesday the 9th, Chapter Social at Wilkins at 6:30 p.m. “Rev Your Engines” find out what you should do to make sure your motorcycle is ready for riding season.

Monday the 15th : deadline for applying to receive the Joe Lonardo Riding Academy Scholarship

Saturday the 20th at Wilkins—**Group Riding Seminar**

Sunday the 28th Chapter ride to Harpoon Brewery, Windsor Vermont Ride leader: Scott Campbell

May

Saturday the 4th, International Female Ride Day. Destination Chapter ride to Charlmont Restaurant and Pub, Morristown, VT. Ride leader Trina DeLary. Starting from Mobil Station (near Shaw’s) in Waterbury, VT. 10 a.m. KSU 10:15 DIRECTIONS / ROUTES:

Head south on VT-100 to US-2 W to VT-117 to Sand Hill RD to VT-15 W to Alder LN to VT-128 N to VT-104 S to VT-15 E to VT-108 to VT-109 to VT-118 E to VT-100 S to VT-15 E to Morristown. Ride ends at the destination.

Saturday the 11th Chapter Ride to Maple Sugar and Vermont Spice Restaurant, Mendon VT Ride leader Jeff Demers

Tuesday the 14th, Chapter Social beginning at Wilkins at 6:30 p.m. “Thank the Lord it’s Riding Season” Let’s go for a ride! (weather-permitting)

Sunday the 19th: **‘Barbara Wilkins Memorial Ride’** beginning at Wilkins at 10 a.m. Celebrate this exceptional woman who started the legendary Wilkins dealership with her husband in 1947. This slow ride includes a stop at Hope Cemetery and ends at the Canadian Club for snacks, drinks, and entertainment by RPM Entertainment. Donations accepted for Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth (CHAD) in Barbara’s great grandson’s name.

Saturday the 25th Chapter Ride to Road Hawg BBQ Swine Dining, Gorham NH and Hatchland Farms for ice cream, N. Haverhill NH Ride leader Justen Elliott

Wednesday the 29th to Saturday June 1st: Americade

June

Sunday the 2nd, Chapter Ride to The Gap Pub and Grill, Westmore, VT Ride leader Scott Campbell

Saturday June 8 to Sunday the 16th: Laconia Bike Week

Sunday the 9th, Chapter Ride to The Eastside Restaurant and Pub, Newport, VT Ride leader Tony Carrier

Tuesday the 11th, Chapter Social beginning at Wilkins at 6:30 p.m. "We're big. We're bad. We're bikers. Now let's go get a cremee!" Short meeting followed by a ride to a cremee stand.

Thursday the 13th: Wilkins Bike Night at The Backyard in Stowe. 6-8 p.m.

Saturday the 15th, Chapter Ride to Cajun's SnackBar, Lowell VT Ride leader Trina DeLary

Saturday the 22nd, Chapter Ride to The Refinery, Andover NH . Ride leader Jeff Demers

Thursday the 27th: Wilkins Bike Night at Rozzi's Lakeshore Tavern in Colchester. 6-8 p.m.

Sunday the 30th, Chapter Ride to DerbyCow Palace, Derby VT Ride leader Scott Campbell

July

Saturday the 6th, Chapter ride to the head of the Molly Stark trail, Wilmington, VT Ride leader Jeff Demers

Tuesday the 9th, Chapter Social beginning at Wilkins at 6:30 p.m. "USA! USA! USA!" Let's celebrate 248 years of the existence of the greatest country EVER! Wear red, white, and blue and win the contest for having the most patriotic-themed outfit.

Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th: Iron Adventure Rally at Jay Peak

Saturday the 20th Wilkins Annual Bike Show

Sunday the 21st Chapter Ride to The Log Jam Restaurant, Lake George NY Ride leader Tony Carrier

Saturday the 27th Chapter Ride to ___?___ Ride leader Joel DeLary

August

Saturday the 3rd, Chapter Ride to The Beach Plum Restaurant, Portsmouth NH Ride leader Justen Elliott

Saturday the 10th Annual Toy Run and Wilkins 'after-party'

Tuesday the 13th, Chapter Social

Thursday the 15th: Wilkins Bike Night at Idletyme Brewing Co, in Stowe. 6-8 p.m.

Saturday the 17th: "Last Mile Ride" - charity ride for the end-of-life care program at Gifford Hospital in Randolph, VT

Sunday the 18th Chapter Ride to The Eastside Restaurant, Newport VT Ride leader Scott Campbell

Saturday the 24th Chapter Ride "Twisties and History" President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Plymouth VT Ride leader Jeff Demers

September

Sunday the 8th, Chapter Ride to Derby Cow Palace, Derby VT Ride leader Trina DeLary

Tuesday the 10th, Chapter Social

Sunday the 15th Chapter Ride to Lake Placid, NY Ride leader Steve Hidenfelter

Saturday the 21st Chapter Annual Poker Run, destination TBD, Ride leaders TBD

Saturday the 28th Chapter Ride to Smoke Shack BBQ, Boscawen, NH Ride leader Jeff Demers

October

Saturday the 5th, Chapter Ride to Hart's Turkey Farm, Meredith, NH Ride leader Trina DeLary

Tuesday the 8th, Chapter Social

Sunday the 13th, Chapter Ride to the Apple Pie Festival, Dummerston VT Ride leader Justen Elliott

Thursday the 31st: Wilkins event :Great Pumpkin Glow" 6-10 p.m.

November

Tuesday the 12th, Chapter Social

December