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



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Chapter Director—Jeff Demers

Greetings HOG Members,

"April showers bring May flowers! What do May flowers bring?" — A riddle from long ago. Answer below

As I write this, we have had a couple days of steady rain – good for turning the grass green and cleaning the paved roads! Our first chapter ride of the season is scheduled for Sunday, May 7. Details of upcoming rides can be found on the Central Vermont HOG Facebook page and the Motorcycle Event of the Wilkins website. The list of planned rides for the season (with more to be added) can be found in many newsletters. (By the way, prior

newsletters can be viewed from www.centralvermonthog.com. Check out pictures of past rides and events.)

For the chapter social on May 9, we hope to have a meeting outside and then go on a creemee run!

As many of you know, submissions for the **Joe Lonardo Riding Academy Scholarship** are now being accepted. If you know of anyone interested in getting their motorcycle endorsement, have them send a paragraph expressing their desire to ride to officers@centralvermonthog.com.

Thoughts for those planning a ride, whether by yourself or for a group:

- Know your route. Check for planned construction. Determine locations for gas, food, drink, and restroom breaks. When possible, pre-ride the route before leading a group.
- Check on your destination. Will it be open during the season, or during the hours that you expect to be there? Do you need reservations?
- Is your motorcycle maintained? Do you have a full tank of gas? Also use T-CLOCS before every ride to help you remember to check the tires and wheels (T), controls (C), lights and electrics (L), oil and other fluids (O), chassis (C) and stands (S).
- Do you have the necessary gear (raingear, sunscreen, sunglasses, ear plugs, tools, first aid kit, communication devices, medicines...)?
- Prepare yourself. Get plenty of rest and hydration before the ride. Take a few moments to stretch before you mount up.

"Motorcycling might be the ultimate collaboration between man and machine. Attack it. It is the most intimate mode of travel in which to take in both the enormous beauty and the most subtle nuances of nature. Savor it." — Michael O'Neill, Road Work: Images And Insights Of A Modern Day Explorer

Here's wishing for a long riding season!

Jeff

Riddle answer: Pilgrims



On the Horizon

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NACHO AVERAGE PARTY!

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH | 12PM

JOIN US FOR A NACHO PARTY FROM 12PM UNTIL IT'S GONE!

- For every tire service scheduled that day, receive a two panel buff at no charge!
- 10% off all in-stock sunglasses!

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BIKE NIGHT AT THE MULLIGAN'S IRISH PUB

THURSDAY, MAY 25TH | 6-8PM
9 MAPLE AVE. BARRE, VT

JOIN US AT MULLIGAN'S FOR OUR FIRST BIKE NIGHT OF 2023 WITH GAMES, GIVEAWAYS, DRINKS, AND FOOD!

Mulligan's Irish Pub

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BIKE NIGHT AT LITTLETON FREEHOUSE TAPROOM AND EATERY

THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH | 6-8PM
28 COTTAGE ST. LITTLETON, NH

JOIN US AT LITTLETON FREEHOUSE, NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR GAMES, GIVEAWAYS, DRINKS, AND FOOD!

LITTLETON FREEHOUSE TAPROOM & EATERY

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PLEASE DRINK RESPONSIBLY

RIDE WITH US TO
LACONIA
MOTORCYCLE WEEK!
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY!
JUNE 14, 2023 | 9:45 AM

Lead by some of our HOG Riders! Approximately a 3 hour ride down to Laconia area with a stop for lunch (provided by Wilkins HD).

Check the Wilkins/HOG Chapter events on the calendar on Wilkins website — you do *not* need to have a Facebook account to see this calendar.
<https://www.wilkinsharley.com/events-calendar-harley-davidson-dealership--xcalendar>

Red Knights Vermont 4 Bike Blessing

When: May 27, 2023 10–12
 Where: 3909 US-7 Ferrisburgh, VT
 \$10 donation encouraged

If you have any questions please contact the VP at (802)771-5843

The 15th Annual

Bikers for Beth
 Beth Nussl Hemerway Memorial Ride
www.bikersforbeth.com
 802-748-3111

To Benefit: **Corina Bedell**
 Who is fighting H E R 2 Positive, Primary and Triple Negative Breast Cancer

Ride will be held May, 21st 2023 (Rain or Shine) at Gusto's in Barre, VT

Kickoff Party, Saturday, May 20, 2023
 5:00pm - 8:00pm
 Drink and food specials.

- Purchase your B4B t-shirts or sweatshirts • 50/50 raffle • Door prizes / giveaways
- Tickets for a Bergamot and Amor saddle bag • Gift certificates for leashes by Crystal
- Men's wallet will be sold for \$5.00 each

Drawing will be held on Sunday. You do not need to be present to win

Music Provided By: Dirty Looks - From 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Cost for Poker Ride \$30 Per person (includes BBQ)
 BBQ only \$25 per person 12 and under are free
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RIDE TO ATTEND THE BBQ!!
 Registration starts at 8am - 10:30am
 Metro Way area across from Gusto's

Kick Stands up at 11:00am. Sharp!

BBQ, Raffle, and Live Music to follow at Gusto's Barre

Make Checks Payable to:
 Cindy Brier
 38 Rudd Farm Dr #2
 Barre, VT 05641
 802-477-2467

Sponsored by:



This year's VT Thunder Memorial Day weekend ride is May 28, 2023!!

Here are the details:

- Leaving I-89N Sharon rest stop at 11:00 going to exit 11 NB
- Arrive in Richmond 12:00, to join up with those meeting at Hutchins.
- Staging for Richmond is at Hutchins (88 Rogers Ln Richmond, VT 05477) and The Lucky Spot for fuel. We will have patches and t-shirts at Hutchins. MPC Hamburgers and McKenzie Hot Dogs, and chips will be for sale at Hutchins . All proceeds at Hutchins go directly to Vermont Thunder.
- Leaving Richmond at 1:40.
- The route to Enosburg is RT117, 2a, 7, 105..

The coordinator wishes that he could give you a time line of when and where we be but that is impossible. Last year he was able to use WAZE for where we were and he hopes to use it again. It won't tell when we will be somewhere but it will tell you where we are.

Minutes of the April Social, held on Tuesday April 11th

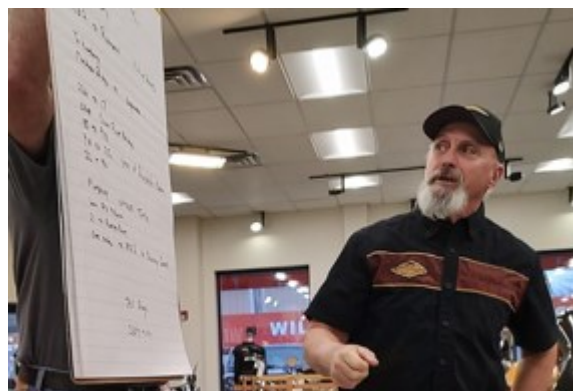
Director Jeff Demers started the meeting and we pledged allegiance to the flag. He reminded us that the Co-Chapter Membership Drive would be taking place on Saturday, April 22nd at Wilkins all day. Our first Chapter brunch took place on Sunday April 9th at Billtown Roadhouse. The next one will be May 7th at the Maple Sugar and Vermont Spice restaurant in Mendon, Vt.

An upcoming charity ride will be the Bikers4Beth ride on May 21st. Details are on page 3 of this newsletter. Reminder that Justen Elliott will be leading three overnight rides this year. The first one will be Memorial Day weekend. The other two will be July 14-16 and September 2-4. The calendar is getting filled up with rides—it is a 'work in progress'.

Activity Director, Randy Lamell, introduced the activity for the evening's social — ride planning by three groups. People were randomly assigned to groups and were given the task of planning a ride, with route details, an estimate of total distance, and estimated cost. Lauren reported that her group planned a ride to Rozzi's Lakeshore Tavern in Colchester. Randy reported that his group planned a ride around Lake Champlain. And Scott reported that his group planned a ride to The Refinery on Mill Rd. in Andover, NH.

People were reminded to let Linda Lamell know if they were interested in ordering a Chapter shirt or patches. Door prizes awarded to two members in attendance were Central Vermont HOG patches. The 50/50 raffle yielded \$32 each for the winner and for the Chapter. Once again, the person whose name was drawn for the 'all-members' prize was not in attendance, so there will be \$30 available for the drawing at the May social.

Refreshments were supplied by Jeff and Lauren Demers.



APRIL 9th—FIRST CHAPTER BRUNCH OF THE SEASON At Billtown Roadhouse, Williamstown, VT



The staff was very accommodating and attentive.

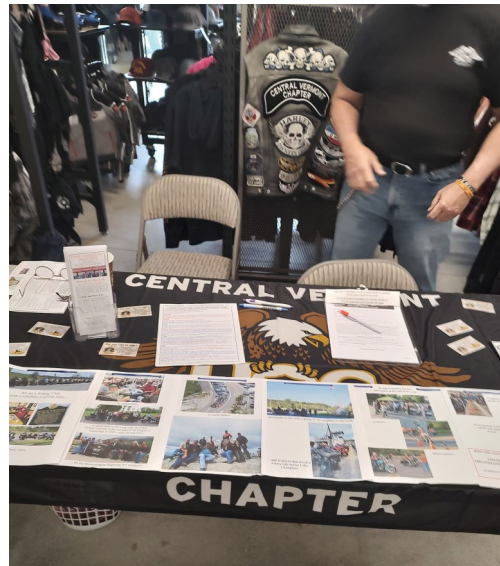


The food was served buffet-style.



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE—APRIL 22ND AT WILKINS

Chapter representatives: Jeff Demers, Lauren Demers, Randy Lamell, and Linda Lamell



What do you know about 'the Kanc'?

The Kancamagus (pronounced kan-ca-MAW-gus) Highway stretches across the White Mountains for 34.5 miles from Lincoln to Conway. This scenic road climbs to nearly 3,000 feet as it traverses the flank of Mt. Kancamagus at the height of land in Lincoln, and it offers outstanding opportunities for distant mountain views, and native flora and fauna. The Kancamagus Highway was dedicated as the first of the National Scenic Byways in the northeastern United States – for its recreational opportunities and aesthetic, cultural, and historic values. The road is open year-round. It first opened in August 1959.

Historic connection to Native Americans: The mountains and lands here are named for New Hampshire's most legendary Indians: Passaconaway (Child of the Bear) a peace-loving chief who united over 17 Indian tribes of Central New England unto the Penacook Confederacy and died in 1669. Kancamagus (The Fearless One), was the grandson of Passaconaway, and the third and final Sagamon of the Penacook Confederacy. Kancamagus tried to keep peace between the Indians and European pioneers. About 1725, Paugus (The Oak), was Chief of the Pequawket Tribe along the Saco River. Legends agree that Chocorua, thought to be a chief of the Ossipee Tribe died on the summit of the mountain which now bears his name. The mountain is located just south of the Kancamagus Highway.

The European Settlers: The town of Passaconaway includes the fertile land along the Swift River, 12 miles from Conway. It was first settled by Europeans around 1790. The early settlers here eked out a living in this isolated valley for over a century by farming, taking in summer boarders, and logging, which was at its peak around 1900. The Russell Colbath House, located here, was built in the early 1800's and today is a Forest Service Historic Site with a fascinating story about a woman, a lantern, and her wandering husband.

Scenic areas: Through the ages, the Swift River has worn a narrow cleft in solid rock, at an area today known as Rocky Gorge Scenic Area. Enjoy the outstanding natural beauty of Falls Pond, a short walk over the Gorge and rustic footbridge which leads to a scenic path around the pond. Sawyer Ponds and Greeley Ponds Scenic Areas are reached by ½ day hikes over forest trails. Lower Falls is a very popular swimming area in the summer, and a colorful spot for a picnic or photographs during the foliage season.

Overlooks: These provide awe-inspiring alpine and valley panoramas, with views from the height of land looking far out over the Pemigewasset River Valley to the west, Mad River Notch to the south, and down into Livermore and Passaconaway to the east.

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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.

Please do business with this sponsor!



Head Road Captain—Joel DeLary

Greetings fellow Central VT H.O.G members, welcome to Spring!

Yee haw, riding season has sprung but remember to register for the Ride 365 program first, all you have to do is email Wilkins HD with a pic of your odometer along with your VIN # or simply stop into the dealership and register.

There are a ton of rides on the schedule for this season but there is room for a few more. If anyone wants to lead a ride just keep in mind that it can be anything from a 50+ mile destination ride to your favorite lunch spot or 250+ mile ride sharing your some of your best roads and scenery as well as a simple evening creemee run.

I want to point out that with all the scheduled road construction throughout the state that some rides may change slightly or largely in part depending on nature of the road construction. On

that note I want remind all riders to be diligent of constant changes of road conditions due to construction, this includes not only the roads themselves but also the traffic that is generated by it.

The Chapter tries to do their best in updating ride changes but please remember that some could be last minute changes or cancellations sent via email or Facebook posting.

Always ride with pride, ride with respect, ride often and ride with awareness and you will ride again tomorrow.

Joel

Update on the DMV Rider Education program from instructor Ed Pierce

DMV is now offering the MSF 3-Wheel Basic Rider Course. This three-wheeled motorcycle training course is for novice riders and those with limited riding experience, as well as riders who haven't ridden for a few years. The course teaches the basic skills needed to operate a three-wheeled motorcycle in traffic. Training includes a five hour online Basic eCourse and 10 hours of on-motorcycle riding exercises. Motorcycles are provided to individuals attending this course. This course is conducted at the Colchester training site.

Students successfully completing a Basic Rider Course conducted by the VT Rider Education Program will be exempt from taking the Vermont motorcycle written and skill examinations to obtain a three-wheel motorcycle endorsement.

Spots are still open for the MSF Advanced Rider Course. This one-day course complements your basic skills and helps with personal risk assessment. It includes a fast-paced classroom segment with several fun interactive activities to improve perception and hazard awareness. Range exercises enhance both basic operating skills and crash-avoidance skills. Improving your braking and cornering finesse is emphasized. The course is beneficial for riders on any type of 2-wheel street motorcycle. Participants use their own registered and inspected motorcycles. This course is conducted at the Colchester and Berlin training sites.

For more information visit the DMV website: vrep.vermont.gov, or you can call me at (802) 279-8073, or send me an email at edgpierce@comcast.net.

Calendar of Events for 2023—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)

April

Saturday, April 29th at Wilkins from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Bikes and BBQ!! Free burgers and hot dogs. Special sales.

May

Sunday, May 7th Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride for lunch. Jeff Demers, ride leader. Destination is Maple Sugar and Vermont Spice restaurant in Mendon, VT on U.S. Rte 4. Meet at Wilkins at 10 a.m., kickstands up at 10:15 a.m. Route will be Rte 14S to Rte 107W to North Rd (from Bethel to Barnard) to Rte 12S to Ret 4W.

Lunch at Maple Sugar & Vermont Spice. After lunch, Rte 4W to Park Lane/Post Rd to Rte 7N. Stop at Jiffy Mart at Rte 7 and McConnell Rd. Continue on McConnell Rd N to Rte 73E to Rte 100N to Bethel Mountain Rd/ Camp Brook Rd to Rte 12N to Rte 12A to Rte 12S to Rte 64E to Rte 64S to Business Center Rd. Stop at Pump and Pantry/Legendairy Ice Cream in Williamstown. End time: approx. 3 p.m. Approximately 135 miles total.

Tuesday the 9th Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social. 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins. Ride for creemees.

Sunday May 21st Bikers for Beth details on page 3 of this newsletter

Saturday and Sunday the 27th and 28th: Memorial Day weekend Overnight ride, Justen Elliott ride leader. Start from P&H Truck Stop, Wells River, VT. Destinations: Karting Orford in Canada, Sherbrooke Harley Davidson, Spillover Motel in Stratton ME (for the night), through Ranglely ME on the way back with the ride ending in Littleton, NH. (www.mainespillover.com or 207 246-6571. Mention Central Vermont HOG for special pricing)

Thursday the 25th Wilkins Bike Night at Mulligan's (Maple Ave. Barre) 6-8 p.m.

Saturday the 27th, Bike Blessing event. 10 a.m. -12 at 3909 US7 in Ferrisburgh, VT \$10 donation encouraged

Sunday the 28th, Memorial Day weekend ride—VT Thunder—details on page 3 of this newsletter. No plans are currently in place for a HOG Chapter ride to the Sharon rest area, where the VT Thunder ride will begin.

June

Sunday the 4th Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride. Joel DeLary, ride leader. Details to follow.

Thursday the 8th Wilkins Bike Night at Littleton Freehouse Taproom and Eatery (28 Cottage St, Littleton, NH) 6-8 p.m.

Sunday the 11th Central Vermont HOG Chapter brunch ride. Jeff Demers, ride leader. Details to follow.

Tuesday the 13th Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins

Wednesday the 14th Scott Campbell, ride leader. Wilkins Ride to Laconia for Bike Week. Meet at Wilkins at 9:45 a.m.

Saturday the 24th Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride. Jeff Demers, ride leader. Adirondacks Ride—destination is Tail o' the Pup in Ray Brook, NY. Depart from Maplewood Vermont Travel Center in Berlin, VT—KSU at 8:30 a.m. Brief stop at Short Stop Food Mart at 21 Commerce St, Hinesburg, VT at 9:15 with KSU at 9:30 (**so additional riders can connect there). Route details will be shared by email closer to the time of the ride. Approx. total miles will be 240.

Thursday the 29th Wilkins Bike Night at The Back Yard, Stowe VT. 6-8 p.m.

July

Sunday the 2nd Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to Tozier's Restaurant in Bethel, Vt. Joel DeLary, ride leader. Details to follow.

Thursday the 6th Wilkins Bike Night at Rozzi's Lake Shore Tavern and Restaurant, Colchester, VT. 6-8 p.m.

Saturday the 8th Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to the Log Jam Restaurant, Lake George NY. Randy Lamell, ride leader. Details to follow.

Tuesday the 11th *Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins*

Friday to Sunday the 14th to the 16th: Chapter Ride with two overnights, destination Quebec City, ride leader Justen Elliott. Depart from P&H Truck stop on Friday. Staying at Hotel le Dauphin Quebec. The plan is to do sightseeing using shuttle/tour busses. A visit to Premont Harley-Davidson will be included. Some places will have entry fees. Trip ends in Woodsville/Wells River area on Sunday.

Thursday the 20th Wilkins Bike Night at Idletyme Brewing Company, Stowe, VT. 6-8 p.m.

Sunday the 23rd. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to the White Cottage Snack Bar, Woodstock, VT. Trina DeLary, ride leader. Details to follow.

Saturday the 29th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to Molly Stark Trail, Bennington Vt. Jeff Demers, ride leader. Details to follow.

August

Thursday the 3rd Wilkins Bike Night at East Side, Newport, VT. 6-8 p.m.

Saturday the 5th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to Porky's BBQ in New Haven, VT. Tony Carrier, ride leader. Details to follow.

Tuesday the 8th *Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins*

Saturday the 12th United Motorcyclists of Vermont annual Toy Run to benefit children in Shriner's Hospitals. Staging at Blue Cross and Blue Shield parking lot in Berlin, VT—9 a.m. Provide a toy and join the ride!

Saturday the 12th Wilkins Toy Run After Party beginning at 2ish...

Sunday the 13th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to George's Seafood & BBQ in Plymouth, NH. Trina DeLary, ride leader. Details to follow.

Thursday the 17th Wilkins Bike Night at Iron Rail Pub and Grill, Woodsville, NH. 6-8 p.m.

Saturday the 19th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride. Joel DeLary, ride leader. Details to follow.

Sunday the 20th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride. Tony Carrier, ride leader. Destination is East Side Restaurant in Newport, VT.

Saturday the 26th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride. (Poker Run) Joel DeLary, Jeff Demers, Trina DeLary, Justen Elliott, ride leaders. Details to follow.

September

Saturday-Monday the 2nd-4th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter overnight ride to Beach Plum-Bentley's-Kennebunk-Laconia (two nights) Justen Elliott, ride leader. Details to follow.

Saturday the 9th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride with Brandywine HOG. Joel DeLary, ride leader.

Tuesday the 12th *Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins*

Thursday the 21st Wilkins Bike Night at Gustos, Barre, VT. 6-8 p.m.

Saturday the 30th Central Vermont HOG Chapter Kancamagus Highway/Foliage ride. Trina DeLary, ride leader. Details to follow.

October

Tuesday the 10th *Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins*

November

Tuesday the 14th *Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins*

December

2023 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CENTRAL VERMONT CHAPTER 5218

MEMBER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ST/ZIPCODE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

NATIONAL H.O.G. MEMBERSHIP # _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

I have read the Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this dealer sponsored chapter. I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G., it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

- THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING -

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the "RELEASED PARTIES") shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G. or H.O.G. chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G. members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G. activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities.

I release and hold the "RELEASED PARTIES" harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G. activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE "RELEASED PARTIES" FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

"A general release does not extend to the claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the "RELEASED PARTIES"

MEMBER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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Barre, VT 05641