



Vee-Twin Rumbblings

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Chapter Director—Jeff Demers

Greetings HOG Members!

“We ride not to escape life, but for life to not escape us.” - Unknown

Wow! July went by quickly for me!

I hope you are all dry, safe, and doing well. Rain continued to affect many people and activities since the last newsletter. For those affected by floods, I hope your recovery is progressing smoothly. To those that are helping others, THANK YOU! Several chapter rides were affected, with rains cancelling or postponing some, and washouts and road closures causing detours for others. We postponed the

July social for a week and postponed the Biker Games activities for the second month. Let's hope that the next couple of months are sunny, and we can all get back to our usual routines.

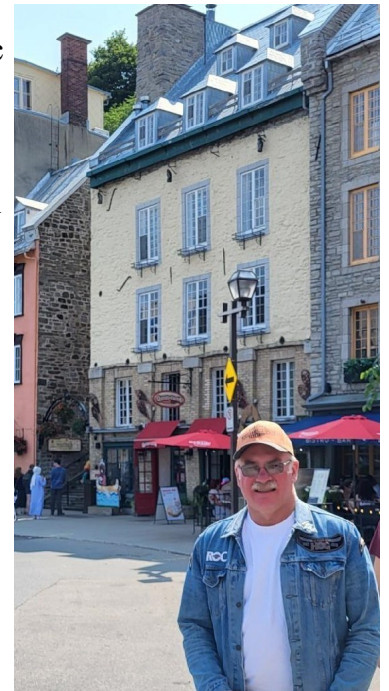
A few of us gambled on the rain not coming for the ride through the Adirondacks, and won. We had a sunny day and clean twisty roads.

Thank you to Justen for leading a ride to Quebec City. Though we experienced rain on the ride home, the ride up and the day touring the city were excellent. I personally was able to complete a long-time goal of visiting a house built in 1689 by my first ancestor to come to the new world (see photo). The city is beautiful and definitely worth another visit.

Please be safe out there. Watch for washouts, mud, and gravel on the side of the roads. Check NewEngland511.com for road closures.

“Imagine life without motorbikes. Now slap yourself and don't do it again.” - Unknown

Safe, smooth, and fun riding for all!
Jeff





On the Horizon

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BIKE NIGHT AT THE EAST SIDE!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD | 6-8PM
47 LANDING STREET, NEWPORT, VT 05855

JOIN US AT THE EAST SIDE IN NEWPORT FOR GAMES, GIVEAWAYS, DRINKS, AND FOOD!

CATCH NOT DEAD YET BAND PLAYING!

TOY RUN AFTER PARTY!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

Beginning directly after the Toy Run ends at Wilkins HD! (2pm-ish)

LIVE MUSIC BY ALONG CAME JONES BBQ BY SMOKEY D'S BEER PROVIDED BY CUSTO'S

BIKE NIGHT AT IRON RAIL PUB & GRILL!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17TH | 6-8PM
24 RAILROAD ST WOODSVILLE, NH 03785

JOIN US AT IRON RAIL IN WOODSVILLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR GAMES, GIVEAWAYS, DRINKS, AND FOOD!



WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON

LABOR DAY RIDE & BBQ!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

RIDE STARTING AT 10:30AM
BBQ STARTING AT 12PM

Come celebrate Labor Day with a ride and BBQ!
The ride will start and end at the dealership
with a BBQ immediately after!

WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON
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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>

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Chapter Social—July 18th

The July Chapter Social was rescheduled for the 18th after extreme rainfall on July 10th damaged buildings and roadways.

Director Jeff Demers started off the meeting with pledging allegiance to the flag, and expressing thanks to all who have been helping those affected by the flooding.

The Wilkins update was given by Becci Bresett, Wilkins Customer Care Specialist. She let us know that there were two Bike Nights coming up: on July 20th and 29th. And that the annual ‘Toy Run After-Party’ will be held on August 12th.

Upcoming Chapter rides:

Jeff’s Molly Stark ride has been rescheduled from July 29th to August 5th.

Tony’s ride to Rosie’s in Middlebury will be July 30th.

Tony’s ride to East side Restaurant will be August 20th—starting from the Mobil Station in Waterbury.

Joel is negotiating with the Brandywine Chapter (from Chadd’s Ford, PA) whose members will be coming to our area in September and are hoping to have a combined-Chapter ride with us.

The ‘Last Mile Ride’ motorcycle event will be August 19th. It will involve a 75-mile ride through Central Vermont, starting from Gifford Hospital. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. at the Gifford Park, 44 S. Main St, Randolph. \$50 per rider or \$75 for 2 riders on 1 bike. All proceeds benefit end-of-life care services. The ride will start at 10 a.m.

We made our own ice cream sundaes and socialized for a while. And Jeff wrapped up the meeting with the drawings for two door prizes (Wilkins gift cards) and the 50/50 raffle.



Director Jeff called the meeting to order



Chapter members checked out a new bike that arrived that day



Mmm...ice cream and all the toppings!



Door prizes and 50/50 raffle drawings

July 8th Ride to 'Tail o the Pup' in Ray Brook NY
Ride leader: Jeff Demers



July 14-16 Ride to Quebec City, for two overnights and sightseeing in the old city.
Ride Leader: Justen Elliott



Starting out from P&H truck stop

Blue skies when we crossed into Canada!

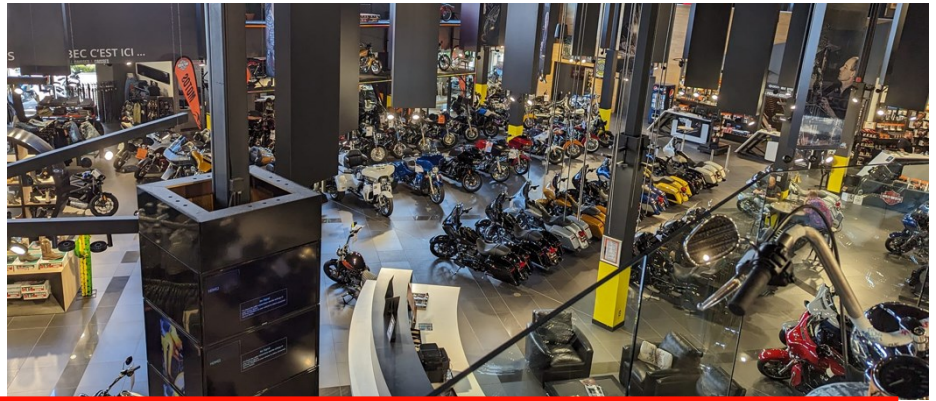


Lunch stop!!





Getting closer to Quebec City



Prémont Harley-Davidson Québec, located close to our hotel. We had dinner at their restaurant, Cecile et Ramone.



We toured the Citadelle of Quebec, the Royal 22eRegiment's home base.



View of The Fairmont Le Château Frontenac from the Citadelle



One of the gendarmes



We toured the city in a double decker bus—very informative and worthwhile. Then we walked through the old city streets.



Our return trip started off cloudy without rain, but was definitely wet by the time we reached the border!

July 30th Ride to Rosie's Restaurant in Middlebury
Ride leader—Tony Carrier



What does VT Rte 17 have to offer?

It's a fun road to ride with great views and 53 turns!

The Appalachian Gap (a.k.a. 'the App Gap')– Rocky Dale to Waitsfield

Gap elevation: 615 to 2,287 feet (186 to 697 metres)

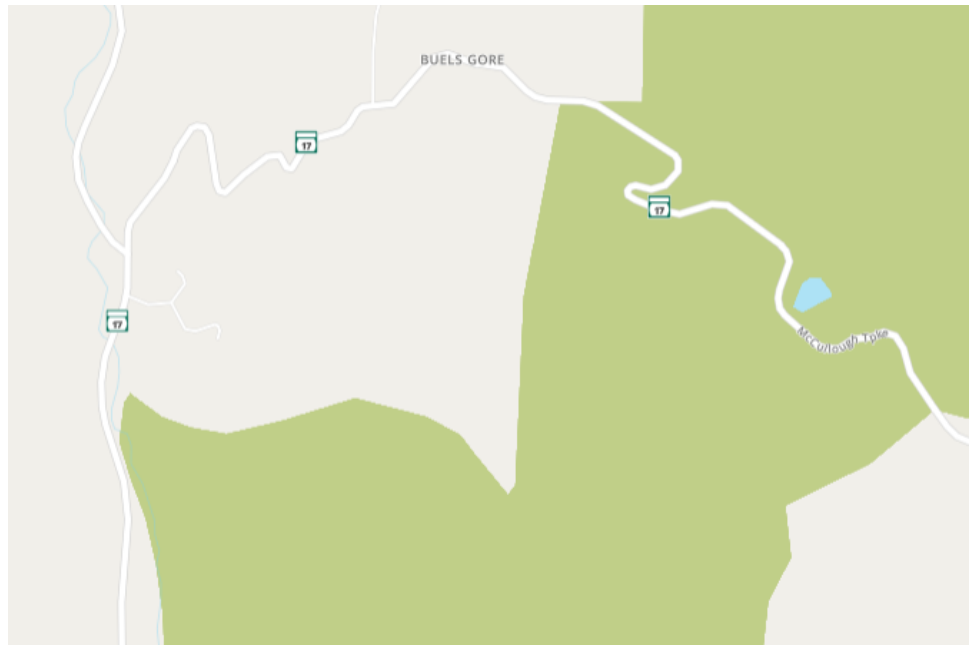
The Appalachian Gap is the most popular route of the 6 Gaps in Vermont. It is often frequented by motorcyclists because of its many twisties and switchbacks (53 of them!).

When you ride the Gap on Route 17, you pass over 'Baby Gap' to descend 269 feet (82 metres) before you reach the big one. Appalachian Gap is steep – rising up 1,253 feet (382 metres), and it's full of up-hill twisties. The view from the summit is stunning; on clear days you can see all the way to the Adirondack Mountains, Lake Champlain Valley and the road for the upcoming descent. On the way down, watch out for cars; there's a popular ski resort here with traffic all year round. Finish the Appalachian Gap in Waitsfield.

A little history of part of the land route 17 runs through:

Buels Gore is located at the southern tip of Chittenden County, bordered by the town of Huntington to the north, Fayston in Washington County to the east, and Starksboro in Addison County to the west. The crest of the Green Mountains, followed by the Long Trail, runs through the eastern side of the gore, and Vermont Route 17 crosses the gore from east to west, cresting the mountains at Appalachian Gap.

According to the United States Census Bureau, Buels Gore has a total area of 5.0 square miles (12.9 km²), of which 0.004 square miles (0.01 km²), or 0.08%, is water.



The gore was chartered by the Vermont General Assembly on November 4, 1780. It is named for Major Elias Buel (in some references "Buell") who moved to Vermont from Coventry, Connecticut. With a group of would-be proprietors including Ira Allen and several Buel family members, the group petitioned the legislature for a grant. They received a grant for a town, intended to be called "Coventry" near Shoreham. Due to a surveying error there was almost no land left in the grant. The group returned to the legislature and received a "flying grant", a sort of license which allowed a grant to be made on uncharted land that could be identified. As much of the state had by now been organized, they finally settled upon three unconnected pieces of land. The largest became the present town of Coventry in Orleans County. A second piece near Coventry was named "Coventry Leg" for its appendage shape. Coventry Leg was annexed to Newport in 1816. The final small piece, adjacent to Huntington, was called "Huntington Gore", and renamed "Buels Gore", despite Major Buel's desire to call it "Montzoar". All three charters were issued in October 1788, though dated back to 1780, the year of the original petition. Buel was charged retroactive taxes on the grant, a debt that only resolved by sale of all of his lands. He left Vermont to settle in New York.

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)

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 Molly Stark Trail. Ride leader: Jeff Demers. Meet at Wilkins at 8:15, KSU at 8:30. Route details provided by email.

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 Edge of Town Tavern 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. Complete details to follow—here are the basics: Meet in Bradford, VT. Ride will head to the coastline of NH with a stop at Seacoast HD, lunch at The Beach Plum on LaFayette Rd in Portsmouth, NH. The return route will take us to Weirs Beach Kellerhaus to build our own ice cream sundaes. From there we head to our hotel, Eastern Inn & Suites in N. Conway, NH—two overnights. Sunday, we will ride to Bentley's Saloon in Arundel for lunch, continue up the Maine coastline, to Walker's Point The Bush Compound in Kennebunkport, Fort Williams Park, and a few other sites, returning to North Conway for the night. Monday, we will ride through northern NH and VT with a stop at April's Maple, then on to St. J where the ride will end. Participants are welcome to come for the day ride, for just one night at the motel or 2 nights at the motel — take your choice.

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*

Saturday the 16th Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to the Log Jam Restaurant, Lake George NY. (rescheduled from July 8th) Randy Lamell, ride leader. Details to follow.

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

TBD Chapter Holiday Party

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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.