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



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Chapter Director—Jeff Demers

Greetings HOG members!

Take time this Memorial Day to remember those that died in service to our country.

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery; Ride and live today" – Anonymous

We had a good turnout (17 people on 14 Harleys) for the chapter ride on May 7 to the Sugar and Spice restaurant on route 4 in Mendon. I heard many say, "I've driven by here so many times and have always wanted to stop!". I encourage all of you to recommend places to go, especially those that you've al-

ways wished to visit.

Congratulations to Mikayla, the first winner of the Joe Lonardo scholarship to the Riding Academy!

For others that are interested in learning to ride, please encourage them to sign up for the Riding Academy course. For those interested in improving their riding skills, there are options for intermediate and advanced riding classes.

I hope to see many of you at the June social and hear your stories. Speaking of stories, we would like to include some in the newsletter, short or long, with pictures or without. Check out some of the stories in past newsletters at www.centralvermonthog.com!

"You are on your own. You are not protected by two tons of steel, rubber, foam padding and safety glass. Neither are you steering two tons of guided missile toward other cars, people and property. If you are prepared to accept the responsibility of your own actions, then motorcycling can be both safe and thrilling. Riding is an art as well as a craft and no amount of explanation can take the place of experience."—Theresa Wallach, Easy Motorcycle Riding, 1970

Safe, smooth, and fun riding for all!

Jeff





On the Horizon



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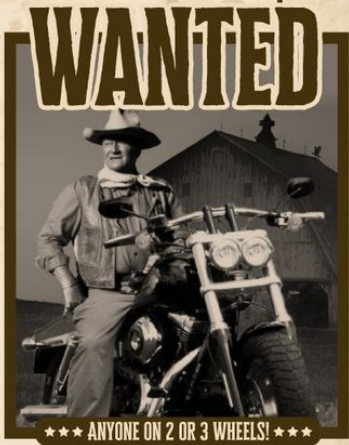
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WILD WEST RIDE!

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD • 11AM

JOIN US FOR A 45 MINUTE RIDE STARTING AT WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON HEADING WEST AND LOOPING BACK TO THE DEALERSHIP FOR A COWBOY-STYLE LUNCH!

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE IT FOR THE RIDE, FEEL FREE TO SHOW UP IN YOUR BEST COWBOY OR COWGIRL ATTIRE AND JOIN US FOR LUNCH AROUND 12PM!



WANTED

*** ANYONE ON 2 OR 3 WHEELS! ***

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!

PLEASE DRINK RESPONSIBLY



LITTLETON FREEHOUSE
TAPROOM & EATERY

WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON

FATHER'S DAY RIDE & BBQ!

SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH

Ride starting at 10:30 AM | BBQ starting at 12 PM

CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY WITH A RIDE AND BBQ AT WILKINS!

- 2019 FLTRU, Road Glide Ultra at a reduced price of **\$25,499** (Stock #617703)
- Spend **\$250** in parts and receive a complimentary gift from the parts department!
- All in stock Men's casual wear is Buy One Get One **50% Off!**





CUSTOMER APPRECIATION NIGHT
 FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD 2023

Featuring **THE FOUR HORSEMEN** The best Metallica tribute band on the planet!
 Coming all the way from Ohio to rock the Wilkins stage

FREE ENTRY
 to our Customers & General Public! Come in from 6:30-7:30 for signups to win: \$500 or \$1,000 Shopping Spree!

Doors open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7:30pm

Drinks provided by **Gusto's** AMERICA'S QIN MILL

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BIKE NIGHT AT THE BACKYARD!

THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH | 6-8PM
 395 MOUNTAIN RD, STOWE, VT 05672

JOIN US AT THE BACKYARD FOR GAMES, GIVEAWAYS, DRINKS, AND FOOD!

WICKED TIMES & FAST FRIENDS
BACKYARD
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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>

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).

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Minutes of the May Social, held on Tuesday May 10th

Chapter Director, Jeff Demers, called the meeting to order just after 6:30 p.m. and started us off with pledging allegiance to the flag.

The first order of business, presented by Jeff, was an announcement that the Moose Foundation (which is an organization of riders who help injured riders) is looking for a new board member. The contact number on their Facebook Page is (802) 662-0210.

The second item was a reminder that an order of Chapter patches is being put together and people are encouraged to consider ordering one. (Contact person is Linda Lamell at lindalamell@hotmail.com)

The third item on the agenda was a presentation by Ashley (of Gifford Medical Center) for the 'Last Mile Ride' 2-day event. This year will be the 18th year of fundraising in support of end-of-life care provided at Gifford Medical Center in Randolph. It was started in 2006 with 55 motorcyclists. It has grown into a two day event with a bike ride, a timed 5K race, two different walking routes, and a motorcycle ride. The funds bring patients alternative therapies like Reiki, massage, and music therapy to help with pain management. Unique services to support family members spending time with loved ones in the hospital's two Garden Room Suites include assistance like the provision of meals and transportation costs for far-away family. Patients' special last wishes can be provided using funds raised by the Last Mile Ride event. So far, Last Mile Ride events have raised \$1,378,000.00 for the program at Gifford Medical Center.

The cost for one rider is \$50. If there will be two riders on one bike, the cost is \$75. Riders can collect pledges from other people to cover this registration fee and to do additional fundraising. The registration form is included in this newsletter. Follow their Facebook Page (LastMileRide) for up-to-date info on the event.

The Wilkins Update was brief— Sierra let us know that Wilkins planned a 'Nacho Average Party' event for May 13th.

We were reminded of a local fundraising event, 'Bikers for Beth' - planned for May 21st.

The ongoing cash door prize was not given out—once again the name drawn was for a member who was not in attendance at the social. The drawing at the June social will be for \$40.

The 50/50 raffle yielded \$30 for the Chapter. Many thanks to those members who contributed to the raffle.

Director Jeff Demers asked for volunteers to bring refreshments for the June Social on the 13th.

****Note:** plans for this Social have been changed to having a cookout dinner with people bringing side dishes to share. The Chapter will supply There will be non-bike games and Biker Games.

Following the meeting, some attendees rode (or drove) to the Vermont Visitors' Center in Berlin for creemees. (The maple creemees are fabulous, in my opinion!)

Written by Linda Lamell
Chapter Secretary



The meeting part of the May Social.

Ashley, from Gifford Medical Center, presented information on the upcoming 'Last Mile Ride' event. (Thanks for arranging this, Gary Johnston.)



The social part of the May Social!



Chapter Memorial Day weekend ride to Magog Quebec for Go-karting and an overnight in Stratton, Maine. Justen Elliot, ride leader



Our arrival at Karting Orford in Magog, Quebec

A special helmet for Tom!!

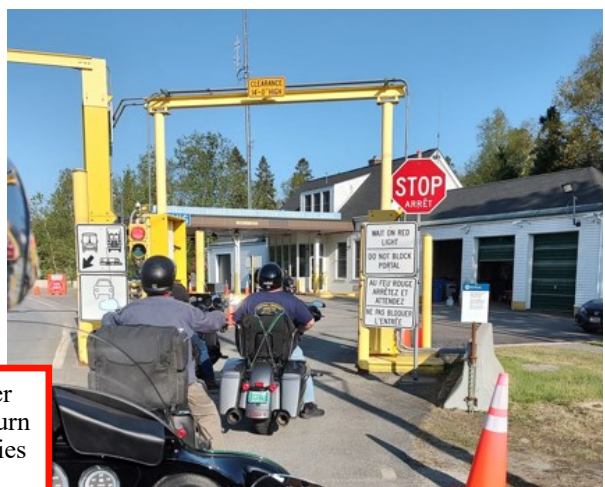


Getting ready to hit the track!



We stopped at Carrier Harley-Davidson Dealership in Sherbrook, Quebec. Their banner advertises their 'Test Days' event.

Crossing the border into Maine at Coburn Gore. The blackflies were FIERCE!





We stayed at Spillover Motel in Stratton, Maine and had dinner next door at the Tigerlily Pub at The Coplin Dinner House.



Breakfast at the Looney Moose Café. Their pancakes are massive!



We stopped at L.L. Cote Sports Center 'Toys for Big Boys and Girls' in Errol, NH



A quick photo op at the covered bridge in Stark, NH

Smugglers' Notch, also known as Route 108, is an historic part of Vermont's landscape - and the story behind its name is a fascinating one. (story written by Leanna Tedesco)

The road is winding and full of switchbacks, with some corners cutting so close to the edges of its boulder-lined walls that it would make anyone's breath catch in their throat. This, to the uninitiated who are visiting Vermont, is the iconic Smugglers' Notch, aka Vermont Route 108. The Notch, as it's referred to by the locals, is a road that cuts between Mount Mansfield - the highest peak in Vermont - and Smugglers Notch State Park, home to the Sterling Range and Spruce Peak. The drive is only somewhat harrowing with its hairpin turns and tight lanes, and it's certain to give visitors a run for their money if they happen to be driving a car that's even slightly larger than a sedan.

With that being said, it's also one of the most popular destinations in the Green Mountain State. With a tremendous history behind it and more than 70 hiking trails, this scenic route is just as popular for driving as it is for those hiking in Smugglers' Notch. This famed landscape has an intriguing history behind its namesake, and it's one that everyone should learn before visiting these hallowed hills.

How Smugglers' Notch Got Its Name

When driving through the Notch, it's easy to see how it could have been used as a hidden route to get from one place to another. More specifically, it was used during the early 19th century to bring trade goods to and from Canada during the War of 1812. Not only was the route precariously cut through the mountain in some of the most rugged territories in the state, but its many boulders and rocks allowed for well-hidden crevices. This meant that if someone did happen to be on the trail of a smuggler, it was easy enough to hide from sight until the route was once again safe enough to pass.

With cliffs on either side that sometimes reach a height of 1,000 feet, it's also easy to see how very few people would have been caught on their way to and from one country to another. The landscape looked completely different in the early 1800s and there were far fewer people - and towns - meaning this region was even more remote. After former president Thomas Jefferson passed the Embargo Act in 1807, the restriction of trade between countries had a drastically negative impact on the state of Vermont. As the state shares a border with Canada, this trade route was by far the easiest to use, and once that was cut off there were many citizens and businesses that suffered in the northern part of the state.

While the name implies some kind of highly illegal activity, in reality, Vermonters were only doing what they needed to in order to survive the embargo. This doesn't take away from the legalities - or lack thereof - regarding the under-the-radar trades, though. Those who were caught would face penalties for what they were doing, as it was considered to be breaking a major law.

Fun Fact: *Vermonters would cross the Notch with donkeys or horses, or with supplies simply strapped to their backs. In order to avoid being caught, they would sometimes hide in the caves that can be found throughout the Notch and on various hikes in Smugglers Notch State Park.*

This route was not only used for trading. Fugitive slaves would also utilize the route to make their way through Vermont and into Canada, which gave it another historic purpose.

The use of Smugglers' Notch didn't just end there, though. As Vermont progressed into the 20th century, they would be subject to yet another restriction - this time, on alcohol. When Prohibition came about in 1922, the state was lucky enough to have opened Smugglers' Notch to automobile traffic. This meant that those using the route would no longer need to cross on foot or horseback, which opened up even more illegal trade route options. In this case, it was Vermont's loophole during the time when it was legally a dry state.

Bootlegging would be the last purpose the Notch served in terms of smuggling, and then it would become a tourist destination and a spot frequented by hiking locals. Today, it's home to a popular resort and some of the state's best skiing and snowboarding during the winter months. During the summer, its 78 trails are open for hikers, featuring stunning waterfalls, scenic summit views, and plenty of fresh mountain air.

While visitors enjoy the scenery that the Notch provides, it's also worth knowing its history. Those driving along Route 108 will be traversing a route that many smugglers did before them, all on a mission to rebel against whatever laws were enacted at the time. Now, doesn't that make it much more of a bucket-list destination?

A Story from the Road...

Member Hannah Frigon:

As you know, last year, I went cross country after the Riding Academy because I was invited to a wedding in Tuscan, AZ. On the day of the wedding, my Bunk-A-Biker host offered to drive me in his Hummer when he saw me all dolled up in my social attire, but I wore a romper for a reason, so I could ride my Softail to the wedding in style!! High heels and all.

Riders, never be afraid to be yourself, make a statement, and live your best life!



Head Road Captain—Joel Delary



Greetings all,

Looks like the warm weather is finally here and you know what that means, riding season! There was a nice turnout for Jeff's ride to the Sugar & Spice in Mendon two weeks ago, we even had a guest join the ride who said afterwards that she had a great time.

There are lots of great rides on the calendar for this year including three overnight rides and don't forget to look for Wilkins Bike Nights.

Most of the rides that are currently on the ride schedule may not have the details added to them yet and the reason being is this year's road construc-

tion around the State seems to be very widespread making it difficult to plan a route that is safe and enjoyable, but the rides will be updated as soon as possible.

Ride often, ride smart and ride safe so you can ride another day.

Joel

Please do business with this sponsor (Chapter member Tom Moore)!

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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)

June**Saturday the 3rd Wilkins event starting at 11 a.m. A Wild West guided Ride and return to Wilkins for a Cowboy lunch.****Sunday the 4th Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride.** White Cottage Snack Bar, Woodstock, VT. Trina DeLary, ride leader. **Meet at Wilkins at 9:30am, KSU 10:00** with tanks full and bladders empty. Trina will be traveling routes 14S to the Chelsea Mt road to RT 110 heading north into Chelsea then up over RT 113 with all new pavement last year then over to RT 5 and heading south. RT 5 south with a short stop at the Mobil station in Wilder then continue south to RT 4 in White River Jct. and stopping for lunch at The White Cottage just west of Woodstock. After lunch she will be doing a 180 and heading back east on RT 4 to RT 12N then turning onto the Pomfret Road to the Howe Hill Rd. and down into South Royalton to the River Rd. RT 14 to RT 107 into Bethel then onto RT 12N to Randolph to RT 66 up to the N Ridge Rd to RT 65 then to RT 14N to the Pump & Pantry where the ride will end appx. 2:30 with 130 miles, Please note; The White Cottage Snack Bar accepts CASH ONLY, there is an ATM on site.**Thursday the 8th Wilkins Bike Night at Littleton Freehouse Taproom and Eatery (28 Cottage St, Littleton, NH) 6-8 p.m.****Saturday the 10th Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to Rangeley, ME** Paul Celley, ride leader. Meet at Marty's in Danville. KSU at 9 a.m. Quick 10 min break in Lancaster then on to Errol. Stop in Errol at LL Cote for about a half hour to stretch legs, grab a snack and/or take a quick trip through the store. On to Rangeley to Sarge's sports bar for lunch. After lunch stop right in Rangeley for gas then back through Errol to Colebrook and Grampies for Ice cream. Then cross over into VT and rt 102 to 105 to Island Pond. Another quick stop in Island Pond to stretch our legs then to 114 to 105 to 2 and back to Danville where the ride will end. Arrive back in Danville about 5:00 pm, give or take an hour.**Tuesday the 13th Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins. Pot-luck cook-out with hot dogs provided by the Chapter. Please bring a side dish to share. There will be Biker Games (and non-bike games) after dinner.****Wednesday the 14th Scott Campbell, ride leader. Wilkins Ride to Laconia for Bike Week. Meet at Wilkins at 9:45 a.m.******changed date** Saturday the 17th Central Vermont HOG Chapter brunch ride.** Jeff Demers, ride leader. Meet at Wilkins - 9:15 a.m. KSU at 9:30 a.m. Head south on VT-14 S, in White River Jct., continue onto US-4 E crossing into NH. Possible stop in Lebanon. Continue on US-4 E, turn right onto NH-4A. Follow NH-4A to NH-11 E in Andover. Lunch at The Refinery Restaurant & Market, 4 Mill Rd, Andover, NH. Head northeast on NH-11 E to NH-3A N to the traffic circle near Plymouth. Take the 2nd exit onto NH-25 W to Warren. Slight left onto NH-25C W. Stop at Moose Scoops Ice Cream, 49 Lake Tarleton Rd. Continue on NH-25C W into VT. Continue on VT-25 and US-302 to Barre. Ride ends at Jiffy Mart, N Main ST, Barre**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 BackYard, 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.******changed date** Sunday the 9th 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.**

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*

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Central Vermont Harley Owners Group

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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.

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Chapter
Party**

Last Mile Ride Motorcycle registration

Yes! I want to ride for end-of-life care.



RIDER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Club/Team name (if any): _____

Register before July 1, 2023, for a free T-shirt: *T-Shirt size* Driver: _____ Passenger: _____

I'm riding in memory of (optional): _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Check enclosed Credit Card I am collecting donations
Make check payable to: Gifford's Last Mile Ride ... and will turn them in at registration

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ (minimum \$50 per person or \$75 for driver & passenger)

Credit card #: _____ Visa Mastercard

Expiration date: _____ CVV Code: _____ Amount to charge: _____

WAIVER

Release of liability: *The undersigned releases Gifford Medical Center, its employees and Last Mile volunteers, sponsors, vendors, entertainers and any others associated with this event from liability for any damage, injury or even death the undersigned may incur or cause while participating in this event. The undersigned is experienced in and familiar in the operation of motorcycles and fully understands the risks and dangers inherent in motorcycling, and agrees to assume responsibility for any resulting harm. This release applies to the undersigned, his or her heirs and other personal representatives, and is an agreement not to sue or file an insurance claim against Last Mile organizers and volunteers. Consent is also given to Gifford Medical Center to use the undersigned's name, image or words in future promotional materials.*

Rider signature: _____ Date: _____

Passenger signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this form to: Last Mile Ride, Gifford Medical Center, 44 South Main Street, Randolph, VT 05060

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