



Vee-Twin Rumbblings

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



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Lots of ride photos
- Scholarship Winner
- Letter from Hanna Frigon to the Chapter

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Chapter Director—Jeff Demers

Greetings HOG Members!

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall"
-- f. scott fitzgerald

Important safety tip: Be aware of wet leaves on the road, as they are very slick.

School is back in session and the leaves are starting to turn once again. The air always feels right in autumn. It's a great time to put on the leathers and go for a ride! This year started with a lot of rain, but the second half or summer we have had some decent weekends to enjoy the area roads. Knock on wood, the hurricanes and tropical storms are staying to the east!

We have had a good balance of rides this year, long and short, Saturday and Sunday, dry and wet, and some overnight trips. All of the rides create new stories. Next year, I feel that we should add a few more Sunday rides. What are your thoughts? Do you have ride ideas? Early next year, we will have a ride leaders meeting. Whether you are interested in leading a ride or not, we encourage you to pass along your suggestions.

Are you interested in becoming a HOG officer? During the October Chapter Social we have the first round of officer nominations for the next year. Voting for officers will take place during the November social. Primary officers include Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer and Secretary. Discretionary officers include Activities Officer, Ladies of Harley Officer, Head Road Captain, Editor, Safety Officer, Photographer, Historian, Membership Officer, and Webmaster.

While it will be a while before my Harley hibernates, I know that some of you will put yours away before the next newsletter comes out. Remember to have Wilkins check your mileage for the Ride 365 Challenge.

"Traveling in a car is like watching a film..... riding a motorcycle is like starring in it."
-- James A. Valenzuela

Safe, smooth, and fun riding for all!

Jeff



On the Horizon

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WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON
BIKETOBERFEST!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
11AM-2PM

Join us for beer, brats and Biketoberfest games & prizes!

RESCHEDULED

WILKINS
ZOMBIE
RUN

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 21ST

WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON

HALLOWEEN
PARTY!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH | 10AM-12PM

Costume contest, with prizes, for the adults!
Pumpkin painting and trick or treating for the kids!



Head Road Captain—Joel DeLary

Welcome to Fall everyone,

Even though there is less daylight and the leaves are changing color doesn't mean riding season is over, not by a long shot. There is sure to be some beautiful Fall riding ahead with some of the best scenery in the country to be found right here in our own backyard we call Vermont, so get out and ride.

Fall riding has always been one of my favorite times of year to be out on two wheels with the crisp air along with the smells that make the season unique. This riding season has certainly been a challenge with the rain, flooding, road repairs and the never-ending road construction or as I like to call it "orange sign season" but there have been some great rides despite those little inconveniences.

On Saturday September 9th, the Central VT HOG's hosted the Brandywine HOG Chapter out of Chadds Ford, PA with 15 of their members. Some of our chapter members met the Brandywine chapter at their White River hotel and then I lead them on a 200 mile ride through central VT with a stop at the Barre granite quarries, then at Wilkins Harley. The Brandywine chapter's assistant director Alan Rogers set his drone up at the quarries and got some great video and along with his Go Pro cam, he captured portions of our ride which you can find on YouTube under Brandywine HOG.

I led the ride through some fantastic country side with lots of curves such as the Pomfret Road, Howe Hill Road, 12A, Chelsea Mountain Road, Route 113, the Goose Green Road and then Jeff took us from Bradford around Lake Morey and Lake Fairlee then back to White River where we said farewell to our guests. All the members from Brandywine could not thank us enough about the ride and the roads, some of their comments ranged from "absolutely beautiful country" and the lack of stop signs, red lights and traffic as well as Wilkins staff and especially John Lyon's hospitality.

Thanks to all the ride leaders this season, without you we would not have the rides we do! I'll ask all our members now to please consider leading a ride next season, the rides can be anything from a short jaunt to one of your favorite lunch spots or destinations to an overnight or weekend ride.

Ride often, ride safe.

Joel



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

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Chapter Social—September 12th

Chapter Director Jeff Demers started off the September Chapter Social with a quick greeting and a request for a head-count of who wanted to compete in Bikers' Games. Just two people decided to test their slow riding skills—Devin and Jeff. And the winner was...(see photo below).

Chapter Member Mark Perry presented information on the upcoming fund-raiser ride for the Moose Foundation—scheduled for September 24th. This one is the 16th annual ride which raises money for the Foundation's mission of providing funds to riders injured while riding (the accident must *not* be due to impairment of the rider by alcohol or drug use). The injured individual can be a Vermont-licensed rider or and out-of-state rider injured while in Vermont. A recent recipient was a woman from Massachusetts. The Foundation is providing financial assistance for a mortgage payment and for wood pellets for heating her home while she is recovering from her injuries. Foundation directors endeavor to respond quickly when someone seeks assistance. (Two of them are Chapter Members Kim Drury and Mark Perry.) The ride on the 24th will begin at Truth Performance and will conclude back at Truth Performance for lunch and a raffle. The Red Knights Motorcycle Club has donated a MiniMax Big Green Egg package to be raffled off. There is no cost to participate in the ride but donations are appreciated.

Wilkins Update from Adrian Townsend of the Wilkins Service Dept: Limited time for you to get up to \$2500 trade-in credit or up to \$1500 cash back on select new Grand American Touring and Adventure Touring Models. An upcoming Saturday event will be a corn roast and scavenger hunt on the 16th, with a fundraiser for Passion for Paws.

Upcoming Chapter rides: Tony will lead a ride to Lake George on the 16th. Trina will lead a ride on the Kanc on the 30th.

Special guest (at the social): Chapter member Myron Degenhardt, who will be 100 on Monday next week! The meeting concluded with Jeff inviting everyone to 'dig in' - we had corn on the cob, hotdogs, and side dishes followed by desserts including a birthday cake!



Jeff and Devin ready to go!
Activities Director Randy Lamell was officiating.



WINNER!

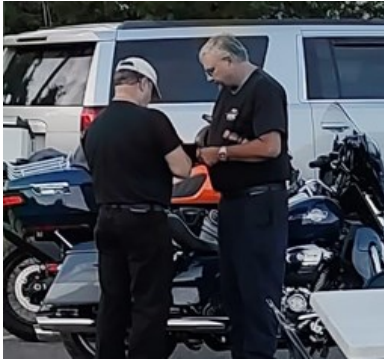


Mark Perry talking about the Moose Foundation

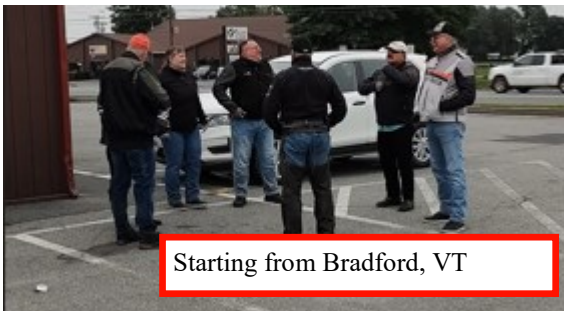


Myron Degenhardt, Brion Muzzy, Lauren Demers and Don Whiton sharing a laugh.





First Chapter Ride in September: The Beach Plum Ride during Labor Day weekend, planned and led by Justen Elliott



Starting from Bradford, VT

Seacoast H-D



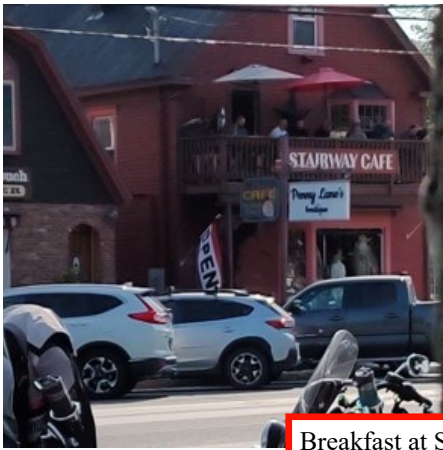
At the Beach Plum in Portsmouth, NH



Kellerhaus ice cream!



Eastern Inn and Suites in N. Conway



Breakfast at Stairway Café, N. Conway



Kittery Trading Post



Bush Family Complex
Kennebunkport, ME



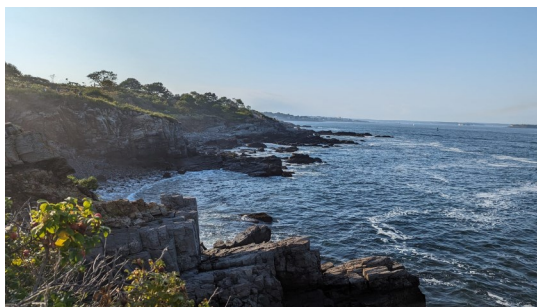
Bentley's Saloon, Arundel ME
Some of us never got our orders... :(



Colorful décor at Bentley's



Portland Head Lighthouse





Breakfast in Jackson, NH at Yesterday's Restaurant



At April's Maple in Canaan, VT: The ladies and the gents. Thanks for a fabulous weekend of riding in Maine, NH, and VT, Justen and MiYong!!

**September 9th Co-Chapter Ride with Members of the Brandywine Chapter, Chadds Ford, PA
Ride leaders: Joel DeLary and Jeff Demers**



The two Chapters met in White River Junction for a day of riding in Vermont, including a visit to Rock of Ages and Wilkins Harley-Davidson.



Brandywine Chapter's Director and his wife.



Alan Rodgers, Assistant Director of Brandywine Chapter, who worked with Joel to plan this Co-Chapter event

The Last Chapter Ride in September—'Cruising the Kanc 'on the 30th
Ride leader Trina DeLary



A new rider, thanks to the Joe Lonardo Riding Academy Scholarship!



Wilkins Harley-Davidson

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Congratulations to Krista on graduating Riding Academy 🥳

Krista was awarded the Joe Lonardo Riding Academy Scholarship through [Central Vermont H.O.G. Chapter # 5218](#) and made the most of it! Great job!!! 🥳👏

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#ridingacademy #harleydavidson #learntoride #newriders #livetoride #ridetolive #congratulations





Dear Chapter Members,

I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. Your smiles, hugs, words of encouragement, and wisdom have meant the world to me since the day I had the privilege of meeting you all.

As many of you are aware, I have embarked on another cross-country journey, and as a result, I am no longer with Wilkins Harley-Davidson. My departure came unexpectedly, and I had hoped for the opportunity to bid more of you farewell in person. Nonetheless, I am thankful for the chance to have said my goodbyes to Joel, Trina, and Ronnie.

I would love to stay connected with all of you, so if we aren't already friends on Facebook (you can find me under the name Hannah Frigon) or Instagram (my handle is hannahslimfrigon), please connect with me there. I plan to share my adventures from the road on both platforms and on my blog, "Revved Up," which you can find at hannahfrigon.com/blog.

My time as a member of the H.O.G. Chapter and the individual conversations I've had with many of you hold a special place in my heart. I cherish each of you who went out of your way to get to know me and welcomed me into the Chapter family.

I am incredibly excited about this new chapter in my life! My journey will take me to Utah, where I'll visit family, enjoy scenic rides, and explore the beauty of the great outdoors through hiking. From there, I'll make my way down to Arizona, where I plan to immerse myself in all the experiences that two-wheeled exploration has to offer. Eventually, I'll head to the Florida Everglades for the winter. Once again, I hope to stay in touch with all of you, and I have every intention of finding my way back to Vermont—though not before the snow melts! If anyone wishes to have my phone number or email, please feel free to reach out to Linda Lamell for that information.

Thank you all once more for the wonderful memories, camaraderie, and friendship. I will miss you all dearly!

Warmest regards,
Hannah Frigon



Charter Member Myron Degenhardt shared this story with Brion Muzzy and (former Chapter member) Hazel Izzo when they took him out for lunch for his 100th birthday:

“It started when a woman from Honor Flight called and wanted to stop in and visit me for my birthday. I did the Honor Flight in 2019. On Saturday I heard some sirens and thought, oh boy, something is happening. Then they kept getting closer and closer till I could see a couple of Sheriff cars and 74 motorcycles all converge on my house !!!! After some visiting they took me out for lunch at a restaurant and we took over the whole restaurant !!”

Happy 100th Birthday to a great guy
who is an inspiration to us all!

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)

October

Tuesday the 10th *Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins. First round of nominations for 2024 Chapter Officers; gathering ideas for the December Holiday Party; 50/50 raffle; bring your favorite apple dessert to share (it could be a contest winner!)*

Saturday the 14th *Wilkins event: Biketoberfest 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Beers, brats, games and prizes.*

Saturday the 21st *Wilkins event: Zombie Run! 11 a.m.*

Saturday the 28th *Wilkins event: Halloween Party 10 a.m. to noon.*

November

Tuesday the 14th *Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins. Second round of nominations for 2024 Chapter Officers and the final vote.*

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.