



Vee-Twin Rumbblings

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



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Chapter Director—Jeff Demers

Greeting HOG members!

We had a great turnout for the April meeting! Thanks to all of you who were able to make it, and we hope to see a few more at the next meet meeting on May 11!

As I write this, snow has returned, but it will be short-lived and the roads will be clear for our first scheduled chapter ride of the season on May 1. Details of the May rides can be found on the Central Vermont HOG Facebook page and the Wilkins Event Calendar. The February newsletter includes a list of planned rides and events through October.

During the meeting, we discussed several of the upcoming rides and events. Particularly for those that are multi-day events, we would like to know if you are interested as early as possible. In some cases, we will need to make reservations, and/or might be able to negotiate discounts based on a minimum number of participants.

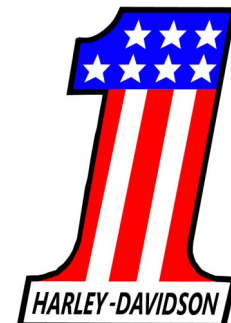
We would like to hear from you. If you know some interesting motorcycle history, or have a favorite motorcycle ride or story, please feel free to forward to Linda for the newsletter.

Here's wishing for a long riding season!
Jeff



Head Road Captains—Trina and Joel DeLary

Well, let's get this riding season started. I'm sure everyone is excited to start riding. We have a lot of rides planned out already for the month of May. We still have a few open dates left if anyone would like lead a ride. I look forward to seeing everyone on the rides.
Trina DeLary





On the Horizon



Wilkins Harley Davidson: Family-Owned and Operated Since 1947

MAY 15, 2021
SMOKEY D'S BBQ WILL
BE ON-SITE!

Come enjoy some of the best BBQ Around!

SUNDAY, JULY 4TH
FREEDOM AND UNITY RIDE

10:00 gather at Wilkins Harley-Davidson
 10:30 a.m. Kickstands up, Bladders Empty, Fuel Tanks Full.

Two Hour Ride through small towns in Vermont.
 Complementary Lunch will be served.

TOY RUN AFTER PARTY

AUGUST 14, 2021
 1 P.M.
 WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON

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>

Minutes of the April 13th Social held at Wilkins

Chapter Director Jeff Demers started the meeting at 6:30, greeting the members who had gathered at Wilkins and having us pledge allegiance to the American flag.



Part of the plan for this meeting was pizza provided by the Chapter. So we dug in and had a great time eating and talking in small groups.



A quick rundown of the rides in May:

May 1st—Ride around the Lake. Ride Leader is Joel DeLary

May 8th — Ride to Ziggy's Pizza in Enfield, NH Ride Leader is Jeff Demers

May 15th — Ride to the Naked Turtle in Plattsburgh, NY. Ride Leader is Ben Drury

May 22nd — Ride to the Path of Life Sculpture Garden, Windsor, VT. Ride Leader is Trina DeLary

Memorial Day weekend—Daily rides planned for Saturday and Sunday. Staying in Lancaster, NH Justen Elliott, coordinator.

Jeff told us that he is working on plans for a ride to Portland, ME to see fireworks on the 4th of July. The number of options for Independence Day is growing!



Activities Director, Bobbi Ballou filled us in on the status of plans for a weekend ride to the Laconia area, July 16-18 (the weekend originally earmarked for the Iron Adventure Run, which has been cancelled). The destination is Daytona Fun Park, described this way: 'One of the best family vacation destinations in the New Hampshire Lakes Region - Daytona Fun Park - provides family-friendly activities that are guaranteed fun for all ages on your family vacation to The Weirs Beach area of Lake Winnepesaukee. It's great fun for Birthday Parties, large groups, or the whole family! We have Go-Karts, Bumper Boats, an Outdoor High Ropes Adventure Course, Mini-Golf, Batting Cages, Classic Arcade Games, and much more. If you are the more athletic type, try our linked basketball shooter games, air hockey or the automatic scoring bowling games.' She has been seeking out a hotel/motel that will offer a discounted rate for the group.

John Lyon provided a Dealer's Update: a group of Wilkins Harley-Davidson employees went to the Mojave Desert for a Pan American riding adventure. Plans are in the works for a Toy Run After-Party at Wilkins.

This summer, Wilkins will have two BBQ truck businesses at the dealership on alternating Saturdays—in the hopes that this will give their businesses a boost.

The Riding Academy is starting up soon and is very popular. It is expected that 130 people will complete the course this year.

The CEO of Harley-Davidson is restricting production of new motorcycles and encouraging dealerships to seek out used bikes that aren't being ridden to sell them to people who are interested in riding. New models will be released by H-D several times a year.

One new board member for H-D is a former Ford Motor Company CEO.

We wrapped up the meeting with a quick 'egg hunt'. Bobbi hid three Wilkins gift cards in plastic eggs. The three winners who found them were: (new member) Jim Shrover; Kim Drury; and Scott Campbell.





From Members on the Open Road:

From member Vernon Swint:

“Riding With the Road Dog” (Watch the Skies)

Smart phones are really nice, especially having weather conditions and predictions just a finger poke away. Not always like that. Once upon a time, I would use my flip phone, call the Bride for a Weather Channel update. Times and technology change, usually a good thing.

Few years ago my departure date for a solo ride to Jupiter, FL was marred by T.W.C. informing me of 30% chance of rain from Albany, NY to Roanoke, VA Not bad odds so I hit the road hoping to reach Martinsburg, WV the first day. Long story short, 100% of 30% fell on me, in torrents. Riders pretty much agree, we can be cold, we can be wet, but being cold and wet at the same time really sucks. Couple of days later, I arrived in Jupiter, forgot to mention, my daughter, her husband and my two grandsons live there. Stayed with them a couple of days and then headed north to visit some places of historical interest.

My first stop was Cordele, GA, overnight there and first thing next morning I continued west to Plains, GA, to see for myself where President Jimmy Carter spent his youth. Midway to Plains, I realized I had taken a wrong turn, time to back track, and despite a “No U-Turn Sign” did it anyway. Just as my u-turn was in the history books, I spied an oncoming police vehicle. One of those “Oh fuuuuuudege,” I’m “nailed” moments. Instead of seeing blue lights, the officer cut me a break, he wagged a finger at me and continued on his way.



On to Plains, a very small town, flat fields of agriculture in all directions and a hardware store proudly proclaiming “Home of Jimmy Carter, 39th President.” A peanut bearing the likeness of Jimmy graced the western part of town. And, that was that.

My next stop was the Confederate Prison at Andersonville, GA, which is combined with the National Memorial to U.S. Prisoners of War. I viewed the “Deadline,” an interior line within the stockade where prisoners were summarily shot if they strayed into the area between the deadline and the exterior walls. The Camp Commander, Henry Wirz, was later executed for war crimes. Time to lighten the mood, time to head for Monticello, GA, in search of “Sack O’Suds” and “My Cousin Vinny.”

It’s true, the exterior shots of the courthouse in “My Cousin Vinny” were in fact of the courthouse in Monticello. Located across from the town square, the courthouse is like many such courthouses of a bygone era. I wanted to stop and poke around a bit, but parking was a chore, made so by angle parking on a fairly steep incline, for drainage, I suppose. I was never able to locate the convenience store, Sack O’Suds, which was a real store, apparently razed by a new owner.

From Monticello, I went due north, passing through a town officially known as “Social Circle,” Georgia. Name baffles me, but for sure, there must be a story behind it.

And so, I headed home, some strong winds buffeted me, kicked me around, but not one drop of rain fell on me, from Georgia to Vermont. And that ain’t bad.



Calendar of Events for 2021—all rides & events are subject to change

Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride schedule in bold (Co-Chapter rides non-bold) (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 (In blue)

Wilkins Harley-Davidson – Events (In red)

Champlain Valley Rides (In green) *nonmembers will need to complete a release form for rides

May 2021:

8th, Saturday: Ziggy's in Enfield, NH (Jeff, ride leader)/Central Vermont Chapter ride. Meet at Wilkins 9:15

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

15th, Saturday: destination lunch ride to Naked Turtle, Plattsburgh, NY (Ben, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

22nd, Saturday: Path of Life Sculpture Garden, Windsor, VT (Trina, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

28th – 31st, Friday - Monday: Memorial Day weekend overnight; pick your pleasure – stay Friday, Saturday, Sunday or just Saturday & Sunday (2-night minimum). Location is Roger's Campground & Motel, Lancaster, NH. See page 9/email for full details (Justen, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

30th, Sunday: Vermont Thunder ride (Dennis, ride leader)/Central Vermont Chapter ride . Meet at Wilkins at 9:15 a.m., KSU at 9:30 a.m.

June 2021:

2nd, Wednesday: We N.A.B. ("We Need a Break") ride, creemee destination after work ride (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride departing from somewhere in Essex

5th, Saturday: Hildene, the Lincoln Family Home ride (Jeff, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

6th, Sunday: destination lunch ride to Plymouth, NH (Joel, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

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

13th, Sunday: destination lunch ride to Latham House Tavern, Lyme, NH (Kim, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

16th, Wednesday: We N.A.B. ("We Need a Break") ride, creemee destination after work ride (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride departing from somewhere in Essex

19th, Saturday: BBQ ride, TBD (Greg, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride

19th, Saturday: Mohawk Trail (Allen, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

20th, Sunday: Mohawk Trail – rain date

26th, Saturday: Scavenger Hunt (Bobbi, ride leader)/Central Vermont Chapter ride

30th, Wednesday: We N.A.B. ("We Need a Break") ride, creemee destination after work ride (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride departing from somewhere in Essex

July 2021:

3rd – 4th, Saturday,-Sunday (or may be 4th – 5 th, **TBD depending on what night the fireworks are): Overnight fireworks ride to Portland, ME (Jeff, ride leader)/Central Vermont Chapter ride**

4th, Sunday: Come follow Ride Leader Dennis Aja down to the Vietnam Memorial and the beginning of the Vermont Thunder Ride. This will be a co-chapter ride, meeting at Wilkins by 9:15 a.m., with kick stands up at 9:30 a.m.

4th, Sunday: **Freedom and Unity Ride. Meet at Wilkins at 10 a.m., kickstands up at 10:30 a.m. 2-hour ride through small towns in Vermont. Complementary lunch provided by Wilkins.**

7th, Wednesday: **We N.A.B. (“We Need a Break”) ride, creemee destination after work ride (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride departing from somewhere in Essex**

10th, Saturday: White Cottage Snack Bar, Woodstock, VT (Trina, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride July 2021

11th, Sunday: lunch & maple creemee ride to April’s Maple, Canaan, VT (Kim, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

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

18th, Sunday: Ice Cream Sundae ride, TBD (Bobbi, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

21st, Wednesday: **We N.A.B. (“We Need a Break”) ride, creemee destination after work ride (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride departing from somewhere in Essex**

24th – 25th, Saturday - Sunday: 1-lap around Vermont, overnight ride (Jeff, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

31st, Saturday: **Summer Bash event at Wilkins-HD (Bobbi, organizer wizard)/Central Vermont Chapter**

August 2021:

1st, Sunday: destination lunch ride to Mike’s Tikki Bar, East Burke, VT (Ben, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

4th, Wednesday: **We N.A.B. (“We Need a Break”) ride, creemee destination after work ride (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride departing from somewhere in Essex**

7th, Saturday: Indian Lake, NY (Greg, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

8th, Sunday: **POKER Run ride, ends at Riley’s Fish Shack, St. Johnsbury, VT (Joel, Jeff, Mark and Trina will be the ride leaders of 4 different groups & routes)/Co-Chapter ride**

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

14th, Saturday: **Toy Run After Party—1 p.m. at Wilkins**

15th, Sunday: **(pending) Myron’s ride, Champlain, NY-ish (Ben, ride leader)/Central Vermont Chapter ride**

15th, Sunday: **ice cream ride to Gladstone Creamery, Fairlee, VT (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride**

18th, Wednesday: **We N.A.B. (“We Need a Break”) ride, creemee destination after work ride (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride departing from somewhere in Essex**

21st, Saturday: marathon ride to Quill Hill between Rangeley and Stratton, Maine (Bobbi, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

28th, Saturday: The Beach Plum Restaurant, Epping, NH (Justen, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

September 2021:

2nd – 5th, Thursday – Sunday: The Haunted Highway, 3-nights overnight (Allen, ride leader)/Central Vermont Chapter ride

11th, Saturday: 911 Memorial Ride, 20th Anniversary of 911 (Justen, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

12th, Sunday: lunch ride to Lumberjack Inn, Tupper Lake, NY (Ben, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

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

17th -19th, Friday – Sunday: 1 or 2 overnights at Bentley's Saloon & Campground, Arundel, ME (get yourselves there, ride on Saturday to??)/Co-Chapter ride

25th, Saturday: lunch ride to The East Side Restaurant, Newport, VT (Jeff, ride leader)/Central Vermont Chapter ride

26th, Sunday: lunch ride to Riley's Fish Shack, St. Johnsbury, VT (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride

October 2021:

2nd, Saturday: ride TBD (Justen, ride leader)/Central Vermont Chapter ride

3rd, Sunday: foliage ride TBD (Ben, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

9th, Saturday: ride to Simon Pearce factory outlet, Windsor, VT (Joel, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

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

November 2021:

9th, Tuesday: Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social—6:30 p.m. at Wilkins

FOR SALE:

Women's size medium heated Harley gloves.

Worn only once. \$150

If you are interested in them, call Sherri at 802-272-3161 or Scott at 802-272-3160.



*****MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND OVERNIGHT / CO-CHAPTER EVENT, Road Captain, Justen Elliott****MAY 28TH ---MAY 31ST, 2021**

Destination: Rodger's Campground & Motel Lancaster, NH. 603-788-4885.

(1) Pick your pleasure, stay Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or just Saturday & Sunday check out Monday. 2-day min. or just come for the day rides, more info to come on the day rides.

(2) Pick your lodging, they have 300+ campsites with full hook-ups most are 30 amp, with a few 50 amp. 100's of tent sites some with water/electric. They also have cabin rentals and a motel so something for everyone. Mention Central Vermont HOG and you will receive a 10% discount off the following rates.

W/E/S 30amp camper site \$48 per night 2 adults

Tent site W/E \$29 per night 2 Adults

Motel \$108.99 per night 2 Adults All rates based on two adults, add \$5 per night per person for additional guest.

Agenda= we'll make one as we go but here's a couple of ideas.

Friday night, campfire and cookout catch up what's what.

Saturday morning = Breakfast at the campground, Heading to Rangeley, Maine Stopping for gas in Rumford heading to Sarge's Pub & Grub for lunch. After lunch heading to Colebrook, NH via Errol, NH and Dixville Notch. Making a stop in Colebrook for ice cream at Grampy's from there RT 3 S. back to Rogers campground Lancaster. Seat time 5.5hrs plus 2.5hrs for stops. Return to campground for an evening of campfires, BBQ, storytelling and socializing.

Sunday = Breakfast ride to Eastern Depot Restaurant, After breakfast continue ride to arrive at Jarheads memorial site where seven motorcyclist were killed 2 years ago. Continue to Gorham, NH around Mt. Washington on RT 16 to Jackson, NH RT 16B up and down Black MT. back on RT 16. Stop at Circle K intersection 16&302 for a break. Pick up West side Rd. to RT113 S. & 113A back roads to Center Harbor, RT 25 to Laconia HD for a stop. RT104 to Winona RD to Ashland, NH. Int.93 N to Plymouth arrive at Market Basket Mall where we stop for lunch,(Mc Donald's, Market Basket, Common man take your pick) Back to 93North for 1 exit take RT175 to Lincoln, NH Int.93N. Franconia, Notch to Twin MT., Whitefield, back to Rogers Campground. Approx. 4hrs 45min. saddle time 200 miles. To make reservations call the number above & leave a message. Tell them what type of campsite or room you are looking for, number of nights.

Don't forget to mention Central Vermont HOG for your 10% discount. The office opens back up on April 1st, in the meanwhile they are checking messages and will get back to you.

Other Motel options in Lancaster, NH

Coos Motor Inn 603-788-3079. Cabot Inn & Suites 603-788-3346

The Lancaster Motel 603-788-4921.

Membership Renewal Time began January 1st, 2021.

You can renew online, in person at Wilkins, in person at a Chapter function, or by mail. The final page of this newsletter is a form for 2021. Membership fee is \$15 per year (\$20 if done online)

Please bring your completed form and payment to our first in-person Social, or mail it to:

HOG Chapter #5218, c/o Wilkins H-D,
663 So. Barre Rd
Barre, VT 05641

Forms will be collected regularly from Wilkins for processing.

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663 South Barre Road

Barre, VT 05641

802-476-6104

<http://www.wilkinsharley.com>E-mail: Info@wilkinsharley.comChapter Meetings: **Second Tuesday of Each Month (except December)**

Usually at Wilkins Harley Davidson, Inc.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m.



2021 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CENTRAL VERMONT CHAPTER 5218 Dues are \$15 for 2021

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 _____

LOCAL DUES PAID _____ (cash/check /online) DATE RECEIVED* _____

Circle one

*to be completed by membership officer or treasurer

(Dues not to exceed maximum amount prescribed in, "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters", as contained in the H.O.G. Chapter Handbook.)

RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHAPTER