



Vee-Twin Rumbblings

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



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Chapter Director—Jeff Demers

Greetings HOG Members,

“Dear Winter, I’m breaking up with you. I think it is time I start seeing other seasons.”

Town meeting day is fast approaching, then St. Patrick’s Day, and the first day of Spring! Following shortly thereafter, the salt and sand will wash off the roads, frost heaves will settle, pot holes will be filled, and mud season will end!

The Road Captain/Ride Leader meeting will be held on March 4 at Wilkins. We welcome all of those that would like to lead a ride, or have suggestions for rides. We would like to hear from you. What types of rides work best for you, short rides to a lunch destination, fun activity, or historical landmark, longer rides to see more of our region,

or overnight rides? If you are unable to attend, please let us know your ideas by sending an email to officers@centralvermonthog.com.

For those that would like to learn more about group riding, a **"Group Riding Workshop" will be held on Saturday, March 25 at 9:30 AM.** The workshop will be held just prior to the NATIONAL SPRING SEASON OPENER at Wilkins Harley-Davidson, which is the official kick-off for the 120th anniversary of Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Check out other events, activities, and posted rides a wilkinsharley.com -> Info -> Motorcycle Events, [Facebook.com/centralvermonthog](https://www.facebook.com/centralvermonthog), and www.centralvermonthog.com.

Do you know someone that is interested in getting their motorcycle endorsement? The chapter is sponsoring the **Joe Lonardo scholarship for the Riding Academy** at Wilkins again this year. Please stay tuned for details.

“Be yourself; no one is as good at is as you!”

Safe, smooth, and fun riding for all! Jeff



Head Road Captain—Joel DeLary

It's closer to spring now than it was a month ago although it may have felt like it was actually spring, right up until we got hit with the huge shot of sub-zero temps & wind. With spring inching closer that means a bit more excitement about getting back out on those two wheels and enjoying some warmer air in our faces. The success and enjoyment of our chapters riding season depends heavily on those who participate in the rides and more importantly the ride planning itself. With that being said I want to remind all our members of the Ride Planning meeting we have coming up Saturday morning at 10:00 on March 4th upstairs at Wilkins. We already have two chapter rides on the calendar,

both going into Canada with a one night stay in Maine for Memorial Day weekend after a day of go-carting then a two night stay in Quebec City for the middle of July. If you have a ride you would like to lead or suggestions for a ride then please let us know. Rides can be a variety of combinations from a simple ride to lunch where the ride would end, an all-day ride or even an overnight ride and if you just have a specific date or destination but don't have all the details then that's fine, just let us know and we will add it to the ride calendar. One more date to keep in mind for those who are interested is March 25th at 9:30 at Wilkins which will be a Group Riding workshop presented by Ben Drury & Adam Dantzcher, this is also the same day as the dealerships Riding Season Opener event.



On the Horizon



Wilkins Harley Davidson:
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WILKINS HARLEY DAVIDSON
SUGAR ON SNOW!
SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH | 11:00AM

Get out of the cold weather and come join us for the classic Vermont tradition of Sugar on Snow!

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The 2021 FLHCS at the reduced price of **\$18,999** (STOCK #030260)!

15% OFF ALL IN STOCK SLIP ONS!



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2023 BIKEWEEK
MARCH 3rd-12th

WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON
DAYTONA OPEN HOUSE & BIKE BUILD
SATURDAY, MARCH 11 | 9:30AM-2PM

Join us for a Bike Build and Open House! We will be installing a set of 14" handlebars onto a 2023 Street Glide!



The 2021 Pan America 1250 Special **AT THE REDUCED PRICE OF \$19,499!**

Need new handlebars? If you order, pay for your parts, and schedule your installation appointment at this event you will receive **\$200 OFF INSTALLATION!**

All In Stock Riding Shoes & Boots **25% OFF!**

WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON
SCREW WINTER LUAU & PIG ROAST!
SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH | 10AM-1PM



2018 Softail Deluxe at a Reduced Price of **\$15,999** (Stock# 060754)!

COME WELCOME IN SPRING WITH US AND ENJOY A PIG ROAST AT NOON UNTIL GONE!
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All Men's & Women's Riding Gloves **25% Off!**

WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON
RIDING SEASON OPENER!
 SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH | 11AM-1PM

COME ENJOY HOT DOGS, BURGERS, AND LEMONADE!
 LET US HELP YOU GET READY FOR THE RIDING SEASON!

RIDING JACKET TRADE IN DAY
 bring in your old leather jacket and receive \$100 off of your new Men's or Women's leather riding jacket! Old jackets will be donated!

FREE INSTALL ON ALL HIGHWAY PEGS/MOUNTS PURCHASED!

We'll Also Have Popcorn and a Projector with Motorcycle Films Rolling Throughout the Day!

Ben Drury and Adam Dantzischer will be holding a Group Riding Workshop from 9:30 to 10:30! Ask all those questions you have about group riding!




WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON
LADIES ONLY GARAGE PARTY
 SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH | 3PM - 5PM

FOR LADIES WITH ZERO TO ONE YEAR RIDING EXPERIENCE

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND SIGN UP BY MARCH 24TH!

Learn the basics of the bikes, how you can customize them to fit you, and meet some other women with an interest in riding. We'll teach you how to pick up a fallen motorcycle properly and you'll have a chance to get the REAL feel of riding on our Dyno Machine!




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>

Advertise in our monthly newsletters!

Business card-sized ads will appear in 11 issues of our newsletter for just \$46.

Contracts for 2023 will cover issues March through December in 2023 plus the January issue in 2024.

For forms, please send an email to: editor@centralvermonthog.com

Sample advertisements (~20% of actual size):



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February 14th Social: Photos and Minutes

Director Jeff Demers called the February Social to order at 6:30 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the first social of the year and we pledged allegiance to the flag.

There were pizzas (provided by the Chapter) waiting to be consumed so we started off with a break so everyone could have some! Valentine-themed desserts provided by members were enjoyed as well.

We reconvened and **Head Road Captain Joel DeLary** shared that the **first meeting for road captains will be March 4th** at Wilkins. People are encouraged to attend. Joel has been in communication with a HOG member of a Pennsylvania Chapter who plans to lead a group of riders to the area in mid-September and would like to join up with Central Vermont HOG Chapter members for a ride and a meal together. More information will be shared as plans get made.

Justen Elliott shared that he has been planning two Chapter overnight rides: **Memorial Day weekend** (May 27-28) to Canada for GoKart Racing and a visit to Sherbrooke Harley-Davidson, with an overnight at Spillover Motel in Maine; and a two-overnights ride to **Quebec City July 14-16 (Friday-Sunday)** staying at Hotel Le Dauphin. (Details in the events

Wilkins Harley-Davidson salesman **Luke Just** provided a dealership update: February 11th Mardi Gras celebration with special sales items; March 4th Sugar on snow event.

Director Jeff Demers urged members to take part in the National HOG Ride 365 program. Have your odometer reading recorded at Wilkins at the beginning and end of your riding season. Your lifetime mileage will be recorded by National HOG. There are rewards available from National HOG. Check for details on the National HOG website.

The **Joe Lonardo Riding Academy Scholarship** is available for an aspiring biker who wants to get their motorcycle endorsement and understands the importance of having a firm foundation of excellent riding skills.

The **2023 Laconia Bike Week** will be the 100th anniversary of the event. John Lyon would like to have a group ride from Wilkins to Weirs Beach with an experienced leader from the Chapter (this will not be a Chapter or Wilkins sponsored ride in legal terms). Wilkins has offered to buy lunch for the riders at a restaurant along the route.

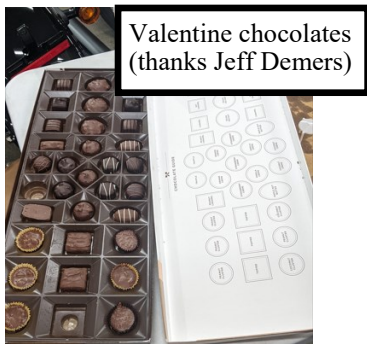
Secretary/Membership Officer/Newsletter Editor Linda Lamell mentioned that Chapter shirts can be ordered from Norscot, the company National HOG sanctions for marketing HOG-related products. There are several colors available in men's and women's shirts, with a required minimum order of 24 per color/style. She also presented the return to having advertising in our monthly Chapter newsletters. The cost is \$50 for inclusion in 12 issues—February 2023 to January 2024.

Forms are available at Wilkins in the lounge area. The Vermont Foodbank has not resumed the 'Sort-a-thons' the Chapter used to volunteer for. Individuals can volunteer from 9-12 on weekdays. Scheduling is done online at the Foodbank's site.

A new way of selecting the winner of one door prize at each social will be drawing one name from a container of slips of paper bearing every member's name. If the person is present, they win the \$10. If the person is not present, the money gets held over and will be added to the \$10 for the next social. Steven Hidenfelter's name was drawn and he was present. We had a winner! Other door prizes were presented by a drawing of tickets for people in attendance. Justen Elliott won the 50/50.



Pizza!



Valentine chocolates (thanks Jeff Demers)



Fabulous confections from Kim Hidenfelter!





Justen Elliott presenting information on his two overnight rides



Dealership update from Luke Just





Ticket sales for the 50/50 raffle



One of the door prizes—
congratulations Joel DeLary

A little Harley-Davidson History: Military models

Harley-Davidson manufactured more than 90,000 motorcycles for use by the U.S. military and its Allies during WWII, 1942 to 1952.



The **Harley-Davidson WLA** is a Harley-Davidson motorcycle that was produced to U.S. Army specifications in the years during and around World War II. It was based on an existing civilian model, the WL, and was of the 45 solo type, so called due to its 45-cubic-inch (740 cm³) engine displacement and single-rider design. It acquired the nickname “Liberator”. The Canadian Army had slightly different specifications for H-D motorcycles produced for them: some heavier components (usually Big Twin parts) and Canadian blackout lighting.

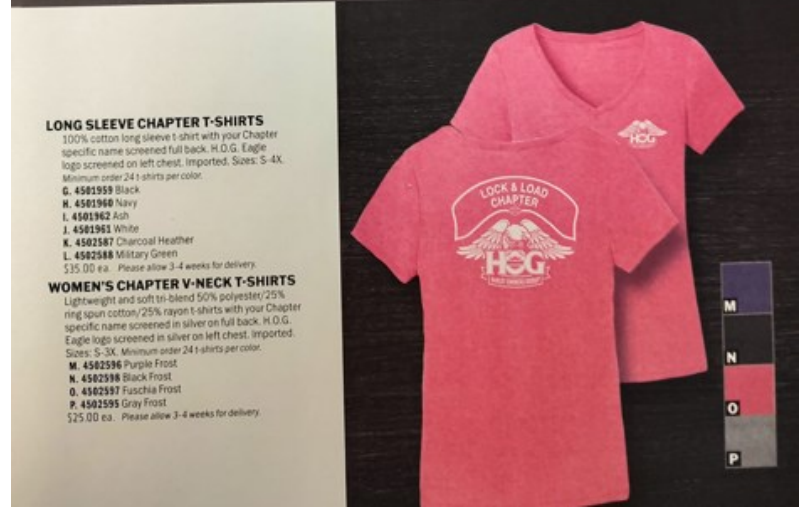
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H.O.G Chapter shirts—minimum order 24 shirts per style/color

The Chapter can order Central Vermont H.O.G. shirts on behalf of members. The company (Norscot) requires a minimum order of 24 shirts per style/color selected. We should probably settle on one color for the men’s t-shirt style (\$28 each) and one color for the women’s vee neck t-shirt style (\$25 each) in order to meet the minimum order requirement. There is a long-sleeve style shirt as well (\$35 each). We can discuss this at the March Social on the 14th.

Here are the style/color options:



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)

March

Saturday the 4th Central Vermont HOG Chapter - Road Captains' planning meeting at Wilkins beginning at 10 a.m. Come and be part of getting prepared for another fabulous riding season, even if you have never led a ride before! If you have ideas for rides, come and share them.

Saturday the 4th: Sugar on Snow at Wilkins beginning at 11 a.m. Great sales available too

Saturday the 11th: Daytona Open House & Bike Build at Wilkins 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday the 14th Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins. Wear lots of green! Be prepared to collaborate with others and plan a potential Chapter ride.

Saturday the 18th: Screw Winter Luau & Pig Roast at Wilkins 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wear a Hawaiian outfit and get a free gift! Great sales available all day.

Saturday the 25th: Group Riding Workshop presented by Ben Drury and Adam Dantzscher. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Saturday the 25th: Wilkins Riding Season Opener! 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hot dogs, burger, and lemonade.

Saturday the 25th: Special event 3-5 p.m. —Wilkins "Ladies Only Garage Party" for ladies with zero to one year riding experience. Sign up by the 24th please.

April

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

May

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

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)

June

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

July

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.

August

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

September

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

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

Central Vermont Harley Owners Group

Sponsoring Dealership: **Wilkins Harley-Davidson, Inc.**

663 South Barre Road

Barre, VT 05641

802-476-6104

<http://www.wilkinsharley.com>

E-mail: Info@wilkinsharley.com

Chapter Meetings:

Second Tuesday of Each Month (except December)

Usually at Wilkins Harley Davidson, Inc.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Central Vermont HOG Chapter Officers for 2023



Director—
Jeff Demers



Assistant Director—
Scott Campbell



Treasurer—
Don Whiton



Secretary, Membership Co-Officer,
Newsletter Editor—
Linda Lamell



Head Road Captain—
Joel DeLary



Activities Director—
Randy Lamell



Safety Officer—
Justen Elliott



Ladies of Harley Officer and
Membership Co-Officer –
Lauren Demers



Chapter Photographer-
MiYong Elliott



Webmaster-
Richard Pitonyak

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 _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO: **WILKINS H-D Dealership—HOG Chapter**
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Barre, VT 05641