



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Upcoming Wilkins Events
Featured Chapter Member
Chapter Ride Schedule

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Vee-Twin Rumblings

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

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Chapter Director's Report —Justen Elliott

Greetings central Vermont HOG.

Just a very few things this month. As a reminder for 2026 National HOG introduced 'Chrome Status' for Chapters like ours. The goal is to reach certain requirements throughout the year; how can you help?

Get your mileage recorded at least twice this year! 50% of our members must get two readings. Submit an action plan to HOG (done), Agree to process of approaching new H-D owners (done), run four or more events for new owners 75% complete, have 10 or more members attend a national H.O.G. rally event= did that at The Iron Adventure Rally. Great segue into the next topic. Once again CONGRATULATIONS !!! to all the members who attended the 2026 Iron Adventure Rally at Okemo. For the second year in a row Central Vermont HOG came home with the Chapter Challenge Award. This was only accomplished through a team effort, thanks to all who participated in this win. (Next year Sunday River Newry Maine July 8th ---10th)



I hope everyone is checking out our Chapter Facebook page and our website, not to mention this newsletter for upcoming rides and events. Our next monthly meeting will be August 11th at 6:00PM at Wilkins, the plan is to have a ice-cream social along with our regular business. On a side note, several of us will be leaving for a 10 day trip to Prince Edward Island & Nova Scotia. I hope to share some pictures and stories with you all at the next meeting.

Until then,
Saddle Up Let's Ride
-Justen



Wilkins Harley-Davidson Upcoming Events

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Chapter Assistant Director's Message

As we all have a lot going on in our lives, I found this little note and wanted to pass along. I wanted to post for all to read, but also as a reminder to myself.

I look forward to keeping the balance in my life and going on many more rides with you all this year!

Keeping Your Life Balanced

Life doesn't slow down, and neither do we. Between work, family, responsibilities, and the call of the open road, it's easy for our days to lean too far in one direction. Any rider knows what happens when a bike gets out of balance—you feel every bump, every wobble, every strain. The same goes for life.

Balance isn't about doing less. It's about making room for what fuels you. Take time for the ride that clears your mind, the people who steady you, and the quiet moments that reset your focus. When we stay centered—physically, mentally, and emotionally—we handle challenges better and enjoy the journey more.

The miles feel smoother. The days feel lighter. And the road ahead looks wide open.

Happy HOG-iversary!

Let's celebrate National H.O.G. membership milestones for this month!

	YEARS
Tom Moore	16
John Laplante	12
Stephen Hildenfelter	5
Devin Lacasse	3





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AGENDA 8/11/2026
Meet at (WHD) 6:00 PM

- 1. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Approve the Minutes of the July meeting**
- 3. 50/50 & door prizes (Participation list)**
- 4. SIGN THE CHECK-IN SHEET**
- 5. 3. Dealership comments**
- 6. 4. Officer reports**
- 7. 5. ICE-CREAM SOCIAL**
- 8. 6. 50/50 Door Prizes**
- 9. 7. Adjourn meeting**
- 10.8. safe travel's home**

Next meeting September 8th, 2026, 6:00 PM at WHD

The plan will be Biker-games / Corn boil / and the Chapter

Will be serving sandwiches. Feel free to bring a side dish.



Central Vermont H.O.G. Chapter # 5218
CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2026

OPENING: The regular monthly meeting of the Central Vermont Chapter of the H.O.G. was called to order at 6:00pm on Tuesday July 21, 2026 at Wilkins Harley Davidson.

Officers:

Director:	Justen Elliott
Assistant Director:	Michael Greig
Treasurer:	Don Whiton
Secretary:	Kim Hidenfelter
Membership:	Kim Hidenfelter
Ladies of Harley:	Trina Delary
Head Road Captain:	Jeff Demers
Safety Officer:	Devin Lacasse
Activities Director:	Vicky Lacasse
Historian:	Joel Delary
Photographer:	Open
HOG Web Master:	Richard Pitonyak
Social Media Specialist:	Brion Muzzy
Group Members	

Absent: Joel Delary, Trina Delary, Vicky Lacasse

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by the group and led by Ben Drury.. As always, THANK YOU to our military members for your service.

Happy Birthday: Happy Birthday to all July birthdays.

PRIZES

This month's attendance/participation prize goes to Don Whiton Congratulations !
Don was finally chosen after Joel and Trina were pulled but they weren't in attendance.

Door Prizes are given to the following:

1. Steve L. 2. Glenn T. 3. Ben D. 4. Louis B. 5. Steve H.

Won by Chris Lacasse.
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS !!!

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Justen Elliott

Thanks to all for coming out tonight. Devin's ride to Woodstock Inn, in NH is this Sunday, July 26, 2026. Meeting at 9:30 in the Hannaford Parking Lot and KSU at 10:00am. Lunch at the Woodstock Inn and then onto Moose Scoops for ice cream. The ride will proceed to The Hungry Bear in Bradford, VT and this is where the ride will end.

The Annual Wilkin's Bike Show is this Saturday, July 25 2025. Registration begins at 9:30am and the show will run until 2:00pm. Volunteers are needed for parking. HOG is setting up an info table with 50/50 Raffle. Mi Yong and Diane will help to sell tickets. Kim will help out with ballot counting.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Mike Greig

This meeting was led by Mike Greig upon request of Justen Elliott, Director.

Last month's meeting minutes were accepted and are now official.

Has everyone in attendance signed the meeting attendance sheet? Come on up and do so please.

Did everyone who wants to purchase 50/50 tickets get them?

BREAK FOR FOOD

RETURN FROM BREAK

As most of you know, last week was the Iron Adventure Rally at Okemo Mtn. in Ludlow, VT.

AGAIN we whooped ASS in the points category. Our plaque will hang next to last year's plaque at Wilkin's. This award belongs to the entire chapter. In addition to the plaque, the chapter received a \$100 cash reward. If all are in agreement, this will be donated to CHAD (Children's Hospital at Dartmouth). All were in agreement. A HUGE THANKS is extended to all who volunteered and participated to gain this win. I believe the most fun of the entire rally was socializing with each other at the end of the rally.

There are just 10 rides left on the ride schedule for this riding season, not including the Acadia overnight over the Labor Day weekend. More on that further down.

On July 30, 2026 Bike Night at Buster's in Plattsburg.

August 15 2026 The Last Mile Ride (80 miles) KSU at 10:00am to benefit and raise funds for end of life.

September 5 -7, 2026. Acadia National Park, if you haven't already done so make your lodging accommodations and purchase your park and Summit Road passes. Choose the 11:30am - 12:00pm time slot. These passes have to be purchased prior to the ride and can be printed and saved to your phone. Remember, if there is spotty cell service you may not be able to access it on your phone. A printed copy is recommended as back up.

Is there any interest in an early morning breakfast ride? KSU around 6:00am, grab breakfast and an early morning short ride?

Laconia is attempting to put together a Full Throttle weekend, a mini Laconia. More details to come when available.

HOGAVERSARIES

Tom Moore - 16 years

Steve Hidenfelter - 5 years

Devin Lacasse - 3 years

TREASURER: Don Whiton

Approximately \$1400 in the chapter bank account. \$51 in 50/50 proceeds will also be added. There is an article out there that tells you how to stay cool while riding in HOT weather. This will be shared as many may benefit from it.

SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP: Kim Hidenfelter

See me with any membership questions. 2026 Calendars (\$5) and Patches for sale, see any officer. THANKS to all who brought a shareable for our pot luck tonight.

DEALERSHIP UPDATE: Sierra

All come out for the Wilkin's Annual Bike Show this Saturday. Volunteers are still needed in a few categories.
Thanks for joining us tonight Sierra.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:00pm - Wilkin's HD.

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned and members dispersed at 6:47pm.

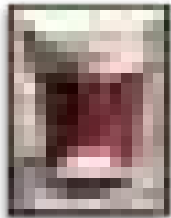
Minutes submitted by: Kim Hidenfelter, Secretary



Ladies of Harley
are selling

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This jam is made from raspberries grown at Lauren's Dad's home in Barre.



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Thanks for all you do for the HOG CHAPTER



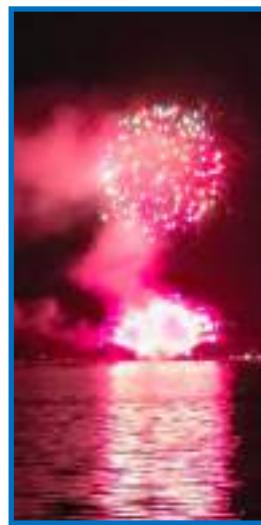
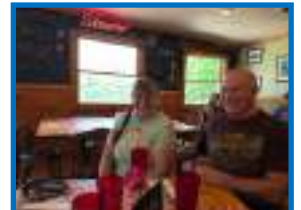
Director's Mystery Ride!!!



Director's Mystery Ride!!! continued



Finger Lakes 2026



New Harley Owner Ride



Iron Adventure Rally



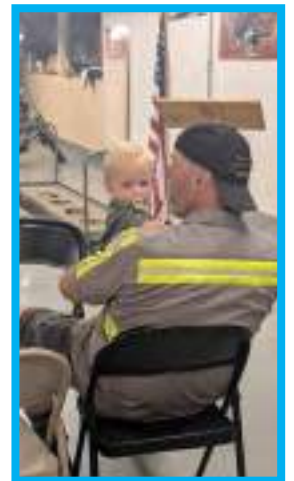
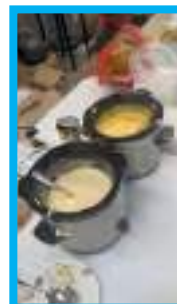
Iron Adventure Rally



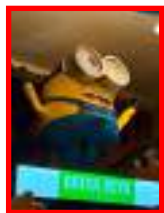
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July Social



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Central Vermont HOG Chapter Code of Conduct (rev. 3/23/2024)

Central Vermont H.O.G. is a family-oriented, non-political, non-religious, non-racial organization. Riding motorcycles while helping each others enjoy *their* riding passion is at our core. Accordingly, we take a very common-sense approach to our members' expected behavior while at a Central Vermont H.O.G. ride, meeting, or event.

1. Treat all other members with respect through a cordial and friendly attitude.
2. Conduct that creates, promotes, or maintains disharmony in the Chapter will not be tolerated.
3. Foul, demeaning or offensive language or behavior at any Central Vermont H.O.G. rides, events or meetings, including at our sponsoring dealership, will not be tolerated.
4. Any form of discrimination or harassment, including but not limited to sexual, racial, or religious, whether direct or indirect, will not be tolerated.
5. Members shall not make critical or disparaging comments about this Chapter or other Chapters, its officers, another member, Wilkins Harley-Davidson or its employees, or the Harley-Davidson motor company in public or on social media.
6. Aggressive behavior towards others, including verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated.

Breaches of the Code of Conduct

*Personal disputes/disagreements between members, the dealership, or its employees should be resolved respectfully and discretely.

*The Chapter director, other officer, or ride leader can speak with the offenders privately, or act as a mediator with the affected and offending parties.

*Members found to be in violation of any of the above JUNE face potential probation, suspension, or removal from the Chapter.

*The Sponsoring Dealer or H.O.G. Manager JUNE terminate a person's membership in the Chapter if the Sponsoring Dealer, at their sole discretion, determines that a member's conduct is undesirable or contrary to the Sponsoring Dealer's standards or vision.

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Monthly Socials take place on the Second Tuesday of each month (except December) beginning at 6 p.m. (changed from the old schedule of 6:30 p.m.) If you aren't able to get there at 6, please come anyway!! (Better late than never!) Most, but not all, meetings will take place at Wilkins. Alternate meeting places will be announced well in advance.

Calendar of Events for 2026—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)

Other Events (not Wilkins or Central Vermont Chapter sponsored)

APRIL

~~Saturday, April 4. Wilkins Adult Easter Egg Hunt. Starts at 9 a.m.~~

~~Tuesday, April 14. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social at Wilkins beginning at 6 p.m.~~

~~Saturday April 18. Wilkins Gear Up to Ride Event 11 a.m to 1 p.m.~~

~~Tuesday, April 25. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Yard Sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.(watch for details)~~

JUNE

~~Saturday, JUNE 2. Wilkins Dos de JUNEo Nacho Party~~

~~Sunday, JUNE 3. Tri-Chapter Cookout (JUNE 17th Raindate)~~

~~Sunday, JUNE 10. Chapter Ride to Smokin' Good BBQ. Bethel, ME. Leader: Justen Elliott~~

~~Tuesday, JUNE 12. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social at Wilkins beginning at 6 p.m.~~

~~Saturday, JUNE 16. Wilkins Hot Rods and Cool Bikes~~

~~Sunday, JUNE 17. 18th Annual Bikers for Beth Poker Run Fundraiser. Starts at Gustos~~

~~Sunday, JUNE 17. Chapter Ride to The Beach Plum, Portsmouth NH. Leader: Justen Elliott~~

~~Saturday-Sunday, JUNE 23-24. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Memorial Day weekend Overnight Ride~~

~~Wednesday to Saturday, JUNE 27-30. Americade Rally. Lake George, NY~~

JUNE

~~Thursday, June 4. Wilkins Bike Night at Mulligans. 6-8 p.m.~~

~~Saturday, June 6. Wilkins Dog Pawty~~

~~Saturday, June 6. Moose Foundation Memorial Ride. Starts at 9 a.m. Join the Annual Moose Foundation Ride. This one is special as it will be a memorial ride for Bruce Brown. The ride will start at Truth Performance and finish at Cyclewise.~~

~~Sunday, June 7. Chapter Ride to Singleton's Gen. Store, Proctorsville VT. Leader: Jeff Demers~~

~~Tuesday, June 9. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social at Wilkins beginning at 6 p.m.~~

~~Wednesday, June 10. Chapter Ride to The Naked Turtle, Plattsburg, NY. Leader: Scott Campbell~~

~~Friday, June 12. Wilkins Community Appreciation 90s Night beginning at 6 p.m.~~

~~Saturday to Sunday, June 13-21. 103rd Annual Laconia Motorcycle Week, centered around Weirs Beach.~~

~~Wednesday, June 17. *Rain date for Chapter Ride to The Naked Turtle, Plattsburg, NY. Leader: Scott Campbell~~

~~Thursday, June 18. Wilkins Bike Night at Switchback Brewery. 6-8 p.m.~~

~~Sunday, June 21. Chapter Ride to The East Side Diner, Newport VT. Leader: Scott Campbell~~

~~Saturday, June 27. Wilkins 2nd Annual Downtown Barre Wing Walk~~

~~Sunday, June 28. Chapter Ride to Mount Equinox, Arlington VT. Leader: Scott Campbell~~

JULY

~~Thursday to Sunday, July 2-5. Chapter overnight ride to The Finger Lakes, Geneva NY Leader: Jeff Demers~~

~~Saturday, July 4 Wilkins Dog Pawty~~

~~Sunday, July 12. Chapter ride to White's Cottage, Woodstock VT. Leader: Trina DeLary~~

~~Tuesday, July 14. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social at Wilkins beginning at 6 p.m.~~

~~Thursday-Sunday, July 16-19. Iron Adventure Rally at Okemo~~

~~Thursday, July 16. Wilkins Bike Night at Picasso 6-8 p.m.~~

~~Saturday, July 18. Wilkins Wild Wild West Party BBQ at noon. Come dressed in your best Western wear.~~

~~Saturday, July 25. Wilkins Annual Bike Show~~

~~Sunday, July 26. Chapter ride to Woodstock Inn, Woodstock NH. Leader: Devin Lacasse~~

~~Thursday, July 30. Wilkins Bike Night at Buster's Sports Bar and Grill~~

AUGUST

~~Saturday, August 1 Bikers Against Child Abuse International Ride Starts from Wilkins at 11 a.m. lunch provided after the ride~~

~~Sunday, August 2. Chapter ride to Sunday River Brewing. Leader: Steve Hidenfelter~~

~~Thursday, August 6. Wilkins Bike Night at Langdon St. Tavern 6-8 p.m.~~

~~Saturday, August 8. United Motorcyclists of Vermont Annual Toy Run to Support Shriner's Hospitals for Children~~

~~Sunday, August 9. Chapter ride to Iron Tails Saloon, Acton, ME. Leader: Jeff Demers~~

~~Tuesday, August 11. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social at Wilkins beginning at 6 p.m.~~

~~Sunday, August 16. Boxer Ride, Patricks Irish Pub, Gilford NH VT. Leader: Justen Elliott~~

~~Thursday, August 20. Wilkins Bike Night at Salt Hill Pub 6-8 p.m.~~

~~Saturday, August 22. Chapter ride to Castle in the Clouds, Moultonborough NH. Leader: Jeff Demers~~

~~Sunday, August 23. Chapter ride to Star Trek Museum, Ticonderoga, NY. Leader: Brion Muzzy~~

~~Saturday, August 29. Chapter ride to Hart's Turkey Farm, Laconia NH. Leader: Mike Greig~~

~~Sunday, August 30. Chapter ride to King Arthur Bakery/Café, Norwich VT. Leader: Steve Hidenfelter~~

SEPTEMBER

~~Thursday, September 3. Wilkins Bike Night at The Old Post, So. Burlington 6-8 p.m.~~

~~Tuesday, September 8. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social at Wilkins beginning at 6 p.m.~~

~~Sunday, September 13. Chapter ride to The East Side Diner, Newport VT. Leader: Chris Lacasse~~

~~Thursday, September 17. Wilkins Bike Night at Lost Nation Brewing Company 6-8 p.m.~~

Sunday, September 20. Chapter Poker Run to the Hungry Bear, Bradford, VT. Leaders: Justen Elliott/Jeff Demers/Brion Muzzy/Trina DeLary

Saturday, September 26. Wilkins Cookie Challenge

Sunday, September 27. Chapter ride to April's Maple, Canaan VT. Leader: Steve Hidenfelter

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 10. Wilkins Biketoberfest 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, October 14. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social at Wilkins beginning at 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 31. Wilkins Harleyween Party

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 10. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social at Wilkins beginning at 6 p.m.

DECEMBER

TBD. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Holiday Party