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

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Upcoming Wilkins Events
Featured Chapter Member
Chapter Ride Schedule

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Chapter Director's Report —Justen Elliott

June has come and is almost gone, what a busy month. We've had several chapter rides, cooked hotdogs and raised money for Wilkins Dog-Pawty event, Laconia Bike Week, fed lunch to the rider academy, not to mention the *Blast* we had at our June 13th chapter meeting it was an explosive event!....what happens at the fire pit stays at the fire pit.



Friday the 26th the Chapter will be serving lunch to the Wilkins Staff, the 28th is my Directory's mystery ride, July 4th weekend overnight to the Finger Lakes (please contact Jeff) if you plan on going. July 11th new owners ride, and of course The Iron Adventure Rally at Okemo 7/16/26---7/18/26.

Our next Chapter meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 14th 6:00pm at Wilkins HD. The Agenda is to grill hotdogs, feel free to bring something to share and play some biker games, this is weather contingent. We will also talk about the Chapter challenge for The Iron Adventure and strategize on how to earn points.

Saddle Up Let's Ride



Wilkins Harley-Davidson Upcoming Events

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2nd Annual Downtown Barre Wing Walk!

SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH

Adam Sandoval's GREAT AMERICAN CONVOY

Meet Adam Sandoval!
And show your support of our Nation's heroes

Tuesday, June 30th 3pm-5pm

WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON STARS AND STRIPES RIDE!

Saturday, July 4th

BIKE NIGHT AT PIECASSO!

Thursday, July 16th 6pm-8pm

OFFICIAL HARLEY-DAVIDSON DEMO TRUCK

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THURSDAY - SATURDAY
JULY 16-18

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SATURDAY, JULY 25TH

FOOD TRUCKS & GUSTO'S BEER TENT
CREAMWAYS & HENDON ALLEY

LIVE MUSIC BY COBALT TOLBER
DYNO SHOOT OUT & RIKINI RIFE WAS



Chapter Assistant Director's Message

It seems we are in the dreaded cycle of rain on weekends again this year. For those still trying to get out and ride even in some wet conditions, I pulled this article up from a simple Google® search. Most may know this information, but a reminder isn't a bad idea, even for the experienced rider!

Safely riding in the rain requires smooth inputs, reduced speed, and heightened awareness. The golden rule is to relax your grip, drop your pace, and increase following distances. Because roads are slickest when it first starts raining, wait 20 minutes if possible for traffic to wash away the oil.

Master wet weather riding with these core defensive techniques:

1. The Right Technique

Be Ultra-Smooth: Avoid jerky or sudden movements. Gradually roll on and off the throttle, and apply your brakes gently to maintain traction.

Reduce Lean Angle: Keep your motorcycle as upright as possible, especially in corners, by lowering your speed and taking wider lines.

Mind Your Lane Position: Ride in the tire tracks of the vehicles ahead, as they push standing water away. However, avoid the dead center of the lane where cars drop oil and grease.

Give Yourself Space: Double your usual following distance to ensure you have plenty of time to stop.

2. Spot and Avoid Hazards

Slippery Surfaces: Treat painted lines, manhole covers, wet leaves, and tar snakes (crack sealant) like black ice. If you have to ride over them, do so in a straight line with no acceleration or braking.

Standing Water: Avoid large puddles as they can hide deep potholes or cause hydroplaning. If you must cross one, do it at a slow, constant speed.

Metallic and Wooden Surfaces: Bridge grates and wooden bridges are incredibly slick when wet; cross them perpendicular to the edge if possible, staying relaxed and steady.

3. Visibility and Gear

Clear Your Visor: Fog and water droplets are major safety hazards. Use a **Pinlock visor insert** to prevent fogging. If water beads on your face shield, turn your head slightly to the left and right—the wind will blow the droplets clear.

Happy HOG-iversary!

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



		Years
Couture	Richard	25
Guillette	Peter	24
Lemire	Martin	18
White	Douglas	13
Barrett	Joseph	13
Wolfe	William	10
Campbell	Scott	10
Boutin	Armand	10
FRIGON	HANNAH	4
Hutchinso	Patricia	1
TOUCHET	HENRY	1
ALLAN	NATHAN	1
Sumner	Jennifer	1
MORGAN	JAMES	1

**Featured Member
Don Whiton**

After being born and raised in Peterborough NH, I moved to Vermont in 1978 to take a job as a Motor Coach Operator with Vermont Transit. It was during this time, and because of this job, that I met my wife.

After several years my wanderlust got the better of me and I decided to become a truck driver. This enabled me to see the country and get paid for it! I'm only missing one state in the lower 48, "South Dakota", isn't that where Sturgis is? Go figure. I've hauled a pretty wide variety of commodities all over the country, including Ben & Jerry's ice cream, electronics, textiles, produce, cream, coffee, plants, plastics, gasoline, fuel oil, as well as general freight, commonly referred to as LfL. There might be a few other things I've forgotten! My driving career spans almost 41 years, and just under 4 million miles" That also includes a period of time when I was Self-employed as a distributor for Mac Tools.

After losing my wife to cancer, I bought my first Harley in 2008, an Electra Glide Classic. This was followed by a 2015 Street Glide. Having dealt with years of various back issues, which led to strength and mobility issues, I had to give up two wheels and now I'm on a '24 Tri Glide.

My other passion is trap shooting, which is a clay target sport using shotguns. Many people confuse this with skeet. The two games use the same target but have different field layer. Its. I became interested in the early 1990s, as my brother had been active for 3 or 4 years at that time. I've been fortunate enough to be able to shoot at many venues throughout the Northeast, and across the country. My home club is the Montpelier Gun Club, which has been in existence since 1895. I became Treasurer in the early 2000s, and continue to this day. I also serve as Treasurer for the Vermont Trapshooting Association (VTA), as Cashier during our registered shooting tournaments, and editor for the State Shoot program" I'm also the Alternate Vermont Delegate to the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA). The Montpelier Gun Club is the host club for the Vermont State Trapshooting Championships every year, usually held over Father's Day weekend.



Thanks for sharing Don!

Who will be our featured member(s) next month?



Central Vermont H.O.G. Chapter # 5218

AGENDA 7/14/2026

Meet at (WHD) 6:00 PM

1. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve the Minutes of the June meeting
3. 50/50 & door prizes (Participation list)
4. SIGN THE CHECK-IN SHEET
5. Dealership comments
6. Officer reports
7. Have some hotdogs & Biker Games
8. 50/50 Door Prizes
9. Adjourn meeting
10. Safe travel's home

WEATHER PERMITTING THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE

If the weather doesn't cooperate, meeting will be inside.

Next meeting August 11th 2026, 6:00 PM at WHD

Ladies of Harley
are selling
RazBarre Jam



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



It is delicious!!
Get some at the next Chapter social.

This size jar (8 oz.) is \$6.
And a smaller size (4 oz.) is \$4.

Proceeds go to the Chapter.



Central Vermont H.O.G. Chapter # 5218

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, June 13, 2026

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

Officers:

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

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

Happy Birthday: Happy Birthday to all June birthdays.

PRIZES

This month's attendance/participation prize goes to Scott Campbell.

Door Prizes are given to the following: 1. Ronnie 2. Scott 3. Jen 4. Trina 5. Mike

50/50 prize goes to Diane Boutin

CONGRATULATIONS !

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**Saturday, June 13, 2026****(Continued)****DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Justen Elliott**

Thanks to all who came out tonight, it's great weather.

May meeting minutes are accepted and in the books/2nd'd by Joel.

HOG officers provided lunch for the Riding Academy class yesterday. The purpose was to introduce HOG to new riders and meet a CHROME status requirement.

Laconia bike week starts this week. On Wednesday, June 17th, there is a group riding from Laconia to Wilkins. I am leading them back to the race track. Help is appreciated, be at Wilkins at 1:00pm if you want to ride.

Director's ride to Cajun Snack Shack on Sunday, June 14th.

TREASURER: Don Whiton

\$1570 in the checking account.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 6:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Mike Greig, Thanks Mike for standing in my absence, Kim.

Break for dogs, burgers, pasta, fruit dessert and LOTS OF FUN !

Dog Pawty with Passion 4 Paws**Central VT HOG raising money and donating to Passion 4 Paws**

Other members helped too, I just wasn't quick enough to get their pictures...next time!

RIDE TO SINGLETON'S

A little rain doesn't bother these guys!!!



JUNE SOCIAL



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WILKINS RIDING ACADEMY & Central Vermont HOG



Central Vermont HOG met with Wilkins Riding Academy

We talked about what H.O.G. is all about and then fed them some good lunch.
Thanks to all that were able to support this.

It was a beautiful day to be outside and meet some new riders!!!!



Cajun Snack Shack and Aprils Maples!



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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 302 West Restaurant, Fryeburg ME. 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 Mount Greylock, Berkshire MA. Leader: Jeff Demers

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

Saturday, August 15. Chapter ride to Castle in the Clouds, Moultonborough NH. Leader: Jeff Demers

Sunday, August 16. Chapter ride to Bennington Monument, Bennington VT. Leader: Jim Sumner

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

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