



Vee-Twin Rumbblings

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



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Photos of the March Social
Upcoming Events

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Chapter Director's Report —Justen Elliott



Greetings Central Vermont HOG,

What a beautiful stretch of warm weather we have had but, today March 21, 2025 we have snow again. I think Mother-Nature and that rat in Pennsylvania are up to no good.

Like me some of you have probably already seen bikes out on the roads, maybe some of you have already taken your first ride of the season. I wish everyone an early start to the riding season; I only ask that you use common sense and take extra precautions. There is still a lot of salt, sand, frost heaves, not to mention cars are not used to seeing motorcycles on the roads. For some of us it's been four ---six months since we last rode our bikes, it's going to take a little time to wear the rust off our riding skills. **PLEASE BE SAFE.** The last thing I wish for anyone is to have their riding season to end at the beginning .

We had a good turn out for our March meeting at Gusto's, 24 members, three who are new to the chapter and 1 guest. Ronnie won the \$25 participation gift card. Thanks to Gusto's for being an advertising sponsor for the Chapter.

Next month's meeting will be 6:00 pm April 8th, 2025 at Wilkins. This will be a good meeting to attend, if you plan on group riding with the Chapter this year.

Our Head Road Capt. Greg and our Safety Officer Randy, will have a discussion on rider safety, accident awareness, group riding etiquette, and much more. This will be a group discussion where everyone can make comments or share concerns. The main purpose of this discussion is to get everyone as synchronized as possible when it comes to Chapter Group riding.

If you are new to HOG, or even if you've been involved for a while, I encourage you to create an account at HOG.com. There is a tremendous amount of information along with benefits that are available. If you have any questions about hog.com please bring it up at one of meetings, amongst the group I'm sure any question can be answered.

I want to give a special thanks to all the members who helped MiYong and myself with serving Corned beef sandwiches at Wilkins Saint Patrick's Day event. We raised \$223 for the Chapter, which is terrific but more importantly, Our Chapter was well represented. I was serving the Corned beef and everyone who came through the line could see our Chapter flag and knew who we were. Thanks again everyone—MiYong and I could not have done this by ourselves.

If you're lucky enough to get an early ride in, please remember my catch phrase

“BE SAFE WHILE HAVING FUN, HAVE FUN WHILE BEING SAFE”
SADDLE UP LET'S RIDE
JUSTEN



On the Horizon

Wilkins Harley Davidson:
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Wilkins **ADULT** Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 19th, 10am

Join us for some ADULT Easter Fun!
Find Wilkins Golden Egg for a special prize!



WILKINS
SIN CITY
SATURDAY!
SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH 10AM - 12PM

FEELING LUCKY?
COME PLAY SOME CASINO GAMES AND WIN SOME PRIZES!

WILKINS' NACHO PARTY!
SATURDAY, MAY 3RD

Free Nachos at noon until gone!

CAN YOU STAND THE HEAT??
JOIN OUR RED HOT REAPER CHIP CHALLENGE FOR A CHANCE AT A
\$50 GIFT CARD!

On the Horizon...continued

WILKINS
DEMO DAY!
 SATURDAY, MAY 17TH

Come down and test ride a Harley-Davidson!
 When you RSVP online, show up and test ride you will get a free T-Shirt! McKenzie Hot Dogs will be on the grill!

WILKINS BIKE NIGHT AT
MULLIGAN'S IRISH PUB!

9 Maple Ave Barre, VT
 Thursday, May 29th 6pm-8pm

- ◆ Food & Drink Specials!
- ◆ Games & Giveaways!

Barbara Wilkins
ULTIMATE POKER RUN!

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST | 10AM-2PM

HOW IT WORKS: \$10.00 per rider. Top 3 hands split the cash pot.
Chance to win \$10,000 cash!
 First card drawn at Wilkins HD | Last card drawn at Wilkins HD

YOUR STOPS IN BETWEEN:

- Cold Hollow Cider Mill 3600 Waterbury-Stowe Road Waterbury Center, VT
- Idletyme Brewery & Restaurant 1859 Mountain Road Stowe, VT
- Ice Cream Fore-U 298 N Plainfield Road West Lebanon, NH

ROYAL FLUSH WINS A \$10,000 Shopping Spree AT WILKINS HD!

H.O.G. CENTRAL VERMONT CHAPTER # 5218

Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2025

Opening:

The regular monthly members meeting of the Central Vermont Chapter of the H.O.G. was called to order at 6:00pm on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at Gusto's Restaurant and Bar in Barre, VT.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members of the Chapter.

Director: Justen Elliott
Assistant Director: Tony Carrier
Treasurer: Don Whiton
Secretary: Kim Hidenfelter
Membership: Linda Lamell
Ladies of Harley: Lauren Demers
Head Road Captain: Greg Johnston
Safety Officer: Randy Lamell
Activities Director: Vicky Lacasse
Historian: Joel DeLary
Photographer: Mi Yong Elliott
Social Media Specialist Brion Muzzy
Group Members

Absent:

Ladies of Harley: Lauren Demers
Assistant Director: Tony Carrier
Safety Officer: Randy Lamell

***Director's Report:**

Justen Elliott

A warm welcome was extended to new members Jim, Jen and Kevin.

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating March birthdays.

Chapter Pins are on order and will be available at our April meeting. Pins are \$9 each.

24 members attended last month's meeting.

***Reminders:**

Saturday, March 15th is Wilkins St. Patty's Day Party

The Chapter will be serving up Corned Beef Sandwiches for donations. Many members have committed to helping out. Everyone is welcome to come on down and enjoy the festivities.

Saturday, April 19th

Wilkins Adult Easter Egg Hunt.

The Chapter will be serving up Hot Dogs and hosting a Harley Davidson Yard Sale.

Bring a table and your gently used Harley items to sell.

Sunday, May 18th

Tri Chapter Picnic. A road captain is needed to lead riders from Wilkins to the meeting point.

For the Acadia National Park, Maine ride.

Cadillac Mountain passes are available for purchase beginning Saturday, March 22nd.

They must be purchased in advance at [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov). Arrival time is 12:00noon - 12:30pm.

Entrance passes for the day will be available for purchase in advance and the day of visit. Advance purchase is available at [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

Both passes are required to access the Cadillac Summit Road.

Thursday, June 19th

Brandywine Chapter visit. Tony will be leading the group to Wilkins for lunch. From there Justen will be leading the group on a ride.

At April's Chapter meeting, Safety Officer Randy Lamell and Head Road Captain Greg Johnston will be discussing Riding Safety.

All of the Chapter's Facebook pages are accessible through the Wilkins' Facebook page.

Dealership Update

Kory from Wilkins joined us at Gustos.
St. Patty's Day Party Reminder.
Thank You Kory

Iron Adventure Rally Update

Bruce Klinger also joined us.
Bruce shared that his Facebook page has been totally hacked and he has no access to correct it.
He also reminded us that if we intend to Kick some Ass at Iron Adventure this year we need to REGISTER, REGISTER, REGISTER and VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER
Thank You Bruce

Meeting break at 6:20pm and for dinner and sweet treats.

The attendance draw was won by Ronnie Allard. Congrats Ronnie
Door Prize Winners were: Marc Allard, Bruce Klinger, Scott Campbell, Vicky Lacasse and Greg Johnston. Congrats to all and
Thanks to Wilkins for donating the prizes.

50/50 winner goes to Brion Muzzy. Congrats Brion

Next Meeting: April's Chapter meeting will be April 8.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned and dispersed at 7:58pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Hidenfelter, Secretary

Farewell to our dear friend and fellow Chapter member, Myron Degenhardt.



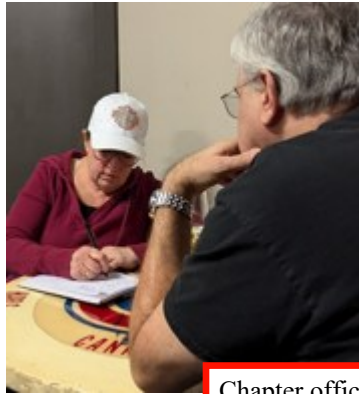
A memorial ride is planned for June 22nd.
The destination is the Log Jam Restaurant, Lake George NY.
This will be open to all and will not be a Central VT HOG Chapter ride.



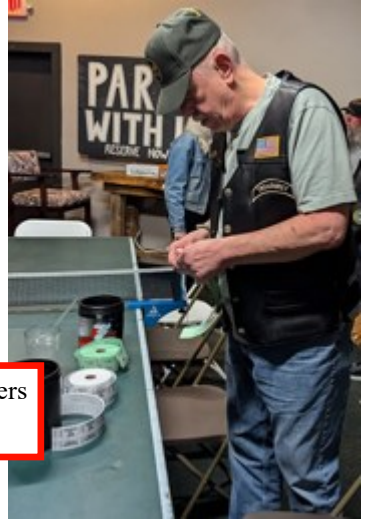
Chapter Director Justen Elliott

March Chapter Social Photos

(provided by Mi Yong Elliott)



Chapter officers at work!



New member Jim Sumner and his wife Jen



Great shirt, Brion!!



Wilkins Rep. Kory Stone



Sweet treats from Kim Hidenfelter



Wild women (?)

A Bit of H-D History

The United States Army began using motorcycles even before entering World War I in 1917.

The previous year General John "Blackjack" Pershing was deployed to the Mexican border to pursue Mexican Revolutionary general Pancho Villa who had engineered a raid on the New Mexico border town of Columbus. Pershing realized that the new motorized technology would be a boon to his pursuit of Villa across inhospitable desert lands and there was one particular motor bike that he favored. It was nimble, durable and easy to use. Pershing's favorite motorcycle was built by a relatively obscure Wisconsin outfit called the Harley-Davidson Motor Company. And then came Blackjack Pershing's order for 12 machines. The U.S. Army chased Pancho Villa for nine months and never caught him before World War I intervened. But in the meantime, Harley-Davidson advertisements were trumpeting the motorbikes as "Uncle Sam's Choice." The Harley-Davidson Quartermasters School was established in Milwaukee so military instructors could direct Harley-Davidson engineers in designing motorcycles for the battlefield. Some of the innovations they developed were higher-horsepower engines, gas headlights, and high, flat fenders to better navigate through the mud. The school, now known as Harley-Davidson University, still trains mechanics today.

Harley-Davidson would churn out some 15,000 motorcycles for the American war effort. When the Armistice was signed on November 11, 1918, the first American to enter vanquished Germany was Corporal Roy Holtz - he rode down the cobbled streets on a Harley-Davidson with a sidecar. Despite the company's impressive output in support of the United States Army, the number of Harley-Davidson motorbikes sent to Europe was only about one-third of the company's total production. It is estimated that the American military ordered over 80,000 motorcycles and many manufacturers smaller than Harley-Davidson, most notably Indian Motorcycle, overhauled their entire facility to produce military bikes and lost their peacetime market in the process. Most of these companies struggled through the 1920s and were ultimately done in by the Great Depression.

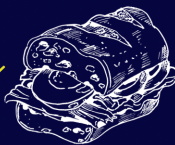


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Central Vermont HOG Chapter Code of Conduct (rev. 3/23/2024)

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 may face potential probation, suspension, or removal from the Chapter.

*The Sponsoring Dealer or H.O.G. Manager may 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 2025—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

Tuesday April 8th. April Chapter Social beginning at 6 p.m. at Wilkins.

Saturday April 19th Wilkins Adult Easter Egg Hunt. 10 a.m.

Saturday April 19th. Chapter members can 'yard sale' their unwanted motorcycle-related items at Wilkins. Bring your own table and change box. The Chapter will be selling hotdogs to raise funds for the Chapter. Starting time 10 a.m.

Saturday April 26 Wilkins' Sin City Saturday 10 a.m. to Noon. Come test your luck on some casino games and win some prizes! To RSVP for this event go to: <https://tinyurl.com/Wilkins-Sin-City-Saturday>

Saturday

May

Saturday May 3rd. Wilkins Nacho Party. Free nachos from noon until they are gone. Hot pepper chip eating challenge.

Saturday May 17th Moose Ride for the Moose Foundation. Fundraiser Ride starts at 10 a.m. at Truth Performance in Essex, VT. Details to come.

Sunday May 18th. Tri-Chapter Picnic (Central Vermont HOG, Champlain Valley HOG, Upper Valley HOG) Riders will meet at Wilkins to go as a group to the I-93 Exit 44 Rest area near Littleton NH where the picnic will take place. Plans will be shared as they are finalized.

Saturday to Sunday May 24-26. Overnight Ride to Acadia National Park, Maine. Ride Leader: Justen Elliott. Leaving from Cumberland Farms in Woodsville at 9 a.m. on the 24th. We will be staying 2 nights at Glen Cove Inn & Suites in Rockport, ME. Make your own reservation, and mention Central VT HOG for a discount on your room. 207 594-4062. There is a cost for entrance to Acadia National Park (or use an America the Beautiful National Park Pass, if you have one). To go up the Cadillac Summit Road, you will need a \$6 ticket (purchased in advance - for May 25th at noon). (Additional details will be shared via email)

Tuesday to Saturday May 26th to the 31st Americade 2025—Lake George NY

Thursday May 29th Wilkins Bike Night at Mulligans in Barre, 6-8 p.m.

Saturday May 31st. Barb Wilkins Poker Run 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. starts at Wilkins

June

Sunday June 1st. Chapter Ride to Mother Hubbard's Deli in St. Alban's VT. Ride leader: Tony Carrier. Details to follow

Saturday-Sunday June 7-8. Overnight Chapter Ride to Karting Orford in Sherbrook Canada. Ride leader: Justen Elliott. Overnight at Spillover Motel in Stratton Maine. 207 246-6571. Call to reserve your room and mention Central Vt HOG—a block of rooms is being held for us. Departing from P&H Truck Stop in Wells River, VT on the 7th at 9 a.m. (Additional details will be provided by email)

Saturday June 7th. Wilkins “Dog Pawty” 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wilkins. Fundraiser for ‘Passion 4 Paws VT’ Dogs welcomed!

Thursday June 12th. Wilkins Bike Night at The Backyard in Stowe Vt 6-8 p.m.

Saturday June 14th to Sunday June 22nd. Laconia Bike Week

Thursday June 19th to Saturday June 21st. Co-Chapter ride opportunities with Brandywine HOG Chapter members who will be in the area. They will be riding to Ben & Jerry’s in Waterbury on Thursday the 19th. Ride Leader Tony Carrier will lead them to Wilkins from Ben & Jerry’s. And a co-Chapter ride is being planned for Saturday the 21st to go on the Kancamagus Highway and to attend Laconia Bike Week. (Additional details will be provided by email).

Sunday June 22nd. Myron Degenhardt Memorial Ride to the Log Jam Restaurant in Queensbury NY (next door to Lake George). Ride leader: Randy Lamell. This is not a Chapter Ride. Route and time details will be shared later.

Thursday June 26th. Wilkins Bike Night at Soulmate Brewing Co. in Morrisville, VT 6-8 p.m.

Sunday June 29th Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to The Abbey in Enosburg Falls, VT. Ride leader: Tony Carrier. (Details will be provided later)

July

Friday July 4th Wilkins Freedom Ride. Meet at Wilkins at 10. Ride begins at 10:30. Lunch will be provided at Wilkins at the end of the ride.

Sunday July 6th Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to the Gap Pub and Grill, Westmore Vt (near Lake Willoughby) Ride Leader: Scott Campbell.

Thursday July 10th. Wilkins Bike Night at Buster’s Sports Bar & Grill, Plattsburgh NY 6-8 p.m.

Sunday July 13th. Central Vermont HOG Director’s Mystery Ride. Ride leader: Justen Elliott. (Details will be provided later)

Saturday July 19th. Wilkins Bike Show 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday July 20th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to Cow Palace in Derby VT. Ride leader: Chris Lacasse. (Details will be provided later)

Thursday July 24th Wilkins Bike Night at the Den in Williamstown. 6-8 p.m.

Sunday July 27th. Central Vermont HOG Ride to Mt Equinox. Ride leader: Scott Campbell. (Details will be provided later)

August

Saturday August 2nd Ride starts at Wilkins. Benefits ‘Bikers Against Child Abuse’ Kickstands up at 11 a.m. Lunch provided by Wilkins following the ride.

Sunday August 3rd. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to Grey Ghost Inn, Dover VT. Ride leader: Jeff Demers. (Details will be provided later)

Thursday August 7th Wilkins Bike Night at the Public House in Quechee, VT 6-8 p.m.

Saturday August 9th United Motorcyclists of Vermont Annual Toy Run, supporting Shriners’ Hospitals for Children. Staging at Blue Cross Blue Shield Parking lot in Berlin beginning at 9 a.m. Kickstands up at noon.

Saturday August 9th Wilkins Toy Run After Party. Beer tent, food available, live music. Starts after the ride is done.

Sunday August 10th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter “Boxer Ride” to Patrick’s Irish Pub, Gilford, NH) Ride leader: Justen Elliott. (Details will be provided later but here is a hint — riders must be wearing novelty boxers on the *outside* of their riding clothes (the more outrageous the better!!). Judging followed by prizes will take place at a few stops along the way!

Sunday August 17th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to Whiteface Mt in New York. Ride leader: Steve Hidenfelter. (Details will be provided later)

Thursday August 21st Wilkins Bike Night at Salt Hill Pub in Newport, NH 6-8 p.m.

Thursday August 21st to Sunday August 24th. Iron Adventure Rally 2025 at Attitash in Bartlett, NH. Attendees must register for this HOG Rally via the National HOG website. **And** attendees must arrange for accommodations prior to the event. (Two separate registrations!) Volunteers needed. Contact the Volunteer coordinator at: Peter.Gillette@comcast.net for information.

Saturday August 30th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to New England Motorcycle Museum, Rockville, CT. Ride leader: Greg Johnston. (Details will be provided later)

September

Thursday September 4th Wilkins Bike Night at Rozzi’s Lakeshore Tavern and Restaurant in Colchester, VT 6-8 p.m.

Saturday Sept 6th Wilkins Ride to Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Waterbury Center, VT 11 a.m.

Sunday September 7th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to The Refinery in Andover, NH. Ride leader: Jeff Demers. (Details will be provided later)

Sunday September 14th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to April’s Maples, Canaan VT. Ride leader: Steve Hidenfelter.

Thursday September 18th Wilkins Bike Night at Harpoon Brewery in Windsor VT. 6-8 p.m.

Sunday September 21st. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to Hart’s Turkey Farm Restaurant, Meredith NH. Ride leader: Tony Carrier.

Sunday September 21st. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to Gap Pub & Grill, Westmore, VT (near Lake Willoughby). Ride leader: Jeff Demers

October

Saturday October 4th Wilkins and The Circle VT. Domestic Violence Awareness Ride. 11 a.m. ride leaves from Wilkins. Lunch provided at Wilkins following the ride. Donations benefit ‘The Circle VT’

Sunday October 5th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Poker Run. (Details will be provided later)

Sunday October 12th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to Dummerston Apple Pie Festival.. Ride leader: Justen Elliott.