



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Photos of July Social
Upcoming Events
Chapter Ride Photos

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

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Chapter Director's Report —Justen Elliott



Hello Central Vermont HOG -

"There is a delicate ridge one must ride between fear and reason on a motorcycle –lean too far in either direction and there will be consequences" Lily Brooks-Dalton

It's very hard to believe that August is upon us. Thanks to all the ride leaders for organizing and leading some wonderful adventures. We've had short rides, long rides, visiting HOG Chapters, even some overnights. However it's just getting started, there are still many adventures planned for the remainder of 2025. I encourage you to check our Chapter website calendar for what lays ahead.

A special thanks to ALL the Chapter members who volunteered at Wilkins Annual Bike Show. If I start naming folks, I'm sure I will forget someone, and I don't want to do that. So just know that I know who was there and it's much appreciated. Plus we had a hefty 50/50 drawing for the Chapter.

The Iron Adventure of New England

I've talked about it a lot over the last several newsletters, but for good reason... "The Chapter Challenge". Our Chapter is small in comparison to some of the other Chapters that compete. However, last year at Jay Peak, Central Vermont placed second in the challenge—this year I hope we can improve on that. Many of our members have already volunteered to lead and assist with rides which will earn points for our Chapter. There are many other ways to earn points: Dealership Challenge, covered bridges, biker games, and even line dancing. The dealership & covered bridge challenge can be at your own pace over a two- or three-day period. Biker games, you can get points for just competing with 'more points if you win'. Line dancing—just participate and you'll earn a point. As you can see there is something for everyone to do. If you haven't registered yet, there is still time. If you're on the fence maybe this will help, there are 20+ Central Vermont HOG members registered for the Rally — with plenty of familiar faces this will be one heck of a good time.

Upcoming Events:

August 12th Chapter meeting 6 p.m. at Wilkins. Biker Games/grilling hotdogs/ice cream
September 9th Chapter meeting 6 p.m. at Wilkins Corn-boil & potluck, bring something to share.

Saddle up, Let's Ride

Justen

Director Central Vermont HOG



On the Horizon

Wilkins Harley Davidson:

Family-Owned and Operated Since 1947




B.A.C.A.
BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE RIDE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND

JOIN US AND B.A.C.A. VERMONT FOR A RIDE TO SPREAD AWARENESS AND RAISE DONATIONS TO HELP STOP CHILD ABUSE.

KICKSTANDS UP AT 11AM.
FREE LUNCH AT WILKINS HD AFTER THE RIDE!

NO CHILD DESERVES TO LIVE IN FEAR





WILKINS BIKE NIGHT

AT THE PUBLIC HOUSE

Thursday, August 7th 6pm-8pm
20 Public Way Quechee, VT

Food and Drink Specials!
Games & Giveaways!





WILKINS TOY RUN AFTER PARTY!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH BEGINNING DIRECTLY AFTER THE TOY RUN ENDS!

BEER TENT  LIVE MUSIC BY 90 PROOF BAND  TASTY BITES FOOD TRUCK



On the Horizon...continued

WILKINS BIKE NIGHT AT

SALT HILL PUB

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST 6PM-8PM

*Food and Drink Specials!
Games and Giveaways!*

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WILKINS BIKE NIGHT
AT ROZZI'S LAKESHORE
TAVERN & RESTAURANT

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH 6PM-8PM

**FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS!
GAMES & GIVEAWAYS!**



Wilkins Cold Hollow Cider Mill Ride

📅 Saturday, September 6th ⌚ 11AM



Meet us at Wilkins HD at 11am for a ride over to Cold Hollow Cider Mill where there will be a grilled lunch and live music!



**Specials on Cold Hollow
Cider Mill products for
all riders!**



H.O.G. CENTRAL VERMONT CHAPTER # 5218**Monthly Meeting Minutes****July 8, 2025 at The Den****Opening:**

The regular monthly members meeting of the Central Vermont Chapter of the H.O.G. was called to order at 5:57pm on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at The Den, Restaurant and Pub, Williamstown, VT to discuss business, have dinner and socialize. 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
Head Road Captain:	Greg Johnston
Safety Officer:	Randy Lamell
Activities Directors:	Kim Hidenfelter/Vicky Lacasse
Historian:	Joel DeLary
Photographer:	Mi Yong Elliott
Social Media Specialist	Brion Muzzy
Group Members	

Absent:

Activities Director	Vicky Lacasse
Social Media Specialist	Brion Muzzy

Approval of Minutes: All members voted to approve and accept meeting minutes from June's HOG meeting.

Participation Prize \$25 goes to Joel DeLary via Trina. Good luck getting that prize Joel.

Membership: For the July monthly meeting, 37 people attended the meeting 36 of which were members.

OFFICERS REPORTS:**Director's Report:**

Justen Elliott

A warm welcome was extended to new members

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating June and July birthdays.

The Brandywine Chapter would like to extend a warm Thank You to the Chapter for the hospitality extended to them during their visit and time spent riding with our chapter.

July 13, 2025 will be the Director's Mystery Ride. A submitted destination will be drawn and the Director will be mapping out the route. Details will be revealed the morning of the ride. Good luck everyone as there is a \$25 prize for the chosen suggestion

August 2 and 3, 2025 is the Ontario County Chapter visit. Ride and pot luck details to follow. We know this, the chapter will be fronting \$50 for grill food.

Assistant Director's Report:

Tony Carrier

For Sunday rides, can we make meet up's at a place with a facility? Of course, we can accommodate that request.

Dealership Update: Thanks to Nate of Wilkins for hanging out with us tonight. The Let's Ride to Aid Veterans Challenge can win you \$20,000 to aid area Veterans. Check out Wilkin's Bike Night get togethers and attend if you can. Wilkin's Bike Show is on Saturday, July 19, 2025. Come check it out.

Iron Adventure Rally Update:
Tony and Greg are pre-riding IAR rides this week.

Thursday, August 21, 2025 they will be leading a ride to Bentley's Saloon in Maine. Also taking place that same day is the Dealership Challenge. A group of Central VT HOG members are planning on making this ride. Mapped out, it is looking like 400ish miles and 8ish hours of seat time. Good Luck to all these guys.

Upper Valley News:

Peter Guillette is heading up the Patriot Flat Run on August 12~13, 2025 in which one US Flag will be carried via motorcycle through every state. Money raised goes to local vets. Peter asked any vet who would be interested in carrying the flag to contact him. Anyone wishing to join in on the ride is welcome. The flag will not travel faster than 55 mph out of flag respect and it doesn't fly in the rain.

Door Prize Winners:

Jeff
Mi Yong
Chad
Devin
Randy

Congrats to all and Thanks to Wilkins for donating the prizes.

50/50 winner goes to Trina and Joel

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at Wilkins HD for Ice Cream Social and Biker Games.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned and dispersed at 6:11pm. Enjoy dinner !



Ladies of Harley are selling RazBarre Jam again

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.

PHOTOS OF THE JULY SOCIAL HELD AT THE DEN



Chapter Officers at work



Our outdoor accommodations



New member Travis Shores



Peter Guillette speaking about a special flag ride



New member Jen Sumner in the purple Chapter shirt



July 6—Ride to The Gap Pub & Grill



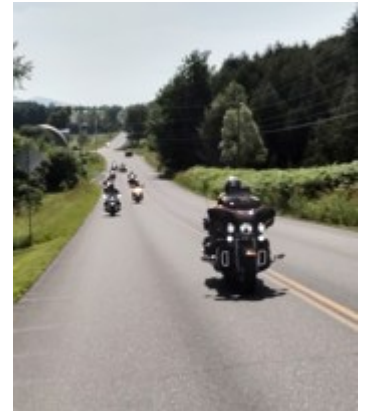
Ride leader Scott Campbell gives the preride speech



Beautiful Lake Willoughby



The Gap Pub & Grill, Westmore, VT



**July 13 Director's Mystery Ride (to Singleton's General Store)
Ride Leader: Justen Elliott (destination suggested by Joel DeLary)**



Ride leader Justen Elliott reveals the destination for the "Director's Mystery Ride."



Lunch at Singleton's in Proctorsville, VT



Maple Creemies
At Mac's
Maple in
Plainfield,
NH

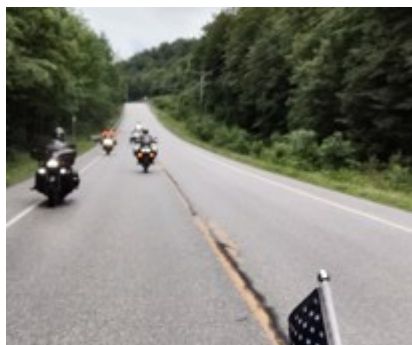


A fabulous ride with fabulous weather! There was even a covered bridge along the way!



July 20th Ride to East Side Restaurant in Newport, VT

Ride leader: Chris Lacasse



Cloudy skies didn't dampen our spirits!



The 50% chance of showers turned to 100% chance!!

Are you ready for the Boxer Ride, scheduled for August 10th?

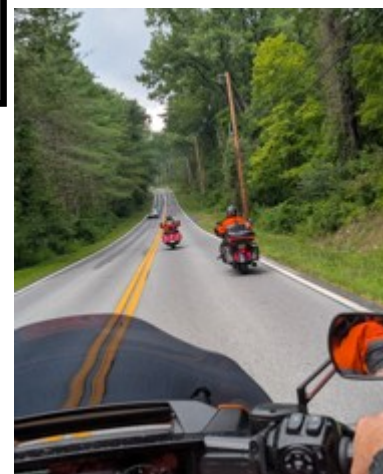


July 27th Ride to Mt. Equinox, Manchester VT

Ride Leader: Scott Campbell



A mostly wet day...
Rain suits were a must.



Lunch stop at Applebee's Bar and Grill in Rutland



Photos by MiYong Elliott



Too cloudy and wet to go up the mountain road

A Bit of Harley-Davidson History:

In 1901, 20-year-old William S. Harley drew up plans for a small engine with a displacement of 7.07 cubic inches (116 cc) and four -inch (102 mm) flywheels designed for use in a regular pedal-bicycle frame. Over the next two years, he and his childhood friend Arthur Davidson worked on their motor-bicycle using the northside Milwaukee machine shop at the home of their friend Henry Melk. It was finished in 1903 with the help of Arthur's brother Walter Davidson. Upon testing their power-cycle, Harley and the Davidson brothers found it unable to climb the hills around Milwaukee without pedal assistance, and they wrote off their first motor-bicycle as a valuable learning experiment.

The three began work on a new and improved machine with an engine of 24.74 cubic inches (405 cc) with 9.75 in (24.8 cm) flywheels weighing 28 lb (13 kg). Its advanced loop-frame pattern was similar to the 1903 Milwaukee Merkel motorcycle designed by Joseph Merkel, later of Flying Merkel fame. The bigger engine and loop-frame design took it out of the motorized bicycle category and marked the path to future motorcycle designs. They also received help with their bigger engine from outboard motor pioneer Ole Evinrude, who was then building gas engines of his own design for automotive use on Milwaukee's Lake Street.

The prototype of the new loop-frame Harley-Davidson was assembled in a 10 ft × 15 ft (3.0 m × 4.6 m) shed in the Davidson family backyard. Most of the major parts, however, were made elsewhere, including some probably fabricated at the West Milwaukee railshops where oldest brother William A. Davidson was toolroom foreman. This prototype machine was functional by September 8, 1904, when it competed in a Milwaukee motorcycle race held at State Fair Park. Edward Hildebrand rode it and placed fourth in the race.

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The Den is a popular restaurant and entertainment venue that offers a wide range of experiences. Customers praise the excellent food, such as the "bear droppings," as well as the lively atmosphere with live music, DJs, line dancing, and pool tables. The spacious setting is suitable for private parties, special events, and community gatherings.

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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)

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 Singleton’s General Store in Proctorsville, VT. Ride leader: Jeff Demers. Meet at the State House at 9 a.m. KSU at 9:30 a.m. Also, Central Vermont HOG Chapter hosting Ontario County HOG (NY) for a potluck dinner at Demers’ home in Barre following the ride.

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!

Tuesday August 12th. Central Vermont HOG Social at Wilkins. Beginning at 6 p.m. We’ll be grilling hot dogs, playing Biker Games, and making ice cream sundaes. Come and be part of the fun!!

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 (IAR)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. A labor weekend overnight ride for 2 nights. Reservations can be made at the Holiday Inn Express in Southington. A block of 10 rooms has been reserved. (Additional 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 September 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)

Tuesday September 9th. Central Vermont HOG Social at Wilkins. Beginning at 6 p.m.

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.

Saturday September 27th Wilkins Mac & Cheese Cook Off. 11 a.m.

Sunday September 28th. 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.

Tuesday October 14th. Central Vermont HOG Social at Wilkins. Beginning at 6 p.m.

November