



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Photos of the November  
Social

Upcoming Holiday Party

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# Vee-Twin Rumblings

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## Chapter Director—Jeff Demers

Season's Greetings HOG Members,

*"No one hates winter like someone who has a motorcycle in storage."* -- Unknown

I look forward to seeing many of you at the chapter's holiday party, scheduled for December 21 at the Mutuo club in Barre. Details have been shared by email. The November chapter elections have been held, and I want to welcome the new slate of officers, some incumbent, some new.

Director: Justen Elliot; Assistant Director: Tony Carrier; Secretary: Kim Hidenfelter/Linda Lamell; Treasurer: Don Whiton; Head Road Captain: Greg Johnston; Safety Officer: Randy Lamell; Membership: Linda Lamell/Lauren Demers; Activities Director: Kim Hidenfelter; Historian: Joel DeLary; Ladies of Harley: Lauren Demers; Webmaster: Richard Pitonyak; Chapter Photographer: MiYong Elliott.

I also want to thank all of the officers that I have worked with over the past four years. I enjoyed my tenure as director, in large part due your contributions of ideas, labor, food, and more! Your participation in chapter rides, events, and socials are what make our chapter as great as it is!

We had a good season of riding, with rides or events scheduled for most weekends! The weather cooperated for the most part. Only a few rides had rain. While a couple rides were changed, perhaps only one or two were outright cancelled due to bad weather. A ride leaders meeting will be held early next year. We have received several new ride ideas from chapter members and are always interested in hearing new suggestions.

If you are going to work on your bike during the down time, how about sending in some pictures with a few notes?

As always, you can send ride and event ideas, questions, and motorcycling stories to [officers@centralvermonthog.com](mailto:officers@centralvermonthog.com).

*"Winter is Nature's way of telling you to polish."* -- Unknown

Wishing you and your families the best holidays!

Jeff



## On the Horizon

Wilkins Harley Davidson:

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**BLACKER SATURDAY EVENT**

AND GRANITE CITY BLAST SERVING MCKENZIE HOT DOGS!

The boys of Granite City Blast will be accepting donations for McKenzie Hot dogs on November 30, 2024 from 11 to 1 at Wilkins Harley-Davidson in South Barre. These boys were recently selected to play at Cooperstown Dreams Park in the 2025 American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame next August. The player's families are seeking community support in raising funds to make it possible.



**UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY!**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> | 10AM - 12PM**

PHOTOS WITH SANTA AT 10AM!

Throw on your ugliest Christmas sweater and join us for some snacks, refreshments and cheer!





### Head Road Captain—Joel DeLary

As we head into the last month of 2024, there's a lot to reflect on as well as much to look forward to in 2025 for the Central VT H.O.G. Chapter and its members. The chapter is always looking for Ride Leaders and new destinations, this past season certainly saw a nice mixture of rides with some new ride leaders.

I want to encourage all our members to consider putting a ride together, long, short or even just a simple ride to one of your favorite lunch destinations.

With the Iron Adventure of New England being held in northern New Hampshire for 2025, there is sure to be some fantastic rides being planned around the tri state area so be sure to get your reservations & rally registration taken care of ASAP.

In closing, Trina and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a healthy New Year.

Joel



### 2024 Safety Officer and 2025 Director—Justen Elliott

Greetings Central Vermont HOG,

Just a couple of quick things to share with you this month.

The first being, my sincere gratitude for voting me in as your 2025 director.

As I look at the new slate of Officers for 2025, I have no doubt we can accomplish great things. This will, however, take participation from every one of you—the members.

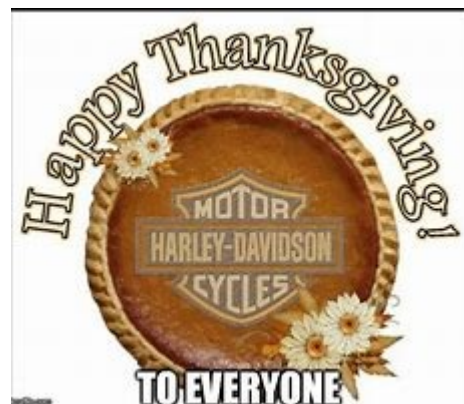
We have set up an officers' meeting for mid-December so we'll be ready to hit the ground running come January's meeting. If you have any questions, please let me know and it will be added to the list. Sometime late December, early January, you

will receive a questionnaire, please take the time to fill it out and bring it to January's meeting.

Lastly, Mi Yong and I want to wish all of you a Thanksgiving filled with warmth, laughter, and all the good things in life – especially the joy of having amazing friends like you.

Justen

Saddle up & let's eat some turkey



**2024 End of Year Report of Central Vermont HOG Chapter**

As you can see from the report (below) that Linda put together, 2024 was an extremely successful year for the Central Vermont Chapter. Our meetings were very well attended with great snacks provided by gracious volunteers. Rides were quite successful and well attended. Thanks to all of our great Chapter members for making this year so special. We were led by a great group of officers. Thanks to all of them. I have nothing but great hope for the future of this great organization.

**PS:** A very special thanks to Wilkins Harley Davidson and John Lyon without whom we wouldn't have a Chapter.

**Submitted by: Tony Carrier, historian.**

**Membership numbers:**

69 members – 3 from NH, 2 from NY, 1 from TX, 63 from VT

**19 Rides during 2024:**

April 28. Harpoon Brewery in Windsor Vt Scott Campbell, ride leader. 6 riders

May 11. Sugar and Spice in Mendon, VT Jeff Demers, ride leader. 10 riders

May 25. Road Hawg BBQ Swine Dining in Gorham, NH Justen Elliott, ride leader. 14 riders

June 2. Gap Pub & Grill in Westmore, VT Scott Campbell, ride leader. 13 riders

June 15. Eastside Restaurant in Newport, VT Tony Carrier, ride leader. 18 riders

July 7. The Dutchman's Tavern in Bennington, VT Jeff Demers, ride leader. 10 riders

July 21. The Abbey Pub and Restaurant in Enosburg Falls, VT Tony Carrier, ride leader. 14 riders

July 27. The Refinery in Andover, NH Jeff Demers, ride leader. 7 riders

August 3. Beach Plum Restaurant in Portsmouth, NH Justen Elliott, ride leader. 7 riders

August 11. Mount Washington and Road Hawg BBQ Swine Dining in Gorham, NH Tony Carrier, ride leader. 14 riders

August 18. East Side Restaurant in Newport, VT Scott Campbell, ride leader. 9 riders

August 24. Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth, VT Jeff Demers, ride leader. 7 riders

Labor Day weekend. Finger Lakes, NY Jeff Demers, ride leader. 11 riders

September 8. Log Jam Restaurant, Lake George, NY Tony Carrier, ride leader. 8 riders plus Greg in his car

September 15. April's Maple in Canaan, VT Steve Hidenfelter, ride leader. 13 riders

September 22. Poker Run/Hungry Bear in Bradford, VT Jeff Demers, Joel DeLary, Justen Elliott ride leaders. 13 riders

September 28. Smoke Shack BBQ in Boscawen, NH Jeff Demers, ride leader. 10 riders

October 6. Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant to Meredith, NH Tony Carrier, ride leader. 12 riders

October 12. Benton's Sugar Shack in Thornton, NH Justen Elliott, ride leader. 5 riders

**Monthly Socials:**

January 23. At Wilkins. 20 attendees

February 10. At Zachary's/Twin City Family Fun Center. 22 attendees

March 12. At Wilkins. 25 attendees

April 9. At Wilkins. 23 attendees

May 14. At Wilkins. 22 attendees

June 13. At Wilkins. 16 attendees

July 9. At Wilkins. 15 attendees

August 13. At Wilkins. 21 attendees

September 11. At Wilkins. 15 attendees

October 8. At Wilkins. 22 attendees

November 12. At Wilkins. 31 attendees

December 21. Holiday Party to be held at the Mutuo Club

**Joe Lonardo Riding Academy Scholarship(s):**

There were two applicants selected to receive Riding Academy Scholarships. One of them never registered for the course and the other attended but was unable to pass the course.

## **CHAPTER SOCIAL on November 12**

### **Second Round of Nominations and Voting for 2025 Officers**

Chapter Director Jeff Demers called the meeting to order and started us off by pledging allegiance to the flag. He asked Assistant Director Scott Campbell for an update on the Holiday Party plans. Scott let us know that he lined up the Mutuo Club in Barre for December 21st. There will be a cash bar. The meal options are: 1.lasagna, salad, and rolls; 2.chicken, pasta, rolls, and salad; 3.chicken and biscuits and salad. The members present at the social voted for chicken and biscuits. The cost is \$16.80 per person.

Vicky LaCasse and Scott Campbell volunteered to buy the door prize gifts at Wilkins Blacker Friday event for the party (paid for by the Chapter).

The membership fee for 2025 will be increased to \$20.

Peter provided the Wilkins dealership update: Saturday the 16th will be the \$2500 Shopping Spree. Saturday, November 29th will be the Blacker Friday sales event at Wilkins.

Jeff reminded everyone that he is asking for people to complete index cards with ideas of places to ride to and things to do as a Chapter.

Final nominations for 2025 Officers were requested. The slate of officers established at the October Social was as follows:

**Director— Justen Elliott or Jeff Demers**

**Assistant Director—Tony Carrier**

**Treasurer—Don Whiton**

**Secretary— Kim Hidenfelter (Linda Lamell will assist)**

**Membership—Lauren Demers and Linda Lamell**

**Activities Director—Kim Hidenfelter**

**Ladies of Harley—Lauren Demers**

**Head Road Captain—Greg Johnston**

**Newsletter Editor—Linda Lamell**

**Safety Officer—Randy Lamell**

**Historian—Joel DeLary**

**Photographer—MiYong Elliott**

**Webmaster—Richard Pitonyak**

No changes were made to the slate of Officer nominations. A motion was made to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded. Chapter Secretary Linda Lamell cast a single vote for the full slate of Officers.

Door prizes were given out to winners Scott Campbell and Vicky LaCasse.

Tony Carrier won the 50/50 raffle.

There were 31 people in attendance at this social.

Refreshments were provided by Vicky LaCasse (cookies for Devin's birthday) and by the Lamells (mini-cupcakes for Joel DeLary's birthday). Beverages were provided by the Demers. (Happy birthday to Devin on the 10th and Joel's on the 12th)

Kim Hidenfelter and Lauren Demers (Ladies of Harley) were selling jars of homemade raspberry jam to benefit the Chapter.

Minutes prepared by Linda Lamell





Scott Campbell reporting on the Holiday party plans.



Socializing after the voting.



Dealership update given by Peter.



Special refreshments.



Birthday boys Devin and Joel!



Justen Elliott won a banner at the 2024 Iron Adventure Rally and he has arranged with John Lyon to display it in the dealership. He asked that all members at the social who attended IAR please sign the banner.



## Upcoming Holiday Party Details

The 2024 Holiday **Party** will be held on **December 21st** at the **Mutuo Club** at 20 Beckley St, Barre, VT.

Plan on arriving around **5:30 p.m.**. There will be a **cash bar** available.

**Wear a silly/ugly sweater** and see if you win the \$20 cash prize for having the best one.

Dinner (chicken and biscuits with salad) will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Dessert will be provided by members — Kim Hidenfelter is the coordinator for this and Vicky LaCasse is assisting her.

Following dinner, we will do a Yankee Swap involving everyone who brings a wrapped gift valued up to \$25 (for members and non-member guests).

Every participant will get a number. Whomever has number 1 gets to select any wrapped gift to open. The person with number 2 (through to the highest number) gets to open an unopened gift and keep what they opened or trade for a previously opened gift. When everyone has opened a gift, the person with number 1 gets to make a final selection from all of the gifts.

A couple of party games have been planned for party-goers to play. Winners will receive cash prizes.

**Door prize** tickets will be given to each member in attendance. Numbers will be drawn throughout the evening. The door prizes are being supplied by the Chapter. Not everyone will win a prize. (There might be a separate cache of door prize gifts for non-members, who will be given tickets of a different color.)

The drawing for '2024 Attendance at Chapter Socials/Rides' will take place at some point during the evening.

If you attended at least one Chapter event (the monthly social or a ride) in any given month during 2024, your name is in the hat. So, if you attended something every month, your name is included 11 times.

The prize of a \$50 Wilkins gift card will be awarded to the first person at the party whose name is drawn.

The drawing for the final '**Monthly Must be Present to Win**' raffle will also be done. If the person whose name is drawn is present, they will get **\$70 cash**! If not, the \$ will carry over to the first Social in January 2025.

The Chapter treasury will pay for each member's meal. The cost for each non-member guest will be \$17 payable that evening.

**Please RSVP to me at [lindalamell@hotmail.com](mailto:lindalamell@hotmail.com) before December 7<sup>th</sup> so we will have an accurate count of members and non-members for this festive event!**

Thanks to Scott Campbell for making arrangements for the location and dinner menu for this event. And thanks to Tony Carrier, Jeff Demers, Randy Lamell, Justen and MiYong Elliott, Kim Hidenfelter, and Vicky LaCasse for additional planning and preparations.

## 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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Chapter Meetings:

**Second Tuesday of Each Month (except December)**

Usually at Wilkins Harley Davidson, Inc.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m.



## **Calendar of Events for 2024—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)

### **November**

**Saturday the 29th: Blacker Friday Event at Wilkins**

### **December**

**Holiday Party:** December 21st at the Mutuo Club in Barre—see details on page 7