



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Upcoming Wilkins Events
Holiday Party Photos

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Vee-Twin Rumblings



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Chapter Director's Report —Justen Elliott



Merry Christmas,

It's Christmas morning as I'm writing this month's article, wherever you are celebrating I wish you a safe a happy day with family and friends.

Just a few things to share with you today. Our first Chapter meeting of 2026 will be January 13th 6:00 PM at Wilkins HD. We will be serving pizza and sharing a story about a trip of a lifetime 9 members took out west this past summer.

Registration for the Iron adventure is open along with hotel reservations at Okemo. You can find the links on the Iron adventure of New England Facebook page. HOG has introduced a new program this year "Chrome Chapter" Recognition program, I will go over this at January's meeting. One of the requirements of this program is 'Primary Officers must attend ROC training' Don, Kim, Michael, & myself are already registered. Each Chapter can send six members per year so there are two slots open, if you would like to register, please see me at January's meeting.

We had a good turn-out for our Christmas party on December 20th, lots of bowling, appetizers, presents, and most of all

smiles. Without the help from all the members who assisted in raising money from berry picking, jam making, pampered chef, cooking hotdogs, 50/50 events, etc. etc. This would not have been possible. A big thanks to Don & MiYong for helping me with the shopping, and especially Sierra & WHD for being so supportive of our Chapter. We have already been throwing ideas around for Christmas 2026, I hope to share our thoughts with you in a month or two.

I usually try not to single individuals out and probably will catch slack for doing this. But I need to thank our long time Chapter photographer MiYong Elliott. You have captured moments in time for our Chapter that are archived for current and future members to reminisce. Not all of your pictures were taken of my best side Merry Christmas Happy New Year and of course SADDLE UP LET'S RIDE!

Justen Elliott





On the Horizon

Wilkins Harley Davidson:

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WAFFLES AND WHOOP-ASS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026

Fuel your new year with food, friends, and self-defense —

MASTER FREDDIE LAPAN

Waffles at 10 a.m.
FREE self-defense seminar at 11 a.m.

WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON
SUPER BOWL PRE-PARTY
SATURDAY, FEB. 7th 11 am-1 pm

LIV SUPER BOWL

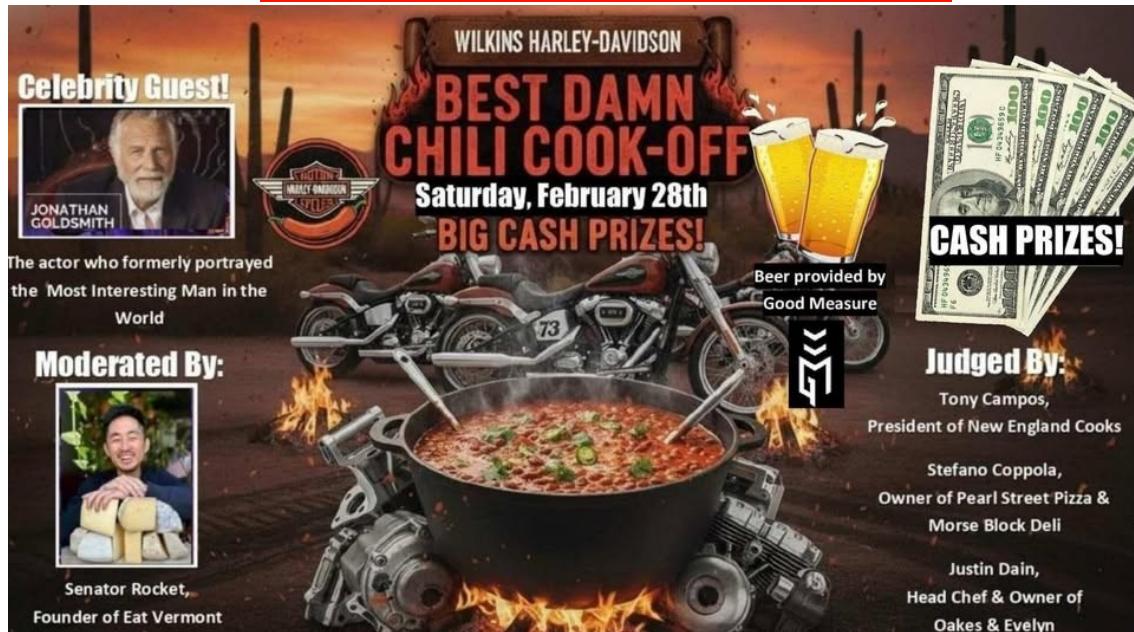
Free chicken wings at noon until gone!
Games and Giveaways!

WILKINS DUMPSTER DIVE!
WE'RE DIVING INTO A FREEZING DUMPSTER TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHaD!

CHaD
Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock

Saturday, February 21st

More...On the Horizon





From our incoming Assistant Director, Mike Greig

Hello, HOG family!

As the cold air settles in and our Harleys hibernate in the garage ☺, it's easy to feel the yearning for the open road. That unmistakable rumble of freedom, the wind on our faces, and the camaraderie. But even though our wheels may be at rest, the heart and soul of our group never stop moving forward.

Winter may put the brakes on riding, but it's the perfect season for us to reflect on and celebrate the things that make HOG so much more than just motorcycles. It's the friendships, the laughs shared, the encouragement we've offered each other in tough times, and the unforgettable memories we've created together. I have so many memories even in my short time with the Chapter.

Think of this time as the calm before the adventure resumes—an opportunity to recharge and cherish the moments of friendship that fuel our journeys together.

So, as Christmas and the New Year approach, I hope we can all take a moment to be grateful for the incredible group of people we have. Spring will be here before we know it, and the roads will beckon us with open arms once again. But until then, let's focus on friendship, community, and the shared passion that keeps us (Harley lovers) connected.

I can't tell you how blessed I feel to be part of this group. There isn't a person who hasn't welcomed me with open arms, and I'm happy to ride with each and every person in this Chapter!!!! As I grow in my new role as Assistant Director, please reach out with any improvements, questions, or even if you are in the area and just want to grab a cup of coffee. I live about 2 miles away from Wilkins, so pretty local to where we all usually end up anyway!

Stay safe, stay connected, and stay thankful,

Mike

Acceptance of **Membership Renewal** forms for Central Vermont HOG Chapter #5218 begins January 1, 2026, in accordance with National HOG guidelines.

The forms, "Chapter Membership Enrollment Form and Release" and the Chapter Code of Conduct, will be available at our first Social in 2026 on January 13th. Dues remain at \$20 for the year.

To be a member of the local Chapter, your National HOG Membership must be current.



The Vermont MC Community lost a treasured member on December 27th—Bruce Brown (the rider whose encounter with a moose in 2007 spawned 'The Moose Foundation' through which riders help injured riders) passed from a massive coronary event. All are saddened to hear this.

If a service is to take place, that information will be shared when available.

We are selling **2026 Central VT HOG calendars** for \$25. They feature random photos of this year's rides etc. They will be available at the January social.

Here is the cover photo:



Ladies of Harley are selling RazBarre Jam again (and blueberry!)

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.

AGENDA FOR JANUARY 13TH SOCIAL

Meet at Wilkins Harley-Davidson beginning at 6 p.m.

Call to Order followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve the Minutes of the November Meeting

50/50 Raffle ticket sales

Sign the check-in sheet

Officers' Reports

Dealership Update

Reminisce on the Christmas Party (held December 20th)

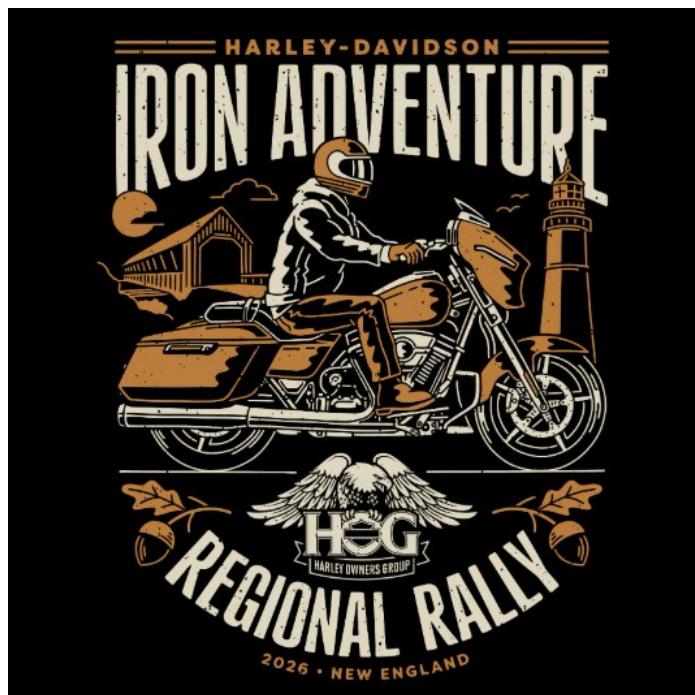
Refreshments (pizza) & 'Story Time"- presentation by members of the group that did a cross-country trip in September 2025

Last call for purchasing 50/50 raffle tickets. Drawing for the winner.

Door prizes will be given out

Time for socialization and for Membership paperwork processing

Next Social will be Tuesday, February 10th, 6 p.m. at Wilkins



2026 Iron Adventure - Hotel Information

Rally Dates: Thursday July 16 thru Saturday July 18, 2026.

Host Hotel: Jackson Gore Inn, 111 Jackson Gore Rd, Ludlow VT 05149

The Okemo Mountain Resort is now accepting room reservations for the Rally at Jackson Gore and the Mountain Lodge for a **three-night stay or more**. The reservation phone number is 1-855-945-0553. Please reference the group name "HOG IRON ADVENTURE RUN 2026" and/or group code "SOKHOG26".

| Group Code: SOKHOG26 | Nightly Rate | Nightly Rate Inclusive of Resort Fee |
|--|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jackson Gore - QN/QN (JGV QN/QN) | \$166.00 | \$181.77 |
| Jackson Gore - 1KNG or 1QN (JGV KNG) | \$166.00 | \$181.77 |
| Jackson Gore - Studio (JGV STUDIO) | \$178.00 | \$194.91 |
| Jackson Gore - 1 Bedroom (JGV 1BR) | \$236.00 | \$257.33 |
| Jackson Gore - 2 Bedroom (JGV 2BR) | \$298.00 | \$326.31 |
| Jackson Gore - 3 Bedroom (JGV 3BR) | \$375.00 | \$410.63 |
| Mtn Lodge - 1 Bedroom A/B Building (MLO 1BR A/B D) | \$166.00 | \$181.77 |
| Mtn Lodge - 1 Bedroom C (MLO 1BR C 1ST) | \$166.00 | \$181.77 |

ROOM FEES and CHARGES. The following are current charges. Rates are subject to change.

Resort Fee (nightly, taxable) 9.5%
 Current Room Tax 10% (Jackson Gore)
 13% (All other properties)

For 1- or 2-night stays reservations can be made at special rates starting June 16, 2026, using group code "SOKHO221". Rates for stays booked inside 30 days to arrival, any length of stay.

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| Jackson Gore - 1KNG or 1QN (JGV KNG) | \$204.00 | \$223.38 |
| Jackson Gore - Studio (JGV STUDIO) | \$217.00 | \$237.62 |
| Jackson Gore - 1 Bedroom (JGV 1BR) | \$295.00 | \$323.03 |
| Jackson Gore - 2 Bedroom (JGV 2BR) | \$368.00 | \$402.96 |
| Jackson Gore - 3 Bedroom (JGV 3BR) | \$386.00 | \$422.67 |
| Mtn Lodge - 1 Bedroom A/B Building (MLO 1BR A/B D) | \$204.00 | \$223.38 |
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Just Announced !!!

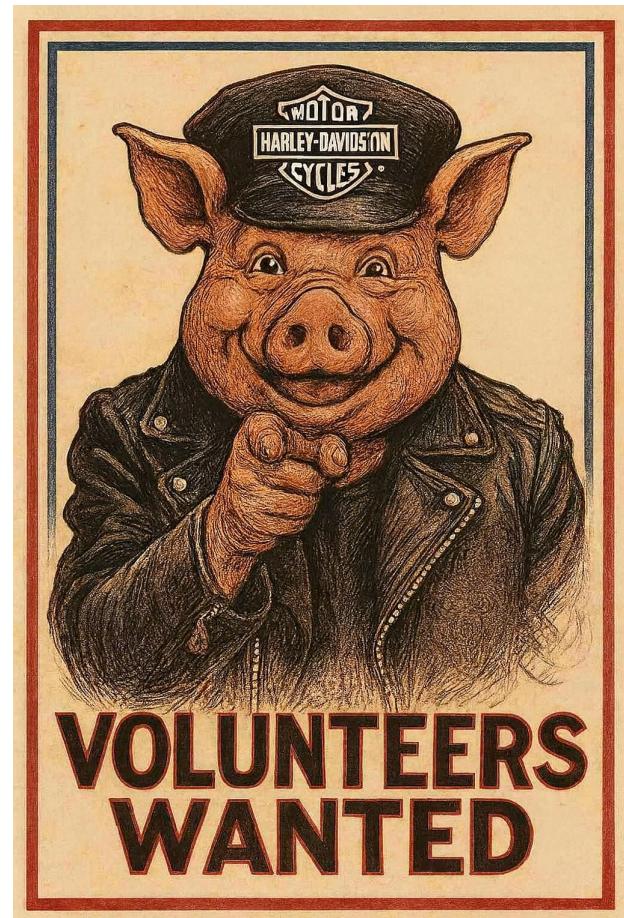
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Other area hotel and camp ground information will follow in a separate post.

Registration for the 2026 Iron Adventure Rally is now open. Rally registration can be found online on the H.O.G. Rally site (<https://members.harley-davidson.com/s/hdmn-rallies>). Scroll until you find the Iron Adventure H.O.G. Rally. Click on the rally and then on the REGISTER NOW button.

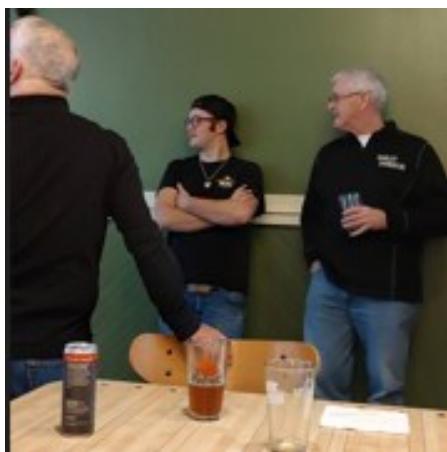


CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

HELD DECEMBER 20TH
AT TWIN CITY FAMILY FUN CENTER



We had a variety of appetizers...



...while bowling before dinner



Ugly/silly
sweater
contestants



There were *plenty* of gifts provided by the Chapter—which were handed out by Director Justen Elliott and Treasurer Don Whiton, with assistance from the incoming Assistant Director Mike Greig. The mystery ornament swap was handled by Activities Directors Kim Hidenfelter and Vicky Lacasse. Special thanks to **Wilkins** for providing great discounts on the items purchased by the Chapter to be gifts.

Hmm, naughty or nice, Kim?





The fabulous Dessert Table was prepared by our Activities Directors, Kim Hidenfelter and Vicky Lacasse

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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 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)

JANUARY

Saturday, January 3. Wilkins Waffles and WhoopAss event. Waffles at 10, self-defense seminar at 11.

Tuesday, January 13. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social at Wilkins beginning at 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 7. Wilkins Superbowl Pre-Party

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

Saturday, February 21. Wilkins Dumpster Dive to benefit CHAD

Saturday, February 28. Wilkins Best Damn Chili Cook-Off

MARCH

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

Saturday, March 14. Wilkins St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 28. Wilkins Screw Winter Luau and Pig Roast

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.

MAY

Saturday, May 2. Wilkins Dos de Mayo Nacho Party

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

Saturday, May 16. Wilkins Hot Rods and Cool Bikes

JUNE

Saturday, June 6. Wilkins Dog Pawty

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

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

JULY

Saturday, July 4 Wilkins Dog Pawty

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

Saturday, July 25. Wilkins Annual Bike Show

AUGUST

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

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

SEPTEMBER

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

Saturday, September 26. Wilkins Cookie Challenge

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

TBD. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Holiday Party