



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Photos of the January Social
Upcoming Events

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

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Chapter Director's Report —Justen Elliott



Greetings Central Vermont HOG

As I'm writing this newsletter, there are just 55 days till spring!!!

Our first Chapter meeting for 2025 was a great success, 31 members showed up for our traditional /annual, **Pizza Meeting Social** we've got to come up with an acronym ☺.

Pizza was supplied by **Simply Housemade & Catering**, who gave us a discount and is now an advertiser in our newsletter. Stop by for dinner sometime, mention the Chapter, and thank them for their support.

Kim Hidenfelter brought in some delicious cookies, 'thank you'.

Bruce Klinger was our Guest speaker for the night, Bruce is the NH/VT delegate for The Iron Adventure of New England. Also in the crowd was Martin Lemire Canadian delegate for the rally, they both gave us a very informative update on the rally. I explained to the group that I have already signed Central Vermont HOG up for the Chapter Challenge. This is a fun but competitive event, Chapters compete against each other earning points for different things i.e. leading rides, registration, bringing the Chapter Flag, etc. etc.

Last year's rally at Jay Peak, Central Vermont was in the running to win up until the very end. When the final count came in we placed a very respectable 2nd place, we hope to change that to 1st place this year. In order to do so it's going to take **volunteers**. You can find information on The Iron Adventure on Facebook, it will also give contact information on how to volunteer. Starting with February's meeting and going forward our Chapter meetings will begin at **6:00 PM**, this comes from the results of the recent questionnaire that members submitted.

For our next Chapter meeting 2/11/2025 it's valentine theme—bring something chocolate to share. Also, we'll be talking about HOG Basics 101 and sharing a story/video 'Bikes Bourbon & Bluegrass' a HOG rally in Lexington, KY that some chapter members attended. Popcorn & steamed Hot dogs will be served.

Hope to see you then, stay warm and think early spring.

Justen



On the Horizon

Wilkins Harley Davidson:

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WILKINS ANNUAL DUMPSTER DIVE
To raise money for the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST 10AM

NEW & CLEAN DUMPSTER
PROVIDED BY
CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS

Join our team taking a quick dip into icy cold water with fellow divers (costumes encouraged!) to help raise money. Or, make a donation!

WILKINS SUPERBOWL PRE-PARTY!
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH 11AM - 1PM

- PLACE YOUR BET ON FINAL SCORE FOR CHANCE TO WIN THE POOL! \$
- FREE CHICKEN WINGS AT NOON UNTIL GONE!
- WEAR YOUR FAVORITE JERSEY FOR A FREE GIFT!
- GAMES & GIVEAWAYS!

NEW PRODUCT UNVEILING PARTY!
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
Come view new products for 2025! More details TBA!

On the Horizon...continued



We'll be discussing tips, best practices and safety of group riding!

To RSVP for this event click the link below

<https://tinyurl.com/Riding-in-a-Group-Workshop>



Saturday March 8 at Wilkins beginning at 9—you must be registered to attend

Instructor-Led ASM Basic 100 series class. Lead instructor: Lee Morissette, DMSc, PA-C, FAEMS and Stephanie Smith, RN. Location: Wilkins Harley Davidson. Class limit is 20. Cost: \$75.00 per student, includes all course materials, a patch and a certificate. Wilkins Harley Davidson will provide lunch as well. All students must register and prepay. This class is OPEN to the general public and available for anyone who would like to attend. For more information about the class or to schedule a class for your group, contact Lee Morissette at lee.f.morissette@gmail.com or (802) 952-3661. ASM/Road Guardians is accredited from CAPCE. If you would like more information or see a full list of classes, go to RoadGuardians.org.

H.O.G. Central Vermont Chapter # 5218 Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2025

Opening: The regular monthly meeting of the Central Vermont Chapter of the H.O.G. was called to order at 6:30pm on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at Wilkins Harley Davidson, the sponsoring H.D. dealership.

Present:

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
Group Members

The agenda was distributed to membership prior to the meeting.

Approval of prior months meeting: N/A as this is the first meeting of the 2025 season.

Membership: Annual applications and dues for membership were collected and processed by Membership Coordinators Linda Lamell and Lauren Demers.

Ladies of Harley RaspBarre Jam sales generated \$110.00 this month and a total of \$325.00 overall for the chapter bank.

Guest Speaker: Bruce Klinger Winnepesaukee H.O.G. Assistant Director and Iron Adventure Delegate for NH and VT

Meeting opened with Justen Elliott addressing membership and outlining the agenda.

Introduction and presentation of the guest speaker, Bruce Klinger, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bruce continued to inform the membership of The New England Iron Adventure Rally, a three day event being held at Attitash Mountain in Bartlett, NH, August 21, 2025 through August 23, 2025.

Bruce's key points were:

Register early for the rally via Harley-Davidson.com

Book early for lodging (separate booking) either hotel reservation or at a local campground.

The Grand Summit is booked.

When making lodging reservations, Identify yourself as an Iron Adventure Rally participant.

Chapters can earn points for the Chapter Challenge by volunteering, leading rides and participating in rally challenges.

Peter Galette is the volunteer coordinator.

There will be nightly entertainment.

Rides will go to NH, VT and ME.

There will be guided and self guided rides and rides will be QR code accessible.

Rides will be posted on The Iron Adventure Facebook page.

Bruce can be found on Facebook and via email (see Justen).

Officers Meeting information for IA to be determined.

Thank you Bruce

Nathan, Wilkins Representative Upcoming Events at Wilkins can always be found on the Wilkins website.

Saturday, January 18, 2025 Indoor Sidewalk Sale Saturday,

January 25, 2025 Models and Throttles Fashion Show Saturday,

February 1, 2025 Dumpster Dive to Benefit Children's Hospital of Dartmouth (CHAD) Donations and participants are welcome

All Wilkins sponsored events are on RSVP basis

Check out new and used inventory in the Wilkins showroom

Thank you Nathan

Pizza Break Thank you to Chris and Vicky Lacasse for the pizza delivery service.

Justen Elliott, Director

Explanation of Forms

Meeting sign in sheet is for attendance tracking

Check in sheets for all rides will be in the med pack with the ride leader on all rides.

Please take and fill out a questionnaire, tonight is the deadline to submit.

There will be a monthly meeting attendance drawing. You must be present to be entered and to win.

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Twin State H.D. has closed.

Wilkins H.D. will take over sponsorship of Twin State H.O.G.

Plans to get the three Wilkins sponsored H.O.G. groups together for a summer event are in the works. More information to follow.

R.O.C. training is being held in Natick, MA. 6 participants are allowed from each chapter. Participants so far are Justen and Mi Yong, Greg, Kim and Steve.

HOG members will be cooking hot dogs at the upcoming dumpster dive event on 2/1/25. Donations received will go to CHAD (Children's Hospital at Dartmouth) along with a \$70 donation which was carryover cash from the 2024 season.

Wilkins is providing the food and H.O.G. members are manning the grills for the Dumpster Dive.

For other upcoming events, the Chapter will be volunteering by grilling food provided by Wilkins. Donations will be accepted in lieu of a pricing list and with the exception of the Dumpster Dive event, donations received will go into the H.O.G. bank. Volunteers will be needed.

Road Captains/Ride Leaders please sign up and Greg will be setting up a Ride Leader meeting sometime in February 2025. Information to follow.

CODE OF CONDUCT: BE KIND TO EACH OTHER AND THOSE PEOPLE WE COME IN CONTACT WITH WHEN WE ARE OUT RIDING AS WE ARE REPRESENTING THE CHAPTER.

Monthly agendas will be made available in advance.

February agenda will include chapter business as well as a short movie.

Simply Subs is now an advertising sponsor of the H.O. G. Central VT Chapter

50/50 Raffle Congratulations Vicky Lacasse and Thank You for the donation.

Door Prizes went to: 1. Ramsey 2. Mike 3. Tim 4. Don 5. Tony 6. Lauren

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

The next general meeting will be held on February 11 beginning at 6 p.m.

Prepared by: Kim Hidenfelter, Secretary

Approved by: to be voted on at February Social on February 11



Kim and Justen ready for the meeting



Justen taking care of business with member Tim Schroeder



Ramsey Blohm and Vicky Lacasse at the Membership Table with Linda Lamell



Head Road Captain Greg Johnston



Members Steve Lermond and Tom Moore



Members Mark Perry, Josee Lesage, Martin Lemire, and Randy Lamell (Safety Officer)



Treasurer Don Whiton distributing door prize tickets to members



Member Rick Couture waving to Photographer Mi Yong Elliott



Listening to our presenters



Bruce Klinger speaking about the Iron Adventure Rally



Nathan Payne, motorcycle salesman for Wilkins, spoke about upcoming events at Wilkins



Pizza time!! (Pizza from 'Simply Subs')



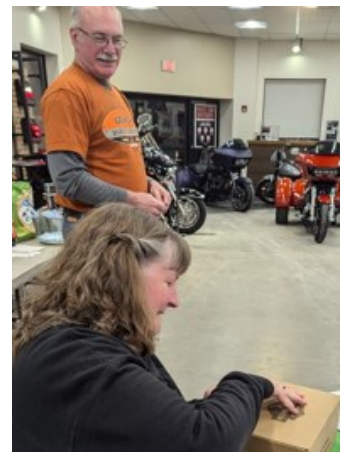
50/50 winner Vicky Lacasse contributing \$20 back to the Chapter



Door prize winner Ramsey Blohm



Door prize winner (and new Chapter member) Mike Greig



Door prize winner Lauren Demers (prize donated by the DeLarys)

Activity Directors' Report—Kim Hidenfelter and Vicky Lacasse



Happy February to all.

Just a few thoughts from the newly appointed activities directors. As we begin to look forward to 2025, there are many opportunities for us to participate in monthly socials, HOG events, Wilkins sponsored events and of course rides. We are looking forward to a fun filled and safe riding season for everyone. Therefore, we encourage your ideas and suggestions on how we could implement new ideas for activities relative to our monthly social meetings.



Please feel free to share ideas and suggestions via our **HOG Suggestion Box** which will be making its debut at our February social. We look forward to seeing everyone on the second Tuesday of each month.

Kim H. and Vicky L.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership Officers Linda Lamell and Lauren Demers



Our 2025 membership roster, as of January 31, 2025, stands at 42.

It's not too late to renew if you haven't already done so!

Please remember to provide a copy of the Chapter's Code of Conduct, signed/initialed and dated with your membership form.

Dues are \$20 this year, increased from \$15 for the past several years.

Randy Lamell will be gathering info from people regarding interest in ordering Chapter t-shirts, hats, patches/rockers at the February Social.



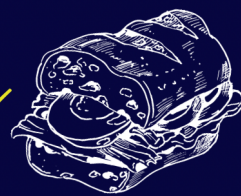
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Central Vermont HOG Chapter Code of Conduct (rev. 3/23/2024)

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)

February

Saturday the 1st. Dumpster Dive to benefit Children's Hospital At Dartmouth. 10 a.m.

Saturday the 8th. Super Bowl Pre-Party. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free wings at NOON until gone! Place your bet on final score for chance to win the pool! \$ Wear your favorite football jersey for a prize!

Games and Giveaways! RSVP by going to: <https://tinyurl.com/Super-Bowl-Party-2025>

Tuesday the 11th. February Chapter Social at Wilkins beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a video presentation of a trip made by several members to the Lexington, KY rally 'Bikes, Bourbon, and Bluegrass' a few years ago. Director Justen Elliott will discuss 'HOG Basics 101'. We'll have hotdogs, and popcorn for the movie. Please bring your favorite Valentine's Day chocolate to share. Membership renewals/new sign-ups welcomed at this Social. We'll have our traditional 50/50 raffle and door prizes will be awarded to a few lucky members. The new monthly attendance prize will also be awarded. See you there!!

Saturday the 15th. New Product Unveiling Party at Wilkins 10 a.m to 1:30 p.m. Come check out new products for 2025! More details TBA! Be sure to RSVP so when you attend you get entered to win the motorcycle! <https://wilkinsharley.com/ride-into-2025>

Saturday the 22nd Group Riding Workshop at Wilkins. 10 a.m. We'll be discussing tips, best practices and safety of group riding! To RSVP for this event go to: <https://tinyurl.com/Riding-in-a-Group-Workshop>

March

Saturday March 1st. Wilkins 20th Annual Best Damn Chili Cookoff. 11a.m. - 1:30 p.m. \$500 CASH to first place winner! - Beer provided by Good Measure Pub & Brewery - Live Music by Tim Brick - \$5.00 donations for tasting chili going to ***Make A Wish Vermont*** - When you enter your chili, you'll be entered to win a brand new Harley-Davidson at Wilkins this Fall! TO ENTER YOUR CHILI TO COMPETE- <https://tinyurl.com/Wilkins-Chili-Registration>

Saturday the 8th. Provided at Wilkins A Crash Course for the Motorcyclist 9 a.m. Participants must preregister and prepay.

Tuesday March 11th March Chapter Social. Details to follow

Saturday March 15th St. Patrick's Day Party at Wilkins 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Live Irish Music by One More Time band! Green beer served by Good Measure Pub & Brewery! Come in wearing green, leave with a gift! Find one of our ten gold coins hidden around our dealership for a prize! To RSVP for this event, go to <https://tinyurl.com/Wilkins-St-Patricks-Day-party>

April

Tuesday April 8th. April Chapter Social Details to follow

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>