



# Vee-Twin Rumbblings

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



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## Chapter Director—Joel DeLary

Greetings fellow H.O.G. members;

Hope everyone is well and staying busy if they are not able to work. It certainly has been a challenging time over the past month or so but hopefully this will be behind us soon enough and we can all get back to a somewhat normal routine and especially some wind in our faces. I am sure there are some of you that have taken that "essential" ride: it does help, no matter the length of the ride. As of this newsletter all our rides are mostly still as scheduled but they are subject to change in accordance to the current health crisis as well as the leading road captains decision so stay alert for last minute changes through email or Facebook posts.

I have decided to move our May 12th Social to the following Tuesday, May 19th because of the current Stay Home, Stay Safe order which is due to expire May 15th. We will try and have the May meeting outside at the dealership depending on the weather, I believe this would help those who might still have concerns feel a little more comfortable.

As most of you know by now, Wilkins North in Essex has merged that shop back to Wilkins Harley Davidson of South Barre, we wish the entire staff the very best in this transition and we all understand it must have been a difficult decision for the management knowing their commitment to all their customers.

Almost immediately the question arose about the future of the Champlain Valley H.O.G. Chapter but after some negotiations with National H.O.G. and Johns alliance with the Chapter members the Champlain Chapter will remain in tact with the only change being the Chapters registration number.

I have 11 Central Vermont Chapter rocker patches left which I will bring to the next meeting, these are the small ones and are \$9 each. Stay well everyone and hope to see many of you next month.

Joel





# On the Horizon

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### Co-Head Road Captains—Brion Muzzy and Ben Drury

The governor is slowly turning on the spigot. He has asked us to stay home and stay safe until May 15th.

We have our first chapter ride scheduled for May 16th or 17th weather being the determining factor. I'll send the details to Linda as soon as I confirm some other openings. There will be ice cream involved for sure; food is the only question at the moment.



Kim and I got out for a 170-mile loop through the Islands and down the Georgia Shore, we hope many of you got out it was a beautiful day for riding and it was much needed therapy for both of us.

Let's hope for a loosening of restrictions with safety in mind as we have a very full ride schedule.

Stay safe out there and be ready to ride with our chapter friends.



## Historian— Tim Schroeder

Hey friends...I thought I would talk about the “Big Easy” or as most know it, New Orleans. New Orleans is about 1625 miles from good ole Vermont. There’s a lot of cool stops between here and the French Quarters. This is a city of rich culture and fascinating traditions. Founded in 1718 by Jean Baptiste Le Moyne de Beenville. New Orleans developed around the “Old Square” a central square from which the French Quarter evolved. This piece of high ground above the mighty Mississippi river became the capital of the French Colony in 1723, and a vital hub of commerce and trade.

That being said, it was a very strategic piece of land. The Spanish came along in 1763 and took it over. That was the signing of the Paris Treaty. Anyways, the architecture and traditions from those days are very prevalent today. N.O. survived fires in 1788 and it took years to rebuild.

Most of us when we hear New Orleans, we think about the famous Mardi Gras. It is said that the first Mardi Gras was celebrated in March of 1699!!! Iberville and Bienville landed at the mouth of the Mississippi and dubbed the spot” Point du Mardi Gras. And there became the first celebration. The first parade began in the mid 1800’s, setting the stage for all of the parades, floats and the wild partying of today. When we were there, they had a parade with motorcycle cops leading it and fancy Jaguars in the procession. They make a parade out of everything it seems. Worth seeing for sure!



We rolled into New Orleans on a rainy Thursday right at rush hour! We got to our hotel, and they had a secure parking lot for our bikes. We walked the French Quarters and enjoyed the scenes. The blues and jazz music was playing at most venues. Everyone was having a great time too. The next morning we took a cruise on a steam powered paddle wheel boat up the Mississippi. There is so much to see in the Big Easy that one could spend a good week there.



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Chapter Meetings: **Second Tuesday of Each Month (except December)**  
Usually at Wilkins Harley Davidson, Inc.  
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## Calendar of Events for 2020

Chapter ride schedule (In red),  
 Central Vermont HOG Chapter Socials (In blue)  
 Wilkins Harley-Davidson – Events (In black)  
 Charity or HOG events (In brown)

### **MAY (all are tentative –pending the COVID-19 condition at the time)**

**Saturday, May 16:** Ben Drury, Road Capt., TBD

**Saturday, May 16** or **Sunday, May 17** (one day or the other – TBD): Experienced Rider Course, Colchester, open to Central VT HOG and Champlain Valley HOG members only; more details to follow

**Tuesday, May 19: Chapter May Social 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins**

**Saturday, May 23:** Mark Fournier, Road Capt., National Guard Charitable Foundation Fundraising Ride, departs WHD at 7 am to ride to Essex where the charity ride officially begins and ends with a BBQ.

**Saturday, May 23** to **Monday, May 25:** Justen Elliott, Road Capt., **Overnight ride** to Rockport, Maine and Acadia National Park. Meet @ 9 am at Cumberland Farms, Woodsville, NH. Reserve motel well in advance at Ledges by the Bay, 207-594-8944 and tell them you're with Central Vermont HOG. Book 2-nights, Saturday & Sunday night, ride returns on Monday, May 25.

**Sunday, May 24 7:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.** Follow Dennis Aja Down to the Vietnam Memorial for the Ceremony and the beginning of the Vermont Thunder Ride to Enosburg Falls

**Saturday & Sunday, May 30 & 31:** WHD, Alan Wilkins Memorial Ride to Maine

### **JUNE**

**Saturday, June 6:** WHD, Motorclothes Semi-Annual Side Walk Sale

**Saturday, June 6:** Jeff Demers, Road Capt., destination is the President Calvin Coolidge Historic Site in Plymouth Notch. (Free State Park Entrance Day) Meet at Wilkins. Kickstands up at 9:15 a.m. Rte. 14 to Williamstown, Rte 64W to Rte 12 S to Woodstock, Rte 4W to Rte 100A S to Plymouth Notch, Stop at President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. Tour of store/summer White House, Calvin Coolidge birthplace and childhood home. Lunch at Wilder House Restaurant (or brown bag). Re-start ride: continue on Rte 100A S to Rte 100 S. At the South end of Echo lake, turn left onto Kingdom RD towards Felchville. Kingdom Rd becomes Tyson Rd. Continue on Tyson Rd into Felchville. Turn left onto Rte 106N. Turn right onto 44E. In Brownsville, turn left onto Brownsville-Hartland Rd to Harland 4 Corners. Turn left onto Rte 12N to Rte 4. Turn right onto 4E. At intersection of Rte 4 and Quechee-Hartland Rd, (fuel) stop a Jiffy Mart. Cross RT 4 onto Waterman Hill RD, turn left after covered bridge onto Quechee Main ST. Veer right onto Quechee-West Hartford RD to RT 14. Turn left onto RT 14 to Williamstown. Ride ends at Pump and Pantry.

COST: President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site (Free hopefully - \$10/person max.), Gas, Lunch

EST. LENGTH OF RIDE: 3.5 – 4 hours of riding, plus historic site visit TIME RIDE ENDS: Approx. 4 PM APPROX.

MILES OF RIDE: 150 miles, lots of twisties WHERE RIDE ENDS: Pump and Pantry, Williamstown

**Sunday, June 7:** Brion Muzzy, Road Capt., TBD **Saturday, June 15:** WHD, Father's Day Ride

**Tuesday, June 9: June Social - dinner/meeting at a restaurant (TBD)**

**Sunday, June 13:** Trina DeLary, Road Capt., White Cottage lunch ride, Woodstock

**Saturday, June 20:** WHD, Customer Appreciation Day (Dirty Looks Band/Beer Tent/BBQ)

**Saturday, June 20:** Central VT HOG (need Road Captain) – Camp Takumta Ride

**Sunday, June 21:** Ben Drury, Road Capt., ride to Laconia (last day of Bike Week) – Father's Day

**Saturday, June 27:** Justen Elliott, Road Capt., The Beach Plum, N. Hampton Beach, lunch ride. Depart Cumberland Farms, Woodsville, NH at 9 am. After lunch, build your own sundaes in Laconia at "Kellerhaus"

## ...continued—Calendar of Events for 2020

### JULY

**Saturday, July 4:** WHD, July 4th Ride

**Saturday, July 4 OR Sunday, July 5:** Rick Boutin, Road Capt., TBD and will ride on best weather day this weekend

**Saturday, July 11:** WHD, Free Ice Cream Day

**Saturday, July 11 OR Sunday, July 12:** Rick Boutin, Road Capt., TBD and will ride on best weather day this weekend

**Tuesday, July 14:** July Social at Wilkins, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Biker games and cookout

**Saturday, July 18 or Saturday, July 25:** Joe Lonardo, Road Capt., Co-Chapter BBQ ride, followed by twisties & ice cream

**Sunday, July 19:** Mark Fournier, Road Capt., 242 Texas BBQ ride in Montgomery; departs WHD at 10 am

**Thursday, July 30-Saturday, August 1:** Iron Adventure Run, Farmington, CT

**Friday, July 31 to Sunday, August 2:** WHD, The Annual Wilkins HD Motorcycle Skills Training & Challenge

### AUGUST

**Saturday, August 8:** Toy Run and Toy Run After Party @ WHD, Central VT HOG will be doing the BBQ

**Sunday, August 9:** Justen Elliott, Road Capt., Mystery Ride (Pack a Lunch), departs WHD at 10 am, 125 miles and ends at a mystery location within 30 miles of Barre, VT

**Tuesday, August 11:** August Social at Wilkins, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Make your own ice cream sundae

**Saturday, August 15:** Jeff Demers, Road Capt., Frazers' Place, Windsor, VT lunch ride

**Sunday, August 16:** Mark Fournier, Road Capt., TBD

**Saturday, August 22:** WHD, Ride to Worthy Burger Too, Waitsfield

**Saturday, August 22:** Tim Schroeder, Road Capt., TBD

**Sunday, August 23:** Ben Drury, Road Capt., Myron's Ride in NY

**Saturday, August 29:** Brion Muzzy, Road Capt., TBD

### SEPTEMBER

**Friday, September 4:** \*\* NOTE: changed day \*\* September Social at Wilkins, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Potluck & cornboil, campfire, outdoor movie, camping out

**Saturday, September 5:** WHD, Bike Show

**Friday, September 11-Sunday, September 13:** Bentley's Saloon, Arundel, Maine (2-nights) with Champlain Valley Vermont Chapter, TBD

**Saturday, September 19:** Jeff Demers, Road Capt., TBD

**Friday, September 25 & Saturday, September 26:** WHD, Biketemberfest Open House

**Saturday, September 26:** Ben Drury, Justen Elliott, Brion Muzzy and Jeff Demers Road Captains, POKER RUN

### OCTOBER

**Saturday, October 3:** Brion Muzzy, Road Capt., Train Ride, TBD

**Saturday, October 10:** WHD, Free Fall Pies

**Saturday, October 10:** Ben Drury, Road Capt., Foliage Ride, TBD

**Sunday, October 11:** Justen Elliott, Road Capt., Dummerston Apple Pie Festival ride (maybe & TBD)

**Tuesday, October 13:** October Social at Wilkins, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Apple dessert bake-off.

**Saturday, October 17:** WHD, Wake the Dead Ride

### NOVEMBER

**Tuesday, November 10:** November Social at Wilkins, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Baked goods auction.

### DECEMBER

**Tuesday, December:** December Holiday HOP (date, time, and place TBD)

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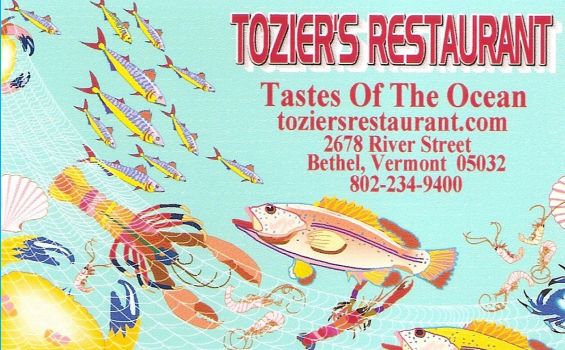
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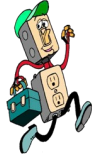
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