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



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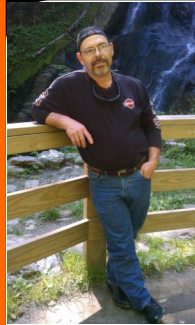
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Chapter Director—Joel DeLary

Greetings H.O.G. members; As much as I dislike saying it, looks like Fall is taking a little peak at us but it's a nice break from the real hot stuff for riding. Fall really is a great time to ride though Vermont and upper New England, the sights & smells are unique. We've had a few changes in events and rides this season, some due to weather but mostly because of the current travel and health restrictions. Wilkins has had to cancel most their events with some that the Chapter has participated in such as the annual Bike Show but unfortunately that has been cancelled as well so this will change our September meeting back to it's original date of September 8th. With the cancellation of the Bike Show, all 3 Labor Day weekend days are open for a last minute Chapter ride so be on the lookout for a possible late email and/or post on our FB page. At this point the planned annual co-chapter trip to Bentley's Saloon September 11th is out as well due to the recent increase of COVID in that area so that will leave the weekend of the 12 & 13th open for any Chapter rides. We hope to see you at the September meeting at Wilkins for rescheduled Biker Games and more. August brought some great rides, lets get out there and enjoy what our country side has to offer especially this time of year. Ride often, ride safe! Joel



Co-Head Road Captains—Brion Muzzy and Ben Drury

First I would like to offer a very heartfelt thanks to ALL the Road Captains who have led rides this year. Ben, Jeff, Justen, Trina & Kim for keeping the spirit alive. and a shout out to all who have participated on those rides. There have not been as many rides this year as in the past. but the rides that we have had certainly have been quality rides ! And there still are a few more coming this year !! The weekend ride to Bentleys, Sept 11-13; Jeff Demers' Maple Sausage Burger ride September 19th; and a planned Poker run for the 26th. I sadly will not be leading any of the rides I had planned partly because of COVID,(no train ride this year account we have cancelled and parked all of our passenger equipment) and other personal challenges I have faced this year. But I encourage everyone who feels safe in doing so to come out to the rides we do still have planned. Hopefully soon all of this will be in our rearview mirrors !! Stay safe, and maybe I'll see you out there !

Brion





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Join us for our Biketemberfest Open House! September 25 and 26. We'll be having warm pretzels and brats, demo and jumpstart rides, music, games & giveaways, a bounce house for the kids and chances to win big prizes!

Check the Wilkins/HOG Chapter events on the calendar on Wilkins website — you do *not* need to have a Facebook account to see this calendar.
<https://www.wilkinsharley.com/events-calendar-harley-davidson-dealership--xcalendar>



Historian— Tim Schroeder

BUGS, BIRDS and BEES.....

If you have ridden long enough...you will have encountered all of these winged things out on the road. The only historical aspect I can come up with is that these were here before we hit the planet, and they will be here once we are gone. Anywho, let's start out with the bees. I've been cruising down the road enjoying the scenery and the breeze in my face when suddenly some foreign object gets inside my helmet and it's starting to

bite and really hurting bad!!!

Panic sets in and I'm looking to slow down and pull over as fast as possible. Ripping off my helmet like some deranged nut caseand others wondering what the hell is going on, I finally get to that bee. That will wake you up for sure!!! Another time I was pumping gas and a bee was in the sleeve of my jacket and started to sting, well another case of ripping off my jacket and jumping around like a nut until I did get the bee out. Just recently while on a ride with friends that bee in the bonnet happened to Justin. He made a fast stop for sure. I knew what happened as soon as he got his helmet off. This is part of the experience of riding motorcycles.....you will never forget that sensation of a freaking bee stinging your head inside of your hard hat.....

Birds, oh ya.....I have had bouts with them. The ones that scare me the most are those flying cinder blocks called Turkeys! I had one launch from the side of the road as I was coming by it and I swear that I felt its feet graze the top of my helmet. One time I was cruising some where's and running about 50 mph and a bird hit me right in the shoulder! That was one of the times that I had my heavy leather jacket on. I was lucky there, only a sore shoulder for a few days. The bird on the other hand was not so lucky.

On our trip to Alaska, we were running down the road and just like in slow motion, I see this bird coming at me and it dive bombed me just below the head light.....it exploded in a cloud of feathers...lots of feathers. I found its skeleton a month later when I was cleaning my bike. Lesson here kids, there's more to the birds and the bees that our folks told us about!!!

Bugs!!

We all have had our taste of bugs. If you're lucky enough to be up front when the swarm takes off after the first bike unsettles them, then you're going to be fine. If you're riding mid pack or in the back, it's splatter time! Thank god for face shields that flip down. I have had more bug splats of the most amazing colors on my wind shield. What about the evening rides when the June bugs are flying all over the place? There like golf balls with wings. I had one whack me right between the eyes one time, and I looked like a cyclops.



(Three Eyes) Man did that wake me up!!!!

We were riding through the Nevada desert last year and by the way, it was absolutely beautiful!!

The road was straight with a few hills and you could really crank it up. It was late afternoon and we were getting off the road and staying in



Very strange thing. We rode through what was a huge swarm of Mormon Crickets! You can see how nasty they are from the picture. They were popping under our tires and the stink (to me anyways) smelled like burnt popcorn in olive oil. These things were all over the road. We came across them the next morning as well. One interesting thing was that they eat their dead!!!! Very gross indeed. They are one of many different swarms of bugs that I have run into over the years. Makes for a fun job scraping them off your ride at the end of a long trip. I love the thrill of being on the road and not knowing what you will see or smell. It's the journey, not the destination that makes riding what it is.....

“REMEMBER YOUR HISTORY BEFORE YOU BECOME HISTORY”

NOTE: The mosquitoes' were so big...I thought they were humming birds at first.....

Calendar of Events for 2020—all rides & events are subject to change

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

Tuesday, September 8 ** September Social at Wilkins, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday September 19th “Maple Sausage Burger Ride”

Jeff Demers, Road Captain meet 0915 at Wilkins KSU 0930

Rt 14 S to Sharon, right onto River RD, left onto Howe Hill RD, turn right onto Pomfret RD/Stage RD, turn onto VT RT 12 S, around the Woodstock green, and turn right onto RT 106 South. Turn left onto RT 44 to Windsor. In Windsor, turn left on Main ST/RT 5 N. Just north of town is Frazer's Place on the left.

After lunch, RT 5 S to the Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge (longest covered bridge in the US, and longest 2 span covered bridge in the world). After crossing the bridge, turn right onto NH 12A and stop for a short photo-opportunity with Chapter flag?).

Continue a short distance south on 12A, and turn left onto Town House RD, turn left onto RT 120 north. When approaching Lebanon, watch for signs to I-89 and LaPlante RD. Turn right onto LaPlante RD. Turn right onto RT 4 east. In Canaan, turn left onto RT 118. In Warren, take RT 25 to Haverhill. Then turn north on RT 10 to Woodsville. Take 302 into Wells River.

Stop at Big Cones Ice Cream.

COST: Gas, Lunch, Ice Cream

EST. LENGTH OF RIDE: 4 hours of riding, plus lunch and ice cream. Another 30-35 minutes to Barre.

TIME RIDE ENDS: Approx. 3:30 PM

APPROX. MILES OF RIDE: 160 miles + 25 to Barre

WHERE RIDE ENDS: Big Cones Ice Cream, Wells River, VT

Friday September 25th and Saturday September 26th—Biketemberfest Open House at Wilkins

Saturday September 26th Poker Run- 4 team leaders: Ben, Joel, Brion, Jeff

Saturday October 10 Wilkins - Free Pie Day

Saturday October 10 Foliage Ride, Ben Drury, Road Captain

Tuesday October 13 Chapter Social—6:30 p.m. Wilkins Apple dessert bake-off.

Saturday October 17th Wilkins- 'Wake the Dead' Ride

Tuesday November 10th Chapter Social—6:30 p.m. Wilkins Baked goods auction.

December Holiday HOP date/time/place TBD

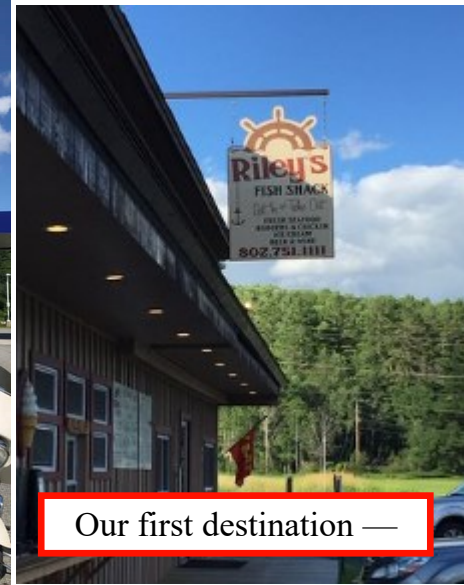
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Chapter Meetings: **Second Tuesday of Each Month (except December)**
Usually at Wilkins Harley Davidson, Inc.
Beginning at 6:30 p.m.

August 1st—Co-Chapter Ride
to Riley's Fish Shack
Kim Drury, Road Captain



Our first destination —



Cruising past Lake Willoughby



...our 2nd destination!
(for ice cream, of course!)





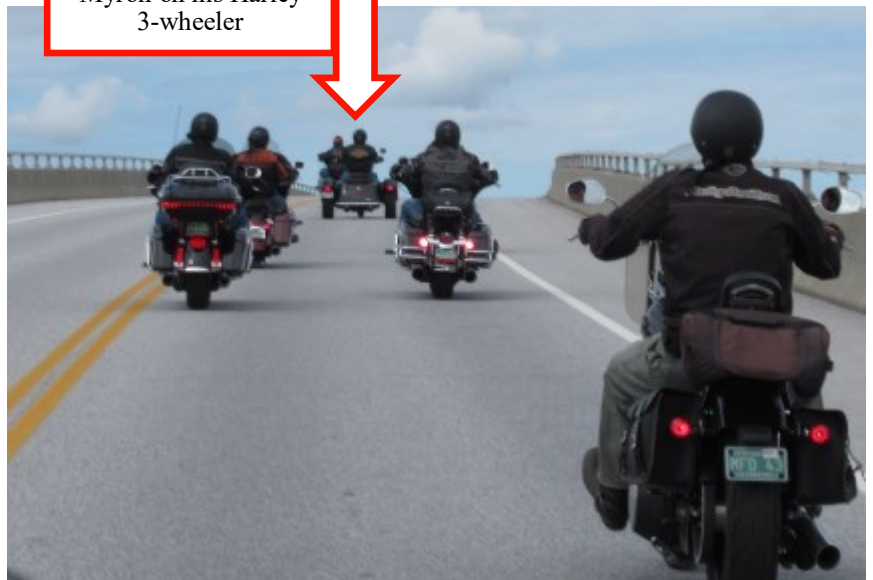
Special Annual Event 'Myron's Ride'
Honoring Charter Member of the Chapter—
Myron Degenhardt
August 22nd—Ben Drury, Road Captain



Myron Degenhardt,
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Myron on his Harley
3-wheeler





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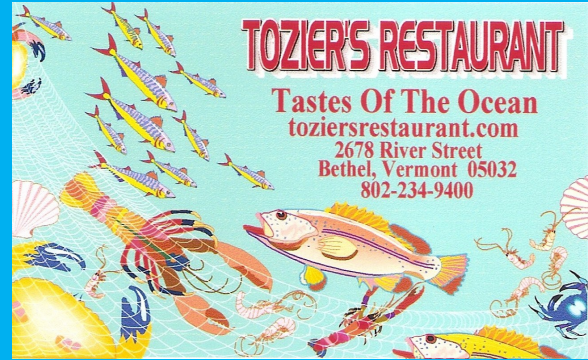
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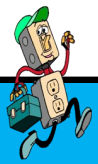
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