



# Vee-Twin Rumbblings

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Greetings everyone;

### Chapter Director—Joel DeLary

Can you smell Spring in the air, I hope so and that it gets here much sooner than later! We have a nearly-full calendar of rides for the upcoming season with a few open Sundays. Some of the Sundays are reserved as a rain date, but if any of you want to use one as a last minute ride then by all means go ahead and plan something, it can get put out to the members as a last minute ride. All weekends prior to May 16th are open as well but we know how the start of Spring can be a little stubborn in Vermont — but maybe we can get out on the 2 wheelers a little early this year so watch out for some last minute rides before May 16th if the weather breaks and the salt gets a good wash off the roads. We had a real nice turnout for February's meeting. It was nice to see everyone who attended and missed the ones that weren't able to make it. I want thank Bruce Klinger for his attendance once again for keeping us up to date on this year's Iron Adventure. Speaking of this year's IAR it's looking to be well attended so if you are thinking about joining the fun then I would suggest getting your reservations booked as soon as possible. It looks like we have several members of both Chapters who will be riding down to Farmington CT to the IAR. Be sure to check out Wilkins web page and their calendar of events: they have a lot of great things planned again this year. The Chapter participates in several of these events throughout the year and once again this year we will be doing the cookout for the annual Toy Run after party and looking for help. One other annual ride that Wilkins does is the overnight Alan Wilkins Maine Ride on May 30th to Old Orchard Beach. If you wish to join on the ride then you should get your reservations made soon. In closing I want to remind all the members about the gift certificate that is available for the Riding Academy, a decision on the recipient will be made within the next two weeks. Happy Spring! Joel

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



This is being written on Leap Day and we are ready to leap into the riding season.

We look at the calendar and see there are only 76 days until the first scheduled chapter ride. We find equally important only 14 days until you can get your scooter inspected free at Wilkins H-D (either location) if you ride it in!

The sun is getting warmer and the daylight hours are getting longer. Don't look at the snowbanks. Think rain to wash the salt away and sun to dry the roads. So, let's uncover those bikes, put that spring-time touch-up cleaning



and polishing on, and be ready to ride.

Til then if you have any great ideas, roads to take, places to go drop us a line at "[officers@centralvermonthog.com](mailto:officers@centralvermonthog.com)"



# On the Horizon



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## Upcoming Wilkins Events



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### Chapter Secretary—Marie Boutin

The CVHOG Chapter Social of Feb. 11 had lots of chocolate for Valentine's Day and every lady got a red rose! Thank you CVHOG! (Photos on page 4)

Bruce Klinger, NH/VT delegate for the Iron Adventure of New England told us more details about the rally. Friday morning there will be a free breakfast at the Harley dealership. Friday evening, July 31, 5:00-7:00 there will be an Italian buffet for \$25/person. Go to [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) for tickets. There will be live music Friday and Saturday nights and firepits available outside. There will be a seamstress at the rally to sew on patches, a poker chip trading room and covered parking for our bikes. Rooms are still available, book by June 30, discount price of \$119/room applies to Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights only. Road captains are needed for rides as well as other volunteers at the rally. Volunteers earn tickets based on hours worked. Tickets will be drawn Saturday for prizes only available to volunteers. To volunteer email: [peter.guilette@comcast.net](mailto:peter.guilette@comcast.net)

Wilkins Riding Academy will begin in April. The course is 1 night and 2 days of classes for \$335 with 6 people/class, so very personalized attention. Remember that CVHOG Chapter has 1 free certificate for course for someone interested. If you have any questions, email: [RidingAcademy@Wilkinsharley.com](mailto:RidingAcademy@Wilkinsharley.com). There will be an Experienced Riders Course with a MSF instructor May 16 or 17 for HOG members only, it will be announced in March when the date is set.



## Historian— Tim Schroeder

The “Top of The World Highway” connects Dawson City Yukon to Tok Alaska. It is 187 miles of scenic road that winds along the top of the mountain range and it is in the richest gold mining areas of Alaska. It is about 3900 from Montpelier to Dawson City. We rode this piece of road back in 2017.

The weather was dry and the sky was clear. We rode from Tok Alaska on the Taylor Highway which is part paved with pot-holes, gravel and a lot of dust! It was a rush!

We stopped over in Chicken Alaska for fuel and to see the sights. In Chicken there is an old dredge from the 1930’s that produced a lot of gold. This contraption was fascinating.



If you ever watched “Gold Rush” on TV, Tony Beets refurbished one of these behemoths. The gold mining history in this area is very interesting. They are still mining that area today. From Chicken with a full tank of fuel, we headed to the northern most border crossing at Poker Creek. This crossing is open from 8am to 8pm in the summer only. Let me tell ya, what a ride that was! The scenery was stunning and the gravel was loose and when you found that sweet spot with your speed, it was thrilling.

We rolled down to the ferry crossing which takes you across the Yukon River to the town of Dawson City. Dawson City looks like an old frontier town and was the base during the Klondike Gold Rush. There is a museum in this town and it has all the history of the Gold Rush days. Back then men came from all over hoping to strike it rich. Very few did. The sacrifices they made were unbelievable.



This ride is one for your bucket list. We were lucky to have good weather for this part of our adventure. These roads will certainly test your riding skills to the fullest, along with your stamina and your horse too. Riding with friends who share the love of history (thank you Joe) and the adventure is priceless.

Remember Your History Before You *Become* History.....



February Social held Tuesday, February 11th  
We had several members with February birthdays to celebrate, in addition to Valentine's Day.



Wilkins' General Merchandise Manager Mandy Anderson gave us a dealership update.



Plenty of chocolate!



Randy Lamell (whose birthday is Feb. 11th) blew out the candles



Door prizes and 50/50 drawing



## 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)

### MARCH

**Tuesday, March 10:** March Social at Wilkins, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Come ‘wearin’ the green’ and win a prize!

**Saturday, March 14:** Free VT Inspection Day at Wilkins 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. *Ride in* and get a free inspection

**Saturday, March 21:** Chapter Volunteer Day at the Vermont Foodbank 8 a.m. to noon. Please pre-register online at

<https://vtfoodbank.volunteerhub.com/account/signin?ReturnUrl=%2f>

**Saturday, March 28:** Screw Winter Party at Wilkins 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### APRIL

**Tuesday, April 14:** April Social at Wilkins, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy waffles with maple syrup.

### MAY

**Saturday, May 2:** WHD, Cinco de Mayo tacos, 11 am

**Saturday, May 9:** WHD, Mother’s Day Free Gift w/ Purchase

**Tuesday, May 12:** May Social at Wilkins, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Come for a cookout followed by a ride to get Creemees

**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

**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.

**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., Plymouth State Park ride (Free State Park Entrance Day)

**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 16:** 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”

### 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

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

### 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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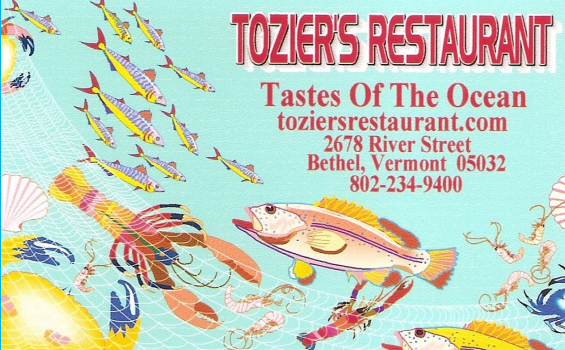
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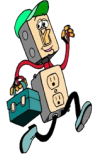
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