



# Vee-Twin Rumbblings

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



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## Chapter Director—Jeff Demers

Greetings to all!

I hope that everyone is in good health and doing their best to combat cabin fever. Though it is snowing as I write this, there are signs of Spring! Days are a little longer (daylight savings starts March 14), snow has slid off of our roof, and there are puddles in the driveway. With the few nice days that we've had, I am itching to get the bike out...

Road captains have met, and we have planned a great season of riding and activities. If you were unable to attend, and have ideas for rides, we encourage you to send them to [officers@centralvermonthog.com](mailto:officers@centralvermonthog.com). In addition to Chapter rides and activities, the Iron Adventure will be based in Ludlow at the Okemo Ski Resort starting July 15. More information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/theironadventurerun/>. If you have friends or family that are interested in riding, please consider the Riding Academy at Wilkins. The classes fill up fast, so encourage them to get signed up early. The class schedule can be found on Wilkins website. Please stay healthy, support your family, friends, and neighbors. Here's hoping for an early spring, smooth roads, and getting together with great friends!

Jeff



## Head Road Captains—Trina and Joel DeLary

Hello everyone;

As the co-head road captains this year we hope to bring as many rides as in the past, after the road captains/ride leader meeting this past Saturday it looks like it will be another busy riding season. This year we have incorporated a few more co-chapter rides but also have just Central VT Chapter rides on the schedule as well as a few more over nights and some shorter lunch/destination rides. None of these rides would be possible without the time and dedication of the ride leaders, a huge thank you to all of them! Looking over the ride calendar you will find a nice variety of rides but what isn't there a few weekday rides for those that might not be able to ride on weekends or those who are retired or otherwise and looking for a small group to go riding with during the week.

Trina & Joel



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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>

### Plan ahead ...

The Iron Adventure Run of New England in 2021 will return to Okemo in Ludlow, VT., where curly roads and places to visit are plentiful. It will be July 15-17.

Jackson Gore will be accepting online reservations November 14, 2020. Phone reservations may be made beginning in December. More details with room rates, web link, and phone numbers will be available at

<https://www.facebook.com/theironadventurerun/>





Allen Ballou—  
Assistant Director

I started riding motorcycles when I was 13 years old. The first bike I rode was a Suzuki 125. It was my cousin's bike. I rode that everywhere. The first bike I officially owned was a Suzuki 250 dirt bike. I was a Honda shadow man until 2015. That is when I discovered the Harley world. I was looking for a nice bike. I had been to National Powersports in Pembroke, NH a couple of times.

On a whim, I stopped into Wilkins and fell in love with what was going to be my first Harley. It was a 2014 Heritage Soft tail. It was covered with skulls everywhere. My wife called it the bucket of bones, and then bought more skull accessories for Christmas! I brought her home in march, in the snow, and then watched it snow for the next 4 days. I was so depressed. I had that bike for 2 years and then upgraded to a 2012 street glide. I fell In love with the cruise control and having the gauges up where I could see them. Unfortunately someone decided they wanted that bike and took it out of my yard. No, we have not heard anything about the bike.

So now I am on a 2020 ultra limited. My first brand new bike! I enjoy riding it in comfort and style. I call it my Caddy. I have always had a passion for motorcycles. Now I can jump on, take off for the weekend, and enjoy life the way I dreamt about.

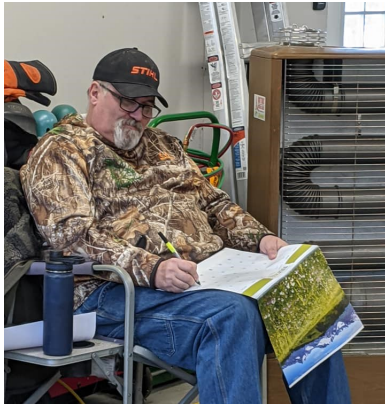


Bobbi Ballou—  
Activities Director and  
Ladies of Harley Officer

I was raised with a Harley in the garage. I can remember Dad sitting us on the gas tank and riding us up and down the road in front of the house. Then, poof, it was gone. But it kept coming back, for a visit at least. Dad had sold the bike to a friend in the Hells Angels. The Angels would visit every summer and stay at my grandfather's camp ground on Harvey's Lake. My aunt married the Chapter's president, Shotgun Mike McGuire. So Unka Mike would bring her home every summer and then just hang out with the gang. Then when I was around the age of 12-13, Shotgun Mike didn't make it home. He was found on a highway in New York, with bullet wounds in his back. I remember his bushy beard that he would tickle me with, his really stinky cigars, and that deep belly laugh he had. He also would sit me on the tank and take me down to the store and buy me candy. I called him Unka, and he called me Cherub....cuz I was an angel in his eyes!

I rode on the back of a friend's bike a few times when I reached adulthood. It wasn't until my husband, Allen, was looking at bikes that I got interested in riding seriously. In the spring of 2016, I started out on a 2014 Suzuki Boulevard C50. I was driving for Terry Hill at the time so I was gone all week. I would get home Friday night, Saturday morning, and leave Sunday night. I put over 9000 miles on that bike from April to October. I went to Wilkins in a torrential downpour October 9, and traded her in for a 2016 Street glide special. Some of you may have seen it around...it was black with pink pinstriping! In 2018, the bike was throwing so much heat that it was actually burning my right leg. So I got my 2018 street glide in wicked red on my birthday! I now enjoy the peace of mind, the feeling of being free, and Hell will freeze over before I give up my bike!

### Road Captains' Meeting— held February 27th at Ben and Kim Drury's home



A co-chapter planning meeting that resulted in an impressive list of rides planned for the 2021 riding season! Thanks to everyone who attended, in person and via Zoom.

### Sunday Brunch at Soup & Greens—February 28th



Thanks to our Activities Director, Bobbi Ballou, for arranging this Chapter Sunday brunch. Good food, good friends, a good time!



## Calendar of Events for 2021—all rides & events are subject to change

Chapter ride schedule (In black and **bold**), (Co-Chapter rides) (Note: destination rides indicate the chapter ride ends at the destination)

Central Vermont HOG Chapter Socials (In blue)

Wilkins Harley-Davidson – Events (In red)

Champlain Valley Rides (In brown)

HOG Rally

### March 2021:

*9th, Tuesday:* Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social—6:30 p.m. at Wilkins .Come ‘wearin’ the green’ and win a prize!

### April 2021:

*13th, Tuesday:* Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social—6:30 p.m. at Wilkins

*24th, Saturday:* lunch ride to Tozier’s Restaurant, Bethel, VT (Ben, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

### May 2021:

*1st, Saturday:* TBD, (Joel, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

*8th, Saturday:* **TBD (Jeff, ride leader)/Central Vermont Chapter ride**

*13th, Tuesday:* Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social—6:30 p.m. at Wilkins

*15th, Saturday:* destination lunch ride to Naked Turtle, Plattsburgh, NY (Ben, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

*22nd, Saturday:* Path of Life Sculpture Garden, Windsor, VT (Trina, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

*28th – 31st, Friday - Monday:* Memorial Day weekend overnight; pick your pleasure – stay Friday, Saturday, Sunday or just Saturday & Sunday (2-night minimum). Location is Roger’s Campground & Motel, Lancaster, NH. See separate page\*\*\*/email for full details (Justen, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

*30th, Sunday:* **Vermont Thunder ride (Dennis, ride leader)/Central Vermont Chapter ride**

### June 2021:

*2nd, Wednesday:* **We N.A.B. (“We Need a Break”) ride, creemee destination after work ride (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride departing from somewhere in Essex**

*5th, Saturday:* Hildene, the Lincoln Family Home ride (Jeff, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

*6th, Sunday:* destination lunch ride to Plymouth, NH (Joel, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

*8th, Tuesday:* Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social—6:30 p.m. at Wilkins

*13th, Sunday:* destination lunch ride to Latham House Tavern, Lyme, NH (Kim, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

*16th, Wednesday:* **We N.A.B. (“We Need a Break”) ride, creemee destination after work ride (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride departing from somewhere in Essex**

*19th, Saturday:* **BBQ ride, TBD (Greg, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride**

*19th, Saturday:* Mohawk Trail (Allen, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

*20th, Sunday:* Mohawk Trail – rain date

*26th, Saturday:* **Scavenger Hunt (Bobbi, ride leader)/Central Vermont Chapter ride**

*30th, Wednesday:* **We N.A.B. (“We Need a Break”) ride, creemee destination after work ride (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride departing from somewhere in Essex**

**July 2021:**

*3rd – 4th, Saturday,-Sunday* (or may be 4th – 5 th, **TBD depending on what night the fireworks are): Overnight fireworks ride to Portland, ME (Jeff, ride leader)/Central Vermont Chapter ride**

*7th, Wednesday:* We N.A.B. (“We Need a Break”) ride, creemee destination after work ride (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride departing from somewhere in Essex

*10th, Saturday:* White Cottage Snack Bar, Woodstock, VT (Trina, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride July 2021

*11th, Sunday:* lunch & maple creemee ride to April’s Maple, Canaan, VT (Kim, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

*13th, Tuesday:* Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social—6:30 p.m. at Wilkins

***15th – 17th, Thursday – Saturday:* HOG rally, Iron Adventure Run of New England, Ludlow, VT**

*18th, Sunday:* Ice Cream Sundae ride, TBD (Bobbi, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

*21st, Wednesday:* We N.A.B. (“We Need a Break”) ride, creemee destination after work ride (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride departing from somewhere in Essex

*24th – 25th, Saturday - Sunday:* 1-lap around Vermont, overnight ride (Jeff, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

*31st, Saturday:* **Summer Bash event at Wilkins-HD (Bobbi, organizer wizard)/Central Vermont Chapter**

**August 2021:**

*1st, Sunday:* destination lunch ride to Mike’s Tikki Bar, East Burke, VT (Ben, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

*4th, Wednesday:* We N.A.B. (“We Need a Break”) ride, creemee destination after work ride (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride departing from somewhere in Essex

*7th, Saturday:* Indian Lake, NY (Greg, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

*8th, Sunday:* POKER Run ride, ends at Riley’s Fish Shack, St. Johnsbury, VT (Joel, Jeff, Mark and Trina will be the ride leaders of 4 different groups & routes)/Co-Chapter ride

*11th, Tuesday:* Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social—6:30 p.m. at Wilkins

*14th, Saturday:* **Myron’s ride, Champlain, NY-ish (Ben, ride leader)/Central Vermont Chapter ride**

*15th, Sunday:* ice cream ride to Gladstone Creamery, Fairlee, VT (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride

*18th, Wednesday:* We N.A.B. (“We Need a Break”) ride, creemee destination after work ride (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride departing from somewhere in Essex

*21st, Saturday:* marathon ride to Quill Hill between Rangeley and Stratton, Maine (Bobbi, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

*28th, Saturday:* The Beach Plum Restaurant, Epping, NH (Justen, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride

**September 2021:**

*2nd – 5th, Thursday – Sunday: The Haunted Highway, 3-nights overnight (Allen, ride leader)/Central Vermont Chapter ride*

*11th, Saturday: 911 Memorial Ride, 20th Anniversary of 911 (Justen, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride*

*12th, Sunday: lunch ride to Lumberjack Inn, Tupper Lake, NY (Ben, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride*

*14th, Tuesday: Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social—6:30 p.m. at Wilkins*

*17th -19th, Friday – Sunday: 1 or 2 overnights at Bentley's Saloon & Campground, Arundel, ME (get yourselves there, ride on Saturday to??)/Co-Chapter ride*

*25th, Saturday: lunch ride to The East Side Restaurant, Newport, VT (Jeff, ride leader)/Central Vermont Chapter ride*

*26th, Sunday: lunch ride to Riley's Fish Shack, St. Johnsbury, VT (Kim, ride leader)/Champlain Valley HOG Chapter ride*

**October 2021:**

*2nd, Saturday: ride TBD (Justen, ride leader)/Central Vermont Chapter ride*

*3rd, Sunday: foliage ride TBD (Ben, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride*

*9th, Saturday: ride to Simon Pearce factory outlet, Windsor, VT (Joel, ride leader)/Co-Chapter ride*

*12th, Tuesday: Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social—6:30 p.m. at Wilkins*

**November 2021:**

*9th, Tuesday: Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social—6:30 p.m. at Wilkins*

## A Member's Story From the Open Road:

### Riding With the Road Dog

Submitted by Vernon Swint

2009, July to be exact. Departure day for cross country ride to Oregon and California. Despite not feeling quite right, maybe a common cold, maybe West Nile or Triple E, I rejected a short postponement, preferring to do the "Guy Thing," wait for symptoms to go away. Only they didn't.

Met my riding buddy Bill, retired firefighter, in Brandon, kick stands up at 09:00. Later that day we entered Canada. The border guy asked purpose of our entry into Canada. Quick as a wink, Bill replied, "to avoid less desirable parts of the United States." We made our re entry into the U. S. at Sault St. Marie, Michigan. Still, I'm not feeling so hot, always thirsty, tired, a little crankier than usual, but who could tell the difference?

Now a burning, rubbing sensation along my left belt line grabbed my attention. The "Guy Thing" isn't working. Good for me that the beauty of Mt. Shasta caught my attention as we motored west on CA 36 to Red Bluff, CA where Bill continued west to visit his son, while I turned north onto I-5 to blast north toward Medford, OR. Rolled into my sister's driveway near Grants Pass, she greeted me as only an older sister can. Now I know she once worked in I.C.U. in several hospitals. I hiked up my shirt asking her, "what's this, hives or something?" She wasted no time, "you got yourself a case of shingles and I don't mean Owens-Corning Shingles, you have "Herpes Zoster." Guess the "Guy Thing" just bit me on the butt-tocks.

She told me to get into her car. I did. She told me we were going to a Walk-In Clinic, because we could be in for severe delays caused by triage at any local E.R's., where I would go to the end of the line in favor of folks with phosgene gas inhalation or sucking chest wounds.

At the Walk-In the Doc confirmed Shingles. Given that the blisters began at the center of my spine and headed around my side, I asked if there was any chance it could reach "where the Allegheny meets the Monongahela to form the Ohio," if you get my drift. "No" says the Doc, "the nerve does not go that far." He went on to tell me that my case was too far advanced for treatment other than Calamine Lotion, rest and copious amounts of water. Vaguely heard him say "tough it out." Wow, Doc, do you know this feels like a belt sander on the worst sunburn I ever had?

That night I called "the Bride" back in VT. She immediately began talking about "shipping bike," "fly home." I listened, sort of. Finally, my turn, so I simply asked her "how long have you known me?" And that was the name of that tune.

A few days later Bill rejoined me in Oregon. We discussed strategy. I told him that if I could ride from Grants Pass to Spokane, Washington, home of a nephew, a distance of about 500 miles, I could make it home. Was a bit of a struggle, but with frequent stops and swilling water, I made it.

Later we stopped near Kalispell, Montana, launched out the next day for Williston, N.D. All the rooms had been taken, like Joseph and Mary, no room in the inn. We considered racking out in a public park, until the words of an old Charlie Pride song played in my head. "Sleeping under a table in a road side park, a man could wake up dead." We stoked up on Gatorade and Power Bars, hit the road for Minot, N.D. about 130 miles away, 720 miles that day, Shingles and all.



**\*\*\*MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND OVERNIGHT / CO-CHAPTER EVENT, Road Captain, Justen Elliott****MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> ---MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2021**

Destination: Rodger's Campground &amp; Motel Lancaster, NH. 603-788-4885.

(1) Pick your pleasure, stay Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or just Saturday &amp; Sunday check out Monday. 2-day min. or just come for the day rides, more info to come on the day rides.

(2) Pick your lodging, they have 300+ campsites with full hook-ups most are 30 amp, with a few 50 amp. 100's of tent sites some with water/electric. They also have cabin rentals and a motel so something for everyone. Mention Central Vermont HOG and you will receive a 10% discount off the following rates.

W/E/S 30amp camper site \$48 per night 2 adults

Tent site W/E \$29 per night 2 Adults

Motel \$108.99 per night 2 Adults All rates based on two adults, add \$5 per night per person for additional guest.

Agenda= we'll make one as we go but here's a couple of ideas.

Friday night, campfire and cookout catch up what's what.

Saturday morning = Breakfast at the campground, head out on a planned full-day ride to??? Return to campground for an evening of campfires, BBQ, storytelling and socializing.

Sunday = Breakfast ride to Waterwheel Breakfast &amp; Gift house, then a visit to the Jarhead biker memorial Randolph, NH.

Then another day ride TBD where, returning back to campground end of day for another fun evening.

Monday= return home.

To make reservations call the number above & leave a message. Tell them what type of campsite or room you are looking for, number of nights. **Don't forget to mention Central Vermont HOG for your 10% discount. The office opens back up on April 1<sup>st</sup>, in the meanwhile they are checking messages and will get back to you.**

Other Motel options in Lancaster, NH

Coos Motor Inn 603-788-3079. Cabot Inn&amp; Suites 603-788-3346

The Lancaster Motel 603-788-4921.

**Membership Renewal Time began January 1st, 2021.**

You can renew online, in person at Wilkins, in person at a Chapter function, or by mail. The final page of this newsletter is a form for 2021. Membership fee is \$15 per year (\$20 if done online)

Please bring your completed form and payment to our first in-person Social, or mail it to:

HOG Chapter #5218, c/o Wilkins H-D,  
663 So. Barre Rd  
Barre, VT 05641

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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.



**2021 Chapter Officers**

Director—Jeff Demers  
Assistant Director—Allen Ballou  
Treasurer—Don Whiton  
Secretary—Joel DeLary  
Activities Director—Bobbi Ballou  
Ladies of Harley—Bobbie Ballou  
Head Road Captain—Trina DeLary (with Joel DeLary)  
Safety Officer—Scott Campbell  
Membership Officer—Linda Lamell  
Newsletter Editor—Linda Lamell  
Chapter Photographer—MiYong Elliott  
Webmaster—Richard Pitonyak



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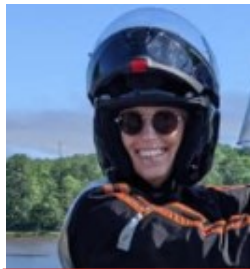
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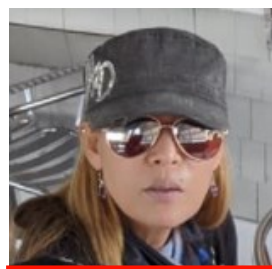
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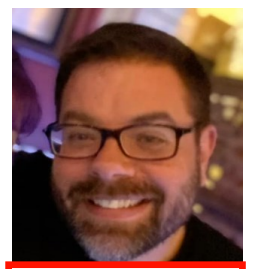
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# 2021 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CENTRAL VERMONT CHAPTER 5218 Dues are \$15 for 2021

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PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL H.O.G. MEMBERSHIP # \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this dealer sponsored chapter. I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G., it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

- THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING -

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the "RELEASED PARTIES") shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G. or H.O.G. chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G. members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G. activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities.

I release and hold the "RELEASED PARTIES" harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G. activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE "RELEASED PARTIES" FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

"A general release does not extend to the claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the "RELEASED PARTIES"

MEMBER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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\*to be completed by membership officer or treasurer

(Dues not to exceed maximum amount prescribed in, "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters", as contained in the H.O.G. Chapter Handbook.)

RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHAPTER