



Vee-Twin Rumbblings

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



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Chapter Director—Jeff Demers

Greetings H.O.G. Members

As we have passed Groundhog Day, and we start looking towards spring, I hope that you are all well and staying safe.

Our first H.O.G. social will be via Zoom, with the hope that we will have a good turnout. We hope to have an in-person social next month. We usually get together on the second Tuesday of each month.

We had a great season last year with rides scheduled for most weekends. We look forward to another great season this year. There is an in-person Road Captains meeting planned for February 27, and we welcome you to bring your ideas and suggested dates for new rides. If you are unable to attend, please send your suggestions and possible dates to officers@centralvermonthog.com.

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.

Here's hoping for an early spring, smooth roads, and getting together with great friends!

Jeff Demers



Head Road Captain — Trina DeLary

Hi everyone,

I hope you are getting excited about Spring and riding because I know we are! Mark your calendars for February 27th, 1:00 pm at Kim & Ben Drury's for our Road Captains meeting. This is an opportunity for anyone that would like to lead a ride in 2021 to get their ride on the calendar. For anyone who is interested in leading a ride but can't make the meeting then please email me

or Joel with any information you may have even if it's just the date because we can fill in the details later on, lets fill up the calendar! Kim & Ben have offered their heated "garage-mahal" for the meeting because of it's size but for anyone that is coming they suggest you bring a chair. This will be a co-chapter road captains meeting so we can plan combined rides but we will also have separate chapter rides as well. We had a nice full riding season last year and hopefully we will again this year. A chapter ride can be anything from a short 50 or so mile ride for ice cream or lunch destination to a couple hundred miles or more including overnight rides. One of our favorite rides last year was led by Ben in late October even with a morning temperature of 38* (the heated liner really helped that day, thank you Wilkins HD!) up I-89 to Hinesburg just to start, I think Joel and I rode something like 320 miles that day. We had a lot of great rides, some were annual rides while others took us to new places so come on everyone because leading a ride is easy and fun.

Trina



On the Horizon



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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/>





I'm Don Whiton, your new treasurer. Many of you know me already, but many do not. After a 30 year hiatus from riding, I bought my first Harley in 2008, an Electra Glide Classic. However, my work schedule as a truck driver (40+ years, somewhere around 3.5 million miles, 47 states), didn't afford me the opportunity to ride as much as I would have liked. It took about 8 years to get to 10,000 miles! Now that I'm retired, that has changed for the better! I now ride a 2015 Street Glide Special. I'm looking forward to serving as your treasurer. I also serve as treasurer for two shooting organizations that I'm active in, so hopefully your trust in me is well founded. Please introduce yourself when we are able to gather in person, whether at a monthly social, on a ride, or activity. Praying for spring!

I started riding motorcycles in the 70's and have been riding seriously for the past five years after a long break from riding. I've logged approximately 50,000 miles over the past five years on my days off when I'm not selling Buicks and GMCs. I'm addicted to Harley Davidson bikes and between my wife Sherri and I, we have had eight different Harleys over the past five years and we're happy to be Central Vermont H.O.G. Members!

Scott Campbell, Safety Officer



I started riding in 2005 when I bought a '85 Honda Magna from a friend (without consulting my wife Lauren, though I kind of knew she would be interested). After practicing for a couple months, I took my VT skills test to get my endorsement. In 2006, Lauren got her motorcycle endorsement and thus, began the adventure of riding motorcycles together. In May of 2007, I moved up to an '01 Kawasaki Vulcan Nomad and Lauren moved up to the Magna. We rode the Magna and Nomad until the spring of 2017, when the Magna needed too much work. After looking around, we bought a '16 Sportster, and became HOG members. That was when I was introduced in the HOG Chapter and participated in some HOG sponsored rides. Knew then I wanted a Harley. In 2017, I put my Nomad on Craigslist to see what kind of money I could get. It was enough to start my search for a Street Glide, and after missing out on my first choice, I ended up buying a '14 with less than 6,000 miles. Then Lauren and I started participating on HOG rides joined the chapter meetings and having an incredible time. We enjoy being HOG members, making new friends, going on chapter (and non-chapter) rides, and attending monthly socials, holiday parties, bike shows... HOG #5218 is the best kind of social network!

Jeff Demers, Chapter Director

Stories from the road:

A story from member Vern Swint:

A few years ago I rode US 2 to Blair Road, Alburgh, north on Blair to border with QC and onto LeDuc which unknown to me drifts over the border by a few feet. A huge clue was a stop sign that said "Arrete." No choice but to pull around behind a border building and then into the incoming U.S. chute. The Border Boys came boiling from their front door. We did as we were instructed. (I had a passport on me but was long expired and I looked like Opie.) All is well that ends well.

A BIT of HARLEY-DAVIDSON HISTORY

Harleys Purred Before They Growled

That familiar rumbling thunder, revving to a powerful roar as the traffic light changes, uniquely distinguishes this bike. And, while that growl-like rumbling does alert drivers that one of Harley's decibel-prolific machines (or, likely, a whole pack) will soon be passing through the center lane, they didn't always sound so, well, uncivilized.

In fact, the original Harley prided itself on its refined mode of transportation and marketed the motorbike toward an upscale lifestyle. To this end, they tried for years to engineer a quieter motor. In fact, the first company catalog name for the Harley was "Silent Gray Fellow." Today, the Harley remains an extravagant purchase, a bold statement impossible to miss, but definitely not quiet.



The Trademark Harley-Davidson Sound

The grumbling rumble of these bikes is, technically, not a trademark sound. However, the company did try to trademark it. In 1994 they filed a lawsuit, but many competing motorcycle companies fought it. H-D dropped the suit. The sound is definitely unique. It comes from the exhaust of the distinctive V-Twin engine. The crankshaft inside the engine works off a single pin so that both pistons are connected. The atypical rhythm of those pistons firing causes the choppy sound some call "potato potato."

The real reason for the distinctive sound has nothing to do with engines and parts if you ask riders. They will tell you that the loud, ground-vibrating sound is not only a cherished H-D characteristic but also a safety feature. It's true. Well, it's

a genuine belief in HOG culture, at least. Since motorcycles cruise down between lanes, cars are less likely to accidentally take out a bike while changing lanes—if they hear them coming.

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



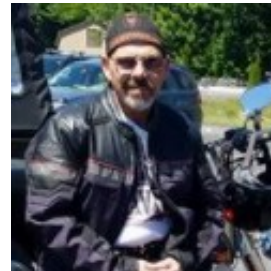
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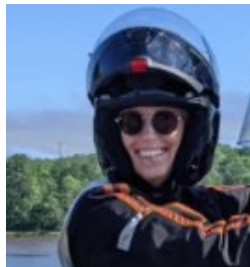
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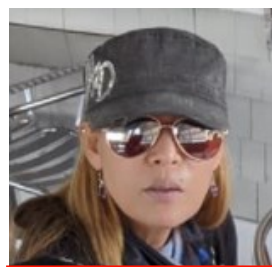
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Central Vermont HOG Member Obituary

Gregory S. Sanders NORTHFIELD — Gregory Scott Sanders, 67, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021, after a short illness, at the Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin. He was born in Northfield on April 28, 1953, the son of Lynn and Betty (Kimball) Sanders. Greg was a graduate of Northfield High School, class of 1971. Greg served two years in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and continued his service for an additional five years with the Vermont Army National Guard. He married Audrey Remus in Northfield on Oct. 5, 1991. Greg worked for TDS Telecom in Northfield for 40 years. After his retirement, he enjoyed doing yardwork with Doug Drury for his lawn care business. Greg was an avid sportsman. He loved hunting, bonfire picnics with family and friends and being in the outdoors. He loved the tranquility and freedom of riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle and equally enjoyed tending their veggie and flower gardens with his wife, Audrey. Greg had a heart of gold and wore his heart in his smile. He was a family man, loved his bride, kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews with his whole heart. He was easy to love and possessed a great sense of humor. Survivors include his wife, Audrey Sanders of Northfield; his father, Lynn Sanders of Northfield; four children, Justin Babcock of Fort Lewis, Washington, Jamie Sanders, Mary Ellen Sanders, Heather Babcock, all of Northfield; his sister, Margaret Dodge and her husband, Richard, of Northfield; sister-in-law, Carol Sanders of Northfield; four grandchildren, Celina Torres, Tre Torres, Delia Babcock, Jonha Babcock; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his mother, Betty Sanders; and brother, Gary Sanders. A graveside service is being planned for this spring in Mount Hope Cemetery in Northfield. Kingston Funeral Home in Northfield is assisting with the arrangements.

Calendar of Events for 2021—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)

February

Tuesday, the 9th: Virtual Monthly HOG Social

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85061144221?pwd=Ynl1U3dydUplK3pxZHINcElqdElsUT09>

Meeting ID: 850 6114 4221 Passcode: 150962

Saturday, the 27th: Road Captains' Meeting 1:00 pm at Kim & Ben Drury's. This is an opportunity for anyone that would like to lead a ride in 2021 to get their ride on the calendar. Kim & Ben have offered their heated "garage-mahal" for the meeting because of it's size but for anyone that is coming they suggest you bring a chair. This will be a co-chapter road captains meeting in order to plan combined rides as well as Central Vermont HOG Chapter rides.

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

Forms will be collected regularly from Wilkins for processing.

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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 MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CENTRAL VERMONT CHAPTER 5218 Dues are \$15 for 2021

MEMBER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ST/ZIPCODE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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 _____

LOCAL DUES PAID _____ (cash/check /online) DATE RECEIVED* _____

Circle one

*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