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



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Chapter Director—Jeff Demers



Greetings fellow H.O.G. members!

Another year has passed and as we look forward to the new year, I hope that you are all well and staying safe. We have goals to improve the experiences of chapter members this year. Earlier this year, some of the Central Vermont Chapter officers met for a planning meeting to sketch out and add fun activities to the chapter socials. In addition, I was able to attend the Regional Officers Connection (ROC) in Natick, MA this year. I enjoyed sharing ideas with officers from other chapters in New England and New York. All in all, we have many ideas to enhance the experience for members. However, and most importantly, we would like to hear from you.

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 10:00 AM February 5, at Wilkins. We welcome you to bring your ideas and suggested dates for new rides. If you are unable to attend, please send your suggestions to officers@centralvermonthog.com. The rides and other events will be posted on the Chapter's Facebook page and on the Event page under Info on the Wilkins website. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you. Here's hoping for an early spring, smooth roads, and great riding with friends!

Jeff Demers

Assistant Director — Brion Muzzy



Well, spring is getting closer !!! The thermometer may not indicate this, but the longer days sure do !!! As I type this, the first day of spring is only 55 days away !!! so polish up that chrome because riding season is coming !! Soon it will be time to cast off the musty old blanket of winter and head out into the sunshine doing what we all love to do best ! Ride our Harleys!! but till then whether you're a new member or old member, come on out to the February and March socials, get involved, get back involved, it would be great to meet new friends and renew long time friendships.

I am feeling great about what is in store for this year. oh and keep an eye on our Facebook page and Wilkins event calendar for upcoming events this year. Hope to see you all soon !!!

I used to look over my shoulder for all the wrong reasons, now I look to change lanes, Freedom !

Brion



On the Horizon



Wilkins Harley Davidson: Family-Owned and Operated Since 1947

WILKINS
TACO BAR!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
Warm up with some free tacos starting at noon until gone!

FREE VIRGIN MARGARITAS!
Chili Pepper eating contest starts at 12:30 for a **\$100 Wilkins HD Gift Card!**

WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON
LADIES ONLY GARAGE PARTY

For ladies with zero to one-year riding experience | Saturday, March 12th
3pm - 5pm

Learn the basics of the bikes, ways you can customize them to fit you, and how to properly pick up a fallen motorcycle all while meeting women with the same interests as you. We'll even give you a chance to ride a bike on our Jumpstart machine to get the REAL feel! After signing up, if you refer a friend and they sign up you'll be entered to win some big prizes! BYOW!

Bring your own wine for sharing, and we'll have prizes for the best tasting bottle!

EMAIL JENNA@WILKINSHARLEY.COM WITH QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP.

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>

Minutes of the January 11th Social

For our first social of the year, the Chapter provided pizza and drinks. We started off with socializing and having pizza. The meeting started at 6:50. Director Jeff Demers started us off reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff asked Head Road Captain/Activities Co-Director Randy Lamell to fill us in on the plans for rides and activities for the Chapter. The first meeting of potential Road Captains will be held on February 5th at 10 a.m. at Wilkins. This will be a co-Chapter planning meeting so Central Vermont Chapter and Champlain Valley Chapter can coordinate their ride calendars.

Randy reported that some of the Central Vermont Chapter officers had a last-minute meeting on the 9th to make some plans for the year.

It was decided that the February Social will be a movie night with a contest of 'Death by Chocolate' refreshments brought by members. The movie that was selected is 'World's Fastest Indian'.

Other plans we talked about were having the March Social feature an Ice breaker activity. We will have waffles with maple syrup and will do a 'Plan a Group Ride' activity in April. And we will have a BBQ and Biker Games for the June Social. More plans and details will be shared as they are established.

The officers hope to line up some presentations by Wilkins technicians on topics that Members would like to know more about: like how to get a fallen bike upright again; how to handle a dead battery; and managing tire pressure.

Membership Officer Linda Lamell shared information about the upcoming New England HOG event, the Iron Adventure Rally, to be held at Okemo on July 14-16. People who plan on attending the rally are encouraged to book their hotel and to register for the rally—two separate registrations. There are two options for registration—the orange package is \$40 and covers admission to all Rally activities, a Rally t-shirt, and Rally pin and patch—registration closes 6-15. The black package is \$30 and covers admission to all Rally activities, Rally pin and patch (no t-shirt) - registration closes 7-13.

There will be guided and self-guided rides in the Ludlow area, plus the following: a Friday night talent show for HOG members to show off their talents; fire works; poker chip trading; prize raffles; a Saturday night block party; live bands.

Mandy Anderson shared the Dealership update: Mark Frano has developed a survey for HOG members to fillout and return to him. Wilkins is our sponsoring dealership and the partnership of our Chapter and the dealership needs to be fostered. Our answers on this survey will help in this endeavor.

There will be Chili Cook-Off at Wilkins on February 29th. Register to be a participant and see if your chili recipe is a winner?

The launch of 2022 Harley-Davidsons is scheduled for January 26th. Watch for the colors and features that are new this year.

And finally, the dealership will have events in the coming months—leading up to a big giveaway to celebrate its 75th anniversary!

Members have expressed interest in Chapter patches. We have a few available through the chapter. Additional HOG patches can be purchased through the dealership. An additional concern is how to get patches sewn on vests/jackets. Glen Torres' wife has a sewing business. Contact her at Sewing Machines & More in Barre.

One suggestion for future socials is to have volunteers provide the refreshments— at the end of each Social, the volunteers for the next Social will be established.

Another suggestion was to have officers present reports at each Social.

Door prize winners for the evening: Scott Campbell, Randy Lamell, Sherri Campbell.

And Scott Campbell won the 50/50 raffle.

Submitted by Linda Lamell, Secretary



CENTRAL VERMONT H.O.G. CHAPTER #5218
OFFICERS 2022



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Director



Brion Muzzy
Assistant Director



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Membership Officer
Newsletter Editor



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Head Road Captain
Activities Co-Director



Scott Campbell
Safety Officer



MiYong Elliott
Photographer
Activities Co-Director



Trina Delary
Ladies of Harley



Richard Pitonyak
Webmaster

Calendar of Events for 2022—all rides & events are subject to change

Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride schedule in bold (Co-Chapter rides non-bold) (Note: destination rides indicate the chapter ride ends at the destination) *nonmembers will need to complete a release form for rides

Central Vermont HOG Chapter Socials (In blue)

Wilkins Harley-Davidson – Events (In red)

Champlain Valley Rides and events(In green) *nonmembers will need to complete a release form for rides

Non-chapter event

January

Saturday the 29th at Wilkins 10-1 Chili Cook-Off

February

Saturday the 5th—Co-Chapter Ride Captains' planning meeting 10 a.m. at Wilkins

Tuesday the 8th - Chapter Social at Wilkins 6:30 p.m. 'Death by Chocolate' pot-luck dessert.

Movie night—World's Fastest Indian'

Saturday the 12th Taco Bar 12-1:30 p.m. at Wilkins

March

Tuesday the 8th - Chapter Social at Wilkins 6:30 p.m. Ice breaker activity. 'Wearin' o' the green' contest

Saturday the 12th Ladies Only Garage Party at Wilkins 3-4:30 p.m.

Saturday the 19th Screw Winter Luau at Wilkins beginning at 11 a.m.

April

Tuesday the 12th - Chapter Social at Wilkins 6:30 p.m. Plan a Ride activity. Waffles and maple syrup refreshments.

May

Tuesday the 10th - Chapter Social at Wilkins 6:30 p.m. BINGO activity.

June

Tuesday the 14th - Chapter Social at Wilkins 6:30 p.m. BBQ with pot-luck side dishes. Biker Games activity.

July

Tuesday the 12th - Chapter Social at Wilkins 6:30 p.m. Ride for Creemees.

August

Tuesday the 9th - Chapter Social at Wilkins 6:30 p.m.

September

Tuesday the 13th - Chapter Social at Wilkins 6:30 p.m. Chapter Bike Show. Cookout and corn-boil.

October

Tuesday the 11th - Chapter Social at Wilkins 6:30 p.m.

November

Tuesday the 8th - Chapter Social at Wilkins 6:30 p.m.

December

Chapter Holiday Party TBD

Central Vermont Harley Owners Group

Sponsoring Dealership: **Wilkins Harley-Davidson, Inc.**

663 South Barre Road

Barre, VT 05641

802-476-6104

<http://www.wilkinsharley.com>

E-mail: Info@wilkinsharley.com

Chapter Meetings:

Second Tuesday of Each Month (except December)

Usually at Wilkins Harley Davidson, Inc.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m.

2022 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CENTRAL VERMONT CHAPTER 5218 Dues are \$15 for 2022

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: **WILKINS H-D Dealership—HOG Chapter**
663 South Barre Road
Barre, VT 05641

Hello HOG members and Happy New Year!

Wilkins Harley-Davidson has long enjoyed a symbiotic relationship with HOG in Central Vermont and now in the Champlain Valley. We look forward to the future and hope to nurture our relationship with HOG to make the alliance a strong partnership built for the long.

Towards that end, we need your help. As we analyze the current state of the HOG and its relationship to Wilkins, we believe that it is of utmost importance that we focus energy in 2022 on bringing new members into the fold. Dovetailing with the Motor Company's "Energizing Ridership" initiative, we hope to enter into a dialog with you, the HOG regular, on how we can help attract and retain new members to HOG. Please take a moment to share your thoughts on how we can achieve this goal by filling out this feedback form so that we can learn more about how we can help.

What do you think is the most challenging aspect of attracting first time attendees to your HOG meetings?

Do you have any suggestions as to how to get first time visitors to become regulars?

How would you change the current format of your meetings to make them more attractive to new members?

How can Wilkins help to attract new members to attend a meeting?

What idea do you have that can help deepen connection with HOG and Harley-Davidson?

Thank you. Please return this form in person or via mail to Mark at Wilkins Harley-Davidson or hand it to our representative at the next HOG meeting.

Mark Frano
Wilkins H-D
663 South Barre RD.
Barre, VT 05641