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



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Chapter Director—Jeff Demers

Happy New Year!

I hope that you are all well, staying warm, and looking forward to riding season.

“No one hates winter like someone with a bike in their garage!” -- Anonymous

We had a great season last year with rides scheduled for most weekends. We look forward to another great season this year. Chapter memberships renewals are open. You may renew online at www.centralvermonthog.com or bring the signed Chapter Membership and Release Form to a social.

We are planning to serve pizza at the **February social on the 14th.**

Four officers attended the Regional Officers Connection (ROC) in Natick, MA this year. We enjoyed sharing stories and ideas with officers of other chapters from the northeast. Each of us came away with ideas for our chapter.

However, and most importantly, we need to hear your thoughts regarding the chapter, the rides, and events. Last year, a few members said that were interested in shorter rides and some are being planned. Do you have a favorite destination, restaurant, or route? You may bring your ideas to the **upcoming ride leaders meeting on March 4th at Wilkins** or send them to officers@centralvermonthog.com.

Do you know someone that is interested in getting their motorcycle endorsement? The riding academy at Wilkins is a great place to learn. We are also planning to award **Joe Lonardo Riding Academy Scholarships** again this year. Stay tuned for more information.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you. Here's hoping for an early spring, no mud season and no frost heaves!

“No road is too long if you have good company!” -- Anonymous

Safe, smooth, and fun riding for all!

Jeff Demers



On the Horizon



Wilkins Harley Davidson:
Family-Owned and Operated Since 1947



WILKINS HARLEY DAVIDSON

BIKER BREAKFAST!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
9AM-UNTIL THE FOOD IS GONE!

- Check out the NEW 2023 motorcycles in person!
- Purchase a heater liner and receive 15% off heated grips!
- All in-stock barware and tin signs are 20% off!

WILKINS HARLEY DAVIDSON

MARDI GRAS!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH | 11:00AM

Join us for a Hurricane! | Gold Mardi Gras coins hidden around dealership for prizes!

- Get a complimentary 75th Anniversary coffee mug if you sign up for Riding Academy in the dealership during this event!
- All in stock Casual Wear is Buy 1 Get 1 40% Off!
- 2020 FXST on sale for \$12,499!
- All in stock luggage is 12% off!

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2020 FXST ON SALE FOR \$12,499!





Ask a staff member all the ways you can save with an HD Visa!

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>

Charity Event at Wilkins—February 11th



WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON DUMPSTER DIVE FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT DARTMOUTH!

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH
10:30AM**

Help us support Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD) by raising money to jump into a Casella Dumpster (yes, it's new and clean) full of icy cold water! Dumpster Divers are encouraged to wear a costume when getting into the dumpster. All Divers should be present at Wilkins at 10:30 a.m. and will climb into the dumpster one at a time for safety.

**THANK YOU TO CASELLA WASTE MANAGEMENT
FOR DONATING THE CLEAN DUMPSTER!**



Advertise in our monthly newsletters!

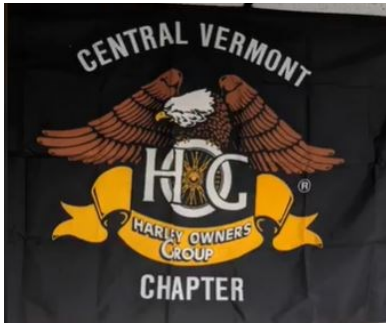
Business card-sized ads will appear in 12 issues of our newsletter for just \$50.

Contracts for 2023 will cover issues February through December in 2023 plus the January issue in 2024.

For forms, please send an email to:
editor@centralvermonthog.com

Sample advertisements (~20% of actual size):

 <p>Sunny Garden Mandarin, Szechuan & Cantonese Cuisines FULL BAR SERVICE TAKE OUT OR EAT IN Monday-Thursday: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday & Saturday: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. For Take Out, please call: (603) 747-2888 or (603) 747-3888 4732 Dartmouth College Highway Woodsville, NH 03785-1407</p>	<p>C. Michaud Landscape and Lawn Care Corey Michaud, Owner Fully Insured 781 E. Hill Rd Middlesex, VT 05602 C.MichaudLandscape@gmail.com</p>
<p>CALL TOM (802) 224-1360 T & T REPEATS 65 PROSPECT ST MONTPELIER, VT 05602</p>  <p>TRUCK FOR HIRE! REASONABLE RATES. FRIENDLY AND LOCAL BUSINESS</p>	 <p>TWIN CITY FAMILY FUN CENTER & K'S KORNER SPORTS BISTRO **MENTION THIS AD FOR 1 FREE APPETIZER OR GAME OF BOWLING** BOWLING, LASER TAG, ARCADE & FULL SERVICE RESTAURANT / BAR 708 US Rte. 302-Berlin Barre, VT 05641 802-476-6181 twincityfamilyfuncenter.com</p>



2022 Holiday Party at Barre American Legion Hall held January 7th



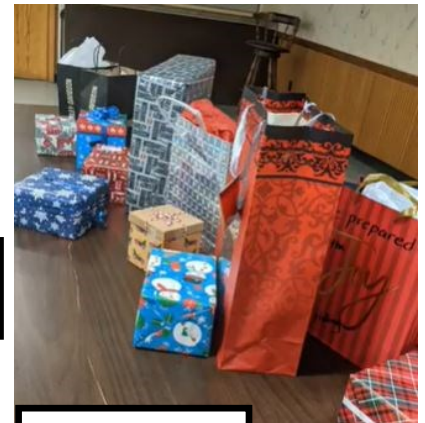
Scott Campbell and John Lyon



Food!



l to r: Sheri Campbell, Kim and Steve Hidenfelter, Linda Lamell, Jeff Demers, Lauren Demers



Yankee Swap gifts



Trina DeLary



Justen Elliott



Don Whiton



l to r: Ben Drury, Don Whiton, Mark Perry, Steve Lermond, Kim Drury



Steve Lermond, Ben Drury, Glen Torres



Scott Campbell



New glassware for Steve Hidenfelter



l to r: Sheri Campbell, Trina DeLary, Lauren Demers, Ben Drury, Glen Torres



MiYong Elliott



l to r: Kim Hidenfelter, Randy Lamell, Linda Lamell, MiYong Elliott, Steve Hidenfelter



Something new for Kim's vehicle windshield!



Glen Torres



Jeff Demers, Kim Drury, Ben Drury, Glen Torres



Joel DeLary



Randy Lamell



Playing 'Chase the Ace'
Justen Elliott, Kim Hidenfelter, Trina DeLary, Lauren Demers



Steve Lermond, Don Whiton, Mark Perry



Sheri Campbell, Lauren Demers

2023 is a big year for Harley-Davidson— the 120th anniversary of the company!

Harley-Davidson founders William Harley and Arthur Davidson worked together on the prototype for their company's first motorcycle in a 10-by-15-foot shed. It was completed in 1903, but they immediately began working on a newer and more modern bike.

A new prototype featuring a bigger engine was completed in 1904. This model participated in motorcycle racing at State Fair Park in Milwaukee. The first production bike, the Harley-Davidson Model No. 1®, was released in 1905 and was very similar to the first two bikes produced.

The company was producing complete bikes on a limited basis, however. The first Harley-Davidson dealer was Carl H. Lang of Chicago, who sold three of the five bikes that had been built in the backyard shed.

The first Harley-Davidson factory was built in 1906 on Chestnut Street in Milwaukee, where the company produced 50 bikes that year. The company was officially incorporated in 1907. By this time, Arthur's two brothers, Walter and William Davidson, had joined the initiative.

In 1917, about 50% of Harley's sales went to the U.S. armed forces for use in World War I. The first service school was operated in Milwaukee to train Army mechanics.

Harley-Davidson completed its facility on Juneau Avenue in 1920. It was seven stories high — and still exists today for use as the corporate office center.

From 1941 to 1945, Harley-Davidson was informing dealers that, due to commitments with the Army, dealers were guaranteed one new bike per model year for the duration of World War II. An estimated 88,000 motorcycles were built for the military at this time, along with a huge supply of repair parts.

Production increased through the years with the brand thriving through a range of historical events. To this day, Harley-Davidson remains an iconic American motorcycle brand.

2023 is a big year for H.O.G. too—40 years!

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Emerging from a dark cloud of corporate quicksand that stunted its growth in the 1970s, Harley-Davidson Motor Company regained its mojo following the landmark point in its history when a group of 13 executives bought the company back from the AMF Corporation in 1981. The buyback re-energized and refocused the fabled company on its strongest asset: the most loyal customers in the world.

Following the deal closure, executives celebrated by riding from York, Pennsylvania (where the deal was finalized) to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, meeting with and talking to riders, retailers, and Harley-Davidson motorcycle enthusiasts along the way. More than just a celebration, the ride was a declaration: the Harley brand is back, and we know how to take care of our riders. The seeds of the Harley Owners Group were being sown.

But the H.O.G. concept really got off the ground in 1978, the company's 75th anniversary year, when Harley-Davidson organized a series of cross-country rides with different members of the management team. "We saw it as a way to get out on the road, reconnect with customers, and have some fun," wrote Willie G. Davidson—a member of the buyback team—in his 2003 book, '100 Years of Harley-Davidson'.

Officially launched on January 1, 1983, the Harley Owners Group boasted more than 30,000 members. The new club hit the ground running, with some of the now-familiar benefits of H.O.G. offered from the very beginning: H.O.G. Fly & Ride launched in 1983; 'Hog Tales' magazine made its early debut with the February/March 1983 Edition—a six-page, two-color tabloid—and, of course, a variety of patches, pins, and other collectibles.

H.O.G. sponsored quite a number of official events across the U.S. and Canada in 1983. That first year, however, they were staged in conjunction with established motorcycle events, such as the Sturgis Rally, Daytona Bike Week, Laconia Bike Week, and various motorcycle races. The first 'stand-alone' events took place in 1984, in Reno, Nevada and Nashville, Tennessee. Together, they are considered the first official H.O.G. rallies. The events included many familiar activities—such as demo rides, a ride-in show, a poker run, drill teams and self-guided tours, to name a few. But the scale was much smaller than we have today; combined attendance at those first rallies was about 3,000. By the end of 1985, H.O.G. had reached more than 60,000 members (with 49 official chapters).

(Taken from blog.hog.com)

The Central Vermont H.O.G. Chapter got its start on April 18, 1988 when four founding members agreed to be officers: Jan Otto, a mechanic at Wilkins (president); John Ballard (vice president); Diane Pratt (secretary); and Barb Wilkins (treasurer). Other early members were: Joe Benning, David Bryan, Myron Degenhardt, Roger Gilbert, Doris and Domingo Gomez, Dick Powell, Dick Pratt, Dick Stambaugh, Tom Thompson, and Allan Wilkins.

Barb and Harry Wilkin's twins, Allan and Ann, were active in the new chapter. Allan often organized short rides for the members. One of the first big rides was a charity ride to benefit Muscular Dystrophy. Charter Member Joe Benning recalls that first 'really big ride' –

"Harley was working in conjunction with Jerry Lewis to launch H.O.G. on a mission of public service. It was a wise move. Participants were expected to collect donations for the cause, and our chapter raised several thousand dollars. We began the ride in Rutland. My wife, still a reluctant participant, and my young daughter Emily, a wide-eyed toddler who melted the hearts of every one of those black leather clad bikers, conducted the registration desk from the back of our pickup truck. From there we rode up to Lake Elmore for a picnic and party. We had one unfortunate incident when a dog ran out in between the pack of bikers. One biker went down and injured his foot. Other than that, it was a great day. On Labor Day, Harry and Barb Wilkins were asked to appear at a television station in Burlington for an interview during the Jerry Lewis telethon. They asked me to come along because the producers wanted a bike on the set. I proudly rode my new FXST Softail Custom into the studio and got to hand over the donations check to the interviewer live on the air. That segment appeared around the globe, putting CVHOG officially on the map."

Calendar of Events for 2023—all rides & events are subject to change

This is a 'work in progress' - details and new events will be added as they are available

(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, events, and rides (In blue)

Wilkins Harley-Davidson Events (In red)

February

Saturday the 4th 9-10:30 a.m. Biker Breakfast at Wilkins

Saturday the 11th 10:30 a.m. Dumpster Dive for Children's Hospital at Dartmouth

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

The Chapter will be providing pizza at this first Social for the year!

Saturday the 18th 11 a.m. Mardi Gras! At Wilkins

March

Saturday the 4th Central Vermont HOG Chapter - Road Captains' planning meeting at Wilkins beginning at 10 a.m. Come and be part of getting prepared for another fabulous riding season, even if you have never led a ride before! If you have ideas for rides, come and share them.

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

April

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

May

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

June

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

July

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

August

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

September

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

October

Tuesday the 10th Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins

November

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

December

TBD Chapter Holiday Party

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.

Central Vermont HOG Chapter Officers for 2023



Director—
Jeff Demers



Assistant Director—
Scott Campbell



Treasurer—
Don Whiton



Secretary, Membership Co-Officer,
Newsletter Editor—
Linda Lamell



Head Road Captain—
Joel DeLary



Activities Director—
Randy Lamell



Safety Officer—
Justen Elliott



Ladies of Harley Officer and
Membership Co-Officer –
Lauren Demers



Chapter Photographer-
MiYong Elliott



Webmaster-
Richard Pitonyak

2023 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CENTRAL VERMONT CHAPTER 5218

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 _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO: **WILKINS H-D Dealership—HOG Chapter**
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Barre, VT 05641