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



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Chapter Director—Jeff Demers

Greeting HOG members!

As most of you know, the Central Vermont HOG was challenged to contribute \$250 to Camp Ta-Kum-Ta by the Champlain Valley HOG. I would like to thank all of those that contributed as we surpassed the goal! On a safety note, I have experienced, and heard about several animals in or near the road. As always, keep your eyes open for any dangers, including children, animals, and vehicles.

I want to thank and welcome Brion Muzzy as the Assistant Director of the Central Vermont HOG, as Allen Ballou has had to step down due to job responsibilities.

We have had incredible participation for the chapter socials (the second Tuesday of each month). It has been great to meet and socialize with the regular attendees and new members alike. All members are encouraged to attend and share their experiences. Safe, smooth, and fun riding for all!

Jeff



Head Road Captains—Trina and Joel Delary

Hello everyone;

Riding season is here, Covid restrictions are being lifted and the weather has certainly warmed up so now we just need rain free weekends. We have had some great rides this past month with a lot more coming so jump on that bike and come join us.

You can find a complete list of the scheduled rides on the Central VT HOG website under the news letter section as well as emails that are sent out to those who wish to receive them, our Facebook page posts the up coming rides as well. I would like to point out that there are occasions that a scheduled ride maybe cancelled or changed, an email is usually sent out no less than 24 hours prior to the ride as well as the chapters Facebook page being updated. Some may have noticed that there are few more co-chapter rides on the schedule as compared to prior seasons, this was done with hopes for members from both chapters might get a chance to know those they may not have met as well as share some possible new roads and favorite stops. There are some upcoming riding activities on the schedule will need members response ASAP so please check the schedule and let us know if you are planning to attend these activities.

Trina & Joel



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>



Chapter Safety Officer, Scott Campbell

A Few Safety Tips To Keep In Mind:

These are new tips to some, simple reminders to others.

1. When leading a ride, always lead from the left side of your lane.
2. When riding in a group and you come upon a truck lane with a passing lane, whenever possible, take up the passing lane and have a few bikes traveling in the slow lane if it is clear. This maneuver avoids having 4-wheel traffic coming up to pass in either lane and pulling back

in, thus, breaking up the group. If there is slow traffic in the right lane, everyone stays in the passing lane, getting by the slow traffic where space allows.

3. Trike Riders: It is a good rule to be at the back of the pack and there is a good reason for it but it's not usually enforced in this group. If you would like to be anywhere else in the pack, please stay in the center of the lane wherever possible so that riders behind you can see ahead of you. Trikes are as wide as a car and can be difficult to see around. As a motorcycle rider, being able to see what is happening ahead of you keeps you safe. If the other riders cannot see what is going on ahead of you or them, they are not safe.

4. Antilock brakes are a great and much desired feature to have on your motorcycle or trike and I'm sure most people in the group have them. They can save you from hitting a deer or a vehicle crossing your lane in front of you.

5. You've heard the line; Loud pipes save lives. Deer are not afraid of the sound of motors so in their case, Loud stereos save lives. Crank up the tunes!



Minutes from the June Social on June 8th at Wilkins Harley-Davidson

Chapter Director, Jeff Demers started the meeting at 6:30 p.m. We pledged allegiance to the flag. Jeff let us know that he had changed his plans for his Independence Day weekend ride from going to Maine to being a 'One Lap of Vermont' ride on July 4 and 5. There are a number of hotels in White River Junction that participants can choose from.

Kim Drury has been raising funds for Camp TaKumTa for a number of years during their annual fundraising in June. There used to be a group ride with groups starting from different places and meeting together for a final leg of the ride ending at the camp in South Hero, Vt. Due to Covid-19, fundraisers now engage in a 'virtual ride'. The Champlain Valley HOG Chapter has posed a challenge to the Central Vermont HOG Chapter to raise \$250 for the camp. Immediately, several Chapter members donated \$20 a piece. Lauren Demers offered to collect the donations and submit the total amount to the camp at the end of June. Brion Muzzey posed an additional challenge to his fellow members to match his donation of \$100.

Activities Director Bobbi Ballou reminded us that there are several events coming up: including the Summer Bash to be held on July 31st. A head count will be helpful for making plans to have adequate food for everyone.

Looking ahead to the later months in 2021, some ideas for group activities are a co-chapter bowling challenge and a softball game.

Upcoming rides in July: Jeff's Four corners of Vermont (one lap around the state) on the 4th and 5th; Trina's ride to White Cottage on the 10th; Kim's ride to April's Maple on July 11th.

Wilkins Dealership Update: Mark Frano. There will be BBQ available at Wilkins every Saturday during the summer. Wilkins is sponsoring a Toy Run After Party on August 19th.

Jeff wrapped up the meeting with a drawing for the 50/50 raffle—winner was Scott Campbell!

Please note: changes to the line-up of 2021 Officers for the Central Vermont HOG Chapter —

Brion Muzzey— Assistant Director—filling in for Allan Ballou

Joel DeLary — interim Activities Director — filling in for Bobbi Ballou

A story from Chapter Member Bob Vidile:

Central VT HOG members climb Mt. Washington in 50+ MPH winds with temps in the mid 30s!

It's been on the bucket list since we started going to Laconia Bike Week (LBW) in 2014. Usually, Thursday during LBW was the day for bike-only rides up the auto road. Each year, there was something: another group ride, bad weather, not everyone in our group wanted to go. This year we were only 3 (our typical fourth member had to turn around during the first leg of our 300 mile journey due to an oil leak... On a Yamaha! That was justice in itself LOL).

After a "No way, I'm not doing that" for a few years, one of our group watched a video of a rider doing the trip and said, "we could do that, it doesn't look that difficult.". So off we went on Thursday morning.

Upon arrival, to our surprise, THERE WERE CARS! What was with that? Oh, they stopped the 'bike only' day, the attendant said. We quickly discussed over our radios and said we're here, we're going! It cost \$25 per motorcycle and you got a sticker that said 'This motorcycle climbed Mt Washington.' We put on multiple layers of clothing as temp was expected to dip into the 30F degree range from base to summit with 25F windchill!.

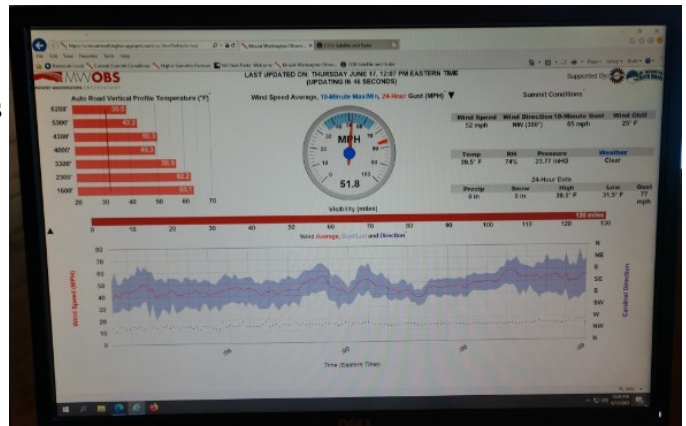
After a few 'OMGs', and a 'WTH is that car stopping for?!!!' We made it to the top!! The trip was done mostly in second gear on the way up. (There is a mile section towards the top that is all dirt so just be aware.) After the road turns back to pavement, there is one very acute turn on a very steep grade that was the most challenging to navigate.

The next challenge was parking and turning around in 65MPH wind gusts. Some bikes at the end of parking lot were literally rocking back and forth from the wind.

With some fellow bikers' assistance, we parked and made it up the stairs and paths to the summit. The ride down was done mostly in 1st and second gear. The smell of burning car brakes was evident in the air.

Kent Pritchard, Adele Kelley, and Bob Vidile are now members of the Mt, Washington Motorcycle Summit Challenge!!

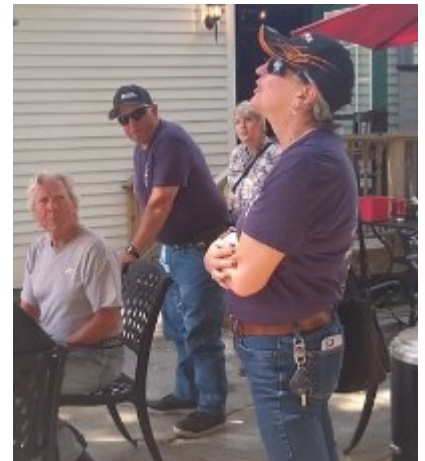
We would encourage all to take the trip, it was breathtaking on many levels on a motorcycle!



June 6th Ride to George's Seafood & BBQ, Plymouth, NH, Ride leader Joel DeLary



June 13th Co-Chapter Ride to Latham House Tavern, Lyme, NH Kim, ride leader



Calendar of Events for 2021—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 (In green) *nonmembers will need to complete a release form for rides

July 2021:

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

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

31st, Saturday: **Summer Bash event at Wilkins-HD starting at 4:30 p.m. ending ??? **head count needed**

The two chapters will be providing burgers and dogs with the condiments as well as alcohol-free beverages, and we are asking everyone to bring a side dish to share. In addition to the cookout, there will be a DJ providing music, portapotties, and a possible bonfire — it'll be lots of fun!

The first thing we need from members is a reply from those who plan to attend, so we can have an idea of how many to plan on cooking for.

Please contact Joel DeLary at uafitter693@yahoo.com to let him know how many people will be in your group and what side dish you will bring.

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: *Toy Run After Party—1 p.m. at Wilkins*

15th, Sunday: *(pending) 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

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

September 2021:

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

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,
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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 MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CENTRAL VERMONT CHAPTER 5218 Dues are \$15 for 2021

MEMBER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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PHONE NUMBER _____

NATIONAL H.O.G. MEMBERSHIP # _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

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- 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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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.)

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