



Vee-Twin Rumbblings

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



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Chapter Director—Jeff Demers

Greetings HOG members!

Let's celebrate our country's 247th birthday on Independence Day!

"No road is too long when you have good company."

Thank you to those that provided a story or article for last month's newsletter. Do you have a story to share? June's theme was rain!

Eleven of us enjoyed Paul Celley's ride to Rangeley, Maine. Nice route and overall, a great day! Looking through the pictures on Facebook, you will see rain gear and some wet roads. And you can see that we rode through a swarm of flying insects too.

We had a good turn out for the June social and pot luck. Members had a good time, even though rain interfered with the planned Biker Games. We plan to try again at the July social. (*"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop."* – Confucius) Unfortunately, heavy rain forecasts also caused postponement of two rides. While we need the rain, it would be nice if it didn't coincide with so many events in a month.

Some of us were able to participate in the Wilkins ride to Laconia. The weather cooperated for the ride down, and for the afternoon. At the end of the day, I broke off from the group and had a very wet ride home. Scott Campbell led the ride and John Lyon provided lunch (Thank you Scott and John).

Here's hoping for more timely sunshine for the scheduled (and re-scheduled) rides in July!

"Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need"

Safe, smooth, and fun riding for all!
Jeff





On the Horizon

Wilkins Harley Davidson:

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BIKE NIGHT AT ROZZI'S LAKESHORE TAVERN & RESTAURANT!

THURSDAY, JULY 6TH | 6-8PM
1022 WEST LAKESHORE DR, COLCHESTER, VT 05446

JOIN US AT ROZZI'S FOR GAMES, GIVEAWAYS, DRINKS, AND FOOD!

WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH | 10AM - 2PM

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR, AND IT'S EVEN BETTER WHEN IT'S IN JULY!

Join Santa and his crew in our parking lot for fun, giveaways and specials on Harley-Davidson Licensed Products!

PRE-OWNED HARLEY-DAVIDSON TENT EVENT. IF YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT BUYING ONE OF OUR PRE-OWNED MOTORCYCLES! THE TENT EVENT IS THE DAY!

BIKE NIGHT AT IDLETYME BREWING COMPANY!

THURSDAY, JULY 20TH | 6-8PM
1859 MOUNTAIN RD, STOWE, VT 05672

JOIN US AT IDLETYME BREWING FOR GAMES, GIVEAWAYS, DRINKS, AND FOOD!

WILKINS ANNUAL BIKE SHOW!

SATURDAY, JULY 29TH 11AM-2PM

We will be awarding 8 different categories including:
 Best Sportster, Dyna, Softail, Touring, Trike, Metric, Custom and Antique (25 years and older) along with People's Choice and the Harry J Wilkins Most Creatively Customized Award

Gusto's
AMERICA'S GIN MILL

SMOKEY D'S BBQ

BIKINI BIKE WASH AND DYNO SHOOT OUT FOR PRIZES!
BOUNCE HOUSE FOR THE KIDS!

VENDOR ROW:
 Vermont Flannel Company, Myles Court Barbershop, Bats and Baubles, Flower and Flour, Papoles and MORE!

Use this QR Code to enter your bike or visit our Facebook page!

Wilkins Annual Bike Show! Saturday, July 29th 11am-2pm We will be awarding 8 different categories including: Best Sportster, Dyna, Softail, Touring, Trike, Metric, Custom and Antique (25 years and older) Along with People's Choice and the Harry J Wilkins Most Creatively Customized Award Enter your bike by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/ENTERMYBIKE> (registration will be from 9:30-10:30am) Smokey D's BBQ and Gusto's Beer Tent! Bikini Bike Wash! Dyno Shoot Out for prizes! Bounce house for the

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>

Please do business with this sponsor (Chapter member Tom Moore)!

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JUNE SOCIAL



June 4 Trina DeLary's ride to The White Cottage in Woodstock, VT





June 10 Paul Celley's ride to Rangeley, ME





The Story Behind the Queen of American Lakes

Lake George, a gem of the Adirondack Park in Upstate New York, is 32 miles long, 3 miles wide at its widest point, and reaches depths of nearly 200 feet. According to the Lake George Association, the lake as we know it was formed around 10-12,000 years before the present and has long been admired for its innate beauty.

There is debate over who was the first non-Native American to discover the lake (was it Samuel de Champlain in the early 1600s or Father Isaac Jogues in the 1640s?), but Jogues, a French Jesuit Missionary, named the body of water "Lac Du Saint Sacrement" - Lake of the Blessed Sacrement - in May of 1646.

The Battle of Lake George

110 years later, the French and Indian War (Seven Years' War) broke out over France's expansion into British Colonial territory. The Lac Du Saint Sacrement - Lake Champlain region was crucial for the British to secure since the French dominated Canada and areas to the north. The French were using Fort Saint-Frédéric at Crown Point, NY to control the use of Lake Champlain and prevent the British from colonizing that region, so British General Edward Braddock ordered Commander William Johnson to defeat the French forces at Fort Saint-Frédéric.

As he traveled north, Johnson came upon Lac Due Saint Sacrement and re-named it Lake George for the British King.

In September 1755, a series of three engagements between British and French forces broke out at the southern end of Lake George. These would collectively come to be known as the Battle of Lake George, which is commonly considered to be one of the first major victories for the British against the French.

The Fort William Henry Massacre

Fort William Henry was constructed that same year at the southern end of Lake George in order to guard the lake, protect British interests in that area, and serve as headquarters for any future operations should the French encroach from their strongholds in the north.

In 1757, the fort endured and withstood two French attacks, the first led by Sieur de Rigaud de Vaudreuil and the second by General Marquis de Montcalm, perhaps the best French General at the time. The six-day attack by Montcalm and his 8,000 French troops, Native allies, and Canadian volunteers left Fort William Henry near collapse. British Lieutenant-Colonel George Munro agreed to surrender, so long as the English were allowed to retreat to the nearby Fort Edward. Montcalm agreed, but his Native allies were not pleased.

When they could be restrained no longer, the Natives attacked the unarmed soldiers and civilians - including women and children - which resulted in massive loss of life. The exact death toll is uncertain, with some estimates as high as 1,500 and others ranging between 70-180. It is this massacre that was depicted, albeit inaccurately, in James Fenimore Cooper's *The Last of the Mohicans*. Montcalm and the other French officers risked their lives trying to stop the Natives, and once the conflict was settled, returned to burn Fort William Henry to the ground.

A replica of Fort William Henry was built in the 1950s, and that is the attraction you can visit in Lake George Village today.

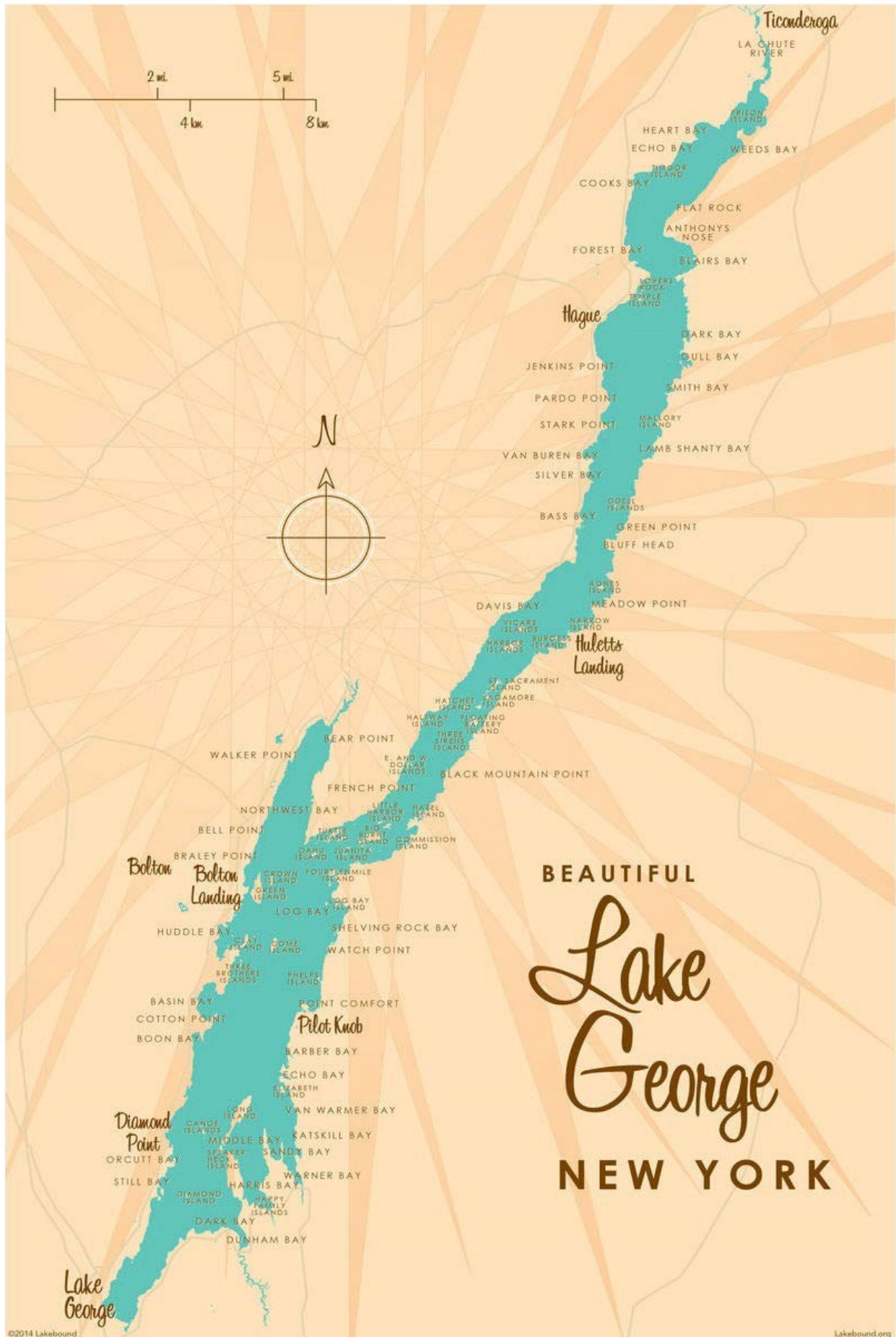
The American Revolution

Although no Revolutionary battles were fought as close to Lake George as those in the French and Indian War, the Battle of Saratoga - the turning point of the Revolution - was fought about 30 miles to the south. There was also a conflict at Fort Ticonderoga, located at the northern end of Lake George. This conflict resulted in that fort's being burned and abandoned.

Lake George Today

When you visit Lake George, you'll see that history is everywhere. There are signs on the side of roads marking important sites, monuments in parks honoring fallen war heroes, and even some of the lake's most popular attractions are named from its history (like the Lac du Saint Sacrement, the largest boat in the Lake George Steamboat Company's fleet, that was named after the lake's original moniker).

While you absolutely should enjoy boating, golfing, parasailing, horseback riding, and a multitude of other activities while you're in Lake George, we strongly suggest that you set aside some time to visit local historical sites, like Battlefield Park, Fort William Henry, Fort Ticonderoga, and Saratoga National Historic Park. The Lake George Region truly does have a rich, unique history that can still be appreciated, even today.



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)

Non-HOG/non-Wilkins rides/events (In black)

July

Tuesday the 4th Wilkins group ride—meet at Wilkins, KSU at 10 a.m.

Thursday the 6th Wilkins Bike Night at Rozzi's Lake Shore Tavern and Restaurant, Colchester, VT. 6-8 p.m.

Saturday the 8th Central Vermont HOG Chapter Mystery destination Ride leader: Jeff Demers Details will be provided by email and on the Wilkins Calendar

Tuesday the 11th Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins. Featuring Bikers' Games and non-Biker Games.

Friday to Sunday the 14th to the 16th: Chapter Ride with two overnights, destination Quebec City, ride leader Justen Elliott. Depart from P&H Truck stop on Friday. Staying at Hotel le Dauphin Quebec. The plan is to do sightseeing using shuttle/tour busses. A visit to Premont Harley-Davidson will be included. Some places will have entry fees. Trip ends in Woodsville/Wells River area on Sunday.

Saturday the 15th Christmas in July at Wilkins 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday the 20th Wilkins Bike Night at Idletyme Brewing Company, Stowe, VT. 6-8 p.m.

Sunday the 23rd Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to Tozier's Ride leader: Joel DeLary

Saturday the 29th Wilkins Annual Bike Show 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday the 29th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to Molly Stark Trail, Bennington Vt. Jeff Demers, ride leader. Meet at Wilkins at 8:15, KSU 8:30

Wilkins to East Barre, 110-S to Royalton, 14-S to Quechee West Hartford Rd to Quechee. Stop at Jiffy Mart.

4-W to 12-S to Harland 4 Corners, Brownsville-Hartland Rd to Brownsville. 44-W, 106-S, 10-W, 103-S, 35-S, 30-S, 5-S and 9-W in Brattleboro. Stop at Cumberland Farms (if not sooner). Good time to get gas.

Continue 9-W to Wilmington. **Lunch at Dot's American.** Picture at the Elizabeth Page "Molly" Stark Statue.

Continue 9-W to Bennington. Probable stop. 7-N, 7A-N to Manchester. Near Equinox Hotel, turn right onto Union St Fork, then left onto Richville Rd.

Turn right onto 11-E. 11-E, 100-N, 100A-N, to Bridgewater Corners. Probable stop. Take 4-E, River ST, 12-N, 107-E, 14-N to Williamstown. COST: Gas, Lunch, Breaks, Ice Cream TIME RIDE ENDS: ~6:00 PM APPROX.

MILES OF RIDE: 290 WHERE RIDE ENDS: Pump and Pantry / Legendairy Ice Cream

August

Thursday the 3rd Wilkins Bike Night at East Side, Newport, VT. 6-8 p.m.

Saturday the 5th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to Porky's BBQ in New Haven, VT. Tony Carrier, ride leader. Details to follow.

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

Saturday the 12th United Motorcyclists of Vermont annual Toy Run to benefit children in Shriner's Hospitals. Staging at Blue Cross and Blue Shield parking lot in Berlin, VT—9 a.m. Provide a toy and join the ride!

Saturday the 12th Wilkins Toy Run After Party beginning at 2ish...

Sunday the 13th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to Edge of Town Tavern in Plymouth, NH. Trina DeLary, ride leader. Details to follow.

Thursday the 17th Wilkins Bike Night at Iron Rail Pub and Grill, Woodsville, NH. 6-8 p.m.

Saturday the 19th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride. Joel DeLary, ride leader. Details to follow.

Sunday the 20th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride. Tony Carrier, ride leader. Destination is East Side Restaurant in Newport, VT.

Saturday the 26th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride. (Poker Run) Joel DeLary, Jeff Demers, Trina DeLary, Justen Elliott, ride leaders. Details to follow.

September

Saturday-Monday the 2nd-4th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter overnight ride to Beach Plum-Bentley's-Kennebunk-Laconia (two nights) Justen Elliott, ride leader. Complete details to follow—here are the basics: Meet in Bradford, VT. Ride will head to the coastline of NH with a stop at Seacoast HD, lunch at The Beach Plum on LaFayette Rd in Portsmouth, NH. The return route will take us to Weirs Beach Kellerhaus to build our own ice cream sundaes. From there we head to our hotel, Eastern Inn & Suites in N. Conway, NH—two overnights. Sunday, we will ride to Bentley's Saloon in Arundel for lunch, continue up the Maine coastline, to Walker's Point The Bush Compound in Kennebunkport, Fort Williams Park, and a few other sites, returning to North Conway for the night. Monday, we will ride through northern NH and VT with a stop at April's Maple, then on to St. J where the ride will end. Participants are welcome to come for the day ride, for just one night at the motel or 2 nights at the motel — take your choice.

Saturday the 9th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride with Brandywine HOG. Joel DeLary, ride leader.

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

Saturday the 16th Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to the Log Jam Restaurant, Lake George NY. (rescheduled from July 8th) Randy Lamell, ride leader. Details to follow.

Thursday the 21st Wilkins Bike Night at Gustos, Barre, VT. 6-8 p.m.

Saturday the 30th Central Vermont HOG Chapter Kancamagus Highway/Foliage ride. Trina DeLary, ride leader. Details to follow.

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

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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.