



# Vee-Twin Rumbblings

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



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## Chapter Director—Jeff Demers



Greetings HOG Members,

“The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.” — Henry Van Dyke, Fisherman's Luck

We had a great turnout for March meeting, with several new members attending! Thanks to all of you who were able to make it! Spring is officially here, and most of the snow is gone. Hopefully, mud season will be a memory by the time you read this. The days are getting longer, and with the time change, many of us will have more daylight to enjoying outdoor activities!

Our first HOG ride is scheduled for the end of April, though there may be opportunities to have a ride or two before then. The chapter has many rides planned, and we will always welcome ideas for new rides throughout the season. If you have a favorite restaurant, road, or scenic location, we would like to hear about them.

If you know of someone that is interested in getting their motorcycle endorsement, please encourage them to apply for the Riding Academy Scholarships. See the information above. “Keep your bike in good repair: motorcycle boots are not comfortable for walking.” – Anonymous

Safe, smooth, and fun riding for all!  
Jeff

## Assistant Director — Brion Muzzy



IT'S HERE !! SPRING IS HERE !!! well , Vermont's version of it anyway !! LOL They say April Showers bring May flowers, well they also bring on Mud season, but, clean the roads of all that nasty salt & sand residue from the winter to make way for the riding season. and speaking of riding season I want to echo Jeff's comments. We do have a lot of Great rides coming up this season. starting at the end of this month with a Co-Chapter ride with The Champlain Valley HOG chapter. There are also a couple of overnight rides coming

up, the Memorial day weekend overnight to Arcadia Maine May 28th - 30th and the Hawks Nest ride July 2nd - 4th. so book your rooms now if you're interested!! for more detail check out our facebook page and Wilkins Event calendar. and while you're there check out the other up and coming events. and check back often, we do our best to keep them updated with all the latest events and rides !!

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



# On the Horizon



Wilkins Harley Davidson: Family-Owned and Operated Since 1947



 **APRIL 2, 2022**  
**SATURDAY**  
**11 A.M. TO 12 NOON.**

## GROUP RIDING WORKSHOP

**ARE YOU INTIMIDATED BY GROUP RIDING?**

**WHAT ARE THE RULES OF RIDING SAFELY IN A GROUP?**

**THIS IS THE WORKSHOP FOR YOU.**  
Come learn from Champlain Valley/Central Vermont HOG Member, Ben Drury, who has thousands of miles under his belt in group riding.

## RIDE TO RALLY EVENT

**APRIL 9**  
**SATURDAY**  
**12 NOON**

**MCKENZIE HOTDOGS ON THE GRILL!**  
Get your April Entry for the **75TH MOTORCYCLE GIVEAWAY!**

Specials on Spring Sweatshirts!  
**\$2.00** Key Fob Battery Changes




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 March 8th Social

**Chapter Director Jeff Demers** started the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Jeff introduced member Bruce Klinger who gave us an update on preparations for the Iron Adventure Rally of New England. It will be held July 14-18 in Ludlow.

Volunteers are needed for a range of duties to help make the Rally work!

"Volunteering to help make the Iron Adventure Rally a success is your chance to join the camaraderie HOG members bring to the table when attending riding events. Meet new and old friends who share the same passion for the Harley Davidson experience. Remember, events like the Iron Adventure do not happen without volunteers. **Contact me via email, peter.guillette@comcast.net or call me at 603-252-0448 to set up a time to volunteer.**"

On Saturday the 16th there will be a block party in downtown Ludlow with a band and food available. Shuttles will transport people between Jackson Gore Resort and the block party location.

Rides are being planned for the Rally—none of them will be destination rides to restaurant, due to Covid. Instead, brown bag lunches will be available for taking on the rides.

There are a limited number of rooms available at Jackson Gore Resort. Get your reservation made soon! And be sure to register for the Rally too!

Jeff reminded us that there are several overnight rides planned for this riding season: Justin Elliott will be leading a ride to Acadia National Park in Maine for Memorial Day weekend; Jeff Demers will be leading a ride to Hawk's Nest in New York for the 4th of July weekend; and Justin Elliott will be leading a ride to the Beach Plum in New Hampshire for the weekend of August 27 and 28.

Wilkins Administrative Assistant Patrick DuBois shared the Wilkins Update:

Three dealership events in March: Ladies Only Garage Party on the 12th; the Screw Winter Luau on the 19th; and the Vinny Bag O' Donuts on the 26th.

Activities Co-director Randy Lamell introduced our 'Ice breaker activity'. Everyone was given a sheet of paper with 21 traits listed on it—like 'was not born in Vermont' and 'is wearing a shirt with 'Wilkins' on it' to go around to others and get signatures. This was done with a time limit. Two people got 10 signatures. Tie-breaker questions were asked of the two finalists, and Ronnie Allard won.

For the 'who wore the most green' contest, Brion Muzzey won.

Joel Delary shared information about Riding Academy scholarships to be granted in the name of Joe Lonardo—a member of the Chapter who recently passed away after being afflicted with A.L.S. Wilkins will be providing the scholarship. Details are being developed on how to apply.

Ben Drury will be getting special ALS patches, in memory of Joe Lonardo. Quite a few members expressed interest in getting a patch.

Ben Drury shared a video, "Guide to Group Riding". A more detailed session of this presentation will be done at Wilkins on April 2nd.

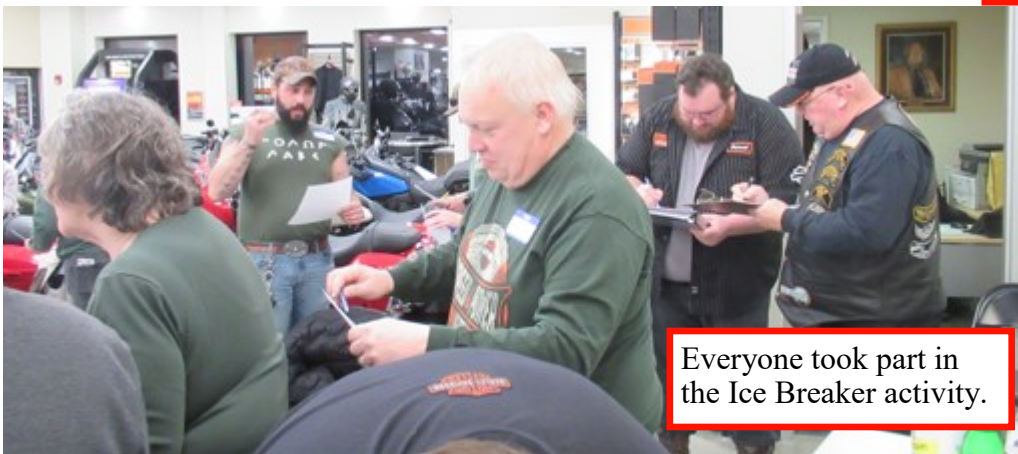




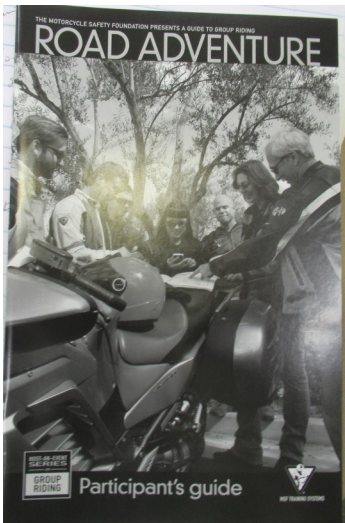
Lots of people gathered for the social!



Bruce Klinger shared info on the upcoming Iron Adventure Rally of New England



Everyone took part in the Ice Breaker activity.



'Guide to Group Riding' video presented by Ben Drury



- T** = Tires & Wheels
- C** = Cables & Controls
- L** = Lights & Switches
- O** = Oil & Fuel
- S** = Chain & Chassis
- S** = Centerstand/Sidestand

Pre-ride check list



## Safety Officer—Scott Campbell

Quick reminders!!

Riding season is approaching fast and it's time to check your riding gear for durability and safety. Check your boot soles to be sure they have plenty of tread. Helmets are of the utmost importance! They have a shelf life of five years so if your helmet is five years old or older, replace it or it won't be effective in the event of a crash.

Remember the saying; "Ride Safe!"



Harry and Barb Wilkins in 1987



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



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**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

**April**

Tuesday the 12th - Chapter Social at Wilkins 6:30 p.m. Plan a Ride activity.

**May**

Saturday the 5th - Ride Around the Islands, ending with a bonfire & pulled pork in St. Albans. Hosted by Jay & Jeannette. Details TBD. Co-Chapter ride/event

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

Saturday, the 14th - Ride to Newick's Lobster House, Concord, NH. Ride Leader, Jeff Demers Co-chapter ride

Saturday the 21st - Lunch ride to Roxie's Fries, Castleton, VT. Ride Leader, Greg. Details TBD. Champlain Valley Vermont HOG Chapter ride.

Saturday-Sunday the 21st – 22nd - Wilkins H-D overnight ride – Annual Memorial Alan Wilkins Maine ride.

Details TBD. Dealer event.

Saturday-Monday the 28th – 30th - Memorial Day weekend overnight ride to Acadia, Maine. Ride Leader, Justen Elliott. Co-chapter ride.

Sunday the 29th -Vermont Thunder ride, meet at 9:15 am at Wilkins Harley-Davidson for a 9:30 am departure, riding to Sharon NB rest area for the Memorial Day ceremony. Ride Leader, Dennis Aja. Co-chapter ride.

**June**

Saturday the 4th -Ride to ?????? Ride Leader, Ben Drury. Details TBD. Co-chapter ride.

Saturday the 4th - Wilkins H-D Customer Appreciation Day. Details TBD. Dealer event.

Tuesday through Saturday the 7th-11th - Americade.

Thursday the 9th -Wilkins H-D Bike Night. Roadhouse. Details TBD. Dealer event.

Saturday through Sunday 11th through 19th -Laconia Bike Week.

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

Thursday the 23rd -Wilkins H-D Bike Night. East Side. Details TBD. Dealer event.

## July

Saturday-Monday the 2nd – 4th - 3-days/2-nights, ride to Hawk's Nest Highway, New York for an adventure along the Delaware River. Ride Leader, Jeff. See Ride Detail Sheet on separate sheet. Co-chapter ride.

Monday the 4th -Wilkins H-D 4th of July ride. Details TBD. Dealer event.

Saturday the 9th -Ride to "Farm to Fire", a wood-fired pizza joint in Monroe, NH. Ride Leader, Greg. Details TBD. Champlain Valley Vermont HOG Chapter ride.

Saturday the 9th -Wilkins H-D annual Bike Show. Details TBD. Dealer event.

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

Thursday—Saturday the 14th through 16th -Iron Adventure of New England HOG Rally, Ludlow, VT.

Saturday the 23rd -Ride to ?????? Ride Leader, Ben. Details TBD. Co-chapter ride.

Saturday the 23rd -Wilkins H-D overnight ride to Lake Placid. Details TBD. Dealer event.

Thursday the 28th -Wilkins H-D Bike Night. Wagon Wheel, Chazy, New York. Details TBD. Dealer event.

Saturday the 30th -Lunch ride to The White Cottage Snack Bar, Woodstock, Vermont. Ride Leader, Trina. Details TBD. Co-chapter ride.

## August

Saturday the 6th -History ride to Fort Ticonderoga. Ride Leader, Jeff. See Ride Detail on separate sheet. Co-chapter ride.

Sunday the 7th -Annual "Myron's Ride". Ride Leader, Ben. Details TBD. Co-chapter ride.

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

Thursday the 11th -Wilkins H-D Bike Night. Pour House, South Burlington. Details TBD. Dealer event.

Saturday the 13th -Ride to ?????? Ride Leader, Ben. Details TBD. Co-chapter ride.

Saturday the 13th -UMV Annual Toy Run.

Saturday the 13th -Wilkins H-D Toy Run After Party. Details TBD. Dealer event

Saturday the 20th - Ride to ????? (Canada?). Ride Leader, Martin. Details TBD. Champlain Valley Vermont HOG Chapter ride.

Friday through Sunday the 26th – 28th -Wilkins H-D Bike Rodeo. Details TBD. Dealer event.

Saturday through Sunday the 27th – 28th -Overnight ride to The Beach Plum, North Hampton, New Hampshire. Ride Leader, Justen. See Ride Detail Sheet on separate sheet. Co-chapter ride.

## September

Saturday the 10th -Wilkins H-D Tent Event. Details TBD. Dealer event.

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

Saturday the 17th -Wilkins Suicide Awareness ride. Details TBD. Dealer event.

Sunday the 25th -Poker Run, Ride Leaders, Trina, Justen, Ben, and Jeff. Ride splits into 4 randomly picked groups, picking up 5 cards along the way. All 4 groups will meet up for lunch at Riley's Fish Shack in St. Johnsbury. Prizes for the best hand in each group, plus overall best hand. Details TBD. Co-chapter ride.



**October**

Saturday the 1st -Wilkins H-D ride to Cold Hollow Cider. Details TBD. Dealer event.

Saturday the 10th -Wilkins H-D ride to ??????. Details TBD. Dealer event.

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

**November**

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

Saturday the 12th -Wilkins H-D 75th Anniversary Party and motorcycle giveaway. Must be present to win. Details TBD. Dealer event.

**December**

Chapter Holiday Party TBD

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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.

# 2022 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CENTRAL VERMONT CHAPTER 5218 Dues are \$15 for 2022

MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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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.)

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