



# Vee-Twin Rumbblings

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



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Holiday Party Plans
- Minutes of the November Meeting

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## Chapter Director—Jeff Demers

Greetings fellow H.O.G. members!

"I am happy because I'm grateful. I choose to be grateful. That gratitude allows me to be happy." —Will Arnett  
I want to thank all of you for being a part of the Central Vermont HOG. Thank you for joining rides and events, and thank you for supporting our riding group. Thanks go to the 2023 officers and a welcome back to the returning slate for 2024, plus the addition of Tony!

Several rides this year will hold special memories for me. After hearing previous stories about the go-kart racing in Oxford, Quebec, I was able to experience them this year and had a great time. Another trip to Quebec City had us taking a bus tour around the city, a walking tour of the Citadel, and a visit to a home built by a direct ancestor in

1689.

The rains in June and flooding in July caused some rides to be cancelled or postponed. Some rides needed route changes. The ride to and on the Molly Stark Trail (a.k.a. VT Route 9) may have improved due to the changes. The ride to the Tail o' the Pup through the Adirondacks was at risk of being postponed due to rain, but it turned out to be a great day.

I was looking forward to at least a couple of rides that I missed. Tony led a ride over route 125 to Rosie's in Middlebury, and returned via route 17 (two of my favorite routes), and Joel led a ride to the Edge of Town Tavern in Plymouth, NH. The reactions and stories from both rides were very positive.

Other rides this year included going to the Sugar and Spice Restaurant in Mendon (17 participants), Sarge's Sport Pub and Grill in Rangeley, ME, East Side Pub and Restaurant in Newport, the Beach Plum/NH and ME seacoasts/April's Maple, the Log Jam Restaurant in Lake George, Kancamagus highway and the last HOG ride to the Cow Palace in Newport.

I am sure I missed a few of the HOG rides. It goes to show the variety of rides that we enjoy. And I am sure that there were several non-HOG rides that you experienced – are they candidates for HOG rides next year?

Early next year, we will schedule a meeting for ride leaders to schedule rides for 2024. Any member can be a ride leader. Perhaps you have a favorite road or destination that you would like to share with other members. Rides can be short, say for brunch, lunch, or just a creemee, or longer, all day or overnight adventures.

I encourage all of you to write an article for the newsletters. Do you have a motorcycling topic of interest, e.g., learning to ride, buying a new or dream bike, riding with friends, cross country trips, international adventures? We would love to hear from you!

I wish you and your families a warm, safe, and joyous holiday season!

Safe, smooth, and fun riding for all!  
Jeff



# On the Horizon

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**WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON  
HARLEYGIVING!**

*Saturday, November 18th*



Holiday sweets at 11am until gone! Donate non-perishable food item going to VT Food Bank for a free gift!

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**BLACKER**

**SATURDAY!**

Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> | 9AM-2PM

SKIP THE EARLY MORNING SALES ON FRIDAY AND COME TO WILKINS FOR BLACKER SATURDAY!

MORE DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED!




WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING**

**SATURDAY!**

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

COME GET IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WITH US AT WILKINS!

MORE DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED!






**PHOTOS WITH  
SANTA!**

**Saturday, December 16th**

Get in the holiday spirit with us by getting your photo taken with Santa!



## Head Road Captain—Joel DeLary

Hello Chapter Members,

As the end of 2023 draws near and with this year's riding season in the books brings the perfect time to look back at the past season's adventures. Despite some of the weather-related issues that included the widespread flooding around the state that left so many roads in disrepair we were still able to enjoy a lot of fantastic rides. Our rides ranged from a few hours to a couple of days long, they went through 4 states and to our neighbors to the north in Canada, these rides would not be possible without our dedicated ride leaders. We generally plan the riding season in late February or early March. Mostly we just shoot for getting the ride dates and destinations jotted down on the calendar with most routes to follow in early Spring when the roads are more predictable. With that said, we encourage all the members to consider leading a

ride no matter the length and if anyone has any questions about putting a ride together or what to expect as a ride leader then please do not hesitate to reach out. If anyone has a suggestion for a ride destination or a ride they would like to see repeated then please let us know. On a final note, I, once again, want to thank all our ride leaders for the time and effort they put in planning these rides as well as big shout out to all those who captured the rides with their photos.

Joel

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.  
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### Safety Officer—Justen Elliott

Greetings everyone,

Well, another riding season has come and gone. I can't recall a rainier season than 2023. A lot of our planned rides were either postponed or cancelled due to the inclement weather. However, the Chapter rides that did take place, were well planned by all our ride leaders. I would like to thank all the Road Captains for taking the time to organize some great adventures for all of us. A few adventures caught us in some downpours, but I did not hear of any mishaps on any of our rides. Which means it was a safe riding season for our chapter!!!

Storing your bike at home for the winter is the perfect time to give it a thorough going-over. You have all winter to check every nut, bolt, & washer. Look for anything out of the ordinary, a little rust behind a bolt & nut, cupped tires, loose spokes in the wheel, ETC. Come spring-time you'll be ready to go. If you have your bike stored at a dealership like Wilkins then it's in good hands, but still verify it gets a thorough check before springtime.

While we strive to keep our bikes well maintained, I again would like to mention the benefits of taking an advanced / experienced rider course. Of course, this would be a spring or summer event, you can find information for classes in NH at [dmv.nh.gov](http://dmv.nh.gov) / or in Vermont [dmv.vermont.gov](http://dmv.vermont.gov). In the meantime, there are 100's of You Tube videos you can watch, 'Ride Like A Pro' is an example. You'll be surprised how many tidbits of information one can use and apply.

Lastly MiYong and I wish everyone a very joyous and safe holiday season, we hope you make wonderful memories with friends and family. We hope to see you at the Chapter Christmas party.

I usually end with 'Saddle up Let's ride' but it's winter so, 'Bundle up Stay warm'!

Justen



Group photos from some 2023 rides



## Chapter Social—November 14th

Chapter Director, Jeff Demers called the meeting to order at 6:32. We pledged allegiance to the flag. The first item on the agenda was second-round nominations for 2024 Officers. The slate of officers was presented as follows:

Director—Jeff Demers  
 Assistant Director—Scott Campbell  
 Treasurer—Don Whiton  
 Secretary—Linda Lamell  
 Safety officer—Justen Elliott  
 Head Road Captain—Joel DeLary  
 Ladies of Harley Officer—Lauren Demers  
 Activities Director—Randy Lamell  
 Membership—Linda Lamell and Lauren Demers  
 Newsletter Editor—Linda Lamell  
 Chapter Historian—Tony Carrier  
 Photographer—MiYong Elliott  
 Webmaster—Richard Pitonyak

Mark Perry made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Greg Johnston seconded the motion. The vote was in the affirmative. Congratulation to our Officers for 2024.

The second agenda item was a ‘Year in Review’ report by Linda Lamell, membership officer. There are 75 Chapter members, with 67 living in VT; 4 in NH; 2 in NY; 1 in Florida; 1 in Texas. An overview of the 2023 Chapter rides was presented.

### **2023 Rides:**

2 Sunday brunch rides  
 3 overnight rides  
 6 Saturday rides  
 5 Sunday rides

### **Ride destinations:**

Billtown Roadhouse – Williamstown VT (Sunday brunch)  
 Sugar and Vermont Spice – Menden VT (Sunday brunch)  
 Magog Go-Karting in Quebec, Stratton ME (overnight)  
 White Cottage – Woodstock VT  
 Sarge’s Sport Pub and Grub – Rangely ME  
 Tail o’ the Pup – Ray Brook NY  
 Quebec City ONT (overnight)  
 Rosie’s – Middlebury VT  
 Dot’s American Restaurant/Molly Stark Trail – Wilmington VT  
 East Side Restaurant – Newport VT  
 The Hungry Bear – Bradford VT  
 Beach Plum ride – NH coast, Weirs Beach, North Conway, Bentley’s in ME, April’s Maple (overnight)  
 Co-Chapter Ride with Brandywine Chapter – White River to So. Barre and points in between, VT  
 Log Jam Restaurant – Lake George NY  
 Munroe’s Family Restaurant - Twin Mtn NH  
 The Cow Palace – Derby VT

An accounting of attendance at Chapter Socials, January to October, was as follows:

Jan. (Holiday Party): 18  
 Feb. Chapter provided pizza: 23  
 March: 15  
 April: 15  
 May: 16  
 June potluck dinner: 15  
 July: 10  
 August: 15  
 September cornboil and potluck: 21  
 October: 13

The ‘must be present to win’ prize was awarded twice – in Feb (\$10) and in May (\$30) (All members’ names are in a jar and one name is picked at each social. That person must be present to win or the money is held over to the next social with another \$10 added.)

50/50 raffle -- averages around \$30 for the Chapter at each Social

The third agenda item was the Treasurer’s Report, given by Don Whiton. He shared the current checking account total. There was a brief discussion of the anticipated expenditures for the Chapter Christmas Party, scheduled for December 1st at the Canadian Club in Barre. The Chapter will pay \$10 (of the \$20 per person cost) for the steak dinner and entertainment at the event. The Chapter will also purchase door prizes for distribution at the party. Jeff Demers and Trina DeLary will purchase these items at Wilkins’ Blacker Saturday sales event. There will be prizes for the ugly sweater contest. All year, Linda Lamell has recorded members’ attendance at socials and rides (with a maximum of one check mark per person per month). A winner’s name will be drawn at the party.

The fourth item was a brief report that the Chapter has a lending library, which is stored upstairs at Wilkins in a room that is available to members. Many of the books in the collection were donated by Charter Member Joe Benning. He has planned a number of extensive trips over the years and the books he used for reference in planning those trips are in the collection.

The fifth agenda item was the available patches the Chapter has for sale, and the list being compiled for placing an order with Norscot for members to purchase patches they would like to have. The patches and the list were set out on a table for members to access after the business portion of the meeting.

The sixth item: Dealer Update, presented by Charlie Watson (Wilkins H-D Parts/Accessories/Service Associate). He reported that there is still room for people to have their bike stored at Wilkins for the winter. There is a promo being offered - if \$1999-worth of parts and/or accessories (does not include service) are purchased, storage for the winter is free. There will be a Blacker Saturday Sale on November 25th. A Christmas Shopping event will be on Saturday December 9th.

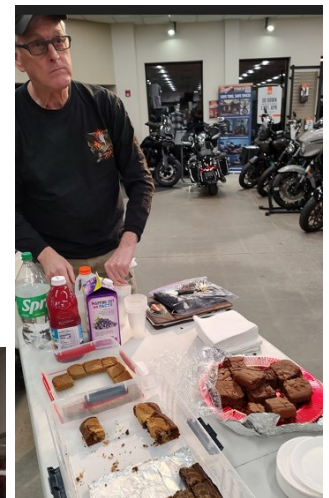
Head Road Captain, Joel DeLary mentioned that the Brandywine HOG Chapter has invited CVHOG to be part of their June 2024 ride in the area of Niagara Falls. Details are in this newsletter.

Refreshments for the Social were a variety of brownies (a traditional treat at Central Vermont HOG Chapter socials in the early years of the Chapter) provided by Linda Lamell and Joel DeLary.

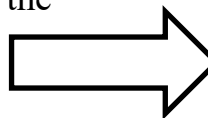
Door prize winners were Jeff Demers and Joel DeLary.

Steve Hidenfelter won the 50/50 raffle: he received \$34 and the Chapter received \$34.

The ‘must be present to win’ prize was (once again) not awarded because the person whose name was drawn was not present. The \$60 in cash will be carried over to 2024, with another \$10 added! And the names in the jar will be changed to 2024 members after membership renewals are collected in January.



Chapter library on the shelves upstairs



## Planning ahead—for a June 2024 Co-Chapter Ride in the area of Niagara Falls with the Brandywine Chapter from Chadds Ford, PA and The Niagara Chapter from Ontario

The group from Brandywine Chapter will be leaving Pennsylvania on Tuesday June 18th and returning on the 23rd.

Their ride planner, Alan Rodgers, provided these details:

**Description of Ride:** Ride to Niagara Falls NY, daily destinations, then on Saturday ride into Canada where we meet up with Clare’s HD HOG chapter and ride through Canada with them—a full itinerary will be sent to all who are going

**Cost:** Hotel is \$833.29 for 5 nights. Total amount must be paid to Alan Rodgers by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

Deadline is **January 31<sup>st</sup> 2024** to let Alan know you will be part of the group **\$200 deposit** to be paid to him by then.

Please let Joel DeLary know if you are thinking about participating or if you have questions.

His email is [uafitter693@yahoo.com](mailto:uafitter693@yahoo.com)



## 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)

### November

Saturday the 18th—Harleygiving at Wilkins. Holiday sweets available from 11 until they are gone. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Vermont Foodbank and receive a free gift.

Saturday the 25th 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Blacker Saturday sales event at Wilkins

### December

Friday the 1st Chapter Holiday Party at The Canadian Club in Barre. (Deadline to RSVP for this event was November 15th.)

Saturday the 9th—Christmas Shopping event at Wilkins

Saturday the 16th—Photos with Santa at Wilkins

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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.

**Membership renewals for 2024 must wait until after January 1, 2024,  
per National HOG stipulations.**