



Vee-Twin Rumbblings

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



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Holiday Party Plans
- Minutes of the October Meeting

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Chapter Director—Jeff Demers

Greetings HOG Members,

The end of the riding season is closing fast. As always, I'm hoping for a couple more rides before I have to put the bike into storage. As a reminder for those participating in the H.O.G.® Ride 365 Annual Mileage Recognition Challenge, have Wilkins record your season ending odometer reading.

"Even beasts need beauty sleep to be ready for spring." – Advertisement for Harley-Davidson winter storage.

We are in the process of planning for the holiday party. Please stay tuned for more information.

I would like to thank all of those that organized and joined rides, came to socials, and shared photos and stories. And double thanks to the chapter officers all of their contributions (triple for Linda).

At the November Social, we will be voting on officers for next year. Nominations are still open. Per the H.O.G. Chapter Charter, required officers include the primary officers, Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer and Secretary. Discretionary officers include Activities Officer, Ladies of Harley Officer, Head Road Captain, Editor, Safety Officer, Photographer, Historian, Membership Officer, and Webmaster.

Looking at the photos on Facebook.com/centralvermonthog, reviewing the newsletters, and checking wilkinsharley.com -> Info -> Motorcycle Events, I feel we had a great season. While the schedule of early seasons rides was affected by rain, we did get most of them in. Joel added one more ride to the Cow Palace for the end of the season. Many of rides created new memories, and some allowed us to re-visit old memories. All of them were with friends!

While we schedule many rides at a ride leaders meeting, we can always squeeze in more! During the October social, several ride ideas were raised. Do you have ride ideas? Are the past rides that you would like to re-do? I know I am excited for next year already!

"A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye." - Unknown

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Jeff



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HALLOWEEN PARTY!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH | 10AM-12PM

Costume contest, with prizes, for the adults!
Pumpkin painting and trick or treating for the kids!





Head Road Captain—Joel DeLary

It looks like the 2023 riding season has pretty much come to a close, we were able to get in one more chapter ride, this time it was to the Derby Cow Palace despite the cooler temps and uncertain start with the morning rain.

Reflecting back on the riding season, I think we were fairly successful in keeping most our rides as scheduled despite the challenges this past summer brought us that included the flooding.

I want to send out a huge thank you to all our ride leaders for a nice variety of rides, great job all of you and thanks for all you members who rode them! A big shout out

to Justen, Tony, Jeff, Paul, Randy and Trina for all the great rides this year. I want to remind all our members that chapter rides can be anything from simple 50-mile ride to lunch to a one or two night overnight ride.

If you have a suggestion for a destination then please let us know.

I think my favorite ride this year that I was able to go on, the one that I felt *really stood out*, was hosting the Brandywine Chapter. They still talk about it according to their assistant director Alan Rodgers. He also said that their members who rode with us say that our hospitality was as incredible as the ride itself.

Again I want to encourage, almost *challenge*, all our members to consider leading a ride next season!

Joel

Check the Wilkins/HOG Chapter events on the calendar on Wilkins website —
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Chapter Social—October 10th

Chapter Director Jeff Demers started the meeting with having everyone pledge allegiance to the flag.

The first topic discussed was the upcoming ride to The Cow Palace in Derby, planned for Sunday the 15th. It will be led by Joel DeLary.

Chapter Head Road Captain, Joel DeLary extended his thanks to all who have been ride leaders this riding season. The wet weather and the prevalence of road work being done statewide have made it challenging to provide group riding experiences, but our Chapter has managed to do quite well at getting people out on the road. Steve Hidenfelter and wife Kim recently rode to Lake Placid and Steve highly recommends riding there. It was mentioned that the Chapter had one group ride to Lake Placid this summer. Additionally, there was a ride to Whiteface Mountain several years ago, which is in the Lake Placid area of New York State. Joel said that he and the other road captains have tried to have a range of rides this summer—in terms of day of the week (generally Saturdays or Sundays), distance, and destinations. A highlight this summer was having a co-Chapter ride with the Brandywine Chapter of Chadds Ford, PA. The Brandywine Chapter hopes to make a Vermont visit an annual event. And they have extended an invitation to Central Vermont HOG Chapter to come to Chadds Ford for a riding experience in PA. Tony Carrier mentioned that he rides with a group from St Albans (the American Legion Riders) on Wednesdays. They meet at 10 a.m. near I-89 Exit 19 and decide where they will go from there. All are welcome to join them!

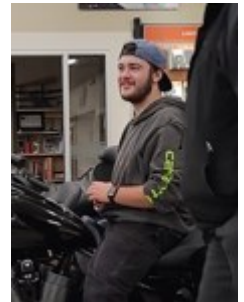


Wilkins Update from Devin LaCasse: Biketoberfest will be on the 14th from 11-2 with beer, brats, games, and prizes. The Zombie Run ride will be October 21st, beginning at 11 a.m. Come in a costume and have zombie make-up applied by Ciara (professional make-up artist) between 9 and 11. This is a fund-raising event for the Renita Marshall Helping Hands Foundation—for each rider, Wilkins will make a donation to the Foundation which is helping families affected by the July flood. And the Wilkins Halloween Party will be on the 28th.

The next topic presented by Jeff Demers was the Holiday Party, which will be held in December this year. Jeff asked for volunteers to be the planning committee. Joel DeLary and Scott Campbell volunteered. Scott will look into having a catered event at the Canadian Club. Joel and Jeff will check out American Legion locations in Northfield and Barre.

The third topic was first-round nominations for 2024 Chapter Officers. Jeff reminded us that there are four positions that are required to be filled: Director, Assistant Director, Secretary, and Treasurer. Additional positions are discretionary: Ladies of Harley Officer, Head Road Captain, Safety Officer, Editor, Membership Officer, Historian, Webmaster, Chapter Photographer, and Activities Director. Tony Carrier said that he has been very pleased with how the Chapter is being run and suggested that the slate of Officers for 2024 remain the same as it has been for 2023. Others agreed with Tony's suggestion.

Current officers are: Director: Jeff Demers; Assistant Director: Scott Campbell; Linda Lamell: Secretary; Don Whiton: Treasurer; Ladies of Harley: Lauren Demers; Activities Director: Randy Lamell; Head Road Captain: Joel DeLary; Safety Officer: Justen Elliott; Editor: Linda Lamell; Membership: Linda Lamell and Lauren Demers; Webmaster: Richard Pitonyak; Chapter Photographer: MiYong Elliott. There hasn't been a Chapter Historian for 2023, but Tony Carrier was asked to fill that position for 2024.) Second-round nominations and voting will take place at the November Social.



Joel reported that the **Joe Lonardo Riding Academy Scholarship** was initially awarded to someone who turned out to be unreachable via the email provided when she applied for the scholarship. So a second winner was selected (Krista) and she has completed the Riding Academy! Her husband took the course earlier in the summer and she was thrilled to have the opportunity to take the course as well.

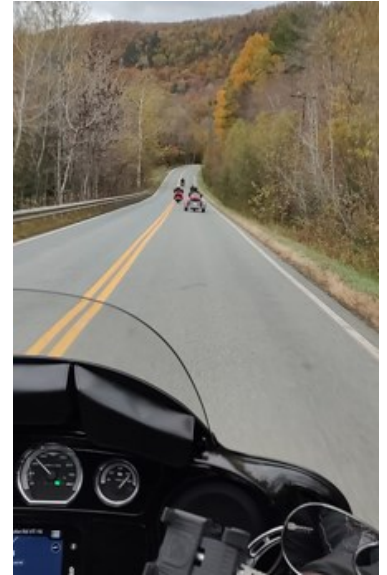
Part of this social was an apple dessert contest, for which there were 6 entrants. Everyone sampled the 6 desserts and voted for their favorite. The winner was Kim Hidenfelter by a good margin! (She makes fabulous desserts that we have been fortunate in sampling at various socials this year!) Runner up was Linda Lamell. And a special prize was awarded to Tony for his whipped cream, made on site just before the meeting!

The 50/50 raffle was won by Tony Carrier, who donated his winnings to the Chapter.

For the 'ongoing attendance raffle' (a name is drawn from a full set of all members' names and the winner must be present to win), Paul Celley's name was picked for the second time this year—but he wasn't present. So the prize of \$50 will grow to \$60 for the November Social.



Chapter Ride on the 15th to The Cow Palace in Derby, VT
Ride leader- Joel DeLary





HOLIDAY PARTY PLANNING HAS BEGUN!

When: Friday, December 1st

Where: the Canadian Club in Barre

What: Steak dinner at 7 p.m., Dancing to live music provided by Krazy Country from 8 to 11 p.m.

Details on the final cost per person (will be split between the Chapter and each participant) and additional activities for the evening will be announced in November.

Please let Linda know if you plan to attend,
and if you will be bringing a non-member guest
lindalamell@hotmail.com

Planning ahead—for a June 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 R by April 1st 2024

Deadline is **January 31st**

2024 to let Alan know you will be part of the group
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Please let Linda Lamell know if you are thinking about participating.

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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)

October

Saturday the 28th Wilkins event: Halloween Party 10 a.m. to noon. Wear a costume and possibly win a prize!

November

Tuesday the 14th Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins. Second round of nominations for 2024 Chapter Officers and the final vote.

December

Friday the 1st Chapter Holiday Party at The Canadian Club in Barre. Steak dinner at 7, dancing from 8-11 p.m. Details to follow.

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