



# Vee-Twin Rumbblings

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



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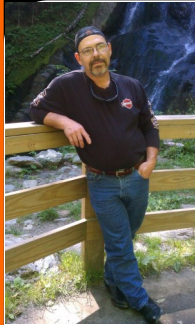
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## Chapter Director—Joel DeLary

Hello Central VT H.O.G. Members; Looks like Fall has found it's way here and even though Mother Nature has been giving us some wonderful scenery the past week we all know it's short lived so get out there and ride enjoying the colors while we still can. This past Saturday was the Chapters annual Poker Run to Riley's Fish Shack with a great turn out, I want to thank everyone who made it and an extra thank you to our four road captains that day, Jeff, Ben, Brion and Trina...oh and John, nice 4th place win with just one card...LOL. Unfortunately the end of our riding season here in the North East seems to be in sight but that doesn't mean its time to put the bikes up and call it a season because we still have October to get through.

Speaking of October, we have our first round of officer nominations coming up at our October 13th chapter meeting and it would be great to see a large turnout. I personally feel that we had a great riding season despite all we had to deal with since this past Spring, it certainly was challenging to say the least but the Chapter had a lot of very dedicated members who were not about to give in. We need to come up with a plan for a Holiday Party, your help and ideas are needed so please bring those ideas to the next meeting and we will also be having our annual "Anything Apple" bake off...mmmmm!



## Co-Head Road Captains—Brion Muzzy and Ben Drury

What a year !! To say the least, this year was full of challenges on so, so many levels. I hope everyone was able to get out and do some riding, I know I did. One member even told me that they were on their second set of tires this year !! WOW !! With this year's riding season drawing to a rapid close there is still some nice weather to maybe get some more riding in (stay tuned). That being said I would like to take this opportunity to offer a truly Heartfelt 'Thank You' to all this year's officers, for their dedication and tireless effort both up front and behind the scenes and to all the Road captains who lead rides this year while all the time still managing to follow all the state COVID guidelines and giving us some truly great rides. A monumental task for sure. I would also like to remind everyone that October is the first round of Officer nominations. If you have never been an officer now is the time to step up and throw your hat into the ring !! to take the reins !! I do not regret a single minute over the years that I have served as an officer, in many different roles. I have found the time to be both a challenge and rewarding ! So please consider becoming an officer.

till we ride again, be safe !

Brion





# On the Horizon



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## WILKINS NEW SERVICE OFFERINGS

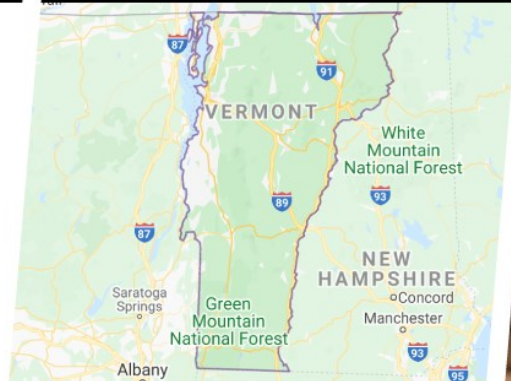
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October 10th  
11-12:30  
Free Fall Pies at Wilkins



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 from the September Chapter Social—held on September 8th at Wilkins

A few members gathered at Wilkins on September 8<sup>th</sup>, for our annual ‘corn boil’ meeting.

Our director, Joel DeLary started off our meeting with the pledge of allegiance. He mentioned that we had a nice ride with Charter Chapter member Myron De-genhardt on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and that his birthday (his 97<sup>th</sup>!) is coming up soon. Jeff Demers reported that his scheduled ride, to take place on September 19<sup>th</sup>, will have a revised route from the one originally included in the newsletter. An email was sent out to all members with the revised route detailed in it.

The ride to Bentley’s Saloon in Arundel, Maine for the weekend of September 11-13 has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns in the state of Maine.

The Poker Run will be taking place on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, with Riley’s Fish Shack in St. J. as the destination for the 4 groups to meet and determine the winner for each group, and the top winner for the whole event!

Plans for the Holiday Party need to get started.

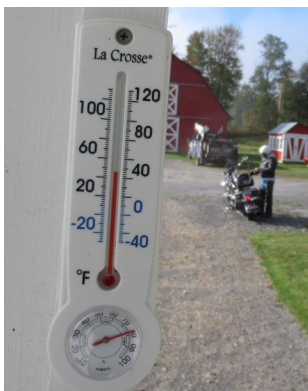
And the time for nominations for next year’s officers is drawing close.

John Sargent provided the Wilkins update: As the weather gets cooler, be sure to check your tire pressure and your suspension. Remember - Safety first!!

We all shared some super-fresh corn-on-the-cob and had some time to visit with each other.



Chapter Ride—September 19th Jeff Demers, Road Captain  
“Maple Sausage Burger Ride”



Cold start to the day!

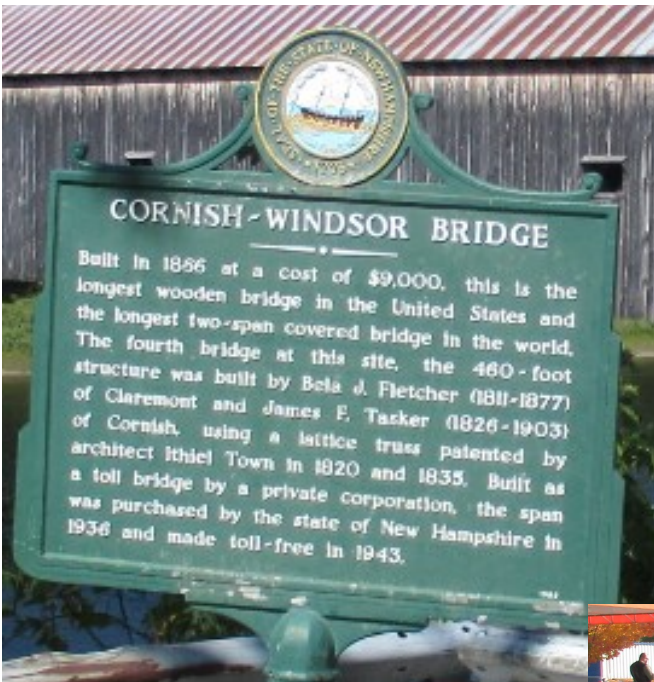




Lunch Destination  
Frazier's Place  
in Windsor, VT



Photo Op!  
Cornish-Windsor covered  
bridge



Chapter Ride—Poker Run  
September 26th  
Road Captains: Trina DeLary, Jeff Demers, Ben Drury, and  
Brion Muzzy





Getting into groups and making first card selection.



Stopping to select another card...



Our destination - Riley's Fish Shack in St. J.



Final card selection. And the opportunity to buy an extra card to increase one's chance of winning





1st prize—Glen Torres



2nd prize— Ben Drury



3rd Prize—Rick Couture



4th prize—John Yarrow



A beautiful day!



## A little H-D History...

In a bold styling and engineering move, Harley-Davidson releases the Heritage Softail in 1986.



## HERE'S WHY SOFTAIL HERITAGE CLASSIC IS ONE OF THE BEST

January 01, 2019 from a blog by Dallas Harley-Davidson in Garland, TX

There's just something about the Softail® family that turns riders into committed devotees. All Harley® riders get pretty attached to their bikes, but Heritage Classic seems to inspire a special kind of enthusiasm.

Harley produced the FXST Softail® in 1984 and it was an instant success. In 1986, the Heritage became available. We covered the history in Your Ultimate Guide to the Harley-Davidson® Softail. The bikes looked like the rigid-based choppers of the 70's, but without the painful ride. Since then, the Softail® has remained an integral part of Harley-Davidson's® family of models. The family has gotten bigger, but Heritage Classic stays just as popular as it was in the beginning.

### CALLED CLASSIC FOR A REASON

Over the years as technology has improved, Harley® upgraded Heritage Classic with belts instead of chains, fatter tires, the smooth-running Twin Cam and other components. However, the basic concept and style haven't changed much. Harley® started with a bike designed and built like it should be. There's no change just for the sake of change.

That being said, Harley® made some major upgrades to the Softail platforms in 2018. The bike got a brand new frame chassis, redesigned from the ground up. Before the bike had two shocks horizontally mounted beneath the frame. Now it has a mono-shock underneath the seat and the entire frame is lighter and stiffer. Heritage Classic also got the Milwaukee-Eight Engine in 2018. You have the option of buying a 114 from the factory or the regular 107.

Plus, the Showa Dual Bending Valve fork makes for an unbelievably smooth ride. Signature LED forward lighting improves night time visibility. When you're touring, the windscreen improves comfort and reduces fatigue, but it detaches in seconds for a more streamlined look.

Harley® says the redesigned Heritage Classic comes "from the shady side of the family tree." With its blacked-out lights, fork, motor and windscreen it definitely has a sinister vibe. It's no longer a nod to 50s chrome nostalgia, but it maintains a laid back look overall that goes back to its rock-and-roll roots.

### HERITAGE CLASSIC - THE RIDE

A lot of Dallas riders use Softail® Heritage Classic for touring and say the bike is very comfortable for the long haul. For many it feels more nimble and sporty than a true touring bike. It's also lighter, so there's better gas mileage and acceleration. Obviously, they're not as big and robust and they don't have the storage of a touring bike, but they can be a great middle ground for riders who want to both long-haul comfort and short trip agility.

Heritage Classic has a great sound, and it's an extremely smooth feeling bike. It's the cruising bike of the Softail family. It's especially preferred by taller riders.

## Calendar of Events for 2020—all rides & events are subject to change

Chapter ride schedule (In red),

Central Vermont HOG Chapter Socials (In blue)

Wilkins Harley-Davidson – Events (In black)

Charity or HOG events (In brown)

**Saturday October 10** Wilkins - Free Pie Day 11-12:30

**Saturday October 10** Foliage Ride, Ben Drury, Road Captain

**Tuesday October 13** Chapter Social—6:30 p.m. at Wilkins. ‘Apple dessert bake-off.’  
First round of officer nominations for 2021.

**Saturday October 17th** Wilkins- ‘Wake the Dead’ Ride

**Tuesday November 10th** Chapter Social—6:30 p.m. at Wilkins. ‘Baked goods auction’.  
Second round of nominations for the slate of officers for 2021—and final vote.

**December Holiday HOP** date/time/place TBD

### **Central Vermont Harley Owners Group**

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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.

### **2020 Officers**

Director: Joel Delary  
Asst. Director: Joe Lonardo  
Secretary: Marie Boutin  
Treasurer: Thomas Moore  
Co-Head Road Captains: Ben Drury & Brion Muzzy  
Activities Director: Marie Boutin  
Membership Officer: Linda Lamell  
Safety Officer: Thomas Moore  
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