



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Photos of the February Social
Upcoming Events

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Chapter Director's Report —Justen Elliott



Greetings Central Vermont HOG Members,

As I write this article there are just 30 days until spring, it will be the longest 30 days of winter. This past weekend I, and five other members attended 'ROC' (Regional Officer Connection) in Natick, Mass. This class brings together Officers from other Chapters, along with our Regional National HOG Representatives. The class is meant to teach us issues that all Chapters face but more importantly, solutions / ideas on how to improve our Chapters. Each one of us that attended were very pleased with the training, and look forward to using that experience with all of you. If you're interested in attending ROC, please let me know.

A couple of overnight rides have already been planned for this year, you can find the details on our Facebook page, email, in this newsletter, or just ask me at our Chapter meeting. Details are still in the works for a 3-Chapter Picnic, more details coming soon. Our first Road Capt.'s meeting will be at Wilkins HD February 22nd at 12:00 PM. We will do our best to get the rides for 2025 posted before April's meeting.

Please note that the **MARCH 11TH CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE HELD AT GUSTO'S 28 PROSPECT ST, BARRE, VT. MEETING WILL START AT 6:00 PM**

As mentioned at previous meetings, The Iron Adventure Of New England is soon approaching. Our Chapter needs volunteers of all kinds especially RIDE LEADERS. Some of us have already started forming teams, this is for the Chapter Challenge Contest. We need Ride leaders, sweeps, and Mid-leaders. Please see me at one of our upcoming meetings if you're interested in helping.

I may actually set up a special meeting/breakfast for all that are interested, so we can put a game plan together.

March 15th Wilkins will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Party, Central Vermont HOG will be selling Corned Beef Sandwiches at this event.

Hope to see you at our next meeting GUSTO'S until then stay warm and wish for an early spring.

Saddle Up Let's Ride
Justen



On the Horizon

Wilkins Harley Davidson:
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WILKINS 20TH ANNUAL BEST DAMN CHILI COOK-OFF!

SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST 11AM

JONATHAN GOLDSMITH
The actor who formerly portrayed The Most Interesting Man in the World is coming BACK as our celebrity judge!

Along With Chef and Owner of Pearl Street Pizzeria and Morse-Block Deli, Stefano Coppola! And President of New England Cooks, Terry Campose!

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Live music by **TIM BRICK** \$5.00 DONATIONS going to Make a Wish VT to taste the chilis

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\$500 CASH TO 1ST PLACE WINNER!

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WILKINS ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY!

SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH 11AM-1PM

GOOD MEASURE PUB & BREWERY

- Live Music by One More Time Irish Band
- Green Beer served by Good Measure Pub & Brewery
- Come in wearing green, leave with a gift!
- Find one of our 10 hidden Gold Coins around the dealership for a prize!

READY. SET. RIDE!

SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH

- Free gift to first 75 who RSVP and attend!
- Chance to win a 2025 Road Glide & VIP Rally Trip!
- Chance to win \$500 in-store Shopping Spree!

FREE PIG ROAST AT NOON UNTIL GONE!

WILKINS HARLEY-DAVIDSON
FULFILLING DREAMS SINCE 1947

On the Horizon...continued



Saturday March 8 at Wilkins beginning at 9—you must be registered to attend

Instructor-Led ASM Basic 100 series class. Lead instructor: Lee Morissette, DMSc, PA-C, FAEMS and Stephanie Smith, RN. Location: Wilkins Harley Davidson. Class limit is 20. Cost: \$75.00 per student, includes all course materials, a patch and a certificate. Wilkins Harley Davidson will provide lunch as well. All students must register and prepay. This class is OPEN to the general public and available for anyone who would like to attend. For more information about the class or to schedule a class for your group, contact Lee Morissette at lee.f.morissette@gmail.com or (802) 952-3661. ASM/Road Guardians is accredited from CAPCE. If you would like more information or see a full list of classes, go to RoadGuardians.org.



H.O.G. Central Vermont Chapter #5218**Meeting Minutes****February 11, 2025****Opening:**

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Vermont Chapter of the H.O.G. was called to order at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at Wilkins Harley Davidson, the sponsoring H.D. dealership.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members of the Chapter.

Present:

Director:	Justen Elliott
Assistant Director:	Tony Carrier
Treasurer:	Don Whiton
Secretary:	Kim Hidenfelter
Membership:	Linda Lamell
Ladies of Harley:	
Head Road Captain:	Greg Johnston
Safety Officer:	Randy Lamell
Activities Director:	Vicky Lacasse
Historian:	Joel DeLary
Photographer:	Mi Yong Elliott
Group Members	

Absent:

Ladies of Harley	Lauren Demers
Historian	Joel DeLary

A warm welcome was extended to the new members who attended the meeting.

Happy Birthday wishes were extended to those members celebrating birthdays this month.

As well as a Happy Belated Birthday to January birthday girl Vicky L.

Approval of Agenda:

The February meeting agenda was distributed via email prior to the meeting.

Approval of prior month meeting minutes:

January meeting minutes were distributed and approved via verbal confirmation by group members at this meeting.

Previous Business:

January's meeting survey results are as follows:

Keeping meetings on Tuesday	86%
Meeting time to 6:00pm	64%
Dinner Meetings (not at Wilkins)	76%

Officer Reports:

Director, Justen Elliott

Members and Guests attending meetings, please sign the attendance sheet.

The monthly attendance drawing was pulled from January's list of attendees.

Sorry Sue Carp, maybe next time.

The Brandywine and Ontario Co. H.O. G. Chapters are planning visits to Wilkins this riding season. More information to follow once plans are set in place.

Also in the planning stages is a **Tri Chapter summer social** with the Champlain Valley, Central Vermont and Upper Valley Chapters which are all sponsored by Wilkins H.D.

If anyone knows of a centrally located venue (free of charge) where we can all meet up please share it with Justen.

Everyone is invited to share their riding stories. Get with Justen so you can be scheduled to present your adventures.

H.O.G. Basics 101

There are 3 ride categories:

- Open: Anyone and everyone can participate.
- 2. Closed: Members and 1 guest can participate.
- 3. Members Only: Chapter members only can participate.

Categories are indicative of legal liability. Closed rides followed H.O.G. sanctioned rules.

If there is a mishap, H.O.G. will support chapter ride events.

Road Captains and Ride Leaders are essentially the same and carry the same responsibilities.

Treasurer, Don Whiton

Don gave an account of chapter funds.

Assistant Director, Tony Carrier

Iron Adventure rides have been posted. During ROC this weekend Tony will learn more about the rides. Volunteers are needed to lead rides in all positions as well as other non ride related positions. Additional information regarding rides will follow.

Membership, Linda Lamell

Currently there are 52 chapter members.

Secretary, Kim Hidenfelter

Please notice our suggestion box and please share any suggestions/ideas you may have which can be added to all the fun we already have at our monthly social meetings.

Head Road Captain, Greg Johnston

Accident Management Class will be held in March. Sign up is through Wilkins for a \$75 fee.

There are 20 slots available and if the slots are not filled the class will be cancelled. There is much information to be learned on what to do and what not to do in the event of an accident.

On February 22nd, from 10:00am - 12:00pm Ben Drury is presenting a workshop on group riding. This is a Wilkins sponsored event. Discussion will be on tips, best practices and safety in group riding. To RSVP for this event go to: <https://tinyurl.com/Riding-in-a-Group-Workshop>.

Dealership Update

Zack, Wilkins Representative

Upcoming Promos:

2024 Softails with 4.9% financing

There's 1 Heritage left

2 Street Bobs left

The Parts Department is giving a free duffle with \$350 purchase.

On Saturday February 15th Wilkins is unveiling the 2025 bikes.

Thank You Zack

Wilkins Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 15th is St. Patty's Day Celebration

The chapter will be offering corned beef sandwiches, donations collected will go into the chapter bank account.

Saturday, April 19th is the Adult Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Wilkins and the Chapter is hosting a Harley Davidson yard sale, Bring a table, your gently used clothing, bike parts and accessories to sell.

Break for Hot Dogs and Chili.

Thank you to Justen and Mi Yong for providing dinner.

Thank you to Vicky for serving up dinner

Thank you to all who brought yummy treats in observation of Valentine's Day.

Presentation

To go along with our popcorn was the presentation of Bikes, Bourbon and Bluegrass. A video of the 2021 H.O.G. Rally in Lexington, KY by members Justen and Mi Yong Elliott.

Door Prize Winners were Justen, Rick and Mark

50/50 Winner was Tom Moore

The Ladies of the membership received beautiful long stem roses in various colors in observation of Valentine's Day this week.

Thank You from all the ladies.

Next Meeting:

March 11th at Gustos in Barre, VT. 6:00pm.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

Will be drafted and distributed prior to the next meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned and dispersed at 7:40pm,

Minutes submitted by: Kim Hidenfelter, Secretary



February Chapter Social Photos

(provided by
Mi Yong Elliott)



Let's eat!

Zach Bishop—Wilkins Update Rep.



Picking the winner...



Plenty of treats!

Show time! (Thanks for the presentation, Justen)

A Bit of H-D History

WHERE WAS THE FIRST HARLEY-DAVIDSON STORE?

The demand [for Harley-Davidson motorcycles] was driven with the help of key early relationships, including an especially critical one with Chicago businessman Carl H. Lang. Lang had agreed to sell Harley-Davidson's first motorcycles out of his Windy City shop—making him the first Harley® dealer.

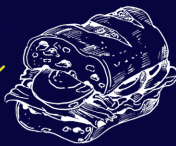
By 1908, Lang wasn't merely selling motorcycles; he was leading rides with customers around the city and helping to set the tone for similar shared events celebrating community and the joy of riding that would soon come to define Harley-Davidson.



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Central Vermont HOG Chapter Code of Conduct (rev. 3/23/2024)

Central Vermont H.O.G. is a family-oriented, non-political, non-religious, non-racial organization. Riding motorcycles while helping each others enjoy *their* riding passion is at our core. Accordingly, we take a very common-sense approach to our members' expected behavior while at a Central Vermont H.O.G. ride, meeting, or event.

1. Treat all other members with respect through a cordial and friendly attitude.
2. Conduct that creates, promotes, or maintains disharmony in the Chapter will not be tolerated.
3. Foul, demeaning or offensive language or behavior at any Central Vermont H.O.G. rides, events or meetings, including at our sponsoring dealership, will not be tolerated.
4. Any form of discrimination or harassment, including but not limited to sexual, racial, or religious, whether direct or indirect, will not be tolerated.
5. Members shall not make critical or disparaging comments about this Chapter or other Chapters, its officers, another member, Wilkins Harley-Davidson or its employees, or the Harley-Davidson motor company in public or on social media.
6. Aggressive behavior towards others, including verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated.

Breaches of the Code of Conduct

*Personal disputes/disagreements between members, the dealership, or its employees should be resolved respectfully and discretely.

*The Chapter director, other officer, or ride leader can speak with the offenders privately, or act as a mediator with the affected and offending parties.

*Members found to be in violation of any of the above may face potential probation, suspension, or removal from the Chapter.

*The Sponsoring Dealer or H.O.G. Manager may terminate a person's membership in the Chapter if the Sponsoring Dealer, at their sole discretion, determines that a member's conduct is undesirable or contrary to the Sponsoring Dealer's standards or vision.

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Monthly Socials take place on the Second Tuesday of each month (except December) beginning at 6 p.m. (changed from the old schedule of 6:30 p.m.) If you aren't able to get there at 6, please come anyway!! (Better late than never!) Most, but not all, meetings will take place at Wilkins. Alternate meeting places will be announced well in advance.

Calendar of Events for 2025—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)

Other Events (not Wilkins or Central Vermont Chapter sponsored)

March

Saturday March 1st. Wilkins 20th Annual Best Damn Chili Cookoff. 11a.m. - 1:30 p.m. \$500 CASH to first place winner! - Beer provided by Good Measure Pub & Brewery - Live Music by Tim Brick - \$5.00 donations for tasting chili going to **Make A Wish Vermont** - When you enter your chili, you'll be entered to win a brand new Harley-Davidson at Wilkins this Fall! TO ENTER YOUR CHILI TO COMPETE- <https://tinyurl.com/Wilkins-Chili-Registration>

Saturday the 8th. Provided at Wilkins A Crash Course for the Motorcyclist 9 a.m. Participants must preregister and prepay.

Tuesday March 11th March Chapter Social will be at Gusto's in Barre beginning at 6 p.m.

Saturday March 15th St. Patrick's Day Party at Wilkins 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Live Irish Music by One More Time band! Green beer served by Good Measure Pub & Brewery! Come in wearing green, leave with a gift! Find one of our ten gold coins hidden around our dealership for a prize! To RSVP for this event, go to <https://tinyurl.com/Wilkins-St-Patricks-Day-party> The HOG Chapter will be selling corned beef sandwiches at this event.

April

Tuesday April 8th. April Chapter Social Details to follow

Saturday April 19th. Chapter members can 'yard sale' their unwanted motorcycle-related items at Wilkins. Bring your own table and change box. The Chapter will be selling hotdogs to raise funds for the Chapter.

Saturday April 26 Wilkins' Sin City Saturday 10 a.m. to Noon. Come test your luck on some casino games and win some prizes! To RSVP for this event go to: <https://tinyurl.com/Wilkins-Sin-City-Saturday>

May

Saturday May 3rd. Wilkins Nacho Party

Sunday May 18th. Tri-Chapter Picnic (Central Vermont HOG, Champlain Valley HOG, Upper Valley HOG) Details to follow.

Saturday to Sunday May 24-26. Overnight Ride to Acadia National Park, Maine. Ride Leader: Justen Elliott. Leaving from Cumberland Farms in Woodsville at 9 a.m. on the 24th. We will be staying 2 nights at Glen Cove Inn & Suites in Rockport, ME. Make your own reservation, and mention Central VT HOG for a discount on your room. 207 594-4062. There is a cost for entrance to Acadia National Park (or use an America the Beautiful National Park Pass, if you have one). To go up the Cadillac Summit Road, you will need a \$6 ticket (purchased in advance with a specific time for arrival). (Additional details will be shared via email)

Tuesday to Saturday May 26th to the 31st Americade 2025—Lake George NY

Saturday May 31st. Barb Wilkins Poker Run

June

Sunday June 1st. Chapter Ride to Mother Hubbard's Deli in St. Alban's VT. Ride leader: Tony Carrier. Details to follow

Saturday-Sunday June 7-8. Overnight Chapter Ride to Karting Orford in Sherbrook Canada. Ride leader: Justen Elliott. Overnight at Spillover Motel in Stratton Maine. 207 246-6571. Call to reserve your room and mention Central Vt HOG—a block of rooms is being held for us. Departing from P&H Truck Stop in Wells River, VT on the 7th at 9 a.m. (Additional details will be provided by email)

Thursday June 12th. Wilkins Bike Night at The Backyard in Stowe Vt 6-8 p.m.

Saturday June 14th to Sunday June 22nd. Laconia Bike Week

Thursday June 19th to Saturday June 21st. Co-Chapter ride opportunities with Brandywine HOG Chapter members who will be in the area. They will be riding to Ben & Jerry's in Waterbury on Thursday. And a co-Chapter ride is being planned for Saturday the 21st to go on the Kancamagus Highway and to attend Laconia Bike Week. (Additional details will be provided by email).

Sunday June 22nd. Central Vermont HOG ride to the Log Jam Restaurant in Queensbury NY (next door to Lake George). Ride leader: Randy Lamell (Details will be provided later)

Thursday June 26th. Wilkins Bike Night at Soulmate Brewing Co. in Morrisville, VT 6-8 p.m.

Sunday June 29th Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to The Abbey in Enosburg Falls, VT. Ride leader: Tony Carrier. (Details will be provided later)

July

Friday July 4th to Saturday July 5th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter overnight ride to Portland ME for fireworks and frivolity! Ride leader: Jeff Demers. (Details to be provided later)

Thursday July 10th. Wilkins Bike Night at Buster's Sports Bar & Grill, Plattsburgh NY 6-8 p.m.

Sunday July 13th. Central Vermont HOG Director's Mystery Ride. Ride leader: Justen Elliott. (Details will be provided later)

Saturday July 19th. Wilkins Bike Show

Sunday July 20th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to Cow Palace in Derby VT. Ride leader: Chris Lacasse. (Details will be provided later)

Sunday July 27th. Central Vermont HOG Ride to Mt Equinox. Ride leader: Scott Campbell. (Details will be provided later)

August

Sunday August 3rd. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to Grey Ghost Inn, Dover VT. Ride leader: Jeff Demers. (Details will be provided later)

Sunday August 10th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter "Boxer Ride" to Patrick's Irish Pub, Gilford, NH) Ride leader: Justen Elliott. (Details will be provided later but here is a hint — riders must be wearing novelty boxers on the *outside* of their riding clothes (the more outrageous the better!!). Judging followed by prizes will take place at a few stops along the way!

Sunday August 17th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to Whiteface Mt in New York. Ride leader: Steve Hidenfelter. (Details will be provided later)

Thursday August 21st to Sunday August 24th. Iron Adventure Rally 2025 at Attitash in Bartlett, NH. Attendees must register for this HOG Rally via the National HOG website. **And** they must arrange for accommodations prior to the event. (Two separate registrations!)

Saturday August 30th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to New England Motorcycle Museum, Rockville, CT. Ride leader: Greg Johnston. (Details will be provided later)

September

Sunday September 7th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to The Refinery in Andover, NH. Ride leader: Jeff Demers. (Details will be provided later)

Sunday September 14th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to April's Maples, Canaan VT. Ride leader: Steve Hidenfelter.

Sunday September 21st. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant, Meredith NH. Ride leader: Tony Carrier.

Sunday September 21st. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to Gap Pub & Grill, Westmore, VT (near Lake Willoughby). Ride leader: Jeff Demers

October

Sunday October 5th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Poker Run. (Details will be provided later)

Sunday October 12th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to Dummerston Apple Pie Festival.. Ride leader: Justen Elliott.