

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Photos of the April Social Upcoming Events

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Chapter Director's Report — Justen Elliott



Hello Central Vermont HOG

I'm sure by this time many of you have scratched that itch and, taken your first ride of the season. For others and me, that will probably happen in the upcoming week. "Rides and Events" there are so many things happing, I could write about it for the next 20 pages. Here are a few suggestions where to find information on these rides. Hog.com, this newsletter, our Facebook page, our website, our sponsor Wilkins HD.

On a local level, May 3rd we will be having a yard sale at Wilkins from 10am—2pm. Bring your own table to display your Harley merchandise. (Hoping for no rain!!)

May 10th Uncle Tony will lead us on a Chapter ride to the Abbey, Tony took us here last year and the food was amaz-

ing

To make it fair, and give everyone time to prepare, I must mention a couple of upcoming rides.

July 13th I will be leading a Director's Mystery Ride, with a twist. Pick a destination you would like to go to, no more than 150 miles from Wilkins. Put your answer with your name on it in a sealed envelope and get it to me no later than our July 8th Chapter meeting. At home that night I will pull an envelope out of the submissions, the person who's ride is picked will win a gift card but must show up for the ride on the 13th to receive it. Only I will know the destination until the morning of the ride.

August 10th Boxer Ride. No this is not an MMA event. Wear your most outrageous Boxer shorts 'on the outside of your riding gear' Make it hilarious—the more wild, crazy, funny, the better—we will be in public so keep it tasteful please. Our lunch stop for this ride will be Patick's in Gilford, NH. There will be judges at three locations along the way, with \$15 gift cards given out to the winner. If your boxers really stand out from the crowd, you could win all three gift cards.

Tuesday May 13th is our next chapter meeting, Mark and Ronni will share with us their adventure on Route 66 I hope to see you there.

Saddle Up Let's Ride

Justen



On the Horizon

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On the Horizon...continued







H.O.G. CENTRAL VERMONT CHAPTER # 5218 Monthly Meeting Minutes April 8, 2025

Opening:

The regular monthly members meeting of the Central Vermont Chapter of the H.O.G. was called to order at 6:00pm on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at Wilkins Harley-Davidson.

Justen Elliott Assistant Director: **Tony Carrier** Don Whiton Treasurer: Kim Hidenfelter Secretary: Membership: Linda Lamell Ladies of Harley: **Lauren Demers** Head Road Captain: **Greg Johnston** Safety Officer: Randy Lamell **Activities Director:** Vicky Lacasse Joel DeLary Historian: Mi Yong Elliott Photographer: Social Media Specialist **Brion Muzzy**

Group Members

Absent:

Social Media Specialist Brion Muzzy

In memoriam of Central Vermont HOG founding member, Myron Degenhardt, this month's meeting was dedicated to him. In addition, a moment of silence was held.

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

Happy Birthday was sung by members to Lauren Demers as it was her birthday,

Birthday wishes were extended to all members celebrating April birthdays.

Director's Report: Justen Elliott

March meeting minutes were accepted and carried.

All attendees please sign the attendance list.

Chapter pins should be here and available at May's meeting. Pins are \$9.98 per each.

Treasurer's Report: Don Whiton

March's St. Patty's sandwich sale generated \$233 for the chapter bank.

Chapter bank balance is approximately \$1063.00.

*Reminders:

April 15th Reservations open for the Cadillac Mountain Summit Road. Reservations are required to drive to the summit and are only available online and in advance. They are not available to purchase the day of visit. Visit the Acadia National Park website and follow the link to Recreation.gov for additional information and reservation purchase.

Acadia National Park Entrance Pass is also required. This can be purchased the day of visit and online, in advance.

April 19th Wilkins Adult Easter Egg Hunt and The Chapter Yard Sale. Bring your own table and gently used Harley D. items for resale.

May 10th Ride to Tozier's and The Abbey ride (originally scheduled for 6/29/25) have been swapped. Road Captain is Tony.

May 18th Co-Chapter picnic (Central VT HOG, Champlain Valley HOG and Upper-Valley HOG). Please sign up if you will be attending. John Lyon will be in attendance. Justen and Mi Yong will be there prior to the meet up time as they will be prepping for the feast. Tony will be leading the group from Wilkins to the Moore Dam Overlook, Exit 44 off I-93.

June 22nd Myron's Remembrance Ride to the Log Jam Restaurant. This is not a HOG sponsored ride, it's just a bunch of friends riding in memory of a fellow rider.

July 13th Director's Mystery Ride. Here's how it works...From now until one week prior to the ride, choose a destination within 150 miles from Wilkin's and submit it to the Director, Justen. One week prior to the ride Justen will draw an entry and he will map out the ride. If your destination is chosen, you will win a prize. You must be present on the ride to win.

August 19th Boxer Ride. Choose a tasteful, appropriate pair of boxers to be worn over your clothes, Boxers are to be worn all day as you will be judged and prizes will be awarded. A stop for lunch at Patrick's in Gilford, NH is planned.

August 30th New England Motorcycle Museum, Rockville CT Road Captain: Greg Johnston A labor weekend, overnight ride for 2 nights. Reservations can be made at the Holiday Inn Express in Southington. A block of 10 rooms has been reserved.

Iron Adventure Rally Update

Plans are coming together. Rides have been posted and ride lead teams have been designated. Challenges are: 4 Corners of NH, Covered Bridges, Dealership and Line Dance. POINTS, POINTS Pig Roast tickets will be available for purchase \$30

SAFETY IN GROUP RIDING Topic of Discussion

Presented by Safety Office, Randy Lamell and Head Road Captain, Greg Johnston

Handouts were distributed based on information shared in Ben Drury's Safety Class Meeting. Processes and Procedure when riding in a Group were discussed with member involvement and focused on Safety and Accident Scene Management in the event of mishap. Some practices that were discussed were: Formations, Hand Signals, Stopping and Road Captain responsibilities.

Ride your own ride and always obey the laws of the road. Necessary bring-alongs are a Med Pack, took kit and battery operated or USB rechargeable signals. Great advice for sponsored and non sponsored rides.

Road Captain Checklist handouts were also distributed outlining Road Captain responsibilities and duties.

Dealership Update

Greg, Wilkins Rep., joined us. Everyone posed for a photo opp.

Thanks for the tasty sweet treats Linda Lamell

Trina and Joel DeLary will be providing sweet treats at May's social.

The attendance draw was won by Kim Hidenfelter. Congrats Kim.

Door Prize winners were: Kim, Vicky, Randy, Jeff and Lauren and Mi Yong. Congrats to all and Thanks to Wilkins for donating the prizes.

50/50 winner goes to Chris Lacasse. Congrats Chris

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 13, 2025 at Wilkins H.D.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned and dispersed at 7:06pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Hidenfelter, Secretary

HAVE FUN WHILE BEING SAFE BE SAFE WHILE HAVING FUN

April Chapter Social Photos

(provided by Mi Yong Elliott)



Meeting presenters: Randy Lamell, Safety Officer and Head Road Cap-tain, Greg Johnston





Birthday girl, Lauren Demers.









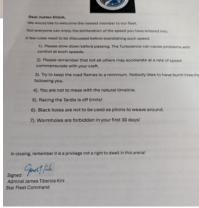








A special presentation for our fearless leader, Justen Elliott, who will be riding a new, su-percharged Harley this summer!







A Bit of H-D History

Ray Weishaar was a motorcycle racer who rode for Harley Davidson in the 1910s and the 1920s. In his early days, he was dubbed as the "Kansas Cyclone" for his racing on Kansas county fair circuits. He won numerous state and nation-

al circuit motorcycle races.

By 1916, Weishaar was part of the Harley Davidson factory team. He won several championships along the way. The most notable of them was of course – The Cornfield Classic Road Race in 1920. Not only did Weishaar win the race, he also lowered the race record by nearly 18 minutes!

For the race, the motorcycle riders would arrive days in advance for practice. On one such practice day, Weishaar brought a piglet to the race track. The piglet became a regular member and was named Johnny.

And when he won the Cornfield Classic of 1920 in Marion, Indiana, he took the small pig for a victory lap. Soon the entire Harley team followed suit and took the small pig for their victory laps.

This was the start of the famous Hog. In no time, the piglet Johnny became famous. The photograph of Weishaar holding the piglet Johnny was all over the papers. The piglet was a part of the Weishaar team (called the wrecking crew) victories. People took a liking to the small pig. Harley Davidson took a liking. (It's not sure which was the first.) But people associated the piglet with the Harley Davidson racing team, and Harley Davison wrecking crew took the piglet as their mascot.

As a result, Ray Weishaar and his team – the Harley Davidson Wrecking Crew – were called *hogs*.





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- 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)

Saturday May 3rd. Wilkins Nacho Party. Free nachos from noon until they are gone. Hot pepper chip eating challenge.

Saturday May 10th. Chapter ride to the Abbey in Enosburg Falls. Ride leader: Tony Carrier. Meet at the Mobil Station in Waterbury on Rte 100 at 9 a.m. Departing at 9:30 a.m. Likely Route: north on Rte 100 to Stowe, go onto Stagecoach Rd to Hyde Park. Right onto Church St, to traffic circle on Rte 15. Second exit to Rte 100. Follow 100 to Eden, where there will be a 20 minute rest stop. Rte 118 to junction of Rte 109. Follow Rte 109 through Belvedere and Waterville to Rte 108. Follow 108 to Bakersfield and junction of Rte 36. Follow 36 to East Fairfield to junction of North Rd. Continue on North Rd to Sheldon, right onto Bridge St. Follow Bridge St to Pleasant St then to Kanes Rd. Follow Kanes Rd to Rte 105, turn left—arrival at the Abbey. Return trip: Rte 105 through Richford, over the mountain rte 110/105 to Rte 5 in Newport. Follow Rte 5 to Rte 14 through Irasburg to Hardwick, 20 minute rest stop. Right onto Rte 15 to Johnson, at traffic circle take 2nd exit to Rte 100. Follow Rte 100 back to Mobil Station In Waterbury.

Tuesday May 13th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Social at Wilkins, beginning at 6 p.m. Ronni and Mark Allard will be sharing about their trip on Route 66.

Saturday May 17th Moose Ride for the Moose Foundation. Fundraiser Ride starts at 10 a.m. at Truth Performance in Essex, VT. Details to come.

Sunday May 18th. Tri-Chapter Picnic (Central Vermont HOG, Champlain Valley HOG, Upper Valley HOG) Riders will meet at Wilkins to go as a group to the I-93 Exit 44 Rest area near Littleton NH where the picnic will take place. Plans will be shared as they are finalized.

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 - for May 25th at noon). (Additional details will be shared via email)

Tuesday to Saturday May 26th to the 31st Americade 2025—Lake George NY **Thursday May 29th** Wilkins Bike Night at Mulligans in Barre, 6-8 p.m. Saturday May 31st. Barb Wilkins Poker Run 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. starts at Wilkins

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)

Saturday June 7th. Wilkins "Dog Pawty" 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wilkins. Fundraiser for 'Passion 4 Paws VT' Dogs welcomed!

Tuesday June 10th. Central Vermont HOG Social at Wilkins. Beginning at 6 p.m.

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 the 19th. Ride Leader Tony Carrier will lead them to Wilkins from Ben & Jerry's. 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. Myron Degenhardt Memorial Ride to the Log Jam Restaurant in Queensbury NY (next door to Lake George). Ride leader: Randy Lamell. This is not a Chapter Ride. Route and time details will be shared 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 Wilkins Freedom Ride. Meet at Wilkins at 10. Ride begins at 10:30. Lunch will be provided at Wilkins at the end of the ride.

Sunday July 6th Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to the Gap Pub and Grill, Westmore Vt (near Lake Willoughby) Ride Leader: Scott Campbell.

Tuesday July 8th. Central Vermont HOG Social at Wilkins. Beginning at 6 p.m.

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 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

Thursday July 24th Wilkins Bike Night at the Den in Williamstown. 6-8 p.m.

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

August

Saturday August 2nd Ride starts at Wilkins. Benefits 'Bikers Against Child Abuse' Kickstands up at 11 a.m. Lunch provided by Wilkins following the ride.

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

Thursday August 7th Wilkins Bike Night at the Public House in Quechee, VT 6-8 p.m.

Saturday August 9th United Motorcyclists of Vermont Annual Toy Run, supporting Shriners' Hospitals for Children. Staging at Blue Cross Blue Shield Parking lot in Berlin beginning at 9 a.m. Kickstands up at noon.

Saturday August 9th Wilkins Toy Run After Party. Beer tent, food available, live music. Starts after the ride is done.

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!

Tuesday August 12th. Central Vermont HOG Social at Wilkins. Beginning at 6 p.m.

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 Wilkins Bike Night at Salt Hill Pub in Newport, NH 6-8 p.m.

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 attendees must arrange for accommodations prior to the event. (Two separate registrations!) Volunteers needed. Contact the Volunteer coordinator at: Peter.Gillette@comcast.net for information.

Saturday August 30th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter ride to New England Motorcycle Museum, Rockville, CT. Ride leader: Greg Johnston. A labor weekend, overnight ride for 2 nights. Reservations can be made at the Holiday Inn Express in Southington. A block of 10 rooms has been reserved. (Additional details will be provided later)

September

Thursday September 4th Wilkins Bike Night at Rozzi's Lakeshore Tavern and Restaurant in Colchester, VT 6-8 p.m.

Saturday September 6th Wilkins Ride to Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Waterbury Center, VT 11 a.m. Sunday September 7th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to The Refinery in Andover, NH. Ride leader: Jeff Demers. (Details will be provided later)

Tuesday September 9th. Central Vermont HOG Social at Wilkins. Beginning at 6 p.m.

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

Thursday September 18th Wilkins Bike Night at Harpoon Brewery in Windsor VT. 6-8 p.m. Sunday September 21st. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant, Meredith NH. Ride leader: Tony Carrier.

Saturday September 27th Wilkins Mac & Cheese Cook Off. 11 a.m.

Sunday September 28th. Central Vermont HOG Chapter Ride to Gap Pub & Grill, Westmore, VT (near Lake Willoughby). Ride leader: Jeff Demers

October

Saturday October 4th Wilkins and The Circle VT. Domestic Violence Awareness Ride. 11 a.m. ride leaves from Wilkins. Lunch provided at Wilkins following the ride. Donations benefit 'The Circle

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.

Tuesday October 14th. Central Vermont HOG Social at Wilkins. Beginning at 6 p.m.

November

Tuesday November 11th. Central Vermont HOG Social at Wilkins. Beginning at 6 p.m.