

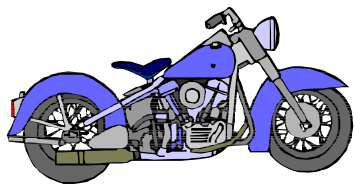


**September 2007**

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**Next Meeting:**  
Wednesday, September  
5, 2007, 7:00 pm at  
the American Legion in  
Orleans, VT.



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# United Motorcyclists of Vermont Monthly Newsletter

Dedicated to Motorcycle Safety, Education and Individual Freedom.  
Protecting the Rights of ALL Motorcyclists.

## 21st Annual Toy Run

The 2007 Annual Toy Run was held on Saturday, August 11, 2007 and it was our biggest one yet. We had 1,069 motorcycles lined up at Blue Cross for the ride through Barre to the Statehouse in Montpelier. For those of you that missed it, we switched the staging area from the Berlin Airport to the Blue Cross parking lot next door. New TSA/FAA regulations state that the airport can be used for airport business only. The Vermont State Snowplow Drivers competition had to find a new location too.



It was a warm, sunny day and we had a great ride to the Statehouse where Governor Douglas greeted the participants. Donny Hen, UMV's vice-president reminded Governor Douglas that next year is an election year and that we ride and we vote and we want helmet freedom of choice in Vermont before introducing him. Barre's mayor and Miss Vermont followed the group to Montpelier.

Thanks to everyone that helped organize and manage this event and to everyone that participated. Anyone interested in helping out next year should come to one of the planning meetings.



## New Newsletter

Holly and Joe Wilkins have taken over the newsletter giving Helen a well-deserved break. This first issue is a little late due to the change in editors and getting the materials ready, but we plan on mailing all future issues by the third week of the month.

We are looking for a name for the newsletter and we can probably find a couple t-shirts for whoever comes up with the best one. Some of the names we've been thinking of are The Bikers' Den, the UMV Messenger, The Loud Pipes, The Straight Pipes and others along those lines. Anyone that has an idea send us an email at [admin@unitedmotorcyclists.org](mailto:admin@unitedmotorcyclists.org).

We will be adding more content and news and we welcome letters to the editor, photos or anything anyone wants to contribute.



# Scholarship Awards

This year we were very proud to award four hardworking students with the United Motorcyclists of Vermont Scholarship Award. Each person received a certificate and a check for \$500.00.

Twenty nine applications were received this year. It was a hard choice for the committee. Mike Burt and Trisha Brochu-Cox handed out the awards at our last meeting. We were very glad to have all four recipients and family members present.

•**Addie Wright** will be attending Norwich University. She will be entering the nursing field.

•**Kirsty Johnson** will be attending the Culinary Institute of America. She plans to master the art of baking and pastry.

•**Ayla Bickford** will be attending Vermont tech. She will be entering the Veterinary field.

•**Elizabeth Gebby** will be attending the University of Vermont. She is enter the Communication Sciences field.



Best of luck to you all !



## Meeting Recap

August 08, 2007

The meeting was held at the American Legion in Orleans. There were 5 officers and 8 members present. Our guests were the recipients of the scholarship awards and there families.

We started with the Pledge of Allegiance and read the reports for the previous month.

Dave introduced the members of the board to the guests.

The Toy Run was discussed. The Governor will be able to join us. Mark Tourville has parking and everything under control. He has met with Sambels (catering), the police agencies etc. Mark will meet with the Berlin Fire Dept. They would like to park a few trucks and hang the American Flag for all to drive under when entering the parking area. I apologize for the typo in the last news letter regarding photos from the BC/BS building, that invite was for the UMV photographer, not the general public. Mark has signs to post directing people to the new staging area. The T shirts will be ready. We will all stay to help load the toys for the Shriners. There was a motion to give some Toy Run shirts to those that have worked and helped with the event. All in favor.

The Scholarship winners introduced themselves and spoke about where they will attend and what for. They were given Award certificates and checks for \$500.00.

We went back to the Toy Run. We voted to run a special at the toy run a T-shirt, membership and patch and pin 20.00. Marge handed out staff shirts and those that could volunteer to work the event figured out their schedules and duties.

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Holly Wilkins would like to work on the monthly newsletter. The minutes will be forwarded to be included. We voted to purchase a new copier the current one is 15 years old and on its last leg. Joe and Holly will get with Helen and pick up the new copier and supplies.

Joe W brought up the fact that he has spoken to legislators and representatives that have not heard about the hearing John Rodgers mentioned since the Helmet Choice bill has been on the wall. Dave will speak to John.

Helen will contact Driver ed and see if they would like to update to DVD instead of the VHS tapes that were provided for driver education classes in Vermont.

There was discussion regarding lobbyists and the hiring of one. We also discussed the importance of the presence at the state house. Who ever could, could possibly go in the evening or during the week.

The Harley Raffle is in the works. Mark will check with the VFW. We will check on the band. Marge and Don looked into bikes. This year we have a 2008 HD 1200 custom xl Sportster, black. Mark made a motion to purchase it, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack and all agreed. Helen will get the tickets and get the letters in the mail to the previous ticket holders.

## Harley Raffle Update



Harley Raffle tickets will be on sale to the general public after Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. Letters have gone out to last year's ticket holders for advanced purchase. Tickets will be available at the October meeting. Contact Dave 802.754.2599

## We Need You!

Join or renew your membership in United Motorcyclists of Vermont. It's only \$15 a year for an individual or \$25 a year for a couple. New members receive a UMV patch and pin. All members receive our monthly newsletter.

The due date for your yearly membership is on the mailing label of this newsletter.

United Motorcyclists of Vermont works toward protecting the rights of all motorcyclists and we need your support to do it.

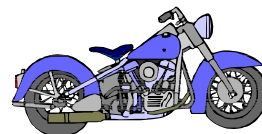
When the legislative session starts next January we're looking for members to visit the Statehouse every week. We need to let our elected officials know that we ride and we vote and that we're watching what they do.

Call, write, email or visit our Web site to join or renew your membership.

Monthly meetings alternate between the American Legion in Orleans and the VFW in Hyde Park on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings start at 7:00 pm, we'd love to see you there.



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