

COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION®
Of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda for 9/14/25
At Mutuo, Barre, VT
In-Person and ZOOM

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: SAA Gru called the meeting to order at 1000

Attendance: Bo and Antheia (Z), Dark Cloud, Gru and Misty, Papa Smurf, Sarge, Skrewy and Phoenix (Z), Spirit, Thunder, Wizzard, and Woodchuck

Opening Prayer: Papa Smurf gave the opening prayer

Welcome from Chapter CC:

Report of Officers: (Chapter Executive Board)

Chapter Commander:

- 2026 CV Fair – new board, participation: Is anyone interested in being the 26-1 Fair committee member? Please see Scott. 26-4 is dropping out.
- Meeting survey: Caddyshack (CPRO) sent an email with a survey in it. Please fill it out – takes about a minute. We're looking into possibly changing the meeting day/time to accommodate more people for attendance at chapter meetings. The survey is to find out chapter members' preferences. Will discuss further at next chapter meeting.
- Changes to medical exemption submission: There was much discussion about the new procedure, which includes having a member's MD electronically sign the form, as opposed to signing a paper form to be submitted electronically. Discussion was somewhat energized, as members present were strongly against this new procedure, citing logistical and privacy concerns. Thunder will bring our thoughts to the chain of command, having already had some conversations all the way to the National level.
- Off season fundraising – ideas/participation: Please see Thunder with any ideas. Ideas mentioned today: Axe throwing, bowling, pool, darts.
- Gun Raffle: We are raffling off a donated pistol. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 6 for \$50.00. Please see Thunder for tickets.
- Woodchuck BBQ – next meeting: Pot luck; hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side to share. BYOB. We're really looking for a good turnout, so please plan on attending. It's a good time. We'll hold the meeting in loose format while people eat, etc. Address is 82 East Orange Rd, West Topsham VT. Hope to see you there!
- Social media optics – follow up to email: Please remember: any time you are wearing or showing membership paraphernalia (patches, t-shirts, web presence, etc) you are representing the CVMA – whether you like or intend to do so or not. Please refrain from giving opinions – in favor or not – while you are representing

the CVMA. There are no politics, etc., here. The CVMA has no opinion on any matters of that nature. We also have no opinion of any local businesses, etc.

- SBb40: NPRES initiative, Sisters and Brothers before Others reminds us to reach out to our brothers and sisters and check in with them, especially if you haven't heard from or seen them in a while. Give them the treatment you would like to receive, if you were going through a hard time. Feel free as well to reach out to any member of the CEB to voice concerns or to request that we reach out. Your CEB is willing to go the extra mile when needed, like paying a member a visit as a group, so they can get credit for the required 1 event per year. There are many options, so please give this some thought.

Chapter XO: XO not present today.

Secretary report:

- Vote to accept past month's minutes: Minutes accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report: Breeze couldn't make it in today. Thunder read the report she sent to him. It was accepted unanimously.
- Treasurer vacancy Oct 25: Please give some thought to taking over this important position on the CEB. Reach out to any CEB member with any thoughts and/or questions.

SAA:

- Distinguished Rider Program – mileage collection, patch awarding if here: No mileage was reported today; no patches were awarded.
- NGS Reminder: A reminder that every member is required to attend a minimum of one event per year to remain in good standing. Emails have been sent out to the few members currently in Not Good Standing (NGS) status.

Road Captain:

- Veteran's Place Ride – 9/27 – 10am KSU: Widow's Sons is sponsoring the ride, with money raised going to the Veteran's Place. Woodchuck will be at The Den in Williamstown. Anyone wishing to do so can meet up with him, so CVMA can ride as our own group within the pack.

State Board: The Aux Ride: Yesterday at the St Albans VFW. Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Vermont were represented. 29 people on 23 bikes. Ride was a little over 2 hours with great food provided at the end, by Fabulous Frank. \$945.00 was raised. After paying the VFW, net gain was \$743.00. The state donated another \$500.00, and we voted unanimously to donate an additional \$500.00, bringing the total raised to \$1,743.00.

Old Business: There was no old business today.

New Business: There was no new business today.

Tabled Items: There were no tabled items today.

Discussion: Open to Membership: A reminder that next year's Nationals will be held in Syracuse NY the first weekend in June. Attendance at a National meeting is a requirement to be a Life Member. There will be a contingency of our chapter riding down together. Woodchuck has a nice leisurely ride planned for that trip. Please plan on attending, if at all possible.

We also discussed some donated items we have for fundraising: Grumpy has a Full Member cornhole set and a canoe with a trolling motor at his home. Sarge has a clear windshield that can fit many Harleys. The plan is to bring the cornhole set to Woodchuck's for our next meeting, to be used for entertainment and to raffle off; possibly the canoe as well.

Announcements: Open to membership: Wizzard has two concealed carry vests for sale: a XXL and an XL. He'd like \$35 each. They can be seen at Dente's Market in Barre.

Closing Prayer: Papa Smurf gave the closing prayer.

Adjournment: CC Meeting adjourned at 11:10.