

COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION©
of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda for 8/14/2022
At Mutuo Club in Barre, VT
In-Person and ZOOM

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: SAA meeting opened at 1001

In Attendance today: Bear and Mama Bear, Bo and Antheia, Cochise, Gambler and Danger Mouse, Grumpy and Red, Hoss, Kiealma and Survivor, Krieger, Lt'l' Harley, Nimrod, ODAAT, OMEN, Skrewy and Tammy, Spirit, Top Sargent, Wizzard, and Woodchuck

Opening Prayer: ODAAT gave the opening prayer

Welcome from Chapter Commander:

- **Welcome any and all visitors.** Today we welcomed **Chance Payette**, a combat vet who expressed interest in joining. We hope to see him again soon!
- Thanks was also given to Louis (Skrewy) and Tammy for a terrific breakfast! Your efforts are appreciated by all!

Report of Officers: (Chapter Executive Board)

Chapter Commander:

- **Champlain Valley Fair Update.** The sign-up sheet has been up on the website for a few weeks and is mostly empty. We picked up tickets, so folks working the booth can get in for free. Now we just need to have people sign up. Please see Gambler today to sign up for whatever you're available to do. Let's get this thing rolling! Even part of one shift will help, as we're there the full 10 days!
- **Donation Board, Raffle Tickets, Fair meeting, Fair Tickets and Trailer parking:** Grumpy and Red will be picking up the donation board this coming week. We had ordered 2,000 fair raffle tickets and then another 2,000 after conferring with OMEN. We aren't mandated to attend the Fair meeting, because that's for vendors of food and drinks. This year, we'll be parking the trailer on the grounds near the venue for a \$50.00 fee - well worth it!
- Aux reports that we have a good list of donations so far this year. They also committed to doing the drawing at the end of the fair and coordinating prize deliveries. Much thanks to all the hard-working members of our Auxiliary!

XO:

- **Update on the Harley Davidson Raffle. Does anyone need tickets or have money/tickets to turn in? Transport of the bike to Champlain Valley Fair.** So, tickets aren't selling as well as we had hoped. We picked them up and then

the economy kinda crashed – people don't have an extra \$50.00 these days. We're really going to have to push bike ticket sales at the fair, just to break even at this point. Wilkins will deliver the bike to the fair on 8/26. In order to maintain its pristine condition, we'll likely have it inside the booth for the duration. If anybody needs raffle tickets, see me – I've got plenty!

Secretary report:

- **Vote to accept past month's minutes:** There was no chapter meeting last month, due to a funeral in the Northeast Kingdom.
- **Full member applications; any other applications need to be submitted?** We had 3 people ask about joining up at the Toy Run, so stay tuned!
- **Update on the Agenda for the State Meeting** The agenda has been created and submitted to the State Rep for approval. I followed the format we use for our chapter meetings and tailored it to typical events at State Meetings I've been to in the past. There'll be a welcome and intro part, for the State Rep, SSAA, SPRO, and then all the members of each chapter's CEB. Then the Chapter Commanders will give chapter reports, and then whatever business needs to be conducted. Then we'll close the meeting and eat! If you haven't been to a State meeting, it wouldn't hurt you to check it out – promise!

Treasurer's Report:

- **Monthly Report/Vote on past month's report:** Bear read the report for Breeze, who couldn't be here today. It was accepted unanimously.

SAA:

- **Sign-in sheets; Must be legible; Does anyone need a new ID card that is still using the sign in sheet?** If so, please see Krieger.
- **Members Not in Good Standing and what that means.** Krieger gave a brief definition of the term and condition of being Not in Good Standing (NGS).

PR and Web Master:

- **Upcoming Events or Rides?** Next Saturday is the Last Mile Ride. 8/27 is the Valhalla Run in Shrewsbury MA (See Bear or Danger Mouse if interested). 9/17 is a busy day: White Wolf is going to the Suicide Awareness Ride – Project Hopner; 5-5 has their Sanctioned ride; and Iron Order MC is having a Poker Run with KSU 1100 in Williamstown. These will all be on the website asap.
- **Website Updates as applicable**

Old Business:

- **Merchandise Sales – Grumpy** Sales are going very well, so far. I'm planning on ordering more hoodies, as they are the best-sellers. Set up and tear down went very smoothly at Wilkins after the Toy Run.
- **Fall Foliage Ride – Saturday, October 1st, rain or shine – Sheriff or Police escort? Porta Potties? Update on Food Trucks. Chase Vehicle.** Woodchuck went over some specifics. He's set up and ridden the route we'll be using – 110 miles, about 4 hours if things go well. Having a police escort will cost

money – still waiting to hear back on the amount – so we’re looking into setting up road guards. If so, there’ll be a sign-up sheet, figuring on needing 15 or 16 road guards. With a big pack, road guards will hang at the back after they’re done for maximum safety for everyone. Porta potties are an extra expense, so there is a 40-minute stop planned at P&H truck stop in Wells River, and we have other options, as well. Grumpy will be driving the chase truck with Woodchuck’s trailer in tow. If Spirit’s not back in the saddle yet, he’ll be there, too. We have one food truck locked down and looking for a second one. Our event is the same day as Brew Fest, so there’s competition

- **State Meeting – Scheduled for September 18th, and we are responsible for providing food; will be held at the Mutuo – going to cater the event?** Aux is doing a 50/50 raffle and we’re paying for the Mutuo to provide a bartender. The kitchen is available, but we need to decide how we want to work it. Wizzard said he thought he might be able to get a reduced rate from Mutuo, if they just make pasta and sauce, instead of the quoted rate of \$17.00/plate with a 100-plate minimum. Talk continues. We might have a local business cater with sandwiches, etc.

New Business:

- **Next year’s Fair and opening it up to the other Chapter and making it a “26” Fair. Creation of a Fair Committee overseen by the SR and SSAA.** This was presented to the chapter for the first time today. The CEB has decided it’s a done deal, for many reasons. A small number of members actually work the fair each year, and OMEN and Angel have always done the majority of the work involved, which is quite a lot of work! Many thanks to OMEN and Angel for their tireless efforts over the years! The simple truth is that they can’t carry that load anymore, and they never should’ve had to, in the first place. No current members are willing to take on that burden every year, so a decision had to be made. It’s still in the works, but the idea is to have all VT chapters give equal participation and then divvy up the proceeds equally, as well. It’s really a win-win for everyone, if it works out. This way, the major fundraiser in the state, thanks to OMEN and Angel and many others over the years, will now help out the whole state, instead of just central VT. K9 has been consulted and is very much on-board. He also said he’s very impressed that we would even consider this action, and that it fits with his vision of bringing all the VT chapters even closer together, moving forward. Anyone who remembers the old days should be very glad to hear this, because VT chapters were once very much at odds with each other. Most of us can’t imagine those times, which would still be in place, but for the efforts of Kurt and several others from each chapter. So, we’re still doing it this year, but next year starts the new age of the Champlain Valley Fair fundraiser for CVMA 26!
- **The Auxiliary has agreed to take over and run the Coffee Break. Thank you!** The CEB and several other members of the chapter have expressed their immense gratitude for the renewed and reinvigorated Auxiliary chapter!
- **Next year, events and/or activities will be assigned to Members to complete and be accountable for.** This will simplify planning and resource attainment, to have accountability from the start, instead of setting it up on the fly.

Tabled Items:

- **Chapter Guidon Flag** Cochise said that, since the UDL has finally been sorted out and approved, he will look into getting the ball rolling on our Guidon. Thanks, Cochise!

ST Rep: K9 did not grace us with his presence today.

Discussion: Open to Membership: Discussion took place during the meeting.

Announcements: Open to membership: Check out the website!

Closing Prayer: ODAAT gave the closing prayer.

Adjournment: CC Meeting adjourned at 1145.