

Chapter Membership Meeting
Harley Owners Group
Garden State Chapter
Morris County NJ
At Garden State Harley-Davidson
July 22, 2023

ATTENDEES

Director/Road Captain	R. Breuninger
Ass't. Director/Road Captain	R. Hall
Treasurer/Road Captain	R. Seitz
Secretary/Road Captain	DA Ryan
Head Road Captain:	D. Ryan
Webmaster/Road Captain	M. Durenberger
Historian/Road Captain	J. Gennarelli
Membership Officer/Activities Director:	D. Borowsky
Photographer/Road Captain	B. Gould
Safety Officer/Road Captain	H. Olbrich
AMA Rep	D. Bannon
Road Captain	MA Breuninger
Road Captain	D. Lannigan

General Attendees

S. Almeida	A. Gibbon
S. Arora	M. Gibbons
L. Bakelmun	E. Gibson
B. Bartick	B. Gonzalez
R. Basile	V. Kellett
V. Belcastro	D. Lannigan
S. Bischoff	M. McLoughlin
M. Bishop	B. Papetti
B. Blackwell	P. Pease
D. Butkovich	G. Rafuse
D. Butkovich	G. Seitz
M. Cho	V. Senia
J. Christmas	D. Smith, Jr.
M. DeLaRosa	A. Spadone
J. DeWald	A. Vales
E. Deming	J. Vorrasi
T. Deming	B. Worden-Spadone
J. Gallios	R. Zicolello
P. Gallios	

Meeting Called to Order at 11:01AM with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by R. Seitz

OPENING REMARKS/OFFICER REPORTS:

Director: R. Breuninger opened the meeting by asking the chapter to help him sing "Happy Birthday" to HOG (Harley's Owner Group) recognizing it turning 40 years as HD's official riding organization. R. Breuninger then asked chapter members to turn their attention to the slide show that was displaying pictures from the chapter's recent ride out to Milwaukee to celebrate Harley Davidson milestone of 120 years as a company; R. Breuninger noted that B. Gould and J. Gennarelli had collaborated to put the slide show together. R. Breuninger then thanked all members who came out to support Adam Sandoval; approximately \$8K was raised when he was visiting the Garden State Dealership. Per R. Breuninger, A. Sandoval completed his mission to visit every HD Dealership in the lower 48 states to raise money and awareness for the military and

their families and after two-(2) years on the road raising \$300K overall to support members of the armed forces. D. Smith stated that per A. Sandoval's website, \$600K was noted as the overall amount being raised.

R. Breuninger covered the upcoming ride events:

- August 8: Garden State HD Bike Night @ Mr. Crabby's @ 6PM
- August 26: Ride for Red Charity ride to support the Morris Plains Fire Department
- October 21: Ride for Autism which is our Celebrate the Children ride; rescheduled from June 24
 - **chapter volunteers will be needed for both charity rides (8/26 & 10/21) to make these rides a success**

R. Breuninger then turned the meeting over to M. Durenberger, Road Captain for the Milwaukee trip, who provided a summary of the overall journey. M. Durenberger shared that he planned the trip on input and concerns that were brought forward (bio/gas breaks, riding mileage between breaks, communication etc.). M. Durenberger stated the biggest adversity on this ride was the rain, minor hypothermia, tolls in Ohio and heavy traffic in Chicago. M. Durenberger concluded that despite the adversity mentioned; **"all had a great time"!!!** R. Breuninger stated that because of the chapter's leadership survey, which came out about 2 years ago, the chapter has accomplished goals in terms of member interest with local riding and overnight trips. R. Breuninger stated the Milwaukee trip was a big team effort and that he was proud to be a part of it; concluding that the road captains go through a lot of preparation to make chapter rides enjoyable, as well as safe. R. Breuninger finished by thanking M. Durenberger for the time he invested in planning the journey to Milwaukee. In turn, M. Durenberger thanked D. Ryan, who stepped up to co-lead on the 2,000-mile ride there and back ~ **GREAT TEAMWORK! A BIG THANK YOU TO M. DURENBERGER for taking us on this trek to celebrate Harley Davidson's 120 birthday.**

Assistant Director: R. Hall had nothing specific to report on at this time.

Treasurer: R. Seitz confirmed the chapter's account balance to be healthy with recent credits from the account for food purchase recognizing HOG turning 40 years and tip for food delivery. R. Seitz went on to thank M. Durenberger, D. Ryan, and DA Ryan for their attentiveness with the chapter's recent Milwaukee trip.

Secretary: DA Ryan stated that a majority of members have picked up their chapter t-shirts and that there were a few extra ordered for those who may still be interested in purchasing. DA Ryan shared the sizes available for the extra shirts (large & x-large) and to see her if interested. DA Ryan concluded that name tags ordered prior were also in and available for those who purchased.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety Officer: H. Olbrich stated that he was glad the Milwaukee chapter ride was a safe trip for all who participated and closed by soliciting all to finish the riding season safely.

Head Road Captain: D Ryan shared the following ride stats:

- the chapter ride schedule was two-(2) rides less compared to last year
- this year's rider participation compared to last year was up: 17.5 v 14.8
- chapter rides were covering many counties within NJ, NY & PA
- 88-chapter members have participated on a chapter ride this year (total membership 133)

D. Ryan then announced that J. Gallios had accepted the role and responsibility of Road Captain for the chapter ~ **CONGRATULATIONS J. Gallios!**

D. Ryan acknowledged the following, presenting them with a Harley Davidson recognition plaque given their commitment with successfully planning a chapter overnight trip:

- H. Olbrich ~ 2022 Gettysburg, PA
- R. Seitz ~ 2023, Niagara Falls, NY/Canada
- M. Durenberger ~ 2023, Milwaukee, WI

MA Breuninger thanked those above, as well as those members who added their support for these trips. (PHOTOS WERE TAKEN)

Webmaster: M. Durenberger reported email communication to be working nicely.

Historian: J. Gennarelli stated that M. Durenberger and D. Ryan did a fantastic job leading and sweeping the group safely to and from Milwaukee, WI. J. Gennarelli then turned everyone's attention to the TV monitor which displayed pictures from the Milwaukee trip. J. Gennarelli concluded by reminding members of the August 6 Hawthorne Gun Club Run and that a cost of \$5 will be needed to participate and that members do not need to be a gun owner to participate ~ there will be guns available to shoot if desired. R. Blackwell asked if the chapter ride was for chapter members only; J. Gennarelli confirmed yes.

Photographer: B. Gould thanked all members for sending her photos to post on the social media sites.

AMA Rep: D. Bannon reported that he is working on the chapter's 2023 AMA charter application and will follow-up once finalized.

Membership/Activity Officer: D. Borowsky shared that as of present the chapter has 134 active members recorded. D. Borowsky asked for a warm welcome for new associate member S. Almeda whose favorite color is red, and she rides a Honda Rebel. Also D. Borowsky welcomed new member M. DeLaRosa whose favorite color is blue, and he rides a 2017 Road Glide Special ~ **WELCOME**. D. Borowsky informed the chapter that there may be two-(2) more members joining ~ R. Zicoello and S. Arora ~ **LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR APPLICATIONS!** D. Borowsky also shared that chapter member E. Gibson will be leaving the chapter given a move to Boston in 4 weeks ~ **FAREWELL, WILL MISS YOU** 😞

D. Borowsky covered a bit of history with the following new member counts by year:

- 2017: 20 new members
- 2018: 14 new members
- 2019: 28 new members
- 2020: 9 new members
- 2021: 21 new members
- 2022: 23 new members
- **2023: 34 new members YTD**

OLD BUSINESS: MA Breuninger reminded all to keep an eye on the chapter pizza challenge and that she would leading a pizza chapter ride tomorrow (July 23) to the Star Tavern Pizzeria in Orange, NJ.

NEW BUSINESS: DA Ryan reminded chapter members to begin thinking about future overnight destinations and bring their ideas to leadership for consideration for next year's riding schedule.

R. Breuninger thanked MA Breuninger for the festive HOG40 decorations for today's chapter meeting ~ **THANK YOU MA BREUNINGER!!!**

RAFFLE DRAWING: J. Vorrasi was the winner of the \$40 HD gift card ~ winning ticket 1801165

R. Breuninger announced that each chapter member would receive a GSHOG40 key chain, commemorating HOG turning 40 years. R. Breuninger recognized and thanked H. Olbrich for making these key chains ~ **THANK YOU H. OLBRICH!**

ADJOURNMENT: 11:33AM meeting was adjourned

* Mtg minutes prepared by DA Ryan