

Chapter Membership Meeting  
Harley Owners Group  
Garden State Chapter  
Morris County NJ  
At Garden State Harley-Davidson  
August 20, 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 ( <i>absent</i> )
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 ( <i>absent</i> )
Road Captain	MA Breuninger
Road Captain	K. Hunt
Road Captain	J. Gallios
Road Captain	D. Lannigan

**General Attendees**

K. Adams, Jr.	B. Jones
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S. Almeida	D. Lannigan
B. Bartick	J. Larkin
V. Belcastro	M. Martino
M. Bishop	M. McLoughlin
R. Blackwell	B. Papetti
D. Butkovich	G. Rafuse
D. Butkovich	P. Schneider
M. Chizmadia	G. Seitz
M. Cho	R. Sieb
M. Delarusa	A. Vales
D. Dickerson	V. Viglione
A. Gibbon	W. Waltsak
A. Hunt	
C. Irula	
M. Irula	

**Meeting Called to Order at 9:34AM with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by R. Seitz**

**OPENING REMARKS/OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Director:** R. Breuninger began the meeting covering the following upcoming rides and events:

- August 26: "Ride for Red" which is a chapter charity ride to benefit the local fire department, Morris Plains, for their ongoing support to the community and support of both the dealership and chapter. R. Breuninger stated that last year's event raised approximately \$2K for our men/women in red. R. Breuninger stated that volunteers are needed to

help park, register, cook etc. so he asked for an “All Hands-on Deck” of chapter members to make this year’s ride a success.

- September 16: The Eric C. Blohm ride. R. Breuninger stated this is a dealership supported ride which has been occurring for many years and that the chapter will be supporting once again for this year. Details will be forthcoming.
- October 21: “Ride for Autism” which supports Celebrate the Children School, located in Denville, NJ. The details for this chapter’s sponsored charity event will be forthcoming with R. Breuninger affirming that chapter volunteers will be needed as well.

R. Breuninger announced that the logistics for the chapter’s year-end party had been secured for December 2, 2023. R. Breuninger continued telling chapter members that the cost to attend will be \$40 per person, same as last year, and that the chapter will off-set the total cost per headcount keeping cost affordable for members. R. Breuninger asked D. Borowsky, Activities Director, to provide the following details for members:

- Location of year-end party: The Jefferson House, 139 Nolans Point Road, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849

D. Borowsky shared that the restaurant will be “ours” given the main restaurant is typically closed to the public at this time of year. D. Borowsky stated that the dinner will be buffet style with a cash bar, music with dancing and that raffling of prizes will occur throughout the evening. D. Borowsky continued informing chapter members that they can invite one-(1) guest and that an Eventbrite will be sent out for all to register. D. Borowsky concluded advising all payments for the event will be required in advance directing any/all monetary transactions (cash, check, credit card) to R. Seitz, Treasurer. D. Borowsky stated finding a location for this year was tough but that a local weekend chapter ride to The Jefferson House led to finding this “hidden gem”, as well as a new chapter member ~ **WELCOME L. VAN DENHANDEL!**

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

**Treasurer:** R. Seitz affirmed the chapter’s account balance to be healthy. R. Seitz confirmed that he successfully filed with the State of NJ Treasury the chapter’s annual business report.

**Secretary:** DA Ryan shared that “get well” baskets from the chapter had been recently sent to chapter members R. Hui and K. Hunt. DA Ryan went on to let members know that both were doing fine with minor setbacks but that if members want to reach out, they should. MA Breuninger added that as a chapter we are interested in supporting each other if a personal need should arise.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership Officer:** D. Borowsky shared that as of present the chapter has 142 paid active members recorded. D. Borowsky introduced new chapter member, R. Sieb, whose favorite color is blue, and that he rides a 2022 Tri-Glide. R. Sieb thanked all for the warm welcome into the chapter and shared that his wife will be looking into joining ~ **WELCOME RUSS!**

**Safety Officer:** H. Olbrich stated that there was plenty of great riding left for this season but to begin thinking about getting bikes ready for either winter storage or riding.

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

- the chapter ride schedule was one-(1) ride less compared to last year
- this year’s rider participation compared to prior years was up: 18.4% vs prior years - 13.8% 2022 or 14.28% 2021
- last year had 74 unique rider participants vs. this year’s 97

D Ryan shared that all Saturday’s are booked with chapter rides into November and that there is a Pizza chapter ride scheduled for September 10 and that this ride will cover four-(4) of the pizza destinations that are part of the challenge. D Ryan concluded by informing members to continue to check the ride calendar for upcoming rides and changes given the ride calendar is fluid.

**Historian:** J. Gennarelli directed everyone’s attention to a PowerPoint slide deck displaying pictures taken by D. Smith, Jr. from the Milwaukee trip. J. Gennarelli added that this was a great trip and he thanked D. Smith, Jr. for forwarding the pictures he had taken.

**Photographer:** B. Gould thanked all members for sending her photos to post on the chapter's social media sites and reminded chapter members to continue to focus on completing this year's pizza ride challenge in order to be awarded a "very cool" patch for their chapter vest.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing at this time was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** R. Breuninger congratulated B. Gould on the purchase of her new bike, 2023 Pan America 1250 Adventure/Touring bike ~ **CONGRATULATIONS B. GOULD!**

**RAFFLE DRAWING:** K. Adams was the winner of the \$25 HD gift card ~ winning ticket 1801192

**ADJOURNMENT:** 10:02AM meeting was adjourned

\* Mtg minutes prepared by DA Ryan