

Chapter Membership Meeting
Harley Owners Group
Garden State Chapter
Morris County NJ
At Garden State Harley-Davidson
November 18, 2023

ATTENDEES

Director/Road Captain	R. Breuninger
Ass't. Director/Road Captain	R. Hall (<i>absent</i>)
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 (<i>absent</i>)
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	J. Gallios
Road Captain	K. Hunt
Road Captain	D. Lannigan

General Attendees

S. Almeida	C. Irula
L. Bakelmun	M. Irula
B. Bartick	B. Jones
V. Belcastro	J. Jones
M. Bishop	D. Lannigan
R. Blackwell	D. Lawlor
D. Butkovich	S. Lawlor (<i>guest</i>)
M. Chizmadia	B. Papetti
S. Chizmadia	P. Schneider
M. Cho	G. Seitz
M. Delarusa	D. Smith Jr.
A. Gibbon	J. Thompson
R. Hui	A. Valdes
	W. Waltsak

Meeting Called to Order at 9:32AM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by R. Seitz

OPENING REMARKS/OFFICER REPORTS:

Director: R. Breuninger opened the meeting asking members to submit their AMA nomination for safety and service. R. Breuninger described to members the following criteria when considering a nomination:

- The Safety Award is presented to an AMA club member or volunteer who continuously promotes rider safety and has an outstanding safety record for the current year.
- The Service Award is presented to an AMA club member or volunteer who has been the biggest asset to the organizer through their service throughout the year.

D. Borowsky handed out voting slips for members to record their choices. R. Breuninger stated that the winners will be announced at the year-end dinner.

R. Breuninger shared that the chapter would be providing, as it has in prior years, support for W. Waltsak's 2023 Turkey Trot which provides turkeys to those less fortunate for the Thanksgiving holiday. R. Breuninger presented a \$200 (check #1450)

on behalf of Garden State HOG to W. Waltsak and sought for volunteers for November 19 at 8AM at the Andover Diner. W. Waltsak shared that the group would have breakfast to then pick-up turkeys at the ACME dropping-off at St. Joseph Church, Newton NJ with the remaining balance being dropped off at the local Shop Rite. **A SPECIAL THANKS to R. Seitz, M. Durenberger, and D. Butkovich for providing their personal transport vehicles.**

R. Breuninger reminded chapter members to get their odometer readings registered with the dealership for the Ride 365 program. R. Breuninger shared that chapter member W. Waltsak was recognized receiving a 350K mileage patch ~ **WAY TO GO W. Waltsak!**

R. Breuninger stated that the chapter would have changes within chapter leadership for the upcoming riding year effective 01/01/2024 and that these changes are considered "*Interim*" and will only be in effect until a new director is named for 01/01/2025 at which time a new administration will be named:

- B. Gould to take up role of Head Road Captain and retain the role of Photographer
- R. Seitz to take up role of Assistant Director
- D. Lannigan to take up role of Secretary
- B. Papetti to take up role of Treasurer
- DA Ryan, D. Ryan, and R. Hall to assume Past Officer role (outgoing)

R. Breuninger thanked those outgoing members for their time and dedication and that the reason changes were being made now was to ensure a smooth transition of leadership responsibility into the next riding season, R. Breuninger also stated these changes would be announced at the year-end dinner. **A BIG THANKS TO D&D RYAN AND R HALL FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO GS HOG!**

Treasurer: R. Seitz confirmed the chapter's account balance to be in good standing. R. Seitz shared that upcoming expenses will be subtracted from this balance such as the upcoming year-end dinner. R. Seitz stated that prior expenses totaling \$669.99 have been credited and that this expense is comprised of patch purchases, end-of-season dinner prep, donation for Turkey Trot, flowers for K. Adams etc. R. Seitz shared that he is working on a name tag list and that he currently has nine-(9) name tags requested but that he needs 12 in order to place an order and that the name tags are \$15 pp.

Secretary: DA Ryan shared with chapter members correspondence that was received from K. Adams regarding the passing of Rev. K. Adams and stated the card would be placed on the chapter bulletin board by the retail counter for all to read. DA Ryan also notified members of the hospitalization of chapter member A. Spadone and that she was keeping in touch for updates and that the chapter would be sending something to the family once A. Spadone returns home.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Head Road Captain: D. Ryan shared the following numbers: 12.56; 149 & 20 and for those members interested in knowing what these numbers meant that they should attend the year-end dinner ~ 😊

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

Membership Officer: D. Borowsky shared that as of present the chapter has 149 paid active members recorded. D. Borowsky then introduced new member J. Thompson whose favorite color is blue and that he rides a white '18 Road Glide Special and has a '95 Springer Softail. D. Borowsky also introduced new member D. Lawlor whose favorite color is also blue and that he rides a 2012 Road Glide.

D. Borowsky reminded chapter members that time was still in their favor if they had not signed up for the year-end dinner and provided the following detail:

Location: Jefferson House
Date: December 2
Time: 6PM to 10PM
Dress: casual and to wear chapter vest

D. Borowsky stated that for those members who are attending please send her a baby picture of themselves. D. Borowsky concluded by letting members know that she is looking into bowling as an activity during the non-riding season. B. Jones suggested looking into a racetrack activity (i.e., go carts etc.).

Photographer: B. Gould reminded chapter members that voting is still open for the pizza challenge and to submit their choice at the earliest. B. Gould also thanked chapter member B. Jones for her design of this year's pizza challenge vest patches ~ **THANK YOU B. JONES.** B. Gould also shared that if chapter members are interested in creative design work to visit imaginationartstudio.com for B. Jones creations.

B. Gould shared that there will be a photo booth at the year-end dinner. B. Gould concluded by asking chapter members to send her any pictures they wish to have included in the year-end dinner slide presentation.

Safety Officer: H. Olbrich started off commenting on how happy he was to see the number of members attending the meeting. H. Olbrich then stated that since the riding season is coming to an end for those members who will be storing their bike for the winter to remember to place their bike on a battery tender, put stabilizer into the gas tank to protect fuel system and park on plywood or some type of material to avoid coming in contact with petroleum-based products or solvents that may damage tires.

OLD BUSINESS: R. Breuninger stated that our chapter rides and events have been planned based on input received from our membership base, which included overnight trips, length of rides, etc. R. Breuninger encouraged all to continue to share their ideas with the Head Road Captain or any Officer.

V. Belcastro suggested the chapter consider an early spring ride to southern Vermont. V. Belcastro mentioned there are many great hotels and restaurants in the area. B. Gould suggested an off-road riding chapter ride adventure perhaps in the NJ Pine Barrens or out in the state of Pennsylvania.

R. Breuninger shared that the chapter may re-survey members given there have been many new members who have joined this year to gather ideas too.

NEW BUSINESS: DA Ryan shared that membership renewal will be managed differently vs the prior years. DA Ryan stated that membership renewal will begin in January 2024 and the renewal process will be communicated via the weekly Constant Contact chapter email.

P. Schneider asked if the chapter was going to inquire about holding an Accident Scene Management class in the upcoming year. R. Breuninger shared that he and MA Breuninger have been hosting since 2009 and that the NJ class became popular and powerful but issues focusing on accreditation arose and when questioned, there was no follow-up so for ethical reasons R. Breuninger could not continue to support in the manner he was. R. Breuninger shared that members can look into becoming certified in First Aid, CPR and taking Stop the Bleed and that all three are very good basic safety training for those interested.

Dr. Jax shared that she had pointed out several inaccuracies with the ASM training and addressed it with no follow-up. A. Valdes shared that chapter members can look into Emergency Medical Response training (EMR) which provides professional-level training based on the national EMS educational standards for an Emergency Medical Responder. A. Valdes stated that EMR will provide the safety tools for what we do, and the cost is roughly \$150.

R. Breuninger stated that if any chapter member is interested in safety training to reach out to him.

M. Bishop asked if ERM replaces ASM? R. Breuninger stated that it does not replace but offers higher learning and re-cert is required.

A chapter member asked what is required to be a NJ Rescue Rider? R. Breuninger shared that training for CPR, First Aid and Stop the Bleed is needed to become a NJRR.

H. Olbrich will coordinate putting a class together for CPR and R. Breuninger will look into hosting a Stop the Bleed sometime between January and March; class size will need to be 10 or more.

There will not be a December General Chapter Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:23AM meeting was adjourned

RAFFLE DRAWING: C. Irula was the winner of the \$25 HD gift card ~ winning ticket #1801310

* Mtg minutes prepared by DA Ryan