

Chapter Membership Meeting
Harley Owners Group
Garden State Chapter
Morris County NJ
@ Garden State Harley Dealership
February 17, 2024

ATTENDEES

Director/Road Captain:	R. Breuninger
Ass't. Director/Road Captain	R. Seitz
Treasurer	B. Papetti
Secretary	DJ Lannigan
Head Road Captain/ Photographer:	B. Gould
Webmaster/Road Captain	M. Durenberger
Historian/Road Captain	J. Gennarelli (<i>absent</i>)
Membership/Activity Officer:	D. Borowsky
Safety Officer/Road Captain	H. Olbrich
AMA Rep:	D. Bannon

General Attendees

S. Almeida (Goreti)	A. Arboleda
L. Bakelmun	B. Bartick
S. Bischoff	M. Bishop
R. Blackwell	T. Brannin
M. Breuninger	D. Butkovich
M. Calandra	M. Chizmadia
M. Cho	M. Delarosa
J. Gallios	P. Gallios
J. Gennari	M. Gennari
D. Gibbon	G. Hallock
R. Hui	K. Hunt
C. Irula	M. Irula
B. Jones	J. Jones
K. Krausz	D. Lannigan
C. Lanza	J. Larkin
M. Mania	B. Marson
M. McLoughlin	J. McLoughlin
J. Parisi	D. Paxton
A. Perez	D. Peterson
B. Rafuse	R. Sieb
P. Sieb	P. Schneider
G. Seitz	V. Senia
D. Smith Jr	A. Spadone
J. Vorrasi	B. Worden-Spadone
W. Waltsak	

**Breakfast was served at approx: 9:00 AM;
Meeting Called to Order approx: 9:20 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Big Joe.**

OPENING REMARKS / OFFICER REPORTS:

Director: R. Breuninger opened the meeting with... I'M BACK..... And welcome:

- He spoke about how the ground hog did NOT see his shadow, and how he hopes we will have an early spring and riding season in 2024
- R. Breuninger also commented on the delicious breakfast that chapter members enjoyed. Food was catered by Jack's Café in Verona, NJ; he also thanked the dealership for picking up the tab.
- R. Breuninger also spoke about upcoming chapter / charity rides (full listing will be posted on the chapter board inside the dealership); He informed everyone that upcoming Chapter / Charity rides will also be included in emails that will be sent weekly to chapter members. Some of the events R. Breuninger announced were:
 - o March 2 – Firehouse Chili Competition; \$5.00 donation to partake in the chili tasting and chapter volunteers are needed to hand out voting slips, and provide assistance with tallying votes to determine winner.
 - o April 21 – Chapter ride to Woodstock, NY (all day ride)
 - o May 4 – Charity Ride (Celebrate the Children)
 - o May 18-24 – Chapter Trip to Nashville, TN
 - o May 25 – Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade
 - o September 25 – Charity Ride (Eric C. Blohm)
- R. Breuninger also reminded chapter members that the 11th Hour Pet Rescue Event was being held after the meeting from 12 to 3; Shared there will be a HOG table; looking for members who can assist at the HOG Chapter table.
- R. Breuninger also thanked all those who recently attended the CPR & BLS training sessions. He reminded everyone how the chapter is known for being "Safety" conscious. He also spoke about one of the instructors – Shawn... and what a terrific instructor he is.

Assistant Director: R. Seitz spoke about the upcoming ride to Nashville, TN (aka Music Ride). Some of the details he provided:

- Dates – lvg for Nashville, Saturday, May 18 – KSU at 8 AM from the dealership; leaving Nashville on May 23 – KSU at 8 AM from Comfort Inn, arriving back in NJ on Friday, May 24, 2024.
- He explained that it will be a 2-day ride to Nashville, 3 full days in Nashville, 2-day ride home from Nashville.
- Total miles to Nashville – 867... with the first day being 464 miles to Christiansburg, VA (8 to 10 hours); second day - Christiansburg, VA to Nashville being 403 miles (6 to 8 hours)
- He noted that there will be breaks about every hour and a half / maybe 2 hours (gas / lunch / fuel, etc).
- He announced that the same road captions / chapter members that assisted him with the Niagara Falls ride will assist him with ride out to Nashville.
- R. Seitz also provided hotel and tour information for Nashville. While in Nashville, will be staying at the Comfort Inn. Comfort Inn is about a 20-minute walk to Music Row / Honky-Tonk Way.
- R. Seitz spoke about the tours that are being set up for Tuesday, May 21st that chapter members can take part in: River Boat Cruise on the General Jackson (which includes lunch), and a show at the Grand Ole Opry (evening). He explained that both Monday, May 20, and Wednesday, May 22nd are "down" days which will allow chapter members to make their own plans.
- R. Seitz spoke about a "group" text that will be put together while in Nashville; this will allow all chapter members to "stay connected".
- All details of the trip will be sent out via email to chapter members who will be attending.
- R. Seitz confirmed that anyone on the trip that experiences an issue with their bike... the chapter will stay with that member. No one will be left behind.
- R. Seitz told members that most of the ride out to Nashville will be highway driving; more scenic riding at the end.
- He asked that questions about the hotels or tours be directed to G. Seitz; Any questions about the ride... can be directed to himself or a road captain.
- A suggestion was given by D. Smith that all members going on the Nashville trip put hotel information in their navigation systems or on their phones.

Treasurer: B. Papetti provided the current balance in the chapter's bank account; Account is in good standing. She advised there are no major expenses at this time; she confirmed that the dealership paid for the breakfast.

Secretary: DJ Lannigan welcomed back member A. Spadone who was out during the fall of 2023 dealing with a health issue; she also shared with the chapter that member S. Chizmadia was currently dealing with a health issue, but her procedure went well, and outlook was positive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Head Road Captain: B. Gould spoke about the “basic” road rules for riding and the “new” riding policy for overnight multi-day rides (OMD). Some of the details she shared:

- All rides start at the dealership and end at a determined destination.
- No Alcohol
- Non-members must always sign a waiver.
- Waivers must always be signed by members and guests for overnight destination rides.
- New Policy Rule: She explained that if a member or guest is attending an overnight destination ride, that member or guest must attend 3-chapter rides of 50 miles or more, prior to attending the overnight destination ride.
- Rules will be posted on the HOG Chapter website.
- B. Gould also stated that allot of Saturday / Sunday’s are still open for rides, and if any chapter members have suggestions on rides on where they would like to go, etc, please bring to her attention.
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Membership Officer: D. Borowsky shared as of present the chapter has 92 paid active members recorded. D. Borowsky introduced new members: B. Rafuse; A. Perez; T. Brannin; B. Marson. D. Borowsky also spoke about the National HOG Membership platform changes, and how these changes may affect current chapter members:

- The old “associate” membership which is now called “passenger” membership, allows a person to join National HOG and earn points towards HD merchandise; membership also allows member to join a local chapter. Cost for this membership has increased from \$29.00 to \$59.00 per year. Passenger membership level – you will still need to have a sponsor.
- The “new” access membership, which costs \$29.00 a year, allows a person to join National HOG and earn points towards HD merchandise, but does not permit person to join a local chapter.
- The “rider pass” membership affords the “old HOG benefits” however this membership does not permit a person from joining a local HOG chapter. Cost for this membership is \$49.00 a year.
- There is still the “full HOG” membership which still costs \$59.00 a year; benefits for this membership have not changed.
- Life membership – no changes.

Safety Officer: H. Olbrich started off welcoming everyone to the meeting and what a great turnout. He spoke about the upcoming riding season and what members should do when getting their bikes ready for the upcoming riding season. Some pointers:

- Fresh battery in key fob
- Learn your override code to start your bike, should your key fob fail; the code should be in your bike manual.
- Check breaks.
- Check tires.
- Make service appointments sooner than later; appointments fill up fast when the nice weather is approaching.
- Have clutch lines flushed (should be done every 2 to 3 years).

H. Olbrich also announced that the “insurance guy” will be coming to the March Chapter meeting to give a presentation on the proper amount of coverage one should have on their motorcycle.

Webmaster: M. Durenberger had no information to share.

AMA Rep: D. Bannon had no information to share.

Photographer: B. Gould asked that any photos taken by members that they would like to share – please send to her.

NEW BUSINESS: D. Lannigan spoke about the “new” ride challenge the 2024 riding season. He announced that this year riders will be riding to various establishments to sample chicken wings – to earn a patch. He asked if anyone has any suggestions on restaurants with great wings, to please email him with their suggestions before the next chapter meeting – scheduled for March 16, 2024.

- D. Lannigan shared that this year's challenge will focus on riding to 8 wing restaurants, instead of 10. There will be extra restaurants on the finalized list that will allow riders extra credit.
- B. Jones will be working on creating a patch for the chicken wing challenge of 2024.

D. Smith talked about the visit to the 911 Emergency Center attended by Primary and Secondary Officers and their significant others. He shared that the visit / tour was a success. He said that everyone had great questions; Staff at the 911 Center were impressed by Garden State's interest in the center. He 'thanked' GSH chapter for coming.

R. Breuninger also spoke about setting up a future Stop The Bleed course at the dealership; He said that everyone should consider attending a CPR, BLS and Stop the Bleed training session.

It was shared that 11th Hour Rescue is hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner show – Saturday, March 16 @ 4:30 PM at VASA PARK; \$60.00 per person; Tickets can be purchased at: ehrevents.org; Flyers were handed out.

Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2024

ADJOURMENT: 10:25 AM meeting was adjourned.

RAFFLE DRAWING: B. Worden-Spadone was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card.

There were additional giveaways: 2 picture frames and rain gear donated by M. Bishop.

*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan