

Chapter Membership Meeting
Harley Owners Group
Garden State Chapter
Morris County NJ
@ Garden State Harley Dealership
March 16, 2024

ATTENDEES

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

General Attendees

E. Amar	B. Bartick
R. Basile	S. Bischoff
M. Bishop	R. Blackwell
MA Breuninger	M. Chizmadia
S. Chizmadia	M. Cho
J. Christmas	C. Lanza
M. Delarusa	T. Deming
M. Gennari	A. Guadagnino
C. Hodges	R. Hui
K. Hunt	V. Kellett
D. Lannigan	D. Lawlor (guest)
S. Lawlor (guest)	M. McLoughlin
A. Paxton	D. Paxton
A. Perez	D. Peterson
G. Rafuse	P. Schneider
G. Seitz	V. Senia
F. Sieb	R. Sieb
A. Spadone	R. Tedesco Jr
A. Valdes	B. Worden-Spadone

Meeting Called to Order approx: 9:31 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by A. Guadagnino.

OPENING REMARKS / OFFICER REPORTS:

Assistant Director: R. Seitz opened the meeting with.... Good Morning...Advised members that he was stepping in on behalf of Director, R. Breuninger who was instructing at a "Stop the Bleed" class today.

- R. Seitz started off by reminding members that at the end of the meeting guest speaker, A. Prince would be giving a presentation on helping members recognize ways to improve their motorcycle insurance coverage.
- R. Seitz also spoke about upcoming chapter / charity rides (full listing of all rides will be posted on the chapter bulletin board inside the dealership; as well as the chapter website); 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. Seitz spoke about were:

- May 4 – Charity Ride (Celebrate the Children); 9:00 AM Registration; KSU @ 11:00 AM
 - May 18 – Chapter Ride to Nashville, TN; Still time to sign-up; April 15 is the “deadline” to sign-up for this trip; R. Seitz reminded members to see G. Seitz regarding tour details... So far there are 23 registered riders.
 - May 25 – Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade
 - May 27 – Chapter Ride; KSU @ 10:00 AM
 - June 8 – Charity Ride (Puppy Rescue)
 - July 20 – Charity Ride (Morris Plains Fire Department)
 - September 25 – Charity Ride (Eric C. Blohm); Registration 9:00 AM; KSU @ 11:00 AM
- R. Seitz reminded all members that volunteers will be needed, specifically regarding Charity Rides, to assist with parking / registration / grilling/cooking. MA Breuninger asked that members who might not have volunteered, in the past with regards to grilling/cooking, might volunteer to grill / cook for upcoming charity rides. This will allow some veteran members, who assist with grilling often, the ability to ride in a Charity Ride.
 - R. Seitz then announced J. Gallios would be taking over as the chapter’s Interim Photographer. J. Gallios was presented with the Photographer rocker. Congratulations to J. Gallios
 - Next - R. Seitz announced that National HOG likes to recognize/reward the people who are in officer roles, and the work that each officer contributes to the chapter. R. Seitz then presented each officer with a HOG plaque. Recipients of these plaques are: R. Breuninger – accepted by MA Breuninger; R. Seitz; DJ. Lannigan; B. Papetti; B. Gould and M. Durenberger.
 - R. Seitz spoke about the long distance overnight ride requirement which was recently announced at the February 2024 chapter meeting. He again shared that members who would like to take part in a long-distance overnight ride, must attend 3-chapter rides of 50 miles or more, prior to attending the overnight destination ride. He explained that this requirement DOES NOT pertain to a “passenger”. He stated that this ride requirement is permanent (will not change). IT’S ALL ABOUT SAFETY.

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.

Secretary: DJ Lannigan shared that chapter hats have been ordered and that they may be in by the next chapter meeting. She also asked if any member knows of a member who may be experiencing a life event... we as a chapter would like show “we care” by reaching out to that member – so please let her know.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Head Road Captain: B. Gould announced a “new” road captain,, M. Bishop. M. Bishop was presented with Road Captain rockers / patches. Congratulations to M. Bishop.

- B. Gould also handed out “Willie G” pins to all road captains.
- B. Gould went over the upcoming chapter ride list; she stated that the list will be posted on the chapter bulletin board at the dealership, posted in weekly emails to chapter members, as well as on the chapter website. She also assured members that the 50-mile ride requirement can be easily met.
- B. Gould announced that the first official chapter ride is scheduled for April 6, 2024.

Membership Officer: D. Borowsky shared as of present the chapter has 108 paid/active members recorded.

- D. Borowsky introduced a new member: M. Vogt; favorite color is blue; rides a street glide and road king.
- D. Borowsky reminded all non-Harley riders, who’s National HOG membership will be coming up for renewal, of the change in the National HOG membership platform, and that non-Harley riders will need to sign up for the “passenger” membership which costs \$59.00, if they want to continue to be a part of the chapter, or any local chapter.

Safety Officer: H. Olbrich stated that in March 12 chapter email, email contained “links” to access pre-ride bike tips... i.e. T-CLOCS Pre-Ride Inspection and H-D Spring Maintenance Tips. Suggested members visit these sites to ensure bikes are ready for the upcoming riding season.

- H. Olbrich also brought safety handouts for members which included: Packing list for long trips, Trip Checklist cards; and Safety Tip Cards

- H. Olbrich also mentioned some spare parts that members might want to consider putting on their bikes – especially when going on a long distance / overnight ride: spare kickstand spring; wire ties; duct tape; clutch cable.

Historian: J. Gennarelli announced that June 1, 2024 there will be a chapter ride to Skylands Stadium to watch a baseball game (Miners vs. Jackals); tickets are \$14.00 a piece; game starts at 6:00 PM. He also spoke about “Life In NJ” book that will be published and that a chapter group photo taken on June 6, 2023 chapter ride, will be published in book.

Webmaster: M. Durenberger was absent.

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

Photographer: J. Gallios had no information to share.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wing Challenge: D. Lannigan started off by thanking MA Breuninger for her hard work / design of the Wing Challenge flyer.

- He also shared that this year’s challenge will focus on riding to 6 wing establishments; trying to keep them primarily in North Jersey area.
- He shared what restaurants have been identified in this year’s challenge.
- He also reminded all members that when they visit a designated restaurant, members should take a picture of themselves in front of the sign. All pictures should be sent to membership@gardenstatehogchpater.com ; and to please send all pictures at once – not one at a time.
- Member M. Gennari suggested a wing establishment in the New Hope area... called Patriots Crossing on Titusville. B. Gould will look into establishing this as a possible future chapter ride.

OLD BUSINESS: nothing to report.

Last Items:

R. Seitz talked about the need for road captains. Encouraged anyone who has an interest in possibly becoming a road captain to see B. Gould to express their interest. R. Seitz shared some requirements about what is expected of a road captain: time to layout routes, and be somewhat proficient on your bike.

Chapter sang “Happy Birthday” to F. Sieb & R. Hui.

Next.... guest speaker A. Prince gave a presentation on the proper motorcycle insurance coverage members should have. He understands the special circumstances that riders face on the road. As an attorney, he knows the law specific to motorcycle riding. Very informative. Members were also given an opportunity to share with A. Prince their insurance dec pages for his review and recommendations.

Finally- MA Breuninger concluded the meeting with a St. Patrick’s Day fact.

Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2024

ADJOURNMENT: 10:32 AM meeting was adjourned.

RAFFLE DRAWING: B. Tedesco was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card. Ticket #1801476

*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan