

Chapter Membership Meeting
Harley Owners Group
Garden State Chapter
Morris County NJ
@ Garden State Harley Dealership
April 20, 2024

ATTENDEES

Director/Road Captain:	R. Breuninger
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

S. Almeida	J. Andersen
B. Bartick	V. Belcastro
M. Bishop	R. Blackwell
MA Breuninger	M. Chizmadia
M. Cho	M. Delarusa
P. Fortunato	P. Gallios
M. Gennari	C. Hodges
R. Hui	C. Irula
M. Irula	B. Jones
D. Lannigan	S. Lawlor
M. Mania	J. Parisi
A. Paxton	D. Paxton
DJ Peterson	DA Ryan
D. Ryan	J. Sagarese
P. Schneider	G. Seitz
F. Sieb	R. Sieb
D. Smith Jr	N. Smith
S. Smith	A. Spadone
A. Valdes	M. Vogt
B. Worden-Spadone	

Meeting Called to Order approx: 9:30 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by D. Smith Jr.

OPENING REMARKS / OFFICER REPORTS:

Director: R. Breuninger opened the meeting announcing that today's chapter meeting would move at a faster pace due to an MSF presentation being presented at the end of the meeting, and the need for time for this presentation.

- R. Breuninger inquired with chapter members if anyone updated their insurance policies due to the insurance presentation that was given by A. Prince at the March chapter meeting. There were some members who shared that they did update their policies.

- R. Breuninger went over some dates of upcoming chapter / charity rides (full listing of all rides are posted on the chapter bulletin board inside the dealership; as well as the chapter website):
 - o May 4 – Charity Ride (Celebrate the Children); 9:00 AM Registration; KSU @ 11:00 AM (motor police have been confirmed)
 - o May 11 – Chapter Meeting
 - o May 18 – Chapter Ride to Nashville, TN (KSU @ 8 AM from dealership)
 - o May 25 – Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade
 - o June 8 – Charity Ride (Puppy Rescue)
 - o July 20 – Charity Ride (Morris Plains Fire Department)
 - o September 25 – Charity Ride (Eric C. Blohm); Registration 9:00 AM; KSU @ 11:00 AM

- R. Breuninger then inquired with chapter members as to who is, and who is not, familiar with “Ride Like a Pro” and/or “Pro Rider” Courses? He explained that for these courses you bring your own bike, classes are typically 4 to 7 hours depending on which program you sign up for. Courses are designed to help the novice rider with proper motorcycle techniques, etc. He took a poll of interested chapter members to sign up for a “Pro Rider” course; since he had at least 12 interested members, and he will look into scheduling a “Pro Rider” course. He also explained that the cost for Pro Rider courses runs about \$150 to \$175; where the Ride Like a Pro course can run about \$250. R. Breuninger also explained the Ride Like a Pro courses teach basic “police” techniques.

Assistant Director: R. Seitz opened piggy backing on R. Breuninger’s comments about the “Pro Rider” course stating that the course is a valuable course to take; encouraging members to sign up.

- R. Seitz then announced that the Nashville Trip is CLOSED; there will be 22 riders and 30 participants. Anyone who did not sign up at this point will be going to Chattanooga - haha. Ride is leaving the dealership at 8 AM; Details regarding the trip will be sent out again; Route will be shared with anyone going on the trip who requests route information. R. Seitz then gave a big “THANK YOU” to G. Seitz on all the work she did in putting together the Nashville trip from hotels to tours, etc. R. Seitz announced that D. Ryan & D. Lannigan will be his wingmen for the ride; DA Ryan will be the sweep; G. Seitz his 911 caller.

Treasurer: B. Papetti provided the current balance in the chapter’s bank account. Account is in good standing. B. Papetti announced that chapter hats are in. A. Paxton was our hat model.

Secretary: DJ Lannigan had no information to share.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Head Road Captain: B. Gould announced there are “5” rides until the Nashville trip. All rides are over the 50 mile requirement to attend the Nashville trip.

- B. Gould spoke briefly about the new ride crisscross procedure that all riders need to follow when a rider leaves the ride.
- B. Gould also reminded riders to make sure they get their bikes serviced before Nashville. She also suggested that riders put together a small tool bag with essential tools that might be needed.

Membership Officer: D. Borowsky shared as of present the chapter has 115 paid/active members recorded.

- D. Borowsky introduced new member: P. Fortunato (welcome back); favorite color is blue; rides a 2019 Police Electra Glide; new member – J. Andersen; favorite color is blue; rides a 2022 Heritage; and new member – N. Smith; favorite color white; rides 3 bikes with one of the bikes being a Harley lowrider.

Safety Officer: H. Olbrich stated... “What a good turnout for the chapter meeting”; he announced that the roads were drying up for today’s chapter ride. He encouraged riders going to Nashville to get together and talk about the tools that everyone is taking to Nashville. H. Olbrich also announced that currently all the shelves in the grocery stores, that house all snacks like chips / crackers, etc are empty due to today being “national POT Day.”

Historian: J. Gennarelli shared that the PowerPoint presentation being shown was of former Director / Road Captain, G. Molitor. He shared G. Molitor’s history with the chapter from his director days to being

a impressive road captain. He also shared how G. Molitor took his enthusiasm for riding motorcycles to the State of Florida where he continues to ride with a Florida Harley group.

- J. Gennarelli also suggested that riders going to Nashville might bring a manual of Nashville to help with navigating the city.
- J. Gennarelli also announced that he would be at the Presbyterian Church in Ogdensburg, NJ during the evening of April 20, where he would be singing and playing guitar for anyone who might be interested – all invited.

Webmaster: M. Durenberger was absent.

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

Photographer: J. Gallios asked that anyone sending pictures to be posted, to please send pictures to her in a “text”.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wing Challenge: R. Breuninger just reminded everyone of the Wing 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.
- D. Lannigan shared that one of the destinations... Sharky’s has allot of wing flavors to choose from.

OLD BUSINESS: nothing to report.

Last Items:

M. Mania shared with the chapter that he is associated with the PUPPY RESCUE that chapter is having a charity ride for on June 8th. He shared that the organization is very happy Garden State is involved. He will share with the Puppy Rescue Organization how Garden State will handle the route / food / registration and parking. He also said there will be gift baskets as giveaways, etc.

J. Gallios then gave a presentation on group riding; the slide show was thru MSF program.

Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2024

ADJOURMENT: 10:39 AM meeting was adjourned.

RAFFLE DRAWING: J. Gallios was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card. Ticket #1801492

*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan