

Chapter Membership Meeting  
Harley Owners Group  
Garden State Chapter  
Morris County NJ  
@ Garden State Harley Dealership  
July 12, 2025

**ATTENDEES**

Director/Road Captain:	R. Seitz
Assistant Director/Road Captain:	M. Chizmadia
Treasurer/Road Captain:	MA Breuninger
Secretary:	DJ Lannigan
Head Road Captain:	D. Paxton
Photographer/Road Captain:	J. Gallios
Webmaster/Road Captain:	M. Durenberger
Historian/Road Captain:	R. Hall ( <i>absent</i> )
Membership/Activity Officer:	D. Borowsky
Safety Officer:	R. Breuninger
AMA Rep:	D. Bannon ( <i>absent</i> )

**General Attendees**

M. Bishop	S. Chizmadia
E. Cohen	M. Delarosa
E. Demming	T. Demming
W. Drake	P. Gallios
J. Gennarelli	J. Gennari
M. Gennari	C. Irula
M. Irula	D. Lannigan
J. Larkin	M. Mania
M. Marden	G. Moore
T. Nicolicchia	J. Parisi
A. Paxton	A. Perez
J. Sagarese	M. Schattner
P. Schneider	G. Seitz
V. Senia	D. Smith Jr
J. Weinheimer	

**Meeting Called to Order approx: 9:01 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chapter Member M. Irula.**

**OPENING REMARKS / OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Director:** R. Seitz opened the meeting with "Welcome everybody... and just like that.... It's July".

R. Seitz next stated that he had an announcement that he wanted to share from B. Gould's Mother. She wanted to express her heartfelt THANKS to everyone who attended the memorial ride. She wanted to make sure everyone is being "thanked" for being there.

Next he talked about the CTC (Celebrate the Children) Charity ride – which was rescheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Turns out the August 23<sup>rd</sup> date is not going to work out, so Randi is currently working with CTC to set up a new date – stay tuned.

R. Seitz next said a HUGE “Thank You” was in order to Assistant Director M. Chizmadia and Member S. Chizmadia for putting together the Howe Caverns Overnight Trip. This trip was an extremely well organized and very well-handled ride. It was so much fun and was a pleasure to be there. He also shared that Assistant Director M. Chizmadia has now made it into a very special club of.... “U-Turners”. And WE LOVE IT.

R. Seitz next shared how happy he was regarding the turnout for the July 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter Ride to Franks Pizza. There were 29 riders in total; it was a 2-hour ride; 52 miles; no hiccups; it was a pleasure leading everyone on that ride.

He next shared that Louie from “Parts” was supposed to be the Guest Speaker at today’s meeting. Louie was going to introduce a product from Custom Dynamics... “hazard flashers”. R. Seitz said that the flashers are really nice / really bright / very well built – but unfortunately, Louie sold them all. So Louie is being scheduled for the next chapter meeting to talk about / demonstrate this product.

- Flashers cost approx. \$27.00 each
- Flashers have a magnet / hanger
- Can be put on the floor
- Flashers are waterproof
- Flashers are crush resistant.

It’s a product that’s worth looking into / investing in.

R. Seitz also shared that the Dealership has a new motor clothes associate. Her name is Nicki. Please stop by and say Hello / Welcome.

R. Seitz next said that Membership / Activity Officer D. Borowsky had 2 short announcements that she wanted to share with the Chapter.

- First, she reminded all members that the year-end party is being held on November 15<sup>th</sup> at “IL Palazzo” which is located in Wanaque, NJ. Price is \$50.00 per person. Payment can be made in cash / check / credit card. Party starts at 6 PM and will end approx. 9 / 10 PM.. Member M. Bishop will be DJ’ing the evening.
- Next she shared that the Dealership is selling raffle tickets for the Morris Plains Fire Association. Raffle Tickets cost \$1.00 each. First price is \$5,000. Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket please see Randi / Nicki at the motor clothes counter.

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**Assistant Director:** M. Chizmadia shared with members how special the Howe Caverns trip was and that he also wanted to give a heartfelt “THANK YOU” to his wife / member S. Chizmadia for all the coordination / behind the scenes work that she did in making this a truly amazing trip. He also recommended to anyone who hasn’t gone to Howe Caverns – that they should go; it’s a beautiful place... and if you do stay there the motel was antiseptic clean; rooms were very well kept. Staff treated the Chapter so nice.

He also talked about how Howe Caverns wrote a very nice article about the Chapter w/a picture of Member K. McCoy Jr. and his girlfriend, K. Sheedy. He asked DJ Lannigan to share with members the special moment that took place while at Howe Caverns. Secretary DJ Lannigan shared that her son K. McCoy Jr and his girlfriend K. Sheedy got engaged.

He next “THANKED” Safety Office R. Breuninger who helped all riders make a U-Turn on a gravel road – after taking a wrong turn. Lastly he “THANKED” Road Captain D. Lannigan who was the tail gunner for this trip. WAS A GREAT TRIP.

Next, he announced that for any member who hadn’t contributed to the Feed the Pig pot, and still wants to... please see S. Chizmadia. Feed the Pig pot balance was \$119.00 before the start of the meeting.

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**Secretary:** DJ Lannigan shared that chapter shirts are in. So please see her to collect your shirt. She also shared that Large Rockers which were also ordered, have not yet arrived.

She also reminded chapter members to please continue to keep your National HOG Membership current.

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**Treasurer:** MA Breuninger provided the current balance in the chapter's bank account to be in good standing. All expenses have been paid (shirts / rockers / deposit for year-end dinner).

She also reminded anyone interested in attending the year-end dinner to please see her. She can accept check / credit card or cash.

She also announced that she has filed the annual charity non-profit certificate. So the Chapter is up-to-date.

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**Head Road Captain:** D. Paxton shared some upcoming ride information:

- Today's ride is to Chimney Rock; 30 miles; this is the original "Clear the Cobwebs" ride
- July 27<sup>th</sup>, Ride to Sparta Dinner; 7:30 AM KSU
- August 3<sup>rd</sup>; Jefferson Dinner; 8:00 AM KSU
- August 9<sup>th</sup>; Apple Valley Ride; 10:30 AM KSU
- August 10<sup>th</sup>; Coopersburg Diner; with an Ice Cream stop after
- August 16<sup>th</sup>; Buck Hill Brewery
- CTC Charity Ride - TBD – Dealership is currently working with CTC on new date

D. Paxton next asked that for any member who will be attending a chapter ride, to please ensure that you are present for the briefing talk. Briefing talks contain useful information about the ride that members should know about like what to expect; if there are any challenging turns, etc. D. Paxton said that for those that don't attend a briefing, that member may be asked not to participate in the ride. Road Captains will have the final say if a member arrives late – will they be allowed to join the ride or not. Also he reminded all members to come with a full tank of gas and an empty bladder.

He also spoke about the "two second gap" when riding. He said "let's make sure we keep that going"; "let's try to avoid sling shoving". "Let's do our best to keep up". He explained what the two second gap means - the two second gap is the space between you and the person riding directly in front of you. He asked that if any rider notices another rider falling back, please encourage that rider to speed up to close the gap.

Lastly, he shared that any "new" member to the chapter, or if a member is bringing someone who has not ridden with the chapter, that new member or member and their guest will be asked to ride at the front of the pack.

He just wants to ensure everyone continues to have fun and ride safe.

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**Safety Officer:** R. Breuninger asked members if they were familiar with a "blind spot monitoring system". He explained that this system is installed on most newer cars. What it does is it alerts a driver, using a light indicator in the side mirrors of the car, that a vehicle of some sort, is approaching / passing them – on either side. What this monitoring system "may" not do is pick up a motorcycle. So if you have one of these systems in your car, just beware that it may not pick up a passing motorcycle.

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**Webmaster:** M. Durenberger thanked everyone who contributes to the newsletter.

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**Membership Officer:** D. Borowsky shared the current number of active/paid members stand.... at 112.

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**Historian:** R. Hall was absent.

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**Photographer:** J. Gallios said similar to Assistant Director M. Chizmadia – thank you for all the pictures received from the Howe Caverns trip. She also asked that any member that attends chapter rides and takes their own pictures, she would be more than happy to post them on the Garden State site – if they text the pictures to her.

Treasurer MA Breuninger asked that any members who have been out riding on their own, or with a small group might want to share with the Chapter any pictures they take while on their ride. This would give not only members, but Road Captains ideas of other places that rides can be planned for. Pictures can also be placed on the bulletin board at the Dealership. It's allot of fun to see where members are riding and what they are doing.

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**AMA Rep:** D. Bannon had nothing to report.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**No Old Business**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**No New Business**

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**Feed the Pig” lottery was held.** Pot currently stands at \$154.00. Random picker selected number 79. Number 79 was assigned to Member H. Olbrich, who was NOT present at today’s chapter meeting, so therefore the pot will roll over to the next chapter meeting scheduled for August 16, 2025.

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**Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2025**

**ADJOURMENT: 9:25 AM meeting was adjourned.**

**RAFFLE DRAWING:** J. Gennarelli was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card. Red Ticket #34738-318

\*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan