

Chapter Membership Meeting  
Harley Owners Group  
Garden State Chapter  
Morris County NJ  
@ Garden State Harley Dealership  
May 17, 2025

**ATTENDEES**

Director/Road Captain:	R. Seitz
Ass't. Director/Road Captain:	M. Chizmadia
Treasurer/Road Captain:	MA Breuninger ( <i>absent</i> )
Secretary:	DJ Lannigan
Head Road Captain:	D. Paxton
Photographer/Road Captain:	J Gallios ( <i>absent</i> )
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

**General Attendees**

L. Bakelmun	V. Belcastro
D. Butkovich	S. Chizmadia
M. Delarosa	P. Fortunato
J. Gennarelli	J. Gennari
M. Gennari	A. Gibbon
R. Hui	C. Irula
M. Irula	B. Jones
J. Jones	V. Kellett
D. Lannigan	M. Mania
M. Marden	T. Nicolicchia
J. Parisi	A. Paxton
A. Perez	J. Sagarese
G. Seitz	N. Smith
J. Vorrasi	J. Weinheimer

**Guests**

G. DeSousa	R. DeSousa
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**Meeting Called to Order approx: 9:05 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chapter Member M. Irula.**

**OPENING REMARKS / OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Director:** R. Setiz opened the meeting with "Welcome everybody to our May Chapter Meeting".... He next shared how Mother Nature has not been kind with "this year's riding season" so far, but she did give us some beautiful weather for last Saturday's chapter ride to Willie McBrides, which was led by Head Road Captain D. Paxton; who led the chapter on some beautiful roads. He next thanked everyone who participated in that chapter ride.

R. Seitz next gave a huge shout-out...“Thank You”.... to MA and R. Breuninger for hosting and setting up a Cone Crusher session a few weeks back. It was a huge success and “thank you” to everyone who came out and participated.

R. Seitz next announced that there will be “no” guest speaker from Celebrate the Children for today's meeting. He did however announce that Garden State will still be hosting the Celebrate the Children Charity ride that is scheduled for June 7, 2025. Volunteers will be needed for parking, registration (possibly), assist dealership with table / chair set-up, etc. Anyone who can volunteer should be at the dealership by 8:30 AM. R. Seitz stated that if any members are needed to assist with grill duty, please look to the weekly email blasts for information as we get closer.

R. Seitz also reminded members about the upcoming Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 24, 2025. Anyone who wants to participate in the Parade, please arrive at the dealership before 8:30 AM; KSU at 8:30. Need to be at the staging area by 9:00 AM. Assistant Director M. Chizmadia will be leading ride to the staging area.

He next spoke about the B. Gould memorial ride being held on Sunday, May 18, 2025.

- Chapter, Rescue Riders and a few outsider riders will be the only riders in attendance. Ride was not made public.
- He stated that attendance is expected to be about 30 to 40 riders, so all Road Captains have been asked to participate in the ride – if they can.
- He explained the following: MA Breuninger will be lead road captain for this ride; She and R. Breuninger will be in the front of the group.
- Next will be G. Seitz, who will be taking B. Gould's Mother, as a passenger, riding her Can-Am.
- Road Captains and Rescue Riders should be spread throughout the group.
- R. Seitz will be the sweep along with a secondary sweep.
- Head Road Captain, D. Paxton asked members if they see a Road Captain trying to advance in the pack, please let them pass. The reason for this is it will allow the pack to stay on course if the pack gets separated by a traffic light, etc. Road Captains will have the route and can assist with keeping the pack on course.
- KSU at 10:30 AM.

Next... Member B. Jones handed out stickers that she made for the B. Gould Memorial Ride. She also passed out leftover B. Gould patches for any member who wanted / needed one.

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**Assistant Director:** M. Chizmadia next spoke about the Howe Caverns Trip, which is scheduled for June 20, 21 & 22, 2025. He shared that there are approx. 23 people who are going. He reminded members who may be interested, but have not signed up, you need to contact the Hotel by May 30th. He next shared that the ride up will be primarily backroads; 176 miles - approx 4 hours 7 minutes; will be stopping about every 90 minutes for bathroom breaks; gas fill-ups, etc.

- Check-in at the Hotel is 4 PM
- The Hotel does have a cafeteria on premise which serves only breakfast / lunch – no dinner. He shared that he has information on places that serve dinner, which will be shared via email blast. Be aware that some establishments only take Reservations (ex: Bulls Head Inn).
- On Saturday – Cavern Tour begins at 10:00 AM; so need to meet in lobby by 9:30. Tour ends about 11:30 AM
- M. Chizmadia is planning a ride to Cooperstown, NY for the afternoon (40 minutes or so)
- Will ride back together to Howe Caverns and spend the evening at the Hotel grounds.
- Sunday – leave to return home

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**Secretary:** DJ Lannigan shared that the current shirt order stands at 23. So Chapter is almost there with meeting the minimum requirement to place an order. If any additional orders are taken at today's meeting, DJ Lannigan will place an order. If the minimum order requirement is not met, hoping to place the order after June Chapter Meeting.

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

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**Treasurer:** In the absence of MA Breuninger, R. Breuninger provided the current balance in the chapter's bank account to be in good standing.

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

- Memorial Day Parade Ride – May 24<sup>th</sup>
- May 31<sup>st</sup> Ride to Alaskan Pete's
- CTC Charity Ride, June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Jefferson Diner Ride (Breakfast Ride); June 14<sup>th</sup>; KSU 8 AM
- Jim Thorpe Ride (June 28<sup>th</sup>)

He next briefly spoke about SENA device updates and how it will change your MESH channels. Be aware.

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**Safety Officer:** R. Breuninger "thanked" all who signed up for the Ride Like a Pro class scheduled for Sunday, May 18, 2025. He announced that the class is full. .

He next shared that 6 inches is how much contact a rider has between their motorcycle and the ground... 3 inches per wheel. So how important is tire pressure??? Stupid Important... So make the effort to ensure your tire pressures are set properly per your motorcycle manuals.

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**Webmaster:** M. Durenberger shared that for any new members – when accessing the website, you don't need to "log-in"... you should just be able to access it.

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**Membership Officer:** D. Borowsky shared the current number of active/paid members stand.... at 110.

- She welcomed newest member T. Nicolichia... who's favorite color is green; Rides and 2007 Electra Glide.
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**Historian:** R. Hall was absent.

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**Photographer:** J. Gallios was absent.

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

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Member / Road Captain, D. Lannigan** handed out flyers of “things to do” for the June 28<sup>th</sup> chapter ride scheduled to the Town of Jim Thorpe, PA (Little Switzerland). This ride is considered a destination ride, so mostly highways will be traveled to get to Jim Thorpe. MA Breuninger will be leading the ride. Ride will be leaving the Dealership at 9:00 AM.

Upon arrival in Jim Thorpe, chapter members will have lunch, then members can do several things:

- Continue Riding
- Return Home
- Go On a Scenic Train Ride
- Go On a Scenic Trolley Ride
- Go on a haunted prison tour
- Shopping

Whatever you would like. If a member decides to stay and enjoy the day there will be a 5 PM leave time where members can ride back together as a chapter to return home.

One more stop on the way home will be at the Biggest General Store in the country and then continue on home. There is paved parking in the train parking lot to park motorcycles. Costs \$25.00 per spot and 2 bikes can share one spot.

This will be a LONG Day.

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**Feed the Pig” lottery was held.** Pot currently stands at \$122.00. Random picker selected number 91. Number 91 was assigned to Member P. Schneider, who was NOT present at today’s chapter meeting, so therefore the pot will roll over to the next chapter meeting scheduled for June 21, 2025.

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**\*\*\* R. Seitz did confirm that there WILL be a June Chapter Meeting even with members being away attending the Howe’s Cavern Trip.**

**Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2025**

**ADJOURMENT: 9:36 AM meeting was adjourned.**

**RAFFLE DRAWING:** M. Gennari was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card. Red Ticket #34738-281

\*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan