

Chapter Membership Meeting
Harley Owners Group
Garden State Chapter
Morris County NJ
@ Garden State Harley Dealership
August 16, 2025

ATTENDEES

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

General Attendees

B. Bartick	R. Basile
M. Bishop	R. Blackwell
D. Butkovich	DA Butkovich
C. Carreira	M. Cho
E. Cohen	M. Delarusa
W. Drake	P. Gallios
J. Gennarelli	J. Gennari
M. Gennari	R. Hui
K. Hunt	C. Irula
M. Irula	J. LaMarca
D. Lannigan	T. Nicolicchia
J. Parisi	A. Paxton
A. Perez	A. Protin
J. Sagarese	M. Schattner
P. Schneider	D. Smith Jr
N. Smith	J. Vorrasi
J. Weinheimer	

Meeting Called to Order approx: 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chapter Member D. Smith Jr.

OPENING REMARKS / OFFICER REPORTS:

Director: R. Seitz opened the meeting with "Welcome... we made it to the August chapter meeting, how about that".

R. Seitz shared that for him this season seems to be moving quickly, only because the chapter really didn't get to ride in the beginning of the season because of all the bad weather experienced. He next

shared how glad he was for the few good weekends we are now experiencing, in late Summer, and being able to see scheduled chapter rides happen.

R. Seitz next talked about the recent completion of 3 Dinner challenge rides:

- Jefferson Diner
- Tick Tock Diner
- Coopersburg Diner

He reminded chapter members there is still time to visit other Diners named in the challenge to achieve the Diner Ride Challenge patch.

- Challenge ends in October
- In order to qualify for a patch, 6 of the 10 named Diners need to be visited
- Members can go on their own, or visit a diner via a chapter ride (if one is planned)
- Don't forget to take a picture of yourself with the name of the Diner in the background (pics should be sent to Membership / Activity Officer D. Borowsky to obtain credit).

He next shared that today's meeting was running a little lean with regards to the absence of several Officers – Treasurer, MA Breuninger and Safety Officer, R. Breuninger, who were attending their son's wedding, and Assistant Director, M. Chizmadia who was at a family function. He shared that today's meeting will be brief / there's not much to share/discuss especially as we begin the "wind down" of the riding season.

R. Seitz next "Thanked" Road Captain, P. Gallios for leading the ride today – there was originally nothing scheduled on the calendar... "So thanks again to P. Gallios for putting a ride together – much appreciated".

R. Seitz next shared that Chapter Member A. Paxton was handling / managing "Feed the Pig" lottery for today's meeting in Assistant Director M. Chizmadia's absence. Balance from last month's meeting was \$154.00 – so he will announce the "new" balance shortly.

He next wanted to thank "all the Road Captains" who have put rides on the calendar for Saturdays / Sundays. ""Let's face it without our Road Captains and our Sweeps – we have no rides – so again "Thank You" for all that you do, and also a huge "Thanks" to Head Road Captain, D. Paxton for all you do as the "LEAD" of this team"".

R. Seitz asked that because Treasurer MA Breuninger was not in attendance today, any merchandise purchases can only be made in cash or check (only today). Once MA Breuninger returns purchases can be made using a credit card. He next provided the current balance in the chapter's bank account to be: in good standing.

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Assistant Director: M. Chizmadia was absent.

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Treasurer: MA Breuninger was absent.

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Secretary: DJ Lannigan again shared that chapter shirts are in. So for anyone who ordered a shirt and has not picked it up, please see her to collect your shirt. She also shared that because the minimum order requirement for the "Chapter Name Tags" was not met, she will speak with Treasurer MA Breuninger to have those members who ordered and paid for a name tag – refunded. She indicated that again next year members will have the opportunity to order name tags, short and long sleeve shirts and possibly sweatshirts.

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

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Head Road Captain: D. Paxton started off with saying that he didn't have much but he wanted to say "Thanks" to the Road Captains who led rides recently: J. Gallios who led for Mt. Fuji; R. Seitz – Frank's Pizza; M. Bishop – Coopersburg Diner; R. Hall – Apple Valley; M. Durenberger – Jefferson Diner; P. Gallios for leading today's chapter ride and also for the ride he led to the Brownstone Diner.

He next shared some upcoming ride information:

- August 23 - Ride will be to Table 9... led by Head Road Captain D. Paxton
- Ride will be scheduled for Labor Day weekend; Road Captain M. Bishop is working out details; Will be a Covered Bridge Tour (all day ride) – more details to come.

D. Paxton again reminded all members who will be attending a chapter ride, to please ensure that you are present for the safety briefing talk. Briefing talks contain useful information about the ride so members know what to expect; if there are any challenging turns, etc. D. Paxton said that for those that don't or are late to 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 – as to if that member will 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. So please try to arrive at the dealership at least 15 minutes before KSU.

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Safety Officer: R. Breuninger was absent

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

He reported 89% of the folks that receive the newsletter – open it. He feels that part of the reason for the higher stats is because folks who in previous years bought a motorcycle, not necessarily wanting to join a local HOG chapter, got added to the email distribution. So he believes this may be keeping the stats a bit higher.

When time permits...M. Durenberger will further investigate to see "who" is not opening the newsletter.

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Membership Officer: D. Borowsky shared the current number of active/paid members stand.... at 114.

D. Borowsky next welcomed new member - A. Protin; who's favorite color is blue / black and rides a 2023 Ultra Limited; his spouse also just bought a 2025 Tri-Glide.

D. Borowsky also reminded members that the year-end party is being held on Saturday, November 15th 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.. Lots of delicious food. Chapter Member M. Bishop will be DJ'ing the evening. There will be prizes (giveaway's).

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Historian: R. Hall is currently working a project that consists of members who were around when Garden State was formed.

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Photographer: J. Gallios was asked "what cha got"??? Her response was "lots and lots of pictures"....

She next announced that she is trying to plan a night ride probably towards end of September 2025 to the Tik Tock Diner, in West Orange. Ride will be scheduled for a Friday night – more details to come.

She also shared that she is looking to plan a full day ride to one of the diner challenge locations in Connecticut. J. Gallios indicated that this ride can be an all-day ride or even an overnight ride for any member who may want to stay overnight and come home next day. More details to come.

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AMA Rep: D. Bannon shared that Service / Safety Awards have been ordered and will arrive before year-end dinner.

R. Seitz next asked members to start thinking about who they feel would be a good recipient for this year's AMA Service and/or Safety Awards – which will be announced at the year-end dinner. Please keep in mind that MA and R. Breuninger were the recipients last year, so they are not eligible this year.

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OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

Chapter Member J. Gennarelli announced that on Sunday, September 28 there will be a ride to the Hawthorne Gun Club. Members can bring their own gun/ammunition; there will be several certificated safety instructors on site to assist any new shooters. Afterwards lunch will be at Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza.

*****Director R. Seitz reminded anyone riding to the gun club with their own gun/ammo, NJ Law requires gun needs to be locked, unloaded; ammo needs to be in different saddle bag from the gun – LOCKED. Make sure "gun magazines" are not loaded; make sure everything is empty, separate and locked.*

Chapter Member D. Smith Jr shared that Morris Plains Police Dept just bought a used police motor. It's a 2013. He next shared that this organization has gone out of their way, many times, in helping the Chapter with escorting on rides the Chapter has hosted, etc. Bike was ridden as a police motor; it still has the original ball and socket shift link adjustment. So the HOG chapter is going to donate a high joint shift lever for them. When the part comes in D. Smith Jr will get a picture of the bike/Sargent who will be riding it. This is a little bit of a payback to MPPD for all they have done for the Chapter.

He also announced that he has a Chrome X50 Flag Mount for sale – make him an offer. Reason he is selling his current mount is because it's chrome, and his new bike the crash bars / luggage rack, etc.... everything is black – not chrome. Flag mounts / flags can be purchased at: www.X50FlagMounts.com
Chapter Member K. Hunt had extra cards for X50 – which he provided to any member that wanted one.

The Chapter also sang ""Happy Birthday"" to Chapter Member R. Hall... hope you had a wonderful birthday R. Hall.

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Feed the Pig" lottery was held. Pot currently stands at \$187.00. Random picker selected number 1. Number 1 was assigned to Member E. Amar, who was NOT present at today's chapter meeting, so therefore the pot will roll over to the next chapter meeting scheduled for September 20, 2025.

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Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2025

ADJOURMENT: 9:27 AM meeting was adjourned.

RAFFLE DRAWING: M. Delarusa was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card. Red Ticket #34738-335.

*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan