

Chapter Membership Meeting
Harley Owners Group
Garden State Chapter
Morris County NJ
@ Garden State Harley Dealership
September 20, 2025

ATTENDEES

Director/Road Captain:	R. Seitz
Assistant Director/Road Captain:	M. Chizmadia (<i>absent</i>)
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

B. Bartick	M. Bishop
D. Butkovich	E. Cohen
M. Delarusa	W. Drake
P. Fortunato	P. Gallios
J. Gennarelli	J. Gennari
M. Gennari	L. Horn
R. Hui	K. Hunt
B. Jones	J. Jones
J. LaMarca	D. Lannigan
M. Marden	T. Nicolicchia
A. Paxton	A. Perez
A. Protin	E. Protin
DA Ryan	DJ Ryan
J. Sagarese	G. Seitz
V. Senia	D. Smith Jr
N. Smith	V. Viglione

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 “Good Morning Everybody....Welcome to our September chapter meeting”.

R. Seitz next thanked all who attended the Friday night chapter ride (9/19/2025). He thanked Road Captains J. & P. Gallios....who led and swept this nighttime ride.

R. Seitz next shared that after today’s meeting, everyone is needed to get the room back in order; chairs stacked and wheeled outside/set-up; assist with parking, etc – all hands-on deck to provide assistance

where needed regarding today's Eric C. Blohm Charity ride which was being held after the meeting. He also shared that the Morris Plains Fire Department would be manning the grills /cooking.

R. Seitz next shared that the current Primary Officers have discussed, and voted, that the Head Road Captain position will be made a "Primary Officer" position. He went on to explain the rationale behind this decision/change... and about the incredible amount of responsibility the Head Road Captain position is accountable for. R. Seitz stated that the Head Road Captain position, (outside of the Director position), is the only other position that has people reporting to him/her, and holds meetings with people reporting to him/her. This position is responsible for all the routes / rides. He basically said..."This change was a long time coming". He emphasized the incredible amount of time/hours that not only D. Paxton currently does, but he also mentioned the Chapters past Head Road Captains, (B. Gould; D. Ryan) who also put in allot of hours / hard work to ensure Chapter Members experienced the best, most enjoyable rides... all keeping safety - at the forefront. He asked everyone to congratulate Head Road Captain, D. Paxton with moving into a Primary Officer role. He also mentioned that with creating a 5th Primary Officer position, this will allow for any decisions being voted in... the ability to have a "tiebreaker" vote.

R. Seitz next "welcomed back" Road Captains DA and D Ryan. Both these individuals are Chapter Members who relocated to North Carolina but decided to stay connected and continue to be members of Garden State HOG Chapter. They both are also continuing to stay in their roles as Road Captains so they can lead / sweep rides when they visit NJ with their motorcycles. He thanked both DA and D Ryan for the fantastic ride which they led/swept to Peddlers Village, the week before. He said "that it's so good to have you both back, even if it's for a little while".

R. Seitz next shared that Road Captain D. Ryan will be leading Sunday's ride, (9/21/2025), to the Forever Friends Charity Ride to Augusta. KSU 10:00 AM. He next announced that Road Captain D. Ryan will be also leading a ride down to Point Pleasant on Saturday, 9/27/2025.

He next announced that the "Feed the Pig" pot currently stands at \$224.00. He next shared that if no one wins at today's chapter meeting, or at the next 2 chapter meetings, there will be a final drawing at the Year-End party (11/15/2025). He emphasized that in order to be eligible to win the "Feed the Pig" pot, chapter members need contribute \$1.00, and be present. He stated that if there are no winners at the October or November Chapter Meetings there will be guaranteed winner at the Year-End party; **balance will NOT rollover into 2026.**

He next shared that on November 1st there will be Halloween Chapter ride led by Head Road Captain D. Paxton, in B. Gould's honor. This will be a yearly ride and this ride will only be led by the Head Road Captain in her honor. He shared this year's ride will be a fairly short ride; there will be a lunch stop and then the ride will return to the Dealership to coincide with their Halloween festivities; judging of decorated motorcycles, etc. There will be prizes for best decorated motorcycle.

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Assistant Director: M. Chizmadia was absent.

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Treasurer: MA Breuninger reported the Chapters bank account to be in good standing.

Again, she shared that anyone wanting to attend the Year End dinner, to please see her at the end of the meeting. She can accept – cash / check / credit card.

She also shared that for any Chapter Member who paid for a Chapter Name Tag this year, that member will be refunded the \$15.00 - paid. This is being done due to not meeting the required number of Name Tags to place an order with Norscot.

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Secretary: DJ Lannigan again reminded chapter members to please continue to keep your National HOG Membership current.

She also shared that next year there will be another Chapter Shirt /Name Tag Order that will be put together.

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Head Road Captain: D. Paxton started off with asking members to give a round of applause for all our Road Captains and all the hard work they are doing and the amazing rides they have done and are working on. He next shared the following:

- He “thanked” Road Captain / Webmaster M. Durenberger for leading today’s charity ride (Eric C. Blohm).
- He also “thanked” Road Captain D. Ryan for leading the ride to the final Forever Friends Ride (9/21/2025), and also for leading the ride to Jersey Shore BBQ scheduled for next Saturday, 9/27/2025.
- October 4th – is ride to Jim Thorpe
- He shared that Sunday, 10/5/2025 – will be the Hawthorne Gun Club ride.
- October 18th will be a chapter ride to the Jolly Onion.
- For those not attending Jim Thorpe ride on 10/4/2025, there will be a Cancer Charity Ride at Williams Harley in Lebanon; KSU at 11 AM.

And for anyone thinking about becoming a Road Captain, please see him.

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Safety Officer: R. Breuninger shared that Garden State HOG Chapter takes pride in being very safety oriented. He stressed the importance of arriving at least 30 minutes before KSU so there is time to say hello to fellow members and most importantly attend the safety talk. He stressed that for those members who miss the safety talk consistently... please know the Road Captains have the authority to make the decision if you will be able to attend the chapter ride – or not. Garden State HOG Chapter really takes pride in being a safe chapter – that is what we are known for.... and we have to keep it up.

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Webmaster: M. Durenberger informed Members that some of the Primary Officers have been receiving “SPAM” EMAILS. He asked all Members to be cautious when opening any emails. If it doesn’t look legitimate – it probably isn’t. Some pointers he gave:

- Don’t open up an email if email is a pressure type of email (asking for money)
- Do not click links – if you suspect link is funky
- Do not open attachments – if you suspect attachment is funky
- Always check senders email address if unsure email is legitimate; Address can show as Garden State HOG Chapter, but when you actually click on the address it comes up something very different.

He next asked that any Road Captains attending today’s Charity Ride to please see him after the meeting for quick huddle.

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Membership Officer: D. Borowsky shared the current number of active/paid members stand.... at 117.

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).

Director R. Seitz also asked members to start thinking about who they would like to nominate for AMA Service / Safety award.

D. Borowsky also asked Members who may have indoor (and even outdoor) activity ideas that they would like to do as a Chapter (bowling, etc), during the off season, please contact her.

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Historian: R. Hall was absent.

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Photographer: J. Gallios asked everyone to keep smiling. She also wanted to give a big “Thanks” to Member G. Seitz who has been instrumental in taking Chapter pictures in her absence.

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AMA Rep: D. Bannon was absent.

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OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

Chapter Member D. Lannigan again shared that October 4th is the ride to Jim Thorpe; KSU at 8 AM; Again, there are many activities to do in Jim Thorpe – so please visit their website to possibly book a tour ahead of time. He also shared that he has been in contact with Jim Thorpe’s parking commissioner who has graciously set aside 25 parking spots for the Chapter to park motorcycles in. He emphasized that members should try and double up or triple up in parking spaces – as Jim Thorpe at this time of year will be extremely busy. Cost per parking spot is \$25.00. He also shared with Members that he is unable to secure lunch reservations at any of the Jim Thorpe eateries, so everyone will be on their own with regards to getting their lunch. He shared that KSU to return home will be approximately 4 PM from Jim Thorpe – with a stop at the World’s Biggest General Store (approx. 1 hour) – lvg about 5 / 5:30 PM.

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Feed the Pig” lottery was held. Pot currently stands at \$224.00. Random picker selected number 64. Number 64 was assigned to Member V. Kellett, who was NOT present at today’s chapter meeting, so therefore the pot will roll over to the next chapter meeting scheduled for October 18, 2025.

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Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2025

ADJOURMENT: 9:31 AM meeting was adjourned.

RAFFLE DRAWING: R. Breuninger was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card. Red Ticket #34738-379.

*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan