

Chapter Membership Meeting
Harley Owners Group
Garden State Chapter
Morris County NJ
@ Garden State Harley Dealership
November 15, 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 (<i>absent</i>)
Webmaster/Road Captain:	M. Durenberger
Historian/Road Captain:	R. Hall
Membership/Activity Officer:	D. Borowsky
Safety Officer:	R. Breuninger
AMA Rep:	D. Bannon (<i>absent</i>)

General Attendees

L. Bakelmun	B. Bartick
G. Berry	R. Blackwell
D. Butkovich	DA Butkovich
S. Chizmadia	E. Cohen
M. Delarosa	J. Gennarelli
R. Hui	K. Hunt
M. Irula	B. Jones
J. Jones	V. Kellett
D. Lannigan	M. Marden
T. Nicolicchia	H. Olbrich
B. Papetti	A. Paxton
A. Protin	E. Protin
DA Ryan	D. Ryan
J. Sagarese	G. Seitz
D. Smith	N. Smith
M. Vogt	

Guests

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

OPENING REMARKS / OFFICER REPORTS:

Director: R. Seitz opened the meeting with “Good Morning Everyone”... this is our final chapter meeting of the 2025 season. “We made it”. He next said “the season didn’t start of too well with the rain experienced in the beginning, but we definitely came back thru the summer / fall strong”. He thanked all Road Captains that planned / led rides; and who made sure we had nice routes to ride. That’s really the key to our chapter.

R. Seitz next “thanked” HRC D. Paxton and Assist Director M. Chizmadia for a great Halloween ride which was held on November 1, 2025. Next - HRC D. Paxton “thanked” Road Captain / Treasurer MA Breuninger for supplying the route. R. Seitz shared that “B. Gould is probably smiling on all of us from above; she would have loved it”. R. Seitz also “thanked” the Dealership for providing lunch, (which was pizza), to all who participated on the Halloween ride.

R. Seitz also shared that it was unfortunate that the Veterans Day ride, which was to be led by Road Captain H. Olbrich, had to be cancelled due to the weather – snow / rain / wind.

He next “thanked” all members of the Garden State HOG Chapter for their continued participation with the chapter... not only with attending monthly meetings; member’s suggestions on how to make the chapter better; suggestions on destination rides; attending weekly chapter rides, and member’s participation in the this year’s chapter challenge (Diner Challenge). He said “face it - without the great people of this chapter, and the Garden State Dealership, there wouldn’t be a chapter – So THANK YOU”...

Lastly, R. Seitz “thanked” his Officers for all the hard work that is done behind the scenes to ensure the Garden State HOG Chapter continues to run smooth.

He next shared that this year’s Chapter Christmas Picture will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM (this is a Chapter Event)... so please come wearing:

- Christmas Colors
- Chapter Vest
- Pajamas if you would like
- Family PETS are welcome if you would like to bring them
- He also shared that some members will be helping with Santa Pictures on Saturday, December 13th, so if you would like to stop by and say “HI”, please do.

He also reminded members that the decision was made to “cancel” the proposed “Jim Thorpe Christmas” adventure. This decision was made primarily due to cost and scheduling conflict.

He next shared that February 21, 2026 will be the **first** Chapter Meeting of the 2026 Riding Season. **This will be a “breakfast” meeting, and the meeting start time, for ONLY this meeting, will be at 10:00 AM.** He reminded all members that the general chapter meeting start times will remain at 9:00 AM; time change was made this past year, to allow ample time between chapter meetings and chapter rides, scheduled for same day.

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Assistant Director: M. Chizmadia started off with: “Good Morning Everybody; It’s nice to see your bright smiling faces today. It’s amazing that the 2025 riding season is coming to a close”.

He next shared “that there will be some really good stuff planned for 2026. It was a fantastic 2025 riding season”.

He reminded all members that this is “your chapter too”... so if anyone has any suggestions on destination chapter rides or activities that the chapter can do together, please speak with any of the Officer’s, so your suggestions can be heard. He also shared that if anyone has any concerns... the Officers are there to hear member concerns...as well. He stressed to all members that “We want to ensure Garden State HOG Chapter continues to thrive”.

He concluded with sharing that he hoped to see everyone at tonight’s...Year-End Dinner. It’s going to be an amazing night.

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Secretary: DJ Lannigan announced that she is now accepting 2026 membership application forms. She said “if you don’t have an application form, you can see her at the end of the meeting and pick one up”. She noted that 2026 membership forms will also be available at the motor clothes counter – members would just need to see Randi.

She also shared that for the 2026 riding season chapter shirts (long / tee and sweatshirts) will be offered.

Lastly, she reminded 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. She next shared that after tonight's dinner, and the money that will go towards paying off expenses that are owed for the dinner, the Chapter's bank account will be in the black going into the 2026 riding season.

She next thanked members who signed up for the 2026 riding season – to date.

She also "thanked" members for their generosity, who donated food for the food bank that the Dealership chose to support. She said "as you know this is an especially tough year for folks, so all of your donations go a long way". She also shared that the Chapter is supporting the same food bank with a dollar donation coming from the Chapter and how it's an exciting thing to be able to offer / provide.

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Head Road Captain: D. Paxton said that he had no major updates at this time. He did share that he is looking forward to next year. He asked members if there is a certain ride / destination that they would like to go to, or have a favorite ride / destination that they would like to share, please see him with their suggestion.

He next informed members that at tonight's dinner, members will be given the opportunity to see some STATS that have been put together that provide interesting facts on this year's chapter rides and what happened in the 2025 riding season.

He next announced that he will be adding 2 new Road Captains to his team:

- Members V. Kellett and B. Bartick; both members were presented with Road Captain patches.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH V. Kellett and B. Bartick. Looking forward to the adventures you both are going to take us on.

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Membership/Activity Officer: D. Borowsky shared the current and **final** 2025 active / paid members stand at 118.

She next welcomed "new" members who will be joining the chapter for the 2026 season:

- M. Puskas
- D. Puskas

M. Puskas favorite color is blue and he rides a Harley Road Glide and Indian Pursuit.

She concluded with saying that she is looking forward to seeing everyone tonight at the "Year-End" Dinner; dress is casual; wearing chapter vests is optional.

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Safety Officer: R. Breuninger commended the chapter for all the efforts/attention that this chapter does in being safe. This chapter is known for being safe and is known for all the hard work that goes into making chapter rides safe for all members who attend. He said, "that he is grateful being involved with a chapter as good as this one (Garden State HOG)".

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Webmaster: M. Durenberger reminded all members to make sure they report their milage if they are participating in the Ride 365 challenge. He shared that the Chapter gets credits and Member will get their

HOG miles. He said that mileage information can be given to Brian (Service). Need to give Brian the following:

- Odometer reading (maybe take a picture)
- VIN Number
- Your HOG membership number
- Your Name

R. Seitz next shared that Member D. Smith recently completed 100,000 miles thru Ride 365 Challenge. **Congratulations to D. Smith.**

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Historian: R. Hall reminded all original members from the Kinnelon Harley Chapter, please be present on December 14, 2025 – for a picture.

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Photographer: J. Gallios was absent.

MA Breuninger reminded members that she is responsible for the Chapter Bulletin Board which is located by the motor clothes counter in the Dealership. She asked if a member has a favorite photo on their phone from this year’s riding season, that they would like displayed on the board, please send her a copy of the picture. Photo should be emailed to her TREASURER EMAIL ADDRESS, and she will have the photo posted on the board for all to see.

Lastly Director R. Seitz “thanked” not only MA Breuninger, but also R. Breuninger, for updating this board throughout the year.

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AMA Rep: D. Bannon was absent.

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OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

Assistant Director, M. Chizmadia announced that there will be a 50/50 drawing held at tonight’s Year-End dinner.

Director R. Seitz also asked members, at the conclusion of today’s meeting, if they can hang around for a final group picture of the year.

Membership/Activity Officer D. Borowsky wanted to share that she wanted to “thank” member and “new” Road Captain V. Kellett to pointing out that her tires needed replacement.

Lastly **Member D. Smith** reminded all members to check / replace key fab batteries before next riding season; **Director R. Sietz** followed up with reminding members if members are planning on not riding going forward into the winter season to put fuel stabilizer in bike fuel tanks, and also hook up bikes to battery tenders. Also check tire pressures to make sure pressures are good while bike is stored.

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Feed the Pig: R. Seitz reminded all members that Feed the Pig will start up again at the February 2026 breakfast meeting. He reminded all members that you must be a paid chapter member, pay to be in it, and be present at the meeting – to participate.

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Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2026

ADJOURNMENT: 9:26 AM meeting was adjourned.

RAFFLE DRAWING: D. Butkovich was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card. Red Ticket #34738-469

*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan