

Chapter Membership Meeting
Harley Owners Group
Garden State Chapter
Morris County NJ
@ Garden State Harley Dealership
April 18,2026

ATTENDEES

Director/Road Captain:	R. Seitz
Ass't. Director/Road Captain:	M. Chizmadia
Treasurer/Road Captain:	MA Breuninger
Secretary:	DJ Lannigan
Head Road Captain:	D. Paxton
Photographer:	S. Chizmadia
Webmaster/Road Captain:	M. Durenberger (<i>Absent</i>)
Historian/Road Captain:	R. Hall
Membership/Activity Officer:	D. Borowsky (<i>Absent</i>)
Safety Officer:	R. Breuninger
AMA Rep:	D. Bannon

General Attendees

R. Adametz	J. Andersen
B. Bartick	V. Belcastro
G. Berry	M. Bishop
R. Blackwell	DA Butkovich
M. Delarusa	W. Drake
J. Gennarelli	J. Gennari
M. Gennari	C. Harwell
R. Hui	K. Hunt
C. Irula	M. Irula
K. Jensen	V. Kellett
D. Lannigan	J. Larkin
M. Marden	J. Parisi
A. Paxton	A. Perez
A. Protin	G. Seitz
V. Senia	M. Simon
D. Smith Jr	S. Smith
J. Troast	V. Viglione

Guests

P. Belcastro	D. Mundt
T. Mundt	

Meeting Called to Order at: 9:06 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" and "Welcome". It's turned out to be a really nice day. He asked anyone attending today's ride to not forget to sign-in – please see G. Seitz.

He started off with sharing 11 out of 12-chapter members / Rescue Riders became recertified for the next 2 years in many areas of first aide training. He "Thanked" all who attended the April 11, 2026, Saturday course to recertify.

He next shared that there was a silent auction happening during today's meeting. He asked that for anyone interested in the HD items being auctioned off, please take a moment to view those items; if a member is interested in a particular item, there is a sign-in sheet by each item that members can list their name / bid. Winners will be announced at the end of today's meeting.

He briefly spoke about Celebrate the Children Charity Ride being held on May 2, 2026.

- Volunteers will be needed for parking.
- **Unclear at this time if volunteers will be needed for grilling – more to come.**
- Volunteers will not be needed for registration – CTC normally takes care of this.
- Anyone volunteering for parking detail, please arrive at the Dealership by 8:30 AM

He announced that the May chapter meeting is being changed from May 16 to May 9, 2026. This change is necessary due to the chapter ride being scheduled to Williams HD on May16th (Bike Blessing).

He said a big "Thank You" was due to all the Road Captains that have led rides this year – so far. "We've had a great start to the 2026 riding season – unlike 2025 riding season in which every weekend seemed to be plagued by rain at the start of the season." He was happy to report that this year... 3 of the 4 rides held so far were rides of 50 or more miles which will allow those going to DC in June the opportunity to meet their ride requirements.

Director R. Seitz ended with a huge "Thank You" to Road Captain B. Bartick, who led his first official chapter ride, as Road Captain, on Sunday, April 12, 2026, to the Log Cabin Bar & Grill. Was a fabulous / enjoyable ride and the food equally good.

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Assist Director: M. Chizmadia opened with "Happy Saturday Everybody"; "What a nice turnout for today's meeting". He spoke about how diverse Garden State Chapter is with regards to the backgrounds / makeup of the people who are part of this organization. We have members who are professionals / trades people / members from different parts of the globe. He shared that Garden State is a really diverse/unique chapter.

He next shared that Director R. Seitz would be taking the chapter on a ride today thru the mountains of Sussex County – hoping to see you all on today's ride. He thanked all members for attending today's meeting and taking time out of their busy day to support the Chapter.

Assistant Director, M. Chizmadia next shared how on a yearly basis National HOG takes the initiative to recognize those members who volunteer their time not only in an Officer Role, but also as a Road Captain; how National HOG recognizes the work that each member contributes to their chapter and the National HOG organization. At this point M. Chizmadia presented the following Officers with a National HOG plaque to: Director R. Seitz; Treasurer MA Breuninger; Secretary DJ Lannigan; Head Road Captain D. Paxton; a plaque will also be presented to Webmaster M. Durenberger (who was absent from today's meeting). Director R. Seitz next presented a plaque to Assistant Director M. Chizmadia.

Lastly, he reminded all members to see Photographer S. Chizmadia if they wanted to participate in the "Feed the Pig" pot for today.

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Treasurer: MA Breuninger reported that the current balance in the chapter's bank account to be in good standing. She shared that it was great to see everyone and see everyone healthy. She was happy to report that the chapter did not have to recognize anyone who might be under the weather, which is always terrific news.

She did ask that if any member who might be currently under the weather or having an upcoming procedure, etc. please let us know. We want to recognize that member thru a small token given by the Chapter, just letting that member know that "WE CARE".

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Secretary: DJ Lannigan shared that she will be taking orders for chapter Name Tags; T-Shirts / Long Sleeve Shirts and Sweatshirts – if interested please see her at the end of today’s meeting to place your order. Hoping that order minimums will be met by the end of May so name tag / shirt orders can be placed with NORSCOT by beginning of June.

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Head Road Captain: D. Paxton started off with “Good Morning Folks”. Wanted to start off with another “thanks” to Road Captain B. Bartick. First Ride Out – Great Job; Looking forward to what other rides you have planned.

Next D. Paxton asked B. Bartick to share a potential overnight ride that he is thinking about leading/putting together to Upstate NY or PA in the 2026 fall timeframe. Again, this would be an overnight trip; 3 day / 2 night; lots of back roads / twisties; leaf peeping. Would be an “all” riding type of trip. B. Bartick stated that they need to understand if there is interest in a trip of this type. HCR D. Paxton will put together something that can be circulated amongst members to get an idea of how many members might be interested in a fall overnight trip. **More to come.**

HCR D. Paxton spoke about upcoming rides; shared that the Chapter has a healthy ride calendar. Some rides he reminded members about:

- Celebrate the Children (May 2, 2026)
- Bike Blessing (May 16, 2026)
- Memorial Day Parade

Lastly HRC D. Paxton presented “National HOG Pins” to all his Road Captains that were present at today’s meeting; This pin is to recognize each road captain for all the work that each road captain contributes in creating / leading a ride for Garden State HOG chapter. The following Road Captains that were present were: MA Breuninger; M. Bishop; D. Lannigan; R. Hall; B. Bartick, V. Kellett; R. Seitz; M. Chizmadia.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Officer: D. Borowsky was absent. In D. Borowsky’s absence Secretary DJ Lannigan shared that the chapter is currently at 101 active paid members. She also welcomed 2 new members:
R. Adametz (favorite color blue); rides a 2024 Road Glide Limited
M. Simon (favorite color green); passenger

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Safety Officer: R. Breuninger and Treasurer MA Breuninger shared a presentation on SAFETY. The goal of this presentation was to equip motorcyclists with the knowledge and skills necessary should they come upon an accident whether auto or motorcycle and how to help / assist with controlling the scene until the help arrives.

Thank you both R. and MA Breuninger – this presentation was very informative.

Member D. Smith also spoke about what 911 Centers/Operators look for, from a caller, when placing a 911 call. He emphasized letting the 911 Operator control the call.

Director R. Seitz also reminded members that on the front table is an Emergency Contact/Safety type form to complete that they can carry on their motorcycles. Members can list their emergency contact / medical history information, etc. This form will prove very useful to police / medical personnel, should you get in an accident. He also mentioned that this medical form should be placed in a “RED” envelope – also located on the front table. Envelopes should be secured in the “left” saddle bag of a motorcycle. He encouraged all members to take a form / envelope.

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Webmaster: M. Durenberger was absent.

Director R. Seitz reminded all members to look for the weekly chapter email that is sent out every Tuesday that contains a lot of great information about events / rides that are going on with the Chapter. M. Durenberger does a fabulous job keeping us all informed.

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Historian: R. Hall shared that he is still taking/gathering pictures of founding members.

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Photographer: S. Chizmadia asked any member who wants to get a picture please just let her know and she will be happy to take the picture.

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AMA Rep: D. Bannon had nothing to report.

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OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Director R. Seitz reminded all members that on the GardenStateHOGChapter.com webpage - if you scroll down to the bottom of the events page there is a "link" that you can click on that links the chapters calendar to your own calendar on your iPhone or Android. Works really well; keeps members apprised of all chapter events / rides – additions / changes too.

Member V. Kellett thanked the Chapter for the gift basket he received.

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"Feed the Pig" was held. Pot currently stands at \$38.00. Random picker selected number 59. Number 59 was assigned to Member B. Marson who was not present at today's meeting. So the pot will roll over to next chapter meeting.

Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2026

ADJOURMENT: 9:54 AM meeting was adjourned.

RAFFLE DRAWING: B. Bartick was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card. Red Ticket #1801-904

*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan