

Chapter Membership Meeting
Harley Owners Group
Garden State Chapter
Morris County NJ
@ Garden State Harley Dealership
March 21,2026

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
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	R. Basile
V. Belcastro	G. Berry
M. Bishop	R. Blackwell
D. Butkovich	DA Butkovich
J. Calderon	E. Cohen
M. Delarusa	T. Deming
W. Drake	J. Gennarelli
J. Gennari	M. Gennari
A. Guadagnino	C. Harwell
C. Irula	M. Irula
B. Jones	J. Jones
D. Lannigan	M. Marden
T. Nicolicchia	H. Olbrich
B. Papetti	A. Paxton
A. Perez	A. Protin
E. Protin	DA Ryan
D. Ryan	R. Sabino
G. Seitz	V. Senia
D. Smith Jr	V. Viglione
M. Vogt	J. Vorrasi
J. Weinheimer	

Meeting Called to Order approx: 9:06 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chapter Member J. Gennari.

OPENING REMARKS / OFFICER REPORTS:

Assist Director: M. Chizmadia opened the meeting with "Welcome to the March 2026 HOG Chapter Meeting". He shared that Director Seitz had asked him to run today's meeting. He reminded all members that meeting start times will continue to be 9:00 AM; time change was done to allow members ample time to get ready for a scheduled chapter ride being held after a chapter meeting.

Director M. Chizmadia next “thanked” all members who have renewed their Chapter Memberships for 2026.

He next shared:

- A “BIG Thank You” was in order to Bobby and Garden State Harley Dealership for graciously picking up the tab for the delicious breakfast that was served at the February chapter meeting. He mentioned how the meeting was a great success; how there was a lot of talk about places where the chapter will be visiting in 2026 / rides that have been planned, etc.
- He next mentioned that for today’s meeting R & G Seitz will be giving an update on the Washington DC trip.
- He reminded all members who will be going on the Washington DC trip that the “three”...50 mile ride requirement – will apply. He did share that Road Captains are planning, and have scheduled, some 50 mile rides “NOW”, to give members going on the trip every opportunity to meet this requirement.
- He reminded all members that you must be an “active paid” chapter member for 2026 in order to participate in the “Feed the Pig” pot. Cost is \$1.00. Current pot balance is \$41.00.

Director: R. Setiz opened with meeting with “Good Morning Everybody” and he “Thanked” Assistant Director M. Chizmadia for running today’s meeting.

R. Seitz next provided an update regarding the Washington DC Overnight Trip:

- So far there are 21 members who have signed up (16 riders / 5 passengers)
- Members attending Government Tour Buildings – names have been submitted to obtain clearance. So now we are just waiting to receive their response / approvals.
- Government response will be received in the form of an email which will contain a link. Once response is received, R. Seitz will share link in a chat group created for this trip; Members who have submitted their name to obtain clearance will need to click on the link and submit information requested. R. Seitz stressed that he CANNOT submit on behalf of someone else.
- He next stated that the DEADLINE for the Government Tours is over.
- He reminded any member who may still want to attend the Washington trip, members can still sign up and have until May 18, 2026, to book a hotel room. He also shared that even if a member has not signed up to attend any of the Government Tours there is so much more to do / see, in DC.
- Brochures for the Washington trip are also still available for any member who would like to have one (located at Officer table).

He next shared that normally the Chapter flag is draped over the front table but because he spilt his coffee on it this morning the flag is not present and now needs to be cleaned.

He next shared that Coffee Table Chapter books have been created which contain pictures of chapter rides / events that the Chapter has done / participated in. These books were created by Chapter Member G. Seitz and books will remain in the meeting room at the Dealership for all people to see / view. So far books for years 2024 and 2025 have been created. Will be creating books for years 2021; 2022 and 2023. He “Thanked” G. Seitz for her hard work in creating these wonderful books.

Lastly R. Seitz shared that a member, who wishes to remain anonymous, has donated several HD items to be auctioned at the April chapter meeting; proceeds will benefit the chapter; pictures of the items will be taken and posted in the weekly email newsletter; the starting price for items will start at \$5.00.

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Treasurer: MA Breuninger reported that the current balance in the chapter’s bank account to be in good standing. She informed members that money spent recently went towards several gift basket orders. All in all, the account remains at a healthy balance.

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Secretary: DJ Lannigan shared that she is still waiting to hear back from NORSCOT regarding negotiations they are having concerning a possible “new” vendor for chapter shirts for this year. However, because she has not heard back from NORSCOT, she would not be taking shirt orders at

today's meeting. She did however state that any member looking to purchase a name tag, she asked that members see her at the end of today's meeting to place their order.

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Head Road Captain: D. Paxton started off with "Good Morning Folks". He next spoke about some of the specifics of what today's chapter ride would entail:

- Today's ride is a lazy loop
- Total miles for ride – 26
- Weather is cooperating

He next shared the following:

- Saturday March 28th – at this time there is no scheduled ride, so if any of the Road Captains looking to plan a pop-up ride – please let him know. (**A ride was planned to Ferraro's Pizza, Middlesex, NJ – 50 mile ride**).
- He next shared with members that later in the week he and A. Paxton would be traveling out of the country; will be gone for several weeks – attending their son's wedding. Congratulations D. & A. Paxton....
- He shared 3 rides scheduled for April – which all are over 50 miles to meet 50 mile ride requirement:
 - o April 11 (Buffalo Wild Wings)
 - o April 18 (Frank's Pizza)
 - o April 26 (Coops Diner)
- Ride will be scheduled to Widows Tavern, Stockertown, PA (50+ mile ride)
- May 2, 2026 – CTC Charity Ride
- May 16, 2026 – Bless the Bikes at Williams HD
- Chapter will be riding in the Memorial Day Parade
- June 6, 2026 – Puppy Rescue Mission
- September 19, 2026 – M. Bishop will lead ride for Pulmonary Fibrosis
- October 3, 2026 – Breast Cancer Ride (out of Williams) for J. Suto.

He closed out with sharing: when you are out riding and you are approaching an intersection if someone in an oncoming car flashes indicating that they will allow you to turn or pass – DON'T ASSUME they are letting you go – ALWAYS BE CAUTIOUS in this situation.

He also asked all members going on today's first ride, please listen to your bike to ensure your bike is operating properly – no issues.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Officer: D. Borowsky welcomed new members:

- C. Harwell (favorite color blue); rides a 2002 Sportster
- B. Sabino (favorite color red); rides a Fatboy

Current active members stand at 93.

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Safety Officer: R. Breuninger said that with today being the first chapter ride of the season, please check your helmets to ensure the manufacturer date, located inside your helmet, has not expired. OR if you have had a serious helmet drop – you may want to think about replacing your helmet. There was much discussion about purchasing a new helmet, making sure that you check the manufacturer date before purchasing. Don't assume the manufacturer date is future dated...there have been situations where "new" helmets sold were sold with an expired manufacturer date. He encouraged members that they should also check the foam in their helmets to make sure the foam is intact – not cracked or disintegrating.

Again, typical shelf life of a helmet is anywhere from 2 to 5 years.

R. Breuninger also said that now is the time you might want to replace your motorcycle key fob battery.

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Webmaster: M. Durenberger had nothing new to share related to the newsletter or the website, but staying on the topic of safety, he did say that riders should “protect their hearing”.

On the subject of “protect your hearing” – there was much discussion about products that people currently use / where to purchase / price – to protect a riders hearing.

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Historian: R. Hall was absent.

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Photographer: S. Chizmadia asked members to “please smile”.

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AMA Rep: D. Bannon was absent.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Assistant Director M. Chizmadia “Thanked” **Membership Officer** D. Borowsky for putting together / coordinating the movie afternoon (Wild HOGS), which was held at the Dealership, on Sunday, March 8, 2026. This was a fun afternoon.

He also reminded members about the America’s 911 Ride which is being held Friday, August 20th thru August 23, 2026. Ride starts in Shanksville, PA – with stop at the Pentagon, finishing up in NYC. Ride is Police Escorted, etc. There is a \$250.00 donation to join in on this ride. Website - Americas911ride.org

M. Chizmadia also reminded members about another ride being held on September 11 - 911 Ride. This ride departs from Harold’s Deli (Edison, NJ) @ 6 PM; Police Escorted; Ride ends at the Jersey City 911 Memorial – **more info to come**. Will look to possibly making this ride a “chapter ride” – KSU would be no later than 3:30 PM from Dealership (Rain or Shine).

NEW BUSINESS:

Assistant Director M. Chizmadia talked about the “Let Ride Challenge”. The Ride for Heros is open. Registration link is on HD.com. As you ride you stop at the Dealer so they can record your milage; you can get rewards; funding will go to our American Veterans and Heros. A “Big Thank You” to D. Smith for letting Nicki and the Dealership know about this. This is a great way of supporting our American Heros and First Responders.

Treasurer MA Breuninger reminded all members to register with Brian (Service) for the 365 Mileage Program.

Assistant Director M. Chizmadia reminded all members that “this is your chapter”. If any member has questions / suggestions – please come / seek out a leadership member to give us your ideas/suggestions. Leadership would love to hear what you have to say. We are always looking for NEW ideas.

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“Feed the Pig” lottery was held. Pot currently stands at \$86.00. Random picker selected number 8. Number 8 was assigned to Member G. Berry. G. Berry was present at today’s meeting..
CONGRATULATIONS G. Berry!!!!

Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2026

ADJOURMENT: 9:41 AM meeting was adjourned.

RAFFLE DRAWING: J. Gennarelli was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card. Red Ticket #1801-878

*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan