

Chapter Membership Meeting
Harley Owners Group
Garden State Chapter
Morris County NJ
@ Garden State Harley Dealership
May 9, 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 (<i>Absent</i>)
Membership/Activity Officer:	D. Borowsky
Safety Officer:	R. Breuninger
AMA Rep:	D. Bannon

General Attendees

B. Bartick	V. Belcastro
G. Berry	M. Bishop
R. Blackwell	C. Chludzinski
E. Cohen	M. Delarusa
T. Demming	J. Gennarelli
M. Gennari	L. Horn
R. Hui	K. Hunt
V. Kellett	J. LaMarca
D. Lannigan	J. Larkin
M. Marden	D. Mundt
T. Mundt	H. Olbrich
B. Papetti	A. Paxton
J. Sagarese	P. Schneider
G. Seitz	N. Smith
J. Troast	V. Viglione
M. Vogt	

Meeting Called to Order at: 9:006 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Director R. Seitz.

OPENING REMARKS / OFFICER REPORTS:

Director: R. Seitz opened the meeting with "Good Morning Everybody". He shared how Road Captain B. Bartick had planned a wonderful ride for today, but unfortunately Mother Nature did not want to cooperate. This ride will be rescheduled.

He started off with "THANKING" all chapter members who attended the Celebrate the Children Charity ride on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Participation from the chapter was tremendous.

- Total of 71 bikes participated
- Unfortunately, 2 bikes went down – but "thankfully" no injuries. He did share that he and Chapter Member G. Seitz, who are also Rescue Riders, were ready to respond to those downed riders with first aide assistance – but thankfully their services were not needed.

He next shared that the Puppy Rescue Ride is coming up. This charity ride is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2026. He said, "if we can get another turnout, as far as chapter participation that we had for the CTC charity ride, that would be awesome". This organization's charge is to bring service dogs back together with their service members. It's a great cause for both service members and service dogs. This organization not only helps service members with PTSD, but it also helps dogs find a good home. He asked that chapter members arrive at the dealership at 8:30 AM to assist with set-up; parking, etc. He requested all members participating to please wear chapter vests.

R. Seitz next spoke about the Bike Blessing Chapter Ride, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2026. He shared that the Chapter will be riding to Williams Harley Davidson in Lebanon. Road Captain D. Lannigan will be leading this ride. KSU at 8:30 AM from the Dealership. Again, he requested that all members who will be attending this chapter ride, please remember to wear your chapter vests.

Next...Garden State Owner B. DiFazio and Director R. Seitz "played a little joke" on Chapter members, especially those Chapter Members who are non-HD riders.

- The way it played out was B. DiFazio presented Director Seitz with a bogus letter supposedly written by National HOG in which it stated that all riders who ride NON-HD bikes would no longer be permitted to participate on Chapter Rides or be associated with the local chapter. After the letter was read ... you could hear a pin drop. There were many shocked people in the room, especially those non-HD riders who LOVE what Garden State Chapter and the Dealership mean to them. Shortly after Director R. Seitz finished reading the letter, he and B. DiFazio came clean letting everyone know that the letter was bogus and that all Non-HD riders will always be welcome to ride and be a part of Garden State. Members were informed that the planning of this joke was in the works for several weeks prior to today's meeting. It was thought up because of the wave of Non-HD riders joining/participating in Garden State Chapter activities all the while proudly displaying the HD Brand. On a side note – "This part of the meeting took my breath away but I as well as many others were soooo relieved to find out.. it was not true". VERY WELL PLAYED OUT B. DIFAZIO and R. SEITZ (his partner in crime) –

But in all seriousness... B. DIFAZIO..all of us Non-HD riders are so glad you allow us to be a part of your HD family.

Garden State's motto is : ONE STATE – ONE ROAD – ONE FAMILY, and the Garden State Dealership and Chapter have become that FAMILY, not only to HD Riders but Non-Riders too.

The meeting resumed with R. Seitz talking about the Chapter's participation in the Morris Plains Memorial Day parade, which is being held on Saturday, May 23, 2026.

- KSU from the Dealership at 9:00 AM
- Assistant Director M. Chizmadia will lead ride to parade staging area.
- Director R. Seitz will sweep
- He requested that all members participating – PLEASE WEAR YOUR CHAPTER VESTS

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Assist Director: M. Chizmadia opened with "Good Morning Everybody. What a great turnout for a crappy Saturday". He shared what a great job B. DiFazio and R. Seitz did on pulling off prank. He said what was going through his mind was "now I have to buy a Harley trike for S. Chizmadia, turn in her non-HD ride, and on top of that he would have to teach S. Chizmadia how to use a clutch – forget about that... OMG"...

He next reminded members that there was still time to participate in today's Feed the Pig, so please see S. Chizmadia.

He ended with reminding members that the silent auction was still happening, so he encouraged members to check out the remaining items being auctioned and if interested please note your name and bid in front of the item that you're interested in.

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Treasurer: MA Breuninger reported that the current balance in the chapter's bank account is in good standing.

She next shared that at the May 2nd Celebrate the Children Charity ride that because the chapters account is in good standing, the chapter was able to make an additional small donation to CTC in addition to the monies that were collected from member registration fees. She stated the same will be done for the Puppy Rescue Charity ride on June 6th.

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Secretary: DJ Lannigan shared minimum requirement orders have been met for all shirt orders; presently only have 11 name tag orders and the minimum requirement is 15. She shared that she will be holding off placing the order till after the June Chapter meeting. So there is still time to place your shirt / name tag order.

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Head Road Captain: D. Paxton shared that the ride calendar looks pretty good. He said that there is a ride planned for most weekends till the end of June. He asked his Road Captains, that were in attendance, to start looking at rides to plan for July going forward. Will continue to work on getting rides scheduled on weekends that still have a free day – but overall, we are looking good.

He next “thanked” everyone for the amount of participation in the CTC charity ride. He shared that the Morris Plains PD said how much they enjoy riding with Garden State Chapter. He also “thanked” Safety Officer R. Breuninger for his assistance with blocking / safety assistance, during the charity ride.

He next talked about a QR code that was placed at the Officer table. He explained that anyone interested in participating in the fall overnight trip currently being planned by Road Captain B. Bartick, should scan this QR code to answer survey questions, etc. This QR code will also give HRC D. Paxton and Road Captain B. Bartick an idea of the number of members who might be interested in going on this upcoming fall overnight trip. Next D. Paxton asked B. Bartick to share some specifics that are being looked at regarding this fall trip:

- Ride will take place at the end of September
- Depending upon the number of participants will depend on where the ride goes – possibly Upstate NY or PA
- So far 11 members have shown interest
- Looking to keep costs down
- The 3 ride (50 Mile) requirement will apply to this trip
- This will be a 200 to 250 mile a day type ride
- Lots of twisty / scenic roads

Next V. Belcastro spoke about another overnight ride – which is scheduled for July 12 and 13, 2026 - Ramapo 500. He asked if any members would like to participate, please let him or B. Bartick know.

- Ride is 250 miles a day
- All backroads – target destination is the Catskills
- Fee is \$60.00 (includes breakfast and dinner)
- Can “camp”, or there is the ability to secure a room in resort for aprx \$200.00 a night
- Can go on-line and google “RAMAPO 500” to obtain more information.
- Ride starts in Congers, NY
- Well organized ride

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Officer: D. Borowsky shared that the chapter is currently at 107 active / paid members.

She next shared that the chapter is going to be represented at the ALS walk, in honor of chapter member J. Parisi. The walk is scheduled on June 7, 2026 at Saddle River Country Park in Saddle River, NJ. She

said that for anyone wanting to participate there is a link on the weekly Garden State email where you can click on link to register for the walk.

- Check In starts at 9:00 AM
- Walk begins at 11:00 AM
- Duration of the walk is 3 miles; dogs are welcome
- When registering - note that there is absolutely no obligation to meet the \$250 default amount that is pre-populated; any gift is greatly appreciated.
- There will be a chapter ride for those participating in the walk from the Dealership to the park where walk is being held.

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Safety Officer: R. Breuninger spoke about T-CLOCS which is a pre-ride inspection checklist that all riders should go thru before setting out on a ride. T-CLOCS stands for:

- T stands for Tires & Wheels (items to check... tires pressure & condition, wheels and brakes)
- C stands for Controls (items to check... handlebars, levers and pedal, cables, hoses, throttle)
- L stands for Lights & Electrics (items to check...battery, headlamp, tail lamp/brake lamp, turn signals, switches, mirrors, lenses & reflectors and wiring)
- O stands for Oil & Other Fluids (items to check...levels, leaks)
- C stands for Chassis (items to check... frame, suspension, chain or belt, fasteners)
- S stands for Stands (items to check... center and side stand)

He shared with members that a side stand costs approx \$8.00. Riders should consider carrying a spare side stand in the event their side stand gets damaged due to hitting curb, etc.

He also reminded members to complete a safety medical form (which was located at the Officer table). He shared that the completed safety medical form should be placed in a red envelope (which was also located at the Office table). He stated that the red envelope should be placed in the “left” saddle bag on a bike for medical / rescue / police personnel to easily locate. He shared that a second copy of the medical form should be completed and given to the rider’s emergency contact. Also stated that if a couple rides – make sure emergency contact is someone OTHER than the couple riding.

Lastly the chapter broke out in song singing “Happy Birthday” to R. Breuninger who was celebrating a milestone birthday... HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

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Webmaster: M. Durenberger was absent.

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Historian: R. Hall was absent.

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Photographer: S. Chizmadia asked members to share with her any pictures that they may take on a ride so pics can be posted for all to see.

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AMA Rep: D. Bannon shared that the AMA Charter was obtained / completed for Garden State. Director R. Seitz shared that there are many perks with being an AMA Member – one in particular - towing.

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OLD BUSINESS: No old business

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

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“Feed the Pig” was held. Pot currently stands at \$72.00. Random picker selected number 64. Number 64 was assigned to Member M. Marden who was present at today’s meeting. Congratulations to M. Marden...

Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2026

ADJOURMENT: 9:37 AM meeting was adjourned.

RAFFLE DRAWING: P. Schneider was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card. Red Ticket #34738-625

*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan