

Chapter Membership Meeting
Harley Owners Group
Garden State Chapter
Morris County NJ
@ Garden State Harley Dealership
June 20, 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
Membership/Activity Officer:	D. Borowsky
Safety Officer:	R. Breuninger
AMA Rep:	D. Bannon

General Attendees

R. Adametz	B. Bartick
G. Berry	M. Bishop
B. Blackwell	C. Chludzinski
J. Gennarelli	M. Gennari
L. Horn	R. Hui
C. Irula	M. Irula
V. Kellett	D. Lannigan
C. Long	G. Long
M. Marden	A. Paxton
A. Protin	E. Protin
DA Ryan	D. Ryan
J. Sagarese	G. Seitz
M. Simon	D. Smith Jr
J. Troast	V. Viglione

2 Guests (potential future members)

Meeting Called to Order at: 9:04 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chapter Member D. Smith Jr.

Next Member D. Smith Jr asked for a “moment of silence” for riders that are no longer with us.

OPENING REMARKS / OFFICER REPORTS:

Director: R. Seitz opened the meeting with “Welcome Everybody”. He started off with....“if you look around the room you gonna see some pretty tired faces. These tired faces represent the members who just returned from Washington DC. He shared the following about this wonderful trip:

- “Thanked” everyone who was part of this trip
- Trip turned out great
- Weather was definitely on our side

- Visted “many” sites
- Had a lot of laughs
- Walked allot
- Thankfully nobody got arrested
- And everyone got deputized (everyone received FBI Badges)
- Members also visited the Washington DC Harley Davidson. Washington DC HD employees could not have been any kinder in greeting Garden State Members. They presented each member with a challenge coin; honored all chapter discounts on purchases and allowed us to take a group picture inside their dealership. If ever in Washington DC, please stop in for a visit.

He also shared that with the tour of the Pentagon it made the “Pledge of Allegiance” that we recite every month, at every chapter meeting, even more meaningful to understand what we’re actually pledging our allegiance to. He spoke briefly about their tour sharing that the average age of the soldiers / tour guides is between 22 to 24 years of age. He said it’s very important to remember who serves this nation and keeps us safe. Thank you to everyone who says the Pledge of Allegiance – it’s really important.

Next he spoke about the Puppy Rescue Charity Ride, which was held on Saturday, June 6th. He thanked all members who participated not only in the ride itself, but also those members who assisted with set-up / parking detail and a “BIG Thank You” to those members who took on the responsibility of grilling that day...Our Chefs included: M. Gennari; J. Gennari, M. Durenberger, and M. Chizmadia. He next “thanked” HRC D. Paxton who set-up and led the ride. R. Seitz commented on how the route was set-up and executed perfectly by HRC D. Paxton. He said “you know that it was executed perfectly when you receive accolades from the Morris Plains Police Department”. He also “thanked” the Morris Plains Police Department for their assistance with escorting for this charity ride, as well as all the other local Police Departments and our Rescue Riders, that assisted with blocking intersections, to keep all riders safe.

Lastly, he shared that another Chapter Coffee Table book has been completed. He said “we now have books created for the Years 2023, 2024 & 2025. Books will be located in the chapter meeting area for all to view. A “big” thanks goes out to Member G. Seitz who has been tirelessly working on creating these books. G. Seitz is currently working on Year 2022 and will create 2026 once the season comes to an official end.

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Assist Director: M. Chizmadia opened with “Good Morning Everybody and thanks for taking the time to attend this morning’s meeting”.

He next talked about the Washington DC trip, “thanking” R & G Seitz for all their hard work in putting together the DC Trip. He said if you’re every thinking about doing a trip to DC – go do it – it’s really something to see.

He also “thanked” all members who attended the ALS Walk on June 7th for our member J. Parisi. He next “thanked” Membership/Activity Officer D. Borowsky for her work in coordinating and organizing Garden State’s participation in the ALS Walk. Membership / Activity Officer D. Borowsky was happy to report that Member J. Parisi is now part of a clinical trial which starts July 22nd. She “thanked” everyone who gave / walked in the challenge.

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Treasurer: MA Breuninger reported that the current balance in the chapter’s bank account is in good standing – chapter’s bank account retains a healthy balance even with the current expenses of name tag and shirt order purchases and Chapter Coffee Table books.

She also mentioned that the Chapter donated \$100.00 to the Puppy Rescue Mission.

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Secretary: DJ Lannigan asked all Chapter members to continue to be vigilant in keeping their National HOG memberships current.

She also shared that for any member who has placed an order for a name tag or chapter shirt, orders have officially been submitted to NORSCOT. Hoping to have merchandise in about 3 / 4 weeks.

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Head Road Captain: D. Paxton shared that Road Captain B. Bartick would be leading today's chapter ride to Murphy's Tavern. He also shared that as of right now there are no rides planned for the weekend of June 27 / 28; He is working on getting a ride on the calendar, will also be looking to his Road Captains to see if anything can get scheduled.

He next shared that Road Captain M. Bishop will be leading a ride to Narrows Restaurant Bar & Inn on Sunday, July 5th – with a stop at the "Ringing Rock" site. He asked any member attending this ride to please bring a hammer.

Some of the other rides planned:

- Alaska Pete's (July 18) led by RC D. Lannigan
- July 25th ride to Restaurant (Cow Paddy's) led by RC B. Bartick (ride will be approx 3 hr 45 min)
- RC M. Bishop also mentioned to members who are looking for a long ride, in the fall 2026 timeframe he will be leading an 8 hour covered bridge ride
- Update on the Leaf Peeper ride which will be held in the September timeframe – cost for hotel accommodation will be \$120.00 a night. Currently there is no cut-off time to book.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Officer: D. Borowsky shared that the chapter is currently at 109 active / paid members.

Next the Chapter sang "Happy Birthday" to Secretary DJ Lannigan and Member DA Ryan who were celebrating birthdays... HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

She also shared that we have 2 potential members that may be joining (Mike / Kiya)

She next reminded members come November 14 is when the Chapter's Year End Celebration will be held. Place will be "IL Palazzo" located in Wanaque, NJ. Party starts at 6:00 PM; Price will remain at \$50.00 per person.

She also asked if anyone has any ideas for chapter activities please contact her.

Lastly, she spoke about the ALS Walk which was held on June 7th, informing chapter members that Team Parisi raised approximately \$3,200 which will go towards the research in finding a cure for ALS.

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Safety Officer: R. Breuninger spoke about motorcycle battery life. He shared a motorcycle battery life is approximately 4 years and at 4 years everyone should start to think about battery replacement.

He also reminded members to pick up and complete a safety form / red envelope (located at the Officer Table). He encouraged all members to complete this form and place form in red envelope in left saddle bag.

He next talked / explained about how a proper lane switch/change, during a group ride, should be done/performed. However, he emphasized in a really LARGE group ride or in heavy traffic, this maneuver may not be practical.

- The way the maneuver is done is FIRST the Rear Road Captain takes the lane; but no one moves over until the Head Road Captain moves into the lane; once the Head Road Captain takes the lane everyone starts to move over into the lane... starting with position 2, 3, 4 and so on.

Lastly, he shared on July 1st the “Vietnam Moving Wall” is coming to NJ. For anyone interested -Meeting at the Target in Phillipsburg; Escort going to Rockaway. KSU at 10:30 AM. Police led.

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Webmaster: M. Durenberger shared that the chapter’s website still has a login section but reminded chapter members that they do not need to “login” to use the Website.

He also wished everyone a “Happy Father’s Day”.

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Historian: R. Hall shared 20 years ago in April he was made a Road Captain (Pompton Plains Chapter) and he continues in that role.

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Photographer: S. Chizmadia had nothing to report.

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AMA Rep: D. Bannon had nothing to report.

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OLD BUSINESS: J. Gennarelli shared that on the day of the CTC charity ride he was coming down Rt 23 and as he was approaching a traffic light, he saw a series of headlights that were coming towards him on the opposite side. He realized that it was the CTC Charity Ride; and he just wanted to share that “from the other side of the highway, it was really impressive to see”.

NEW BUSINESS:

Assistant Director M. Chizmadia shared that on July 18th there is a Ride-in-Bike Show being held at Garden State Dealership which starts at 11:00 AM. He shared that one of the vendors that he and S. Chizmadia work for, FDR Hitches, will be participating in this show. There is a chapter ride scheduled for the same day but will be returning to the dealership for the show.

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“Feed the Pig” was held. Pot currently stands at \$38.00. Random picker selected number 29. Number 29 was assigned to Member S. Chizmadia who was present at today’s meeting. Congratulations to S. Chizmadia...

Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2026

ADJOURMENT: 9:35 AM meeting was adjourned.

RAFFLE DRAWING: DA Ryan was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card. Red Ticket #34738-656

*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan