

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

General Attendees

G. Bakelmun	L. Bakelmun
G. Berry	M. Bishop
B. Blackwell	M. Delarusa
T. Deming	W. Drake
J. Gennarelli	J. Gennari
M. Gennari	C. Harwell
K. Hunt	V. Kellett
J. LaMarca	D. Lannigan
A. Paxton	A. Protin
J. Sagarese	P. Schneider
G. Seitz	V. Senia
D. Smith Jr	J. Troast

Guests

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Meeting Called to Order at: 9:05 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". "We made it to July". "Seems like Mother Nature has thrown us a few curve balls with the weather lately, including today – so who ever rode to the meeting today hoping you don't get wet riding home. We had a really nice ride planned for today, but unfortunately RC D. Lannigan has had to cancel it because of the unsettled weather/storms NJ is bracing for.

R. Seitz next said that he hoped everyone had had a great July 4th weekend. He gave a shout out to RC B. Bartick on leading a chapter ride on a very "HOT" Friday July 3rd. Members who joined him were M. Marden, M. Bishop and M. Durenberger, who was the sweep. It was a very hot day but glad you had an enjoyable ride despite the heat and everyone arrived home safe.

He next reminded members that the Ride-In Bike Show, which was scheduled for today, July 17 at the Dealership has been postponed – due to the weather. Looking at dates to reschedule; possible date may be Saturday, July 25 – but this date is not definite, so keep looking to Garden State Dealership social media page which will re-post what the reschedule date will be.

He next talked about “Thank You” cards that were made by Member G. Seitz that are being mailed to the following:

- Offices of Senator A. Kim. For their assistance/coordination in getting several tours set-up for members to attend while on the Washington DC Overnight trip.
- Also to Harley Davidson of Washington DC for their generosity / welcoming hospitality when Garden State unexpectedly stopped into their dealership. Employees of this dealership could not have been nicer.
- Thanks again to Member G. Seitz for creating beautiful cards.

Next R. Seitz asked Garden State Owner B. DeFazio to join the chapter meeting where R. Seitz shared with B. DeFazio that a big “Thank You” was due to him and his Dealership. R. Seitz acknowledged how B. DeFazio has been an absolutely incredible owner / sponsor of this chapter and he wanted B. DeFazio to know how much he is appreciated. B. DeFazio was then presented with a Tee-Shirt that was made by HRC D. Paxton which displays not only an HD motorcycle but an Indian Motorcycle and a Can-Am Spyder – with the motto that says” One State – One Road – One Family. B. DeFazio was also presented with a plaque which will be displayed in the meeting room - created by Member A. Paxton.

Thanks goes out to both D & A Paxton - for your creativity.

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Assist Director: M. Chizmadia opened with “Good Morning All”.

He reminded all members if they did not “feed the pig”, to please see Photographer S. Chizmadia.

He next spoke about the Washington DC trip and what a great time it was. Again he “thanked” 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.

Director R. Seitz also talked about one of the rides that members on the DC trip took to DC Harley Davidson, and how it was not always easy navigating the DC area. Treasurer MA Breuninger next shared with members that it’s truly a testament of how all members of Garden State are dedicated to riding safely. This was a tough, tough, ride. But because of Garden State Members understanding how to ride as a group; always exercising great caution, we got to DC Harley Davidson safely – and that goes and speaks to all members of Garden State in your dedication to being safe riders.

Lastly, Assist Director M. Chizmadia presented Webmaster M. Durenburger with a 2026 National HOG plaque. This plaque is given to members in an Officer role who volunteer their time / hard work and the contributions they make to the chapter. **Thank you M. Durenburger – you keep us all in the know.**

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Treasurer: MA Breuninger reported that the current balance in the chapter’s bank account to be in good standing. Chapter’s bank account retains a healthy balance even with the current expenses that have been paid for like Norscot name tag, shirt order purchases and recent donations made to local charities.

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Secretary: DJ Lannigan announced that shirts / name tags have arrived. She stated that she has already started to pass out the name tags to any member attending today’s meeting - that ordered one. She said that she needs to go through the shirt box to see WHAT shirts have arrived. Members should start to receive their shirts moving forward.

NOTE – T-SHIRTS AND LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED... SWEATSHIRTS have NOT been shipped yet from Norscot,

She next shared a “Thank You” card received from the Puppy Rescue Mission Group in which they shared how much they appreciated everything the Chapter did with hosting / having their Charity Ride

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Head Road Captain: D. Paxton next announced that the Chapter has a “new” Road Captain – M. Gennari. D. Paxton next presented M. Gennari with a Road Captains patch. Congratulations M. Gennari – looking forward to some awesome rides you have planned.

He next talked briefly about the upcoming rides:

- Tomorrow's (July 19) burger challenge ride being led by RC M. Durenburger
- RC B. Bartick has some rides planned for late July / August
- Going to try and get more chapter rides planned as burger challenge rides
- Also, if any member has a ride idea they would like to share, please speak with HRC D. Paxton or any Road Captain. Would love to hear your ideas.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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. Food / Awards / Give-A-Ways / Dancing / Fun. Please see Treasurer MA Breuninger to provide payment.

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Safety Officer: R. Breuninger gave a safety presentation on “heat exhaustion”, which included it's causes, symptoms, treatment and how to prevent it. Heat Exhaustion is defined as when the body is unable to cool itself and if left untreated can lead to heat stroke. He emphasized how all members should pay attention to the signs of heat exhaustion, especially when riding during the summer months.

Treasurer MA Breuninger shared that carrying breakable ice packs, on your bike, is a way that a rider can help / assist someone who maybe experiencing heat exhaustion. They're not expensive / handy to have – even for you, as the rider.

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Webmaster: M. Durenberger shared that for tomorrow's ride, Sunday July 19th, the ride is to Char Burger & Creamery. Weather is looking good so far, keeping in mind that there may be some tree damage due to today's storms. Unfortunately, he won't be able to pre-ride but will see if he can see any road closures on maps, etc. Route is all State Roads so hopefully any debris that might come down will be cleared in time for the ride. KSU from Dealership is at 10:00 AM. This is a burger challenge stop.

He reminded all members that we are halfway through the year regarding the challenge. To earn a patch make sure you keep visiting the burger challenge restaurants / record your visits and post your photos in the burger challenge app. This information is posted weekly in the weekly email newsletter.

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Historian: R. Hall was absent.

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Photographer: S. Chizmadia reminded anyone who has not “fed the pig” and wants to – please see her.

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AMA Rep: D. Bannon shared that AMA Service and Safety awards have been ordered.

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OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Member V. Kellett shared what a great experience it was to ride in the Ramapo 500 which was held on July 11 & 12th. He encouraged all members, if they can, to participate in next year's ride.

Member D. Smith Jr wanted to "Thank" those Garden State Members who assisted / helped, during an accident that his friend was involved in, during the Ramapo 500. D. Smith "wanted to pass on his thanks for all the help that day".

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"Feed the Pig" was held. Pot currently stands at \$32.00. Random picker selected number 43. Number 43 was assigned to Member G. Gouck who was not present at today's Chapter Meeting. So the pot will roll over to the next chapter meeting.

Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2026

ADJOURMENT: 9:39 AM meeting was adjourned.

RAFFLE DRAWING: B. Drake was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card. Red Ticket #34738-681

*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan