

Chapter Membership Meeting
Harley Owners Group
Garden State Chapter
Morris County NJ
@ Garden State Harley Dealership
May 11, 2024

ATTENDEES

Director/Road Captain:	R. Breuninger
Ass't. Director/Road Captain	R. Seitz
Treasurer	B. Papetti (absent)
Secretary	DJ Lannigan
Head Road Captain	B. Gould
Photographer	J. Gallios
Webmaster/Road Captain	M. Durenberger
Historian/Road Captain	J. Gennarelli
Membership/Activity Officer:	D. Borowsky
Safety Officer/Road Captain	H. Olbrich (absent)
AMA Rep:	D. Bannon (absent)

General Attendees

S. Almeida	L. Bakelmun
B. Bartick	V. Belcastro
R. Blackwell	MA Breuninger
D. Butkovich	DA Butkovich
C. Carreira	M. Chizmadia
M. Cho	J. DeWald
P. Gallios	M. Gennari
A. Gibbon	M. Gibbons
R. Hall	C. Hodges
R. Hui	C. Irula
M. Irula	B. Jones
J. Jones	D. Lannigan
C. Lanza	S. Lawlor
M. Mania	J. Marier (guest)
J. Parisi	A. Paxton
D. Paxton	A. Perez
DJ Peterson	DA Ryan
D. Ryan	J. Sagarese
M. Schattner	P. Schneider
G. Seitz	V. Senia
D. Smith Jr	S. Smith
A. Valdes	M. Vogt

Meeting Called to Order approx: 9:31 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by D. Smith Jr.

OPENING REMARKS / OFFICER REPORTS:

Director: R. Breuninger opened the meeting with stating "lets get this shit show going" – LOL.

- R. Breuninger announced that \$2,700 was raised from the May 4th charity ride for Celebrate the Children. He expressed his "Gratitude and Thanks" to all chapter members for the help and

support that was given that day. R. Breuninger stated that the chapter had a “hell of a turnout” – about 25% of participants who attended the ride were Garden State Chapter Members. “Thank You to All”. R. Breuninger’s take away from the successful event is that he will be attending the Celebrate the Children Gala.

- R. Breuninger then went over some dates of upcoming chapter / charity rides (full listing of all rides are posted on the chapter bulletin board inside the dealership; as well as the chapter website):
 - o May 18 – Chapter Ride to Nashville, TN (KSU @ 8 AM from dealership)
 - o May 25 – Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade (KSU @ 8:30 AM from dealership)
 - o May 27 – Memorial Day Ride to Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery – led by H. Olbrich
 - o June 1 – Chapter Ride to Skylands Stadium
 - o June 2 – Chapter Ride to Coal Fired Pizza (Pizza Challenge Winner)
 - o June 8 – Puppy Rescue Charity Ride
 - o July 20 – Morris Plains Fire Department Charity Ride
 - o September 25 – Eric C. Blohm Charity Ride; Registration 9:00 AM; KSU @ 11:00 AM
- R. Breuninger announced that he has scheduled a “Ride Like A Pro” class for 6/22/2024. He announced that right now there are 4 to 5 members signed up. He needs an additional 4 to 5 members to sign up in order to keep the price down (\$175.00). If attendance turns out to be low – the price will increase to \$200.00 . He explained to members that this particular course is a “basic” course. It’s the first step in becoming a showoff like himself – LOL. He concluded by saying, “these are perishable skills that need fine turning – yearly”.

Assistant Director: R. Seitz opened with presenting Webmaster, M. Durenberger with a National HOG plaque. M. Durenberger was absent for the March chapter meeting when plaques were presented to chapter officers. Again, this is National HOG’s way of recognizing/rewarding the people who are in officer roles and the work that each officer contributes to the chapter. “Thank You... M. Durenberger”

- R. Seitz then shared with members that “today” was our illustrious leader’s (R. Breuninger), birthday. R. Seitz presented R. Breuninger with a “Burger King” crown and the chapter then broke out in song... singing Happy Birthday to R. Breuninger. Wishing R. Breuninger many many more!!!!
- R. Seitz then asked that chapter members attending the Nashville Trip to please stay after the conclusion of the chapter meeting.. for a brief meeting concerning Nashville Trip.

Treasurer: B. Papetti was absent. DJ Lannign provided the current balance in the chapter’s bank account. Account is in good standing.

Secretary: DJ Lannigan shared that for any member who’s National HOG membership has expired... she will be sending out a friendly email reminder to members to please renew their membership with National HOG. She explained that memberships with National HOG need to be in good standing in order to remain a local chapter member. Also members who do not renew their National HOG membership will need to sign a waiver in order to go on chapter rides.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Head Road Captain: B. Gould spoke about the “new” rider sign-in sheet pointing out that anyone on the sheet that was a “red” issue box coming up next to their name will need to sign a “waiver” when attending a chapter ride. For any rider in this situation, who does not understand what the issue may be, they should speak with an officer.

Membership Officer: D. Borowsky shared as of present the chapter has 120 paid/active members recorded.

- D. Borowsky introduced new member: M. Schattner; favorite color is blue; rides an Indian; new member – C. Carreira; favorite color orange; rides a Lowrider.

Safety Officer: H. Olbrich was absent. However, R. Breuninger spoke about 2 safety topics he :
Shared with members:

- One being that all “helmets” have an expiration date. Encouraged members to check their helmet expiration dates. He stated that helmets usually have a 3-to-5-year life span.
- Second topic – R. Breuninger canvassed the group inquiring as to “who in the room has experience in pulling a trailer, and who does not”. He then shared a video of a person who does not have experience in pulling a trailer – where there was a motorcycle and cones that had been loaded on a trailer, and how the motorcycle was moving/shifting as the trailer was in tow. He explained this was happening because the trailer was not loaded correctly... the weight on the trailer was not distributed forward enough, or evenly. There was further discussion amongst group members that a trailer also needs to be level and to make sure when towing you have the proper materials to tie-down correctly.

Historian: J. Gennarelli shared that the PowerPoint presentation being shown was of the June 2023 chapter ride to the Irish Cottage. He then talked about a project he has been involved with in regard to putting together a book entitled “A Day in A Life in NJ”. He shared that a picture from the June 2023 ride, which is a group photo, that was taken in front of the Irish Cottage, has been published in this book – which he showed to everyone. Garden State HOG Chapter made the book. Thank you, J. Gennarelli.

- J. Gennarelli also reminded members that he will be leading a ride to Skylands Stadium on June 1, 2024 (Baseball Game)

Webmaster: M. Durenberger had no information to share.

AMA Rep: D. Bannon was absent.

Photographer: J. Gallios had no information to share.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wing Challenge: D. Lannigan had nothing to share.

OLD BUSINESS: nothing to report.

Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2024

ADJOURMENT: 9:59 AM meeting was adjourned.

RAFFLE DRAWING: D. Lannigan was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card. Ticket #1801530

*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan