

Chapter Membership Meeting
Harley Owners Group
Garden State Chapter
Morris County NJ
@ Garden State Harley Dealership
July 20, 2024

ATTENDEES

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

General Attendees

R. Basile	V. Belcastro
S. Bischoff	M. Bishop
D. Butkovich	C. Carreira
M. Chizmadia	S. Chizmadia
E. Cohen	M. Delarusa
P. Fortunato	P. Gallios
M. Gennari	C. Hodges
B. Jones	J. Jones
V. Kellett	D. Lannigan
D. Lawlor	S. Lawlor
J. Livia	M. Mania
J. O'Brien	A. Paxton
D. Paxton	A. Perez
DJ Peterson	J. Sagarese
M. Schattner	P. Schneider
G. Seitz	D. Smith Jr
A. Valdez	

Meeting Called to Order approx: 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by a Veteran

OPENING REMARKS / OFFICER REPORTS:

Director: R. Breuninger opened the meeting announcing that anyone with an interest in purchasing a name tag or chapter t-shirt that a spreadsheet would be passed around during the meeting and to please fill out based on your interest / need for either item or both. He indicated that no money is due at this point, just looking to strictly get a count on the number of name tag/t-shirts for a future order. He shared that the cost for t-shirts is \$40.00; name tags - \$25.00. He indicated that 12 name tags / t-shirts are needed for an order.

- 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 Today... July 20 – Ride for Red - Morris Plains Fire Department Charity Ride; Patch sewing will also be offered; M. Durenberger also shared with chapter members that the MP firemen would be handling the grilling for this event.
 - o August 14 – Blood Drive (American Red Cross); There is always a critical need for blood.
 - o September 14 – Tentative “Open House” at the Dealership
 - o September 21 – Eric C. Blohm Charity Ride; Registration 9:00 AM; KSU @ 11:00 AM; Patch sewing will be offered that day.
 - o September 28 – “Lets Stew Again” held by Buffalo Soldiers MC; there will be best bike contest; best sound competition; door prize drawings; Menu consists of stews; soups; beans; vegetarian options; plus soda, water, chips... for anyone interested in attending.

- R. Breuninger then shared with chapter members that the NJ Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry is hosting a charity ride to benefit Special Olympics – for anyone who might be interested. Ride is scheduled for September 29, 2024; Registration Starts at 11 AM; KSU at 12 Noon; Escorted Ride; Location is out of Jackson, NJ. R. Breuninger emphasized that this is NOT a chapter ride.

Assistant Director: R. Seitz opened with a reminder to all chapter members that when parking your bike on an incline to always remember to put your bike in 1st gear. He then shared a recent experience he had when he did not park his bike in 1st gear on an incline (his driveway). He said a few weeks back after returning home from a day of riding, he parked his bike in his driveway, like he always does. As he started to move away from the bike the bike began to slide backwards, eventually going on its side and proceeded to slide into his pickup truck. The bike suffered scratches to the fairing; the tour pack hit his truck which caused damage to the truck. One item that hit the ground but did not break was his flag mounts (expensive mounts, but very well made). Again, the moral to this story is whenever parking your bike on an incline – always put your bike in 1st gear.

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

Secretary: DJ Lannigan shared with chapter members the words of “Thanks” that was received via “thank you” cards from both the Puppy Rescue Mission and Celebrate the Children organizations on the recent charity rides that were held. Great Job Everyone.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Head Road Captain: B. Gould reminded all chapter members that in order to get credit for riding in today’s Ride for Red charity ride, to please make sure you sign in with her. She informed all members who were going to be riding in the charity ride, as far as **“where should members line up??** Her response was **“wherever you lined up, is where you will ride”**.

- B. Gould then announced two “new” road captains – A. Valdes and DJ Peterson. Both A. Valdes and DJ Peterson were presented with Road Captain rockers / patches. Congratulations A. Valdes and DJ Peterson.

Membership Officer: D. Borowsky shared as of present the chapter has 125 paid/active members recorded.

- D. Borowsky introduced new member: J. Livia; favorite color is blue; rides a 2015 Breakout.
- D. Borowsky then shared with members that she is looking into putting together a trip to the Lost River Cavern (Crystal Caves) in Hellertown, PA; Date will be (Sunday), August 25th. Cost is \$16.00 per person; If 15 or more people attend the cost would then drop to \$11.00 per person. More information concerning the trip will be shared in future weekly email blasts.

Safety Officer: H. Olbrich was absent. Presentation on “Road ID” bracelets will be given at a future chapter meeting.

Historian: J. Gennarelli shared that the PowerPoint presentation being shown was of former Director / Member B. Sciortino. He shared B. Sciortino's history with the chapter from his Member / Officer days with the Kosco Harley Chapter, to handling directorship duties for Garden State.

Webmaster: M. Durenberger shared that all was good in "webmaster" world. He also shared that members would be needed for parking support for today's charity ride at the conclusion of the meeting..

AMA Rep: D. Bannon had nothing to report.

Photographer: J. Gallios shared that anyone who is interested in obtaining pictures of the Nashville Trip please give her a flash drive and she can download the many photos that were taken during this fantastic trip.

- J. Gallios also announced an overnight trip she is putting together that is going to Mystic, CT. Dates for this trip are October 4, 5 & 6.
 - o Leaving dealership on October 4th (KSU @ 9:30 AM); Returning on Sunday, October 6th.
 - o Hotel has been secured; rates run from \$110.00 to \$140.00 a night; when making reservation, please mention you are with Garden State HOG Chapter. September 3rd is cut-off to book a room.
 - o Things to do: Aquarium (if booked in advance can get group rate); Seaport; Planetarium; Boat Ride; Seafood and MYSTIC Pizza. Will also be stopping at 2 Harley Dealerships to get your Harley shirts / coins, etc.
 - o More information about this overnight trip will be sent out via email blasts to chapter members.
- R. Breuninger "thanked" J. Gallios for putting the trip together and all the work she has done.

NEW BUSINESS:

P. Gallios then gave a presentation on the importance of proper stretching techniques that a rider and passenger can do before going on a ride that will help fight the fatigue that some riders / passenger may experience when riding, especially on long rides. He then asked all members to join him in doing some of the stretching moves. "Thank You" P. Gallios.. These stretching techniques will definitely help.

R. Seitz then announced to any members who were not aware of the passing of J. Suto, spouse of R. Suto (Garden State Salesmen and Officer of the Dealership). R. Seitz explained that a "Go Fund Me" page was set up for R. Suto and his boys. For anyone who would like to donate, a link will be posted in the upcoming email blast that will go out to the chapter. Also a benefit ride is being set up – date appears to be October 19.

D. Butkovich shared with chapter members that his wife, D. Butkovich, who recently had surgery was out of the hospital and doing well; she will go thru 2 to 3 months of rehab. He and D. Butkovich both "thanked" everyone for the gift basket that was received at their home and all the well wishes.

V. Kellett also shared with chapter members that he will be working with Habitat for Humanity; July 27 thru August 2. Mission is called "Operation Appalachian"; Mission trip is to West Virginia to assist the underprivileged / people in need. 50/50 Tickets are available for anyone interested.

OLD BUSINESS: nothing to report.

Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2024

ADJOURNMENT: 9:44 AM meeting was adjourned.

RAFFLE DRAWING: E. Cohen was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card. Ticket #1801642

*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan