

Chapter Membership Meeting
Harley Owners Group
Garden State Chapter
Morris County NJ
@ Garden State Harley Dealership
August 17, 2024

ATTENDEES

Director/Road Captain:	R. Breuninger
Ass't. Director/Road Captain	R. Seitz (<i>absent</i>)
Treasurer	B. Papetti (<i>absent</i>)
Secretary	DJ Lannigan
Head Road Captain	B. Gould
Photographer / Road Captain	J. Gallios
Webmaster/Road Captain	M. Durenberger (<i>absent</i>)
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

L. Bakelmun	B. Bartick
R. Basile	S. Bischoff
M. Bishop	R. Blackwell
MA Breuninger	C. Carreira
M. Chizmadia	M. Cho
E. Cohen	C. D'Amato
M. Delarusa	P. Fortunato
P. Gallios	R. Hall
R. Hui	M. Irula
V. Kellett	J. Larkin
J. Parisi	A. Paxton
D. Paxton	A. Perez
DJ Peterson	J. Sagarese
P. Schneider	D. Smith Jr
N. Smith	A. Valdez
M. Vogt	B. Worden-Spadone

Meeting Called to Order approx: 9:31 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by a Director R. Breuninger

OPENING REMARKS / OFFICER REPORTS:

Director: R. Breuninger opened the meeting asking everyone to keep Assistant Director, R. Seitz in their prayers. He explained that R. Seitz was admitted to the hospital early in the morning (August 17); dealing with severe case of phenomena.

R. Breuninger then did a "SHOUT OUT" to all Road Captains, "thanking" them for all the efforts they put into the chapter rides. He said there has been a big "turnaround" in the Chapter, as far as Road Captains who have stepped down, and the "new" Road Captains that have come on board. He said our Road Captains are a great team of people, who work hard to put together enjoyable rides. He stressed to all members to please don't underestimate Road Captain responsibilities and what it takes to get the task done. They deserve a round of applause.

D. Borowsky then shared that M. (Meatball) Bishop's inaugural ride, as lead Road Captain, was held last weekend – Sunday, August 11th. Borowsky said that M. Bishop set the bar high on his first ride. Was a great ride. Thank you.... M. Bishop.

R. Breuninger then went on to “thank” all those that donated blood during the August 14th blood drive.

R. Breuninger again shared with chapter members that anyone with an interest in purchasing a name tag or chapter t-shirt that a spreadsheet was being 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 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.
- MA Breuninger then shared that Road Captain H. Olbrich will be leading a ride to Martin Guitar Factory in Nazareth, PA on Tuesday, September 17th, for anyone who can join a ride during the week. There will be a tour of the factory and a lunch stop. KSU at 10:00 AM. Number of people for the tour is limited; so if interested tickets can be purchased on-line.

Assistant Director: R. Seitz was absent.

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 that chapter patches were in. So anyone needing patches, to please see her after the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Head Road Captain: B. Gould shared that the chapter still has many more great rides planned, while we start to round out the riding season.

Membership Officer: D. Borowsky shared as of present the chapter has 126 paid/active members recorded.

- D. Borowsky then shared with members that the trip to the Lost River Cavern (Crystal Caves) in Hellertown, PA is scheduled for next Sunday, August 25, 2024;
 - o Members can go on their own and bring guests or
 - o Ride with the chapter (official ride) from the dealership to Hellertown, PA. Ride is leaving the dealership at 8:45 AM; Ride is about an hour and a half.
 - o She reminded anyone who is going, to bring a coat as it tends to be chilly once inside the cave.
 - o Tour is scheduled to start at 11:00 AM.
 - o Cost is \$16.00 per person; If 15 or more people attend the cost would then drop to \$11.00 per person. Payment is not due until arrival at the Cavern; Members will pay D. Borowski directly either by Cash / Venmo / Zelle, etc. on that day.
 - o Several locations close to the Cavern have been identified as possible lunch spots.

Safety Officer: H. Olbrich was absent. Question was raised about the “Road ID” bracelets; R. Breuninger responded informing all that information concerning the Road ID bracelets will be presented at a future chapter meeting.

R. Breuninger then said since we are on the topic of safety --- he asked, “how many members wash their rear breaks/wheels?” He then went on to share that he has learned from one of his many training sessions, that it’s a good idea to wash your rear breaks (pads) / wheels; they tend get allot of debris when riding and especially during training, especially intensive training. He said a break cleaner will do the job; just don’t use it in your driveway. A Member suggested using cleaning product on top of cardboard.

R. Breuninger also inquired with members asking, “how many members check their tire pressure before every ride?” Many hands went up... He stressed to members that tire pressure is a big deal... and to continue to please check tire pressures before heading out on a ride.

Historian: J. Gennarelli shared that the PowerPoint presentation being shown was titled “Bikes / Cars and Girls”. He shared about how the photo shoot was put together; where it was held and that certain photos contained Chapter Members with their bikes.

- J. Gennarelli then inquired if there was any interest in a chapter ride to the Hawthorne Gun Club; He said that you don’t have to have your own gun; just need 10 or more people to secure a timeslot with the gun club. More to come.

Webmaster: M. Durenberger was absent.

AMA Rep: D. Bannon had nothing to report.

Photographer: J. Gallios shared with members about the upcoming overnight ride to Mystic, CT that she has coordinated. She shared that there is so much to do; and everything is NOT seaport related.

- Dates for this trip are October 4, 5 & 6.
 - o Leaving dealership on October 4th (KSU @ 9:30 AM); she mentioned for those members who may not be able to leave in the morning, there could be a coordinated second shift that leaves late afternoon / early evening. Members will start to head back on Sunday, October 6, 2024.
 - 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 J. Gallios is looking to get a count of members who would like to attend; Interested members should sign-up thru Eventbrite or send her a text.
 - o Information about the trip will continue to be shared via weekly email blasts.

NEW BUSINESS:

MA Breuninger talked about the chapter Road Captains and their “commitment to safety” and keeping us safe during a ride. She shared that the Road Captains Reference & Resource document has been recently updated and approved by the EBoard. This document contains proper standards that Road Captains... “new” and “existing” can reference / follow and what is required of a Road Captain. So if there are any members who may be thinking about possibly becoming a Road Captain but are not sure – this is a good document to reference to see if it would be something you may be interested in. The document will be distributed to any interested member.

D. Smith shared that “Ride Like A Pro” has posted additional classes thru the end of October (weekday and weekend) for anyone interested. Cost is \$200 per person; Cost is \$150 for a class of 8 or more. For members who would like to attend for a second time, he suggested reaching out to Ride Like A Pro to see if member can sign up for a discounted price as a second time participant.

R. Hall shared with chapter members that next week's ride, Saturday, August 24 is headed to Apple Valley Restaurant in Milford, PA.

P. Gallios suggested an idea for next year's chapter challenge. P. Gallios is looking to promote a "Diner" Challenge. The majority of members liked the idea. P. Gallios will promote this challenge for the 2025 riding season.

D. Paxton announced the ride scheduled for Sunday, August 18 – weather is not looking good; most likely chapter ride will be cancelled.

V. Kellett shared that his dog who was introduced to chapter members during the 2023 Christmas season / pictures, Diesel, recently had his leg amputated; diagnosed with cancer.

A Chapter member (did not get name) shared that NJ Motorsport Park in Millville, NJ will be featuring "bagger racing" for anyone interested. From their website it shows dates to be September 27-29, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS: nothing to report.

Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2024

ADJOURMENT: 10:09 AM meeting was adjourned.

RAFFLE DRAWING: . D. Bannon was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card. Ticket #1801675

*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan