

Chapter Membership Meeting
Harley Owners Group
Garden State Chapter
Morris County NJ
@ Garden State Harley Dealership
September 21, 2024

ATTENDEES

Director/Road Captain:	R. Breuninger
Ass't. Director/Road Captain	M. Chizmadia
Treasurer	B. Papetti
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
AMA Rep:	D. Bannon (<i>absent</i>)

General Attendees

A. Almedia	B. Bartick
V. Belcastro	S. Bischoff
M. Bishop	D. Butkovich
DA Bukovich	C. Carreira
S. Chizmadia	M. Cho
E. Cohen	M. Delarusa
P. Gallios	J. Gennari
M. Gennari	A. Gibbon
R. Hall	R. Hui
M. Irula	J. Jones
V. Kellett	D. Lannigan
D. Lawlor	S. Lawlor
J. Parisi	A. Paxton
D. Paxton	A. Perez
DJ Peterson	G. Rafuse
J. Sagarese	M. Schattner
A. Valdez	V. Viglione
M. Vogt	J. Vorrasi
W. Waltsak	

Meeting Called to Order approx: 9:01 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by J. Gennari

OPENING REMARKS / OFFICER REPORTS:

Director: R. Breuninger opened the meeting announcing that chapter member G. Seitz stopped in for a short visit... as she wanted to inform the chapter about the recent health issue that has impacted her spouse, and Assist Director, R. Seitz, since mid-August 2024. She shared details of the health issues that landed R. Seitz in the hospital; and although R. Seitz has made tremendous strides in getting better, she shared that she is unsure how long his recovery will be. She thanked everyone for their well wishes and prayers, and she asked for continued prayers for R. Seitz with his recovery.

- Breuninger then “thanked” all those who took the time to donate blood at the August 14, 2024 Blood Drive that was held at that dealership. He stressed that our nation and area continue to face a severe blood shortage.
- Next... R. Breuninger also “thanked” the dealership for hosting “Honor Our Nation’s Heroes” day which was held last Saturday, September 14th. R. Breuninger said that he knows how grateful the chapter is for our veterans and active military, police, fire and first responders – past and present.
- R. Breuninger then spoke about the Eric C. Blohm Charity Ride that was being hosted by the dealership today, August 21st. He spoke about how this foundation supports the ongoing fight against cancer. He asked that chapter members provide assistance with parking, HOG table; event setup and breakdown. Patch sewing was also going to be offered – however it was cancelled.
- R. Breuninger next reminded members of an upcoming ride taking place on September 28th - “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.
- Next it was announced to chapter members that there would be an immediate change at the EBoard Level: R. Breuninger shared that from discussions with Assistant Director R. Seitz and spouse/member, G. Seitz, it was agreed that R. Breuninger would need to find an Interim Assistant Director while R. Seitz continues his recovery. R. Breuninger said that both he and R. Seitz were agreement that the Interim Assistant Director should go to ...M. Chizmadia. Congratulations M. Chizmadia. R. Breuninger then presented M. Chizmadia with the Assistant Director patch.

M. Chizmadia did share how honored he was to take the role. He also shared a story with the chapter about when R. Seitz had initially spoken to him about taking over the Assistant Director role, due to moving into the Director’s spot – term starting January 1, 2025. M Chizmadia expressed how honored he was to be considered. M. Chizmadia said that he responded to R. Seitz saying: “Yes... he would take the role of Assistant Director and we will do our best to keep the chapter rollin”. Well now... I’ll be stepping in a little sooner and we will get the job done.

Treasurer: B. Papetti reported that the current balance in the chapter’s bank account to be in good standing. B. Papetti also reminded members that she is collecting the money for the End of Year Dinner; Cost of the Dinner is \$50.00 per person and payment can be made by personal check; cash or credit card. Payments can be made at today’s chapter meeting or at the October 19th chapter meeting. Checks can also be mailed to B. Papetti’s home (address is provided in email blasts) or left at the dealership. She also mentioned that she was accepting payment for name tag and tee-shirts recently ordered. Name Tags - \$15.00 / Tee-Shirts - \$40.00

Secretary: DJ Lannigan shared that name tags and tee-shirts have been ordered; should be in by the next chapter meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Head Road Captain: B. Gould asked that any member attending today’s charity ride to please make sure they sign in to get credit for today’s ride.

B. Gould the announced a “new” road captain... P. Gallios. She then shared that P. Gallios has shown allot of interest in becoming a road captain and looking forward to collaborating on upcoming rides with P. Gallios. P. Gallios was presented with Road Captain rockers / patches. Congratulations to P. Gallios.

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

- D. Borowsky reminded all members about the Year End Dinner which is being held at the Jefferson House on November 16, 2024; Cost is \$50.00 per person. Payment is to be made to Treasurer B. Papetti. There will be door prizes, dancing and great food.

Safety Officer: H. Olbrich commented on what a great turnout for today's chapter meeting. He then went on to say that with tomorrow, Sunday, September 22, 2024 being the first day of fall, that the cooler weather will now start to settle upon us and because of this all members should continue to check their tire pressure before going on a ride; be aware of the leaves / nuts that are coming down from the trees onto roadways; road conditions are changing – be careful.

R. Breuninger then shared with members that he has recently noticed that allot of riders with saddle bags, when taking corners or even just riding a straight section of roadway, sometimes get very close to the left side double yellow line where their bags actually cross over. He reminded all members to be aware of this when riding..."Be aware and focus on your lane position".

Historian: J. Gennarelli talked about past director / member A. Byra. Some of the history he shared was that A. Byra, who is also an expert skier, would take a group of chapter members to his ski lodge in New Hampshire every year to see the sites – in Laconia / Mt. Washington... to name a few. He stated that New Hampshire resurfaces their roads every year – which provides for great riding.

Webmaster: M. Durenberger was absent.

AMA Rep: D. Bannon was absent.

Photographer: J. Gallios shared that there is a very small group taking advantage of the Mystic, CT overnight ride scheduled for October 4, 5 & 6. She stated that she has changed the route a bit with Day 1 having a stop at 1 Harley Dealership. Day 2 will be a 2nd dealership stop.

NEW BUSINESS:

Member M. Vogt shared with members that a past employee, of Garden State, D. Neeb... Her daughter is in need of a kidney transplant and thru the American Legion Post 155 there is a scheduled benefit ride that will take place on October 19th, for any interested members. KSU at 12 noon.

Membership Officer D. Borowsky then announced that there were special guests in attendance at today's meeting. Special Guests were the family members of chapter member D. Paxton. His Family was visiting from Scotland.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chicken Wing Challenge: Member D. Lannigan reminded members that the challenge is coming to an end (ends at the end of September). He reminded any member who is participating in the challenge to remember to take pictures in front of the restaurant, and that pictures need to be turned in to Membership Officer, D. Borowsky, by email / text / messenger, so credit can be given to that member for completing.

Next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2024

ADJOURMENT: 9:40 AM meeting was adjourned.

RAFFLE DRAWING: . D. Paxton was the winner of the \$25.00 HD gift card. Ticket #1801731

*Mtg minutes prepared by DJ Lannigan