

January 5, 2005

Minutes of the Rolling Thunder®, Inc. - Illinois Chapter 1 general membership meeting.

President Evanovich called the meeting to order at 1940 hours. A quorum was present and an official meeting was declared.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

New members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes of the December meeting were accepted.

President - Curly let us know that the chapter bought a motorcycle. We are now the proud owners of a 2005 Softail Custom Deluxe - Black Cherry in color. The bike set us back \$. Now the objective will be to sell tickets for this beauty. The bike will be raffled off on October 2, 2005



Christmas party at Hines went very well. A special thanks to Brad and John for a super effort. I think they may have found a permanent gig. For those that stayed for the pizza there wasn't any for us. But the Hines crowd ate very well and that was what it is all about. We received a letter of thanks from the wife of one of the vets and that in itself made it all worth while.

Sergeant David Kozinski is now deployed to Iraq. Caught up in a little town of Mosul. You can reach Skider by mailing to [SGT.](#)

[David Kozinski](#)

[Com. B/ 113 APO AE 09334](#) or skider78@msn.com or [carefulkozy](#) at yahoo messenger.

The first major opportunity we will have to sell raffle tickets for the bike will be the Bike Show at McCormick place to be held this coming weekend, February 4,5, and 6th. Gary & Jennifer Huizenga Home:

708 301 1951 Gary's Cell: 708 362 2800 Jen's Cell: 708 373 2186 Jen's Office: 312 922 3002, ext. 255. Gary and Jen are making this work. We now have a team of volunteers to assist but it would never be a bad thing to have more help. Just drop by McCormick Place, find the Rolling Thunder Booth and sell a book or two of raffle tickets. Thanks to Gary and Jen!!

Walneck's Swap meets are additional opportunities to sell raffle tickets for our bike. Check the schedule below for the dates. See Don Pugh or Snickers to volunteer.

Treasurer - Kriss - \$ in the bank. The chapter authorized a \$ donation to the Ministries of Reverend John Steers.

Vice-President - Larry mentioned that ABATE had patches made up for Jack "Sidecar" Wheeler. They are available at \$5.00 each. See Snickers

It is not too early to start thinking about **Washington D.C. on Memorial Day weekend**. This ride is the heart of the Rolling Thunder organization and is where we show our combined support for the POW/MIA issue. It is suggested that those of you who plan on going to D.C. should start making hotel arrangements now. Our chapter will be staying at the Best Western in Falls Church, Va. We will be there for three nights, Friday, Saturday and Sunday – 5/27, 5/28 and 5/29/05.
<http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do;jsessionid=412F4A8884E4AA02692297F8E60AE1C2?propertyCode=09006>

Secretary -

Patches were handed out this evening to:

Rick Hudgens - Rocker and Eagle, Kimberly McCabe - Boot, Ronda Bach - Boot, Frank Battaglia Jr. - Boot, Michael Jordan - Boot. Congratulations to all. And thank you for supporting Rolling Thunder.

The list of those that **did not renew for the 2004** year and still have their patches are as follows: This list is current as of February 1, 2005. Any help in retrieving these patches would be appreciated.

Current offenders are:

Robert W. Baus Jr - boot, Richard Foland-boot, Tom Grafton all, Keith Hahne-all, John Held-boot, Rick Hymes-boot, Michael Minor-boot, Therese Murphy-boot, Daniel Murphy-boot, Maria Onstott-boot, Michael Pianovski-all, Jimmy Pianovski-all, Randal

It is **time** to send in your dues for 2005. We need to send the new roster to National by the end of February. Please take the time now to write a check for \$30 to Rolling Thunder® Illinois Chapter1 and send it to our P.O. Box 1042, Warrenville, Il 60555. If you do not plan to renew, please remember I need your patches. Thank you.

Schadowsky-all, Phillip Skortz-boot, Regina Ward-boot, Debra Wiertz-all.

Calendar

02/02/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs
02/26/05	Benefit for Abe "Longshot" Fecht - Banger
630.372.0432	
03/02/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs
04/06/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs
04/16/05	Walneck's Swap Meet - Grayslake
04/16/05	Table Ceremony at Cantigny VFW - Joliet
05/04/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs
05/15/05	Walneck's Swap Meet - St. Charles
05/24/05 - 05/30/05	Rolling Thunder Ride to Washington D.C.
06/01/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs
06/26/05	Walneck's Swap Meet - Grayslake
07/06/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs
08/03/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs
08/07/05	Walneck's Swap Meet - Grayslake
09/07/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs
10/02/05	Big Thunder Run IV
10/05/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs
11/02/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs
12/07/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs

Committees

If you escorted the Moms last year and did not get your pin please see LT.

Doug attended the National Conference - Doug gave us a recap of what happened there. He is optimistic with the change in National leadership. National wants us to recruit cautiously. We are only looking for those who seek involvement. As a result, our application is no longer available on line and we are not allowed to have membership drives. As the word of who we are and what we do gets out, help will come. Doug had an opportunity to learn about JPAC. JPAC is the unit in Hawaii responsible for identifying the remains of those bodies being returned.

<http://www.jpac.pacom.mil/>

Meeting adjourned at 2044.

If you know of anyone that needs the minutes of our meeting mailed to them via snail-mail, please let me know. I do not want that list to get to long (cost and all) but I do want everyone to read about what they are missing when they miss a meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
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