

▪ **AUGUST MEETING** will begin at **1900 hours**. We have much to talk about and need the extra half hour. This will also be true of the **SEPTEMBER** meeting. Please note this on your calendar. Call friends that do not have email

**July 6, 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 May meeting were accepted.

**President - Dale “Curly” Evanovich** recanted the ride to Indiana in support of David J. Kozinski, the son of Penny and Skider and a member in his own right. There were 18 scooters that took the trip to Chesterton. We were led by a local (Aaron “Joker” Kozinski) on the run. Due to Joker’s knowledge of the area we were able to add about 25 miles to the run itself. So much for shortcuts. It was a clear but very hot day but the ride was enjoyed by all. After the run we had lunch and relaxed while poker prizes were handed out. Our very own Laurie Zimmerman won first place with her “trip fours”.

Our National convention is coming up on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be sending Doug “Skippy” Mahar and Mike “Blue Leader” Morias to represent us at the conference

**Vice-President - Larry “Roadkill” Smith** mentioned the Chicago Tribune article that talked about Rolling Thunder and our support of POW.MIA issues. He congratulated Doug for getting us this type of press.

**Treasurer - Kriss Sedlacek**- \$xxx in the bank. We still owe approximately \$xxx on the raffle bike.

**Secretary - Jim “Snipe” Murray** - The Illinois Chapter One Boot Patch was handed out to **Rik “Petro” Carlson**. Congratulations Rik.

Chapter members were reminded that letters and certificates of appreciation are available for individuals and business that assist us in our cause. Let me know if anyone is so deserving and why.

There will be a Remembrance Table Ceremony at the August meeting. We have new members that have not seen it as well as members that would like to see it again.

**Chapter Elections** - Nominees for President, Secretary and three chapter board members will be accepted at the August meeting. Elections for these positions will be at our September meeting. Positions are for two years. This is the time to become involved in the leadership of this organization. You can nominate any chapter member that has shown to be involved in our chapter activities. You may also nominate yourself.

**Out going office holders are:**

**President - Dale “Curly” Evanovich**

**Secretary - Jim “Snipe” Murray**

**Board Member - Jim “Snickers” Slenk**

**Board Member - Doug “Skippy” Mahar**

**Board Member - Steve “Rage” Witmer**

Rick “Popeye” Montgomery will handle the election proceedings.

## **Calendar**

07/17/05 Ride for Kids - Rick Montgomery

<http://www.ride4kids.org/>

07/24/05 Chapter BTRIV Ride - Batavia VFW 1100

07/23/05 Plainfield Hog Night - Julie & Bo

08/03/05 Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1900hrs

08/07/05 Walneck’s Swap Meet - Grayslake

08/20/05 Plainfield Hog Night - Julie & Bo

08/28/05 Blue Knights Poker Run - [www.bkilxx.com](http://www.bkilxx.com)

09/07/05 Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1900hrs

09/16/05 National POW/MIA Day

10/02/05	Big Thunder Run IV
10/05/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrentville VFW - 1930hrs
11/02/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrentville VFW - 1930hrs
12/07/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrentville VFW - 1930hrs

## Committees

**C.O.B. Jim “Snickers” Slenk** request that all tickets or money be turned in. If you have tickets and believe that you will still sell them, give Snickers a call and let him know. If you would still be able to sell a few tickets, contact Snickers at [jslenk@ameritech.net](mailto:jslenk@ameritech.net) or 630 406-1421.

**Howard “Weebles” Bushnell** was not able to come to the meeting but he did let us know that he has sold over \$1000 in advertising for this year’s Big Thunder Run and has leads for more. If you know of sales opportunities let Weebles know at [fanfold@hotmail.com](mailto:fanfold@hotmail.com) or 630.469.0631.

**Doug “Skippy” Maher** was not able to attend the June meeting. We have had two planning meetings for BTRIV and only several people have shown up. We figure this is due to time constraints so we will hold a meeting withing a meeting at the next two chapter meetings. There is much to do - please come ready to volunteer.

**Julie and Bo Augello** will be working Hog Nights in Plainfield again this year. This Saturday the 23<sup>th</sup> will be the next event. See our calendar for future dates.

**Laurie Zimmerman** is still collecting items to ship to our troops overseas. Laurie has sent **250 pounds** of good to our troops overseas in the month of June. Bring any “Care Package items” to a meeting If you would like to help Laurie please contact her at [lzimmerman@vanguardcommunity.com](mailto:lzimmerman@vanguardcommunity.com) or 630.771.0458

**Wayne “Lmore” Stevens** brought up a raffle being held by the Elburn Fire Department. The proceeds will go toward a Thermal Imaging System. If you are interested give Wayne a call. (630 365-6855 or [stevens\\_w@ecfpd.com](mailto:stevens_w@ecfpd.com) )

## Other Business

Dave “Sparky Rudolph is our ride coordinator. We have a chapter ride planned for the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. This run will be from the Batavia VFW at 1100 and will take the Poker Run route of BTRIV. There will also be a group leaving the Warrenville VFW at 1000 and will meet up with the Batavia group. We will have lunch at one of the stops. Dave is also planning a chapter ride for late August or in September. Stay tuned.

Dave also reminded us of the Walk for Breast Cancer that will be held in September (16, 17, 18) This walk will be from St. Charles to Downtown Chicago. If anyone wants to join in the walk please see <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=61806>  
The chapter has donated \$273 to this cause.

Rick “Popeye” Montgomery reminded us that the annual [Ride for Kids](#) will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup>. We will leave as a chapter for this run at 0730 hours from the Warrenville VFW. This has become an annual ride for our chapter and is one of the best organized runs we do. (except for BTR)  
<http://www.ride4kids.org/chicagoland/index.htm>

Chris Hellman is supporting the Childrens Burn Camp. They are having a Poker Run on August 21. If you are interested please contact Chris. (815 439-3916 or [whitevette1964@sbcglobal.net](mailto:whitevette1964@sbcglobal.net) )

Jennifer Huzenga is working to find us new lodging in D.C. next year. If you were on the ride this year and have any suggestions that may help, please contact Jen. (708 301-1951 or [gary-jennifer@comcast.net](mailto:gary-jennifer@comcast.net) )

Meeting adjourned at 20:45

*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,  
Jim (Snipe) Murray, Secretary  
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