

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

March 1, 2006 **30 of 92 members were in attendance**

President Don Pugh called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. A quorum was present and an official meeting was declared.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made.
No visitors or guests were present this month.

Early billing was given to Jennifer and Gary Huizenga to report on BTR bike raffle ticket sales at the Super Cycle Show at McCormick Place. Ticket sales were \$ for the event.

President - Don Pugh

Don has made arrangements with Walneck's Inc. for indoor space at the following swap meets:

Woodstock, IL April 23
Sandwich, IL June 4
Woodstock, IL August 13

This free indoor space was donated to Rolling Thunder courtesy of Buzz Walneck. The purpose of our presence there is to promote POW/MIA awareness and issues, to sell BTR bike raffle tickets and our RT merchandise. Our supply of merchandise is sufficient. Some items are on order. Chapter members are encouraged to clean out their garages and junk boxes and sell their stuff at our Rolling Thunder booth during these events.

Don has a conflict with the April 23 date and is **looking for someone to head up our efforts on that day**. Contact Don directly if you can do this.

The Midwest Motorcycle AA Convention rally and campout is being held near Freeport, IL on June 23, 24 and 25th. All are welcome to this alcohol free event. Full details can be found at <http://www.mmaac.org/>

Treasurer - Kriss Sedlacek- \$ in the bank. This does not include ticket sale proceeds from the Super Cycle show which were turned in just prior to the meeting.

Secretary - Bill Houghtaling

We continue to have some successes in recovering patches from former members of Illinois Chapter 1. In December Artie sent a list of 12 names of former members who had boot and/or rockers and eagles outstanding. As of this date patches have been collected from 6 people. I have another person in progress which I expect to resolve during this month. Kevin Piper is also working on two more individuals. The good news is that we have current contact information on ten out of the 12 named individuals and anticipate continued successes.

The following members were awarded patches this month:

John Strunewitz	Boot
Shane Massey	Rocker and eagle
Mario Giovannini	Boot
Rik Carlson	Rocker and eagle
William Sanderson	Rocker and eagle
Michael Jordan	Rocker and eagle
Ronda Bach	Rocker and eagle

Dues renewals at this point have been improving. We are at 65 renewals out of 92 members. It is great that just about all the active members that come to the meetings have renewed. I expect there may be another 10 to 12 members that will renew. If you have not renewed please send a \$30 check payable to Rolling Thunder at PO Box 1042, Warrenville, IL 60555. Those not renewing in the next two weeks will be moved from the roster to the patch recovery list.

I commended Gary and Jennifer Huizenga, along with their helpers, for the BTR bike raffle ticket sales at the Super Cycle

show. Thanks to their leadership during this first ticket sale effort of the year enough tickets were sold to pay for one fifth of the bike. This is a great start!

Old Business

Pat Cannella again spoke for a few minutes. She is representing the USMC Scout Sniper Association and is looking for donations to send directly to the units. See last months minutes for more details. Pat can be contacted at 630 778-8399 or at PLC5005@sbcglobal.net . Also, the Association is having its annual convention in DC the same weekend that Rolling Thunder is in DC. Pat also recommends getting tickets ahead of time for the Marine Corp Silent Drill Team performance.

Curley has BTR bike raffle tickets available for members to sell. The tickets are in groups of 20 tickets at \$10 each.

New Business

Don brought up Rolling Thunder XIX in Washington, DC over the Memorial Day weekend. For more info see <http://www.rollingthunder1.com/rt-2006-dc-run-xix/rt-run-dc-2006-info-index.htm>

Don and John Strunewitz are leaving Thursday am and will be staying at the Best Western (\$70 rate). The group from Crete is also leaving Thursday and staying at the Inn of Falls Church (\$69 rate). Curley is leaving on Monday am to stay at a friends mini-farm and plans be in Rainelle, WV Thursday night and ride into DC on Friday. Curley's route is 1100 miles out and 780 miles back. I have my reservations at the Quality Inn Iwo Jima (just 3 blocks from the Iwo Jima Memorial) at a rate of \$118 (one room, two beds, two people = \$59 each). Curley, Snipe, LT and Roadkill have been to DC several times and can provide a lot of good information. Don would like our chapter to plan some activities as a group. Also, the Friday night candlelight ceremony at The Wall is recommended as a must do event.

Doug will again be Chairman of the Big Thunder Run in October. Discussion was held over the scheduling of the planning meeting. It was decided that the first planning meetings will be just prior to or after our monthly meetings. As the event approaches separate and specific meetings will be held. Committee leaders are needed for all activities such as door prizes, parking, route and stops, raffle, registration, etc. Please contact Doug if you have desires or interest in any of these areas. Also, please think of door prizes and raffle donations that can be donated to the event. It is never too early to set items aside.

Two new members were welcomed to our chapter at the end of the meeting. They are Leonard "Wolfman" Traskell and Pat Cannella. Pat was one of the charter members of our Chapter and is an advocate for the USMC Scout Sniper Association.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Houghtaling, Secretary
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