

**Rolling Thunder® Illinois Chapter 1
Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of Rolling Thunder, Inc. Illinois Chapter One General Membership Meeting

July 1, 2009 40 of 76 members were in attendance

The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

Visiting guest this month were Bob and Pam Kenely of Batavia, friends of Tom and Kathleen Potts.

President Doug Skippy Mahar

We received the official letter from the Foundation s attorney communicating the Foundation s approval of a grant. The monies will be distributed in August. The grant committee will begin the procurement process with Hines Hospital, Manteno Veterans Home and the vendors.

Interestingly, the Foundation wants to remain anonymous. They prefer to be referred to as an Anonymous Donor. Under the terms of the grant their name and the terms of the grant are confidential.

Upcoming events and details were mentioned. These events are the July 2 Escort, the Warrenville July 4th parade and the Winfield Good Old Days on Sept. 13.

Treasurer Jim Snipe Murray

Our treasury report was reviewed and accepted.

Regarding the bike raffle 450 tickets were sold at the Freedom Run and 470 tickets were sold at Heritage Fest. Out of the pool of 3000 tickets 150 are unassigned, 1280 tickets have been sold and 1520 tickets are in member s hands (that is \$15200 worth of tickets members are holding).

Last year members arrived at the Big Thunder Run with \$8000 in unsold tickets. Fortunately, we were able to sell all those tickets that day. Please turn your tickets in now if you do not expect to sell them.

Secretary - Bill Houghtaling

We are now at 76 members.

A letter from Artie regarding patches held by former members was passed around the meeting. Again, Artie accounts for patches very carefully. We need to collect these patches or pay \$150 per patch set in restitution. A pdf copy of this list will be the subject of a separate email. Please contact the former members on the list that you know and ask for our patches back. These people are our friends and formerly assisted us with our POW/MIA mission. Friendly conversations work better than dunning letters.

George Pleshar was awarded his boot patch. Congratulations George.

Chairman of the Board Rick Popeye Montgomery

Popeye reminded us of the Ride for Kids on July

19th. <http://www.pbtfus.org/rideforkids/calendar/2009/chicagoland.html>

While not related to POW/MIA issues this worthy cause has a long history of support from the member of Illinois Chapter One.

Board Members

Hard Core and Hawk will be attending Operation Support Our Troops at Cantigny on July 18th. <http://www.osotil.org/rockin2009.html>

Contact Hard Core or Hawk if you are going to the event.

Old Business and New Business

Kriss has Big Thunder Run flyers and posters available. Also Kriss is looking for anything (yes, almost anything) that can be used for BTR raffle prizes. Kriss also had the info for the Fourth of July parade.

The purchase of candy for the Warrenville Fourth of July Parade was approved.

George Pleshar had questions about BTR booths regarding size, power, cost, other vendors attending and contact person.

Weebles spoke about the BTR:

1. Cantigny First Division Museum will be sending people and equipment to the BTR.
2. Leathersmiths will also be attending.
3. The BTR program cut off date is August 15th. Please have all your article and ad submissions to Howard by that date. As of August 16 all information will be in the printer s hands.

Beth had a question for Doug regarding an email question she had submitted to Doug. Doug responded that the meeting was not the time or place for a response to her question posed in the email.

Secretary Bill made a motion to do a non-veteran donation (\$3 per member) to the Ride for Kids. Motion was seconded and passed.

Cutter expressed the need for the Chapter to have our own table and chair set for use in the Remembrance Table Ceremony. Discussion evolved and a motion was made to provide Cutter with a budget of \$300. The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Houghtaling, Secretary

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Upcoming Events: (Chapter events in Bold)

July 11 Save a Vet Poker
Run, http://www.lightningcustoms.com/events/event_12351.html

July 18 Special Olympics Poker Run, Kendall County Deb @630 553-5833

July 18 Rockin for the Troops 2009, Cantigny First Division
Museum. <http://www.osotil.org/rockin2009.html>

July 19 Ride for
Kids, <http://www.pbtfus.org/rideforkids/calendar/2009/chicagoland.html>

Aug. 16 Ride for Veterans, Glendale Heights VFW, 9am, 630 894-1358

Sept. 13 **Winfield Good Old Days Parade**

Sept. 13 MSHV Golf Outing, <http://helpaveteran.org/>

Sept. 18 & 19 The Ride Home, Andersonville, GA <http://powridehome.org/>

Sept. 18 National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sept. 27 Gold Star Mother Day

Oct. 3 **Set up for Big Thunder Run**

Oct. 4 **Big Thunder Run**

Oct. 11 IL Ch 2 Never Forget Thunder Run and Toys for Tots
Parade, rollingthundeilch2events@yahoo.com

Nov. 1 Manteno Veterans Run, Oak Lawn H.O.G.