

# Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

## Chapter Meeting Minutes

### October 2, 2024

Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Meeting was called to order by President Al Miller  
At 19:35 hours.

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Al "Shadow" Miller	President
No	Kandice "PG" Jacobs	Vice-President
Yes	Knute Weick	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Rick "Cosmo" Herr	Treasurer
Yes	Keith "Stretch" Stengler	Secretary
No	Chris "Spyder" Graham	Director
Yes	Dave "Roadie Dave" Skinner	Director
Yes	Sue "Stumbler" Price	Director
Yes	Wendy "Dragonfly" Vach	Director

Shadow:

- Asking chapter to approve \$3000 for Thanksgiving packages, passed.
- Fox River Harley Davidson is transferring out POW MIA items to Wildfire HD.
- The Save A Joe Pub Crawl 10/19, is not a chapter event.
- Fallen Member ride, 10/20, 12:00 at The Brown Pub, 200 Somonauk Rd, Hinckley, IL 60520.

Coz:

- Treasurers Report, accepted.

Knute:

- The Remembrance table at Genoa Veterans Home was a success. We need to communicate better with them as the members there were unaware we were coming to do the ceremony. They were able to get several more members to attend after our arrival.

LT:

- Gave Cosmo the check from the Sugar Grove United Methodist Church. RT IL 1 was their non-profit collection donation for September.



Chappy:

- Thanks to Stumbler and Irongate for the invitation to have a tent at their event. They donated the spot for the tent. There was representation for both SBMH and RT there.

Dragonfly:

- 11/24 Meet at Warrenville VFW at 10:00 for assembling Thanksgiving packages.
- Gun Bash 2025
  - Sugar Grove American Legion is on board as the location for the event.
  - They agreed to have our event coincide with one of their events.
  - Tickets should be available by the chapter December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Tuttle:

- Spoke of a shooting range in St Charles that is interested in hosting the gun bash. We need more information for this business. Could be a possibility for next year.

BB:

- Offered any assistance he could provide for the gun bash.

Roadie:

- Talked about BTR, thanking all who helped. Also talked about good things and where improvements can be made. We had a time crunch due to other events at the Batavia VFW. This meant we had to start early. We will defer to the November meeting to discuss more options for the run.
- Repatriation for PFC Jerele.
  - We had a good showing for the Dignified Transfer on Tuesday. The family is very happy.
  - Friday we will meet at 08:15 at the Exxon on Roosevelt and Summit Ave., then on to Russo Funeral Home.
  - Meet at the Russo Chapel at 09:15 for the service and procession to ALNC. There will be a stop at Berkley park to place a wreath at a POW MIA monument.
  - A Proclamation was signed by Govender Pritzker to have flags at half-mast on Friday in respect to PFC Jerele.
  - There will be 2 Major Generals attending the service at the funeral home.
  - Roadie will send a reminder to the chapter as a reminder for the repatriation.

BB:

- Thanked Dave for his work involved with setting up the repatriation.
- Has some ideas to create interest in the BTR, biker challenges, tattoo contest...

Chappy:

- Announced he has a location for the SBMH near Barrington Rd and Irving Park Rd. It will host 20 veteran men, 20 veteran women and 10 single veterans with families.

BB:

- Wants the chapter to stop giving monies to outside groups/charities, when we have no control how the money is going to be spent.

Stumbler:

- Irongate wants to work more with us to help sell gun bash tickets. They will put the information on their web site 2 weeks prior to the event.

Meeting Close: 20:40

Respectfully –Stretch