

- 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 Chapter 1 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.

February 2, 2005

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

President Evanovich called the meeting to order at 1932 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 January meeting were accepted.

President - Curly let the chapter know that Becky Cantwell's father passed since our last meeting. Our prayers are with Becky and Moe and their family.

This month we have Don Ross in Elmhurst hospital. He will be in room 3290 until the weekend. Rich "Cutter" Wayne is himself being cut this weekend. He will have a hernia operation. Get Well Soon - we need you guys!

The Softail that we are raffling off is in at Wildfire Harley. We are having a little trouble getting insurance for the bike. Curly will work with Wildfire to see if we can get something done in time for this weekend's Bike show.



Vice-President - Larry was at a book signing in Fox Valley for the book "Fox Valley Veterans" by George Rawlinson. Larry invited Mr. Rawlinson to attend one of our meetings and perhaps bring one of

the 30 local veterans that he interviewed for the book. Larry highly recommends the book. If and when Mr. Rawlinson comes to our meeting he will have copies of his book available. This may happen at the March meeting.

Treasurer - Kriss - \$ in the bank.

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:

Chris Kovacs - Boot, Steve Pletzke - Boot, Beth Pletzke - Boot, Marvin Harkins Sr - Boot. Congratulations to all. And thank you for supporting Rolling Thunder.

Calendar

02/06-07/05	Bike Show - McCormick Place
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

Snickers - Jack "Sidecar" Wheeler's remembrance patches are here. See Jim. Jim also reminded us all that we have raffle tickets to sell for the motorcycle raffle. Many of us have memories of a previous raffle that wasn't sold out until the night before. Lets sell this one out by the end of March.

Howard "Weebles" Bushnell let us know that "**RUN FOR SHELTER 2005**" is coming up on May 22, 2005. This run is sponsored by [Wildfire](#) Harley and the money goes in support of Family Shelter Service in DuPage County. For info contact Denise Nolan 630.665.2820 or email lohwildfire@hotmail.com.

Doug Maher has flyers for the BTRIV. (Big Thunder Run IV). He is working on larger posters and should have a status by next meeting. There is a lot going on with BTRIV already. Route is being worked (chapter ride in the spring to work out the kinks), patches are being worked by Don Pugh and Doug has COMPLETE control of everything else. Our ride is being advertised on <http://www.lets-ride.com/event/illinois.htm>. The chapter passed the hat during the meeting to offset reproduction costs on the flyers. We were able to collect \$225.00. **What a Chapter!**

Jen Huizenga mentioned that Wildfire donated 10% off coupons that are to be given away when someone purchases a raffle ticket. That should help the effort at this weekends Bike Show. Speaking of the bike show, if you have nothing to do Sunday at 11:30 or so, stop by McCormick Place - see the bike show - and help out at the Rolling Thunder Booth.

Laurie Zimmerman is putting together a “care” package for Skider in Iraq. A motion was made for the chapter to pick up the postage. Motion carried. Motion also made to send Skider a couple of T-Shirts with Rolling Thunder® on them. Motion carried. Care packages are not a once and done type thing. If you missed this one - start the next one.

John Priorello mentioned that anyone who placed a T-shirt order with Brad might have a little problem. The t-shirt company lost the order. If you ordered a shirt, please see John.

Rick Montgomery mentioned that the State of Illinois is going to start a new scratch off lottery game with 10% of the money going to veterans support.

Bob Wilkins (a Tattoo Artist) is having a Tattoo party at his place on March 5th. Call him at 630.369.4521 for info.

Meeting adjourned at 2016.

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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