

April 16th we will hold a Remembrance Table Ceremony at the Joliet VFW. We were invited to do this right after the New Lenox dedication from last year. This is the VFW's 85th anniversary. They have also invited us to dinner. Our program is scheduled to start at 1745 with dinner at 1800. Chapter representation is key at events like this. Please mark your calendars. We will leave from the Warrenville VFW at 1600 hours on April 16th. We will travel south on Roue 59 to Black road then East to Horse Shoe for those of you who would like to meet up on the way. For directions see
<http://www.vfw367.org/location.html>

April 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 March meeting were accepted.

President - Don Ross is still in Elmhurst Hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with Don and we hope for a speedy recovery. The chapter received word that TomCosgrove, one of the 4 WWII vets that we sent to Washington last year, has passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Cosgrove family.

We have one more meeting night before we head out to Washington D.C. as a part of Rolling Thunder® XVIII. 17 members signed up for this years ride. There is discussion taking place as to leaving on Monday or Tuesday. Get Curly your feedback ASAP. If you have not been on this ride before, a journey awaits you.

We have paid down \$ on the bike for the raffle. If you need tickets, check with Snickers. It is OK to sell all of the tickets before the day of BTRIV.

Vice-President -

Treasurer - Kriss - \$ in the bank.

Secretary - Chapter reenlistment is over. We had a “reup” rate of 92%. 82 out of 90 members decided to stay with us. That is an excellent number. Lets make this an excellent year.

Calendar

04/16/05 Table Ceremony at Cantigny VFW - Joliet
04/17/05 Walneck’s Swap Meet - Grayslake
05/04/05 Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs
05/15/05 Walneck’s Swap Meet - St. Charles
05/21/05 Blessing of Bikes and Bikers - See Jim Warner
630.222.4448
05/22/05 Run for Shelter 2005 - see below
05/24/05 - 05/30/05 Rolling Thunder Ride to Washington D.C.
06/01/05 Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs
06/04/05 Plainfield Hog Night - Julie & Bo
06/18/05 Annual Freedom Run -
<http://www.ilfreedomrun.org/>
06/26/05 Walneck’s Swap Meet - Grayslake
07/06/05 Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs
07/17/05 Ride for Kids - Rick Montgomery
<http://www.ride4kids.org/>
07/23/05 Plainfield Hog Night - Julie & Bo
08/03/05 Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs
08/07/05 Walneck’s Swap Meet - Grayslake
08/20/05 Plainfield Hog Night - Julie & Bo
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

C.O.B. Jim “Snickers” Slenk is collecting all the monies from bike raffle ticket sales. Get your money into Jim quickly.

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. We will have a booth at Palace Billiards, 160 Roosevelt Rd, Villa Park. Contact Weebles to work the booth that day. (fanfold@hotmail.com / 630 469-0631). Weebles is working to have the bike there and sell all of the remaining raffle tickets (or most of them anyway). Work it into your schedule and give Weebles a hand.

Doug “Skippy” Maher will be holding his first BTRIV meeting within the next couple of months. The meetings this year will be held at the Batavia VFW. Batavia wants to help us get bigger and better. Skippy once again asked for help in chairing some of the sub committees that are needed for BTRIV. One of those sub committees would be responsible for Corporate Sponsorship. Our man Howard “Weebles” Bushnell stepped up to the plate and has taken on this responsibility. If you have any inside into corporate sponsors for our BTR please contact Weebles.

Skippy also stated that other bars are looking to our chapter to assist them on poker runs. Although we would not want our name associated with the run, we would be happy to take a donation in trade for our support.

Dave “Sparky” Rudolph is working to set up two chapter rides this summer. One ride will be the route of BTRIV. Seeing that we are always working this run, no one gets to ride it. Skippy and Sparky will set it up. Sparky will have another run scheduled for the chapter towards the end of summer.

Julie and Bo Augello will be working Hog Nights in Plainfield this again this year. They have been able to get space for a table and the bike. We will be selling Rolling Thunder merchandise and raffle

tickets for the bike. There will be three nights during the summer for this - June 4th, July 23rd and Aug 20th. If you would be able to help out please see Julie or Bo.

Laurie Zimmerman is putting together another care package for Iraq. Remember to bring you items and Phone Cards to the May meeting. **Sergeant David Kozinski is now deployed to Iraq. Caught up in a little town of Mosul.**



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Meeting adjourned at 2018.

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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