

5 Oct 05

**Minutes of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. - Illinois Chapter 1  
General Membership Meeting**

**President Don Pugh** called the meeting to order at 7:35. A quorum was present and an official meeting was declared.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

**Dominic Ruggerio** introduced himself as a prospective new member.

**President - Don “Spoiled” Pugh** congratulated everyone on a successful Big Thunder Run and for his or her hard work. He passed around a sheet for people to list comments and improvements for the Run next year. He announced that there would be an after action BTR meeting later to go over the results and comments. He promoted Chap 2’s “Never Forget Thunder Run”.

**Vice-President - Larry “Roadkill” Smith** - Reported on POW-MIA Day at Waterloo, IA an event hosted by Iowa’s Rolling Thunder® Chap 1. Larry and Weebles attended the event and recommended major participation next year by our chapter as it was fun and meaningful. The Joint POW/MIA Accountability Command (JPAC) gave a presentation and Larry said that he would play their presentation at a later meeting. Larry commented on the differences between their Remembrance Table and ours such as using flags instead of hats and adding a sixth place setting for the civilians involved.

**Treasurer - Kriss Sedlacek** - Provided us with a report and informed us that our BTR earned a \$xxx profit. Congrats expressed.

**Secretary- Bill Houghtaling-** As Bill had a previous engagement Weebles volunteered to take the minutes. As such there was no Secretary’s Report.

**Calendar**

6-9 Oct 05 Glendale Heights Moving Wall

8 Oct 05 Remembrance Table at Moving Wall 2 PM  
9 Oct 05 Chapter 2 "Never Forget Thunder Run" (call Tom 847-528-0473)  
29 Oct 05 Hines Run Halloween Party to Benefit Hines Hospital  
Brad Hart/Big John  
2 Nov 05 Chapter Meeting 7:30 PM  
6 Nov 05 Manteno Veterans Run 8-10 AM Breakfast at Koozy's 87<sup>th</sup>  
and Harlem  
7 Dec 05 Chapter Meeting 7:30 PM  
11 Dec 05 Hines Run - 8:00AM Auditorium Hines Hospital  
4 Jan 06 Chapter Meeting 7:30 PM

**Big John and Brad** gave a report to get us ready for the Hines Run on 11 Dec 05. They requested materials to make 350 Gift Bags. A motion was made and accepted to set aside \$3000 for expenses related to the run. A request was made that this year people try to spend more time with individual Vets as they want conversation almost more than the Gift Bag. A request was made to somehow get food to participating Rolling Thunder members during the day or allow a lunch break.

**Dale "Curly" Evanovich** - reminded us of our participation at the Moving Wall in Glendale Heights Saturday 8 Oct 05. We are to do the Remembrance Table at 2PM. These participating will report to VFW - Warrenville at 11 AM with kickstands up at 11:30 to be at North Ave and Bloomingdale Rd by 11:45 AM. There will be a police escort to the Wall.

**Laurie Zimmerman** - announced a Bonfire Party at Skider's House in Porter, IN Sat night 8 Oct 05 as Skider is headed back to Iraq. She commented also that one of the reasons for the success of the Bike Raffle this year was that we started early. She reminded us of the McCormick Place Motorcycle show coming up in Feb, which we have participated in. She volunteered to start bringing merchandise in for sale at each meeting and noted a need to order more merchandise.

**Weebles** - mentioned the Manteno Veterans Run, an escorted run from Koozy's at 87<sup>th</sup> and Harlem. Koozys will open at 8 AM to serve

Breakfast for all to leave at 10 AM. This run is for cars and motorcycles. Return to Koozy's for "A Big Party". This run's purpose is to support the Vets at the Manteno, IL Veterans Home.

**Cutter** - reminded us in order to keep our email at a minimum please respond only to person sending email not the whole group.

Raye Lynn Hart has agreed to be our new Webmaster. Thank you. And thank you Snickers, for your past duty as Webmaster.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10

Respectfully submitted,  
Howard "Weebles" Bushnell, Acting Secretary  
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