

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

June 7, 2006 **45 of 70 members were in attendance**

Vice-President Larry Smith called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. A quorum was present and an official meeting was declared.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

Fred Folkerts of Wheaton was present as a guest.

Vice President - Larry Smith

Larry reported on the DC ride and Rolling Thunder XIX.

Larry talked about the upcoming Illinois Freedom Run to the Memorial Wall in Marseilles, IL. This is a very large local run with over 15,000 bikes showing their support. The event takes place on Saturday June 17. Full details can be found at <http://www.ilfreedomrun.org/index.html> **Illinois Chapter One members are meeting prior to the event at 7 am at Larry's Dinner, Rt. 30 and Rt. 126 in Plainfield. Line up starts at 8 am at the Chicagoland Speedway and departs at 10 am for Marseilles, a fifty mile run.**

Treasurer - Kriss Sedlacek- \$ in the bank after deducting the \$ room donation to Hines Hospital.

Secretary - Bill Houghtaling

Patricia Cannella was awarded her boot patch.

Chairman of the Board - Howard Bushnell

Howard reported on the Remembrance Table ceremony performed with Larry Smith and Iowa Chapter One at the Regional

Conference of the UAW in Ottawa, IL. The ceremony was well received and Howard hopes to have video next month.

Howard is also selling sponsorships and program ads for our upcoming Big Thunder Run. Prices will be the same as last year.

Old Business

Brad continues with the planning and preparation for our Chapter's August 6 visit to Hines Hospital. Primary items to distribute are basic personal care items like toothpaste, deodorant, nail care, etc. Mike Jordan is working on another donation of shampoo and lotion. We will not be distributing socks, T shirts, sweatshirts, phone cards or coupons during this visit. We expect to visit 350 patients during our visit.

Curley has Big Thunder Run bike raffle tickets available. So far we have sold \$ in raffle tickets.

There was no trailer news to report this month.

New Business

Our chapter has been invited to do the Warrenville 4th of July parade and we have accepted. **This will be a chapter event.** The parade is scheduled for 6 pm on July 3 (yes, July 3). We will meet at the Warrenville VFW at 4:30 pm for assembly.

Ozzie spoke about the inaugural Windy City Rally to be held in Bridgeview on Labor Day Weekend. Full details at <http://www.windycitymotorcyclefestival.com/index.html>

Twenty to forty thousand people are expected. Do we want to get a free booth and promote POW/MIA issues and sell BTR raffle tickets? Discussion followed: they are looking for a charity to get involved, a long event lasting four days (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday), bring bike and sell tickets, would require a major

effort from Chapter membership to man booth for four days. Doug made a motion to commit our Chapter to the Rally for the weekend. Motion passed. Peabody will chair the effort and make contact with the rally. Ozzie and Brad will assist.

Ozzie also reminded us about the MDA Ride for Life on Sunday July 9. This is a pledge run and the proceeds are spent on local families. Wildfire is the sponsor of this run. Details at http://www.wildfirehd.com/event_calendar.asp?sid=6067157E-04X6K8K2006J4I43I01JPMQ1046R0&month=7&year=2006&SUBMIT=Go

Doug Mahar informed us of an upcoming Patriot Guard Riders mission in Waukegan/ Wadsworth on Saturday June 10th. Check for the latest details at <http://patriotguard.org/Forums/tabid/61/postid/106635/view/topic/Default.aspx>

Big Thunder Run. Doug is seeking helpers in all areas; these last three months are crunch time. The electrical, trailers and the bands have been secured. The run route was discussed. Bo and Julie have volunteered to finalize the route. Hicks in Sycamore is a required stop in the route.

LT mentioned the DC run and Ride to the Wall stopover in Rainelle, VA has turned into a four day event. Details can be found at <http://lzrainelle.com/reunion.html>

Upcoming Events -- Chapter Events in bold

June 10 Green Ribbon Motorcycle Ride and Rally, www.greenribbonrally.org

June 17 4th Annual Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run, www.ilfreedomrun.org

June 17 Plainfield Hog Night

June 23, 24 Midwest Motorcycle AA, www.mmaac.org

June 24 National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum Awareness Run leaves from

- Windwalkers at noon, www.nvvam.org
- July 3 Warrenville 4th of July Parade, line up at
Warrenville VFW, 4:30pm
- July 16 Ride for Kids,
<http://www.ride4kids.org/chicagoland/index.htm>
- July 29 Plainfield Hog Night
- Aug. 6 IL Chap 1, visit to Hines Hospital
- Aug. 13 IL Chap 1 at Walneck's Swap, Woodstock, IL to sell
BTR raffle tickets and merchandise
- Aug. 26 Plainfield Hog Night
- Aug. 27 Hogs for Dogs Poker Run, 708 636-8586, x227
- Aug. 31 to Sept.3 Windy City Motorcycle Rally
<http://www.windycitymotorcyclefestival.com/>
- Oct. 1 5th Annual Big Thunder Run, Rolling Thunder
Illinois Chapter One

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Houghtaling, Secretary
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Addendum:

In our post office box we occasionally receive mailings regarding issues or groups we are interested in. Here are some links to some recently received mailings:

<http://johnsteer.com/> Living Word Christian Ministries. John
does a lot of good helping vets.

www.powmiaapparel.com Just what the name
implies

<http://lznam.com/>
<http://www.pownetwork.org/hoi.htm> Heart of Illinois

POW/MIA Association
<http://www.pownetwork.org/> POW Network

<http://www.patrioticjacsales.org/>
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