

Rolling Thunder® Illinois Chapter 1 Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Rolling Thunder, Inc. Illinois Chapter One General Membership Meeting

August 5, 2009
members were in attendance

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President Doug Mahar called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

Guests visiting this month were Chuck Kimber of West Chicago and Tom Zignich.

President - Doug "Skippy" Mahar

This will be a shortened meeting to allow time for a Big Thunder Run planning meeting immediately following.

The Moving Wall will be in Downers Grove the first weekend in October. This is the same weekend as the Big Thunder Run. This will not allow any time for IL Chapter One to participate in this visit of the Moving Wall.

On Sunday, August 16 we have a Chapter Event at the Glendale Heights VFW featuring a Remembrance Table Ceremony. Here is a map link to the VFW <http://maps.google.com/maps?q=142+E+Army+Trail+rd,+Glendale+Heights,+IL+60139&iwloc=A&hl=en> Here is a link to the VFW Post 2377 <http://www.sollmann.com/vfw/>

There is a motorcycle run beginning at 9 am. We will set up the Remembrance Table at 10:30 am. The Table ceremony will be performed after the run, probably around noon time. Cutter is leading the ceremony. Contact Cutter directly to take part in the ceremony. (ed. Bring your tickets to sell. This is a very receptive crowd).

Treasurer - Jim "Snipe" Murray

Our treasury report was read and accepted. This includes money that has been set aside as seed money for the Big Thunder Run and to pay for the raffle bike.

Secretary - Bill Houghtaling

Minutes will be late this month because I am attending a family reunion.

The IBEW is having Riders for Homeless Veterans on September 13 (benefiting the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans). They really appreciated our participation last year but we have already set up a Chapter Event on that date; Winfield Good Old Days parade.

Boot patches were awarded to Bill Atkinson, Rob Leskovar and John Mikuski. Congratulations to all.

Chairman of the Board - Rick "Popeye" Montgomery

Popeye thanked members who participated and supported the very successful Ride for Kids.

Events Coordinator - "Harley Steve" Pletzke

We have a huge opportunity for POW/MIA publicity. This would involve a Remembrance Table Ceremony during a Chicago Fire soccer game/Veterans Night at Toyota Park on Sunday August 23. The chapter approves of this opportunity and Harley Steve will further investigate. Cutter will be in charge of the Remembrance Table.

The American Knights are hosting a Veterans Party at CC Grove on August 29th, 3 pm. Members are encouraged to attend. The American Knights have been very supportive of Rolling Thunder and our POW/MIA/Vets causes. <http://www.akmc.us/>

Old Business and New Business

Nominations for Chapter elections in September were accepted. This year the positions of President and Secretary are due as well as three Board member positions. Nominations can also be made at the September meeting prior to the elections.

Results of the nominations (that were accepted by the nominee) are as follows:

President Bill "Hawk" Sharpness
 "Harley Steve" Pletzke

Secretary Tony Leone (not present)

Board Member Doug "Skippy" Mahar
 Bill "BB" Houghtaling
 Kriss Sedlacek
 Dennis "LT" Reiter
 Robert "Boz" Hall
 Rich "Cutter" Wayne

Ed French thanked those who participate in the welcome home escort for is daughter and her active duty friend.

Ed asked if we had vendor table available at BTR for those who donate and support us. The answer is yes.

Laurie asked if we donate to Midwest Shelter monthly or just once a

year. Answer: We voted and approved a monthly donation last year. A payment was made for 2009 back in January of this year.

Hawk has Rolling Thunder IL Chap One windshield banners (flashers, stickers) available for \$10 each. These banners adhere by static. There is no glue or sticky stuff.

John Mikuski was approached by a Naperville attorney about POW/MIA flags. Rolling Thunder has a history of donating POW/MIA flags as part of our mission to promote POW/MIA awareness.

Popeye mentioned that during a recent trip to Sturgis everyday someone recognized and commented positively when they noticed our Rolling Thunder vests.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Houghtaling, Secretary
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Upcoming Events: (Chapter events in **Bold**)

Aug. 16	Ride for Veterans, Glendale Heights VFW, 9am, 630 894-1358
Aug. 23	Tentative; Remembrance Table at Chicago Fire/Toyota Park
Aug. 29	American Knights at CC Grove, 3pm, 5832 S. Keane, Chicago
Sept. 13	Winfield Good Old Days Parade
Sept. 13	IBEW Riders for Homeless Veterans, 630 393-1701 x2667
Sept. 13	MSHV Golf Outing, http://helpaveteran.org/
Sept. 18 & 19	The Ride Home, http://powridehome.org/ Andersonville, GA
Sept. 18	National POW/MIA Recognition Day
Sept. 27	Gold Star Mother Day
Oct. 3	Set up for Big Thunder Run
Oct. 4	Big Thunder Run
Oct. 11	IL Ch 2 Never Forget Thunder Run and Toys for Tots Parade, rollingthundeilch2events@yahoo.com
Nov. 1	Manteno Veterans Run, Oak Lawn H.O.G.