

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Chapter Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2025

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Meeting was called to order by President Al Miller
At 19:47 hours.

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Al "Shadow" Miller	President
Yes	Kandice "PG" Jacobs	Vice-President
No	Knute Weick	Chairman of the Board
No	Rick "Cosmo" Herr	Treasurer
Yes	Keith "Stretch" Stengler	Secretary
Yes	Chris "Spyder" Graham	Director
Yes	Dave "Roadie Dave" Skinner	Director
Yes	Sue "Stumbler" Price	Director
No	Wendy "Dragonfly" Vach	Director

Pledge of Allegiance Chappy, Rolling Thunder Mission Statement Chappy, opening prayer.

Stretch:

- Treasurers Report.

Shadow:

- Read the list of the people who sold more that 20 Gun Bash tickets.
- Roadie did a good job on the Rolling Thunder XXXVIII Demonstration Parade getting police escort for the ride.
- The cost for the ride is \$521.25 for each chapter.

Stumbler:

- Talked about the July 12th car show. We are looking for volunteers to help Chappy set up before the car show opens and be in the booth to talk to attendees.

Roadie:

- Thanked the attendees for the Loyd repatriation. There were lots of kids out along the route at the 3 schools we passed by.
- June 21st is the Freedom Ride. We will Meet at Warrenville. We will ride to Grundy County Fairgrounds as a group and from there to Marseilles.
- POW/MIAs and military heroes.

Wayne:

- Thanked all who showed up for the Demonstration Parade. Reminded everyone that this is a Rolling Thunder event, not a Chapter 1, Chapter 2 or Chapter 3 event.
- He is selling Chapter 2 raffle tickets for either a Auto-Ordinance 1911-A1 and a Mossberg 590 Retorgrade 12 Ga and a 3rd place prize of \$300.

- Invited us to Fisher House event on July 29th at 11:30. He will send us an official invitation in mid July.

PG:

- Thanks for the Flag Squad for placing flags at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. 86,000 flags were placed in just over 2 hours. We would like to have more members there next year.
- We have been invited to attend the Windy City Thunderbolts Veteran appreciation game.
- We are looking at an august date for the fallen members ride.

Tug:

- The road dedication for SFC Ogden Thompson in Aurora to be held on Saturday 26 July at 10:00 at the Cool Acres Park. The family will be flying in from out of town for this. There will be more information coming at next months chapter meeting.
- We also have the SSG Rober Herreid road dedication set for Saturday 20 September at Mooseheart.
- The family from Texas is not doing much for the last one of the year.
- Working on another one for some time next year.
- Since last years BTR, the MIA Wall has been upgraded. It can be set up anywhere. If interested, contact TUG at BOB@PATTERSON.RED

Chappy:

- Passed out flyers for the Schaumburg Boomers Sunday June 29th game. This is a fundraiser for Military Outreach U.S.A. & Stand by my Heros. The game starts at 13:00.
- We have been having problems getting funding from the state.

Shadow:

- John received his rocker and Eagle patches.



- Brought up the Gun bash location has not helped with our side raffles. We may have to move to a different location. We may want to change the gun vendor too. He may not be honoring the values of the winning guns.

BB:

- BB recommended HD in Villa Park as a location.

- Wanted to know if the houses Chapter 3 was looking into purchasing in downtown Springfield has happened.

Howard Bushnell, Weibles, thanked us for having so many friends here.

He talked about all Florida chapters gathering in Punta Gorda FL.

Tug motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chappy. Passed

Meeting Close: 20:41

Respectfully – Stretch