

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Chapter Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2026

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Meeting was called to order by President Al Miller at 19:44.

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Al "Shadow" Miller	President
Yes	Kandice "PG" Jacobs	Vice-President
Yes	Richard "Popeye" Montgomery	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Rick "Cosmo" Herr	Treasurer
Yes	Keith "Stretch" Stengler	Secretary
Yes	Chris "Spyder" Graham	Director
No	John Mihelich	Director
Yes	Philip "Chappy" Ferrer	Director
No	Wendy "Dragonfly" Vach	Director

Pledge of Allegiance

Chappy: Rolling Thunder Mission Statement, POW/MIA Roll Call, Opening prayer

Shadow:

- There are updated flyers on the tables for the 2026 IL RT 1 & 2 Memorial Weekend candlelight vigil and ride.
- I will talk to Pockets about leading a ride up to Lovell for the Memorial weekend ride.
- We will meet here to set up for the Gun Bash at 10:00.

Stretch:

- Asked for approval of last months meeting minutes. Shadow motioned to approve them, Tug Seconded, Passed.
- Asked for approval of last months Treasurers report. Shadow motioned to approve it, Popeye Seconded, Passed.

Spyder:

- 10:00 setup for the Gun Bash here at our VFW.
- I will check to see if the bar will be open at that time.
- I have posters if anyone wants to take them to local business to promote the Gun Bash. These posters are our only means of advertisement for the Gun Bash.
- My wife and I went to several places to put up posters for the Gun Bash. Rosies Diner Naperville. Also at the Batavia, Naperville, West Chicago and Montgomery VFWs. Also, at the Oswego and Yorkville American Legions. And at the Bunker in West Chicago and the Wheaton Barbers in Winfield.
- I am Working on side raffle gift cards. They will be for \$300 each.
- Stretch and I will check out the sound system here to do a dry run of the system to see if we will need to bring any additional equipment for the Gun Bash.

Cozmo:

- Read the financial report for last month.

Moe:

- We have 70ish members. Why doesn't every member sell 10 tickets?

Popeye:

- We have a signup sheet for members that plan on going down to Springfield for the RT IL3 Memorial weekend ride.
- Recommend staying at the Dury Inn on the 23rd, that Saturday.

PG:

- Would anyone like if we had monthly rides just for fun? Have someone volunteer to lead just one of the months rides. Popeye volunteered to lead one in June.
- Tug is setting up 2 road renaming sign dedications coming up soon.

Old Business:

- The Fallen Members ride will be in September.
- Chappy went to the Villa Park HD dealership. They are refurbishing and it will be no time soon when we will be dedicating our artifacts. They are guessing it may be done midsummer.
- We may want to get all our artifacts and other stuff back from them and place them somewhere else. If we do this, Shadow will store the items at his house.
- Asked if we have POW/MIA flags in the trailer, we do. One has been requested to replace one at the park district golf course.
- PG: Thank you to Snipe for organizing the purchase of the Girl Scout cookies and bringing them to last months' meeting. The veterans' daughters smashed their troop record for the number of cookie boxes sold. Angel, Harmony and Heaven will be getting awards from their troop for their hard work.

Motion to adjourn by Chappy, seconded by Shadow, motion passed.

Meeting Close: 20:18

Respectfully – Stretch