

# Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup>, Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

## Chapter Meeting Minutes

### May 6, 2026

Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup> Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Meeting was called to order by President Al Miller at 19:35.

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Al "Shadow" Miller	President
No	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, Opening prayer

5/22 the Boomers baseball event at 18:30. Chappy has free tickets for this game.

5/23 is the candlelight vigil at Fort Sheridan National Cemetery at 19:00.

5/23 ride down to Springfield. Meet at the Amoco Gas Station at 08:00, Near I-55 and RT-30.

5/24 Chuck (Boat Sides) will meet at the Dunkin Donuts on 64 and 59 to lead a ride up to Cantigny.

5/24 we will meet at Lovell VA Hospital parking lot at 08:30 for the RT Memorial Day Ride.

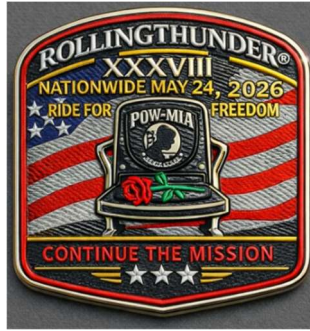
5/25 Chappy will be speaking at a Memorial Day event in at the Hanover Park village hall.

Shadow:

- There are flyers on the tables for the 2026 IL RT 1 & 2 Memorial Weekend candlelight vigil and ride.
- Chuck (Boat Sides) will meet Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May at the Dunkin Donuts on 64 and 59 to lead a ride up to Cantigny. Meet at 08:30, KSU at 09:00. 185 W North Ave, West Chicago, IL 60185.
- If you don't want to go to Lovell or take part in the ride, go to Cantigny at Noon. 1 S, 151 Winfield Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189.
- July 10<sup>th</sup>, at a Kane County Cougars game, we will only ride around the field pre game. We will not do an honor table. They want us there at 18:30.
- I have been speaking with the manager of Concord place. We discussed placing a chair there. Within a couple days, their board agreed to have a chair placed there. I have been looking into getting a plack, posts and chain to go around the display. These will all be powder coated in black. The 16" X 20" aluminum plack will cost \$750, stand and base will cost \$250. The posts and chain will cost \$400. These are currently estimates.
- A motion was made by Dragonfly to move forward with placing the chair at Concord Place. Seconded by Tom Derts, Passed.

Stretch:

- Asked for approval of last months meeting minutes. Shadow motioned to approve them, Spyder Seconded, Passed.
- Asked for approval of last months Treasurers report. Spyder motioned to approve it, Shadow Seconded, Passed.
- Here is the design for this years' Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom pin and patch. They will be available at our run Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>.



Popeye:

- May 23<sup>rd</sup> ride down to Springfield. Meet at the Amoco Gas Station at 08:00. 22921 W Lincoln Hwy, Plainfield, IL 60586, Near I-55 and RT-30. KSU at 08:15.

Cozmo:

- Read the financial report for last month.
- The Gun Bash net profit was \$12,614.30. There were 31 unsold tickets. There were 4 side raffles that profited a net of \$1,109. Our total profit is \$13,723.30.
- Top sellers over 20 tickets are, Spyder 120, Shadow 65, Gus 52, Moe 47, Knute 36, 25 the day of the drawing and Snipe 22. Sugar Grove sold 3 tickets.
- From January to now we have helped 6 Vets with various expenses at \$8,422.

Spyder:

- We got the SS numbers from the winners of guns valued over \$600 to fill out 1099 tax forms.
- We were able to contact all of the winners.
- Law weapons has all of the gift cards that were not picked up the day of the raffle.
- Our VFW, Bar and food sellers are all very happy with the Gun Bash event.
- Anthony Anderson, a VFW member here passed away on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from a motorcycle accident.
- Snipe motioned that we give a gift of \$1,000 to the family. Mo seconded, Passed.

Moe:

- We had a good showing at the Gun Bash. All the burgers, brots and most of the pulled pork was gone. The bar tender had to restock 3 times! I understand, everyone was happy and wants us to come back.
- Spyder added that he had sent several emails to the chapter members, VFW members, Legion members and Moose members about the Gun Bash being held here.

Chappy:

- 5/22 is the date for the Schamburg Boomers baseball event at 18:30. I have free tickets for this game. 1999 S Springinguth Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60193
- 5/23 is the candlelight vigil at Fort Sheridan National Cemetery at 19:00. Vattman Road, Lake Bluff, IL 60044
- 5/24 we are meeting at Lovel VA Hospital parking lot at 08:30. 3160 N Green Bay Rd, North Chicago, IL 60064. Then riding thru Hines VA Hospital and on to Cantigny Park and First Division Museum. 1 S, 151 Winfield Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189
- 5/25 I will be speaking at a Memorial Day event in Hanover Park at the village hall. 2121 W Lake St, Hanover Park, IL 60133

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

Meeting Close: 20:14

Respectfully – Stretch