

Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Chapter Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2026

Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Meeting was called to order by President Al Miller at 19:30.

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
No	Philip "Chappy" Ferrer	Director
Yes	Wendy "Dragonfly" Vach	Director

Pledge of Allegiance

Strech: Rolling Thunder Mission Statement

Shadow: MIA list for August, Prayer

Ride up to Names Funeral Friday Aug. 7th. Meet at 11:30, KSU 11:40

American Legion Riders Post 181, Sandwich, ride Saturday the 8th of August

Road dedication on Monday the 10th of August at the Dekalb American Legion Post #66.

Military Outreach USA fundraising event August 30th

Shadow:

- We will meet at our VFW to ride up to Names Funeral Friday Aug. 7th. Meet at 11:30, KSU 11:40. We will ride up to St Michael of the Archangel, 1185 Algonquin Rd, Palatine.
- We helped 4 Vets with auto repairs last month.
- The Sandwich Legion Riders event is the 8th of August. We will meet at the Shell on the North West corner of 47 and 34 at 08:30, KSU at 08:45.

Stretch:

- Asked for a motion to accept the chapter meeting minutes. Tug motioned to accept the minutes, Shadow seconded the motion, Passed.

Spyder:

- I have a gun list for next years Gun Bash.
- Looking at May 1st for the event. I already reserved the date with our VFW.
- Since all were happy with the event being here, I figured we would repeat for next year.
- Same group cooking food. They need to have more brats since they ran out fairly early this year.
- I'm looking for locations to place ticket posters. VFWs, American Legions, Gus's Auto repair and any others where we should place them.

Cozmo:

- Read the financials for last month.

Popeye:

- Election time! VP, Secretary and 2 Board members. PG, Stretch, Dragonfly and Spyder, respectively, all accepted nominations to continue on the board.
- There were no additional nominations for any board positions.
- We will have a patch made up for Names.

Tug:

- The Texas family of MIA Hill were presented with the road signs that were dedicated in his honor.
- We are holding our first road dedication of the year with Rolling Thunder Illinois Chapter 1 on Monday the 10th of August at the Dekalb American Legion Post #66.
SP5 James Mason, US Army, went Missing in Action on 17 October, 1968 when the helicopter he was riding in went down off the coast of South Vietnam.
We will be dedicating a portion of Rt-23 to honor his sacrifice and to remind people of those who still have not come home and to say their names so that they will not be forgotten.
Please make plans to join us in honoring this hero.
- In June of next year, we are working on 2 sign dedications. June 12th – 14th. We will organize the one in Mascoutah, IL and looking for IL3 to organize the one in Sparta, IL. Not far from Mascoutah, Scott Air Force Base is hosting an air show and open house on June 12th–13th.
- We are looking at placing a POW/MIA chair at Mooseheart outside in a covered area.

New Business:

- Chappys Military Outreach USA is having a fundraising event August 30th. Thunderstruck, an AC/DC tribute band will be the headliner with The Cave Dwellers opening for them.
The event opens at 16:00 at the Des Plaines Theater, 1476 Miner St.
Tickets are available on-line from OSHOWS.com or at the door.
- A request for a chapter shirt was made. Something short sleeves with the RT-IL1 logo on one sleeve and the POW/MIA logo on the other sleeve. Nothing on the front or back since these are usually covered by our vests.

Shadow made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Popeye, Passed.

Meeting Close: 20:08

Respectfully – Stretch