

*Many of you may know **Steve Hughes** who with his wife **Maureen**, joined us in September 2004. Well, Steve "Hugs" was hospitalized on May 5<sup>th</sup> for chest pain. They ended up putting a stent in place. Lets all keep Steve and Mo in our hearts and prayers and hope for a speedy recovery.*

**May 4, 2005**

Minutes of the Rolling Thunder®, Inc. - Illinois Chapter 1 general membership meeting.

President Evanovich called the meeting to order at 1939 hours. A quorum was present and an official meeting was declared.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

New members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes of the April meeting were accepted.

**President** - Curly has been contacted by a motivational speaker who would like to talk to our group. He has been invited to the June meeting. We have been invited to Decatur Illinois in July to show kids graduating from school that all bikers are not hoodlums. We will talk about that next meeting. If we do go, you hoodlums will have to stay home. We have been invited to join the Winfield 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade again this year. This is a very large parade and we have agreed to be a part of it several times. Each time we asked to be up front so that we could ride without our bikes overheating. Each time we end up riding behind slower moving groups. We will vote on this next month. The end of this month we head to Washington D.C. to join **Rolling Thunder XVIII**. This is the 18<sup>th</sup> year that we as veterans and concerned citizens have insured that the importance of the POW/MIA issue is not lost on Washington. If you have ever had the desire to see ½ million bikes in one place for one purpose - now is the time. **We will leave Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup> from the Omega restaurant on Route 59 and Ferry road.** (Just north of I88 on the west side of the street). Kickstands up at 0800. Breakfast at 0700.

Stops:

Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Southern Illinois or Indiana

Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup>      Garvey's Place - Contact LT for directions  
Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>      Owensville, Kentucky      [Info on Owingsville](#)  
Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup>      Rainelle, WV  
Friday - Sunday      Best Western, Falls Church, Wv.  
Monday morning      Head home

**Vice-President** - Nothing to Report

**Treasurer** - Kriss - \$ in the bank.

**Secretary** - The Illinois Chapter One Boot Patch was handed out to Bill "Mung" Sanderson. An official welcome to the family Bill! A petition was sent around the room that protested the name change of POW/MIA to Missing/Captured. Rolling Thunder National as well as the League of Families and other organizations are asking the government to change the designation back to POW/MIA. The petitions have been returned to national.

#### **Calendar**

05/21/05      Blessing of Bikes and Bikers - See Jim Warner  
630.222.4448  
05/22/05      Run for Shelter 2005 - see below  
05/24/05 - 05/30/05      Rolling Thunder Ride to Washington D.C.  
05/30/05      Remembrance Table Ceremony - Rich "Cutter"  
Wayne  
06/01/05      Chapter Meeting - Warrentville VFW - 1930hrs  
06/04/05      Plainfield Hog Night - Julie & Bo  
06/18/05      Annual Freedom Run -  
<http://www.ilfreedomrun.org/>  
06/26/05      Walneck's Swap Meet - Grayslake  
07/06/05      Chapter Meeting - Warrentville VFW - 1930hrs  
07/17/05      Ride for Kids - Rick Montgomery  
<http://www.ride4kids.org/>  
07/23/05      Plainfield Hog Night - Julie & Bo  
08/03/05      Chapter Meeting - Warrentville VFW - 1930hrs  
08/07/05      Walneck's Swap Meet - Grayslake  
08/20/05      Plainfield Hog Night - Julie & Bo  
09/07/05      Chapter Meeting - Warrentville VFW - 1930hrs

10/02/05	Big Thunder Run IV
10/05/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrentville VFW - 1930hrs
11/02/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrentville VFW - 1930hrs
12/07/05	Chapter Meeting - Warrentville VFW - 1930hrs

## Committees

**C.O.B.** Snickers was not at the meeting this evening. However, anyone with bike raffle ticket monies and/or unsold tickets - please get it to Snickers ASAP.

Howard "Weebles" Bushnell let us know that "***RUN FOR SHELTER 2005***" is coming up on **May 22, 2005**. This run is sponsored by [Wildfire](#) Harley and the money goes in support of Family Shelter Service in DuPage County. For info contact Denise Nolan 630.665.2820 or email [lohwildfire@hotmail.com](mailto:lohwildfire@hotmail.com). We will have a booth at Palace Billiards, 160 Roosevelt Rd, Villa Park. Contact Weebles to work the booth that day. ([fanfold@hotmail.com](mailto:fanfold@hotmail.com) / 630 469-0631). Weebles is working to have the bike there and sell all of the remaining raffle tickets (or most of them anyway). Work it into your schedule and give Weebles a hand. For times and location - [Time & Location](#)

Doug "Skippy" Maher will be holding his first BTRIV meeting on **Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1900 hours**. The meetings this year will be held at the Batavia VFW. Batavia wants to help us get bigger and better. Skippy once again asked for help in chairing some of the sub committees that are needed for BTRIV. We cannot leave this up to Doug to run by himself. Lets show up on the 18<sup>th</sup> and see were our individual talents could best be used. We now have posters that announce BTRIV. We would like to see them displayed in store windows - if you can make that happen contact Doug.

Skippy helped secure a POW/MIA flag for some folks at a SBC facility. Showing their appreciation, they donated \$65 to our chapter.

Rich "Cutter" Wayne is working the Remembrance Table Ceremony for Memorial Day. Those of you that went to Joliet VFW last month (and that was just about everyone) know what a special tribute this is. With many of us going to D.C. and not being here for the ceremony, we need everyone to work with Cutter and make this happen. Meet at the Warrenville VFW at 0930 on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Kickstands up at 1000. Please contact Rich for further information.  
[Cutter](#)

Julie and Bo Augello will be working Hog Nights in Plainfield this again this year. They have been able to get space for a table and the bike. We will be selling Rolling Thunder merchandise and raffle tickets for the bike. There will be three nights during the summer for this - June 4<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and Aug 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would be able to help out please see Julie or Bo.

Laurie Zimmerman is putting together another care package for Iraq. Remember to bring you items and Phone Cards to the June meeting. **Sergeant David Kozinski is now deployed to Iraq. Caught up in a little town of Mosul. You can reach Skider by mailing to**  
[SGT. David Kozinski](#) [carefullkozy@yahoo.com](mailto:carefullkozy@yahoo.com)

Meeting adjourned at 20:23.

If you know of anyone that needs the minutes of our meeting mailed to them via snail-mail, please let me know. I do not want that list to get to long (cost and all) but I do want everyone to read about what they are missing when they miss a meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
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