

Rolling Thunder® , Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes

November 07, 2018

Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Murray at 19:42 hours on November 07, 2018 at the Warrenville VFW.

Board Attendance:

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	President
No	Gary Vandebos (Names)	Vice-President
Yes	Rick Herr (Cosmo)	Treasurer
Yes	Wendy Vach (Dragonfly)	Recording Secretary
Yes	Richard Montgomery (Popeye)	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)	Board Member
Yes	Al Miller (Shadow)	Board Member
Yes	Kandice Jacobs (PG)	Board Member
No	Knute Weick	Board Member
Yes	Tim Kearney	Board Member
Yes	Dan Thomas (Cage)	Board Member

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President, Jim Murray. A moment of silence was observed for the Illinois MIA's lost during the month of November during the Viet Nam War.

Jim “Snipe” Murray:

- Concord Luncheon is Saturday, November 10th @ 1200 hours.
- Veteran’s Day our chapter will perform the Remembrance Table Ceremony at the Sandwich VFW which is the new site of the POW/MIA Monument our chapter donated. We have 20 members that have signed up to attend. All chapter members are encouraged to show up at 1200 hours at the VFW, 713 S Main St, and the ceremony will take place at 1300 hours.

Richard “Popeye” Montgomery:

- Frank, our new member received his Rolling Thunder cap. Welcome to the chapter Frank.
- Dues are due and currently being collected. Everyone is encouraged to bring their dues to the December meeting (Christmas Party).
- Popeye has tickets for sale for the National Rolling Thunder Bike Raffle. Only \$10.00. Get them before they are all gone.

Rick “Cosmo” Herr:

- Cosmo gave the financial report.

Kandice “Playground” Jacobs:

- On November 18th, our chapter will be filling the annual Thanksgiving Baskets at the Warrenville VFW for 22 families (possibly more). We need members to show up to help and then deliver the boxes. An email will go out with the time. Don’t forget to mark your calendar.
- Our Christmas party will be on December 5th at the regular membership meeting. This year we will be having chicken and food from Mission BBQ, a veteran owned restaurant. We are also collecting toys for the Toys for Tots. All toys should be unwrapped and please no stuffed

animals. It was also suggested that we invite our vendors from BTR to join us. Kandice will make sure the invitation goes out.

Tim Kearney:

- Excel Auto, a veteran owned auto shop, located in St. Charles, will be doing free oil changes for all vets on November 12th.

Bill “BB” Houghtaling:

- Plans for the annual Gun Bash are under way. Once again, we will be raffling off 28 guns and selling 600 tickets.
- BB is stepping back from the job of applying for grants that benefit our chapter. If anyone has an interest in doing this important job, BB would like to talk to you. Most of the grants already have template letters written so you would not be starting from scratch, and BB and Hardcore would make sure that they are available to help in the transition.

Al “Shadow” Miller:

- Shadow will be sending out emails to all members to remind them of the Table Ceremony in Sandwich and will provide directions.

Jim “Snipe” Murray:

Brian from Fox River Harley Davidson presented to the board his proposal for moving BTR to his dealership. As the host, Fox River Harley:

1. Will provide the stage
2. Will provide a list of bands to choose from that will be paid for by the dealership
3. Will provide 20 road captains from the Hog Chapter
4. Will provide a list of food vendors who will charge for food and then typically donate a portion of their profits to the event
5. Will provide Beer/Liquor vendors who will charge for liquor and then typically donate a portion of their profits to the event
6. Will provide merchandise vendors, in addition to our vendors
7. Will provide advertising through email blasts, on HD website and in store promos
8. Recommends we start the run at 10:30 am, to be back by 12:30 pm
9. The timeline will be up to us, so we can include raffles and our table ceremony
10. Recommends online registration using Facebook or other online portals
11. Will be held the 4th Sunday in August (August 25th)

After a discussion, the chapter voted to hold our BTR at Fox River HD.

Open Discussion:

- Chappy and Raffles attended the National Convention and a recap of the event was presented. See attached.
- Chappy was chosen as an honoree in Hanover Park as someone who has made an impact on the lives of vets. Congratulations Chappy.
- An Honor Chair will be installed at the Fox River HD and Hardcore will make the arrangements.
- Retired Brigadier General Stephen K. Curda was named the new Director of Veteran’s Affairs for the state of Illinois.
- Chicago Honor Flight is now open to all Vietnam Veteran’s.

Upcoming Rides and Events:

November 10th – Concord Place Luncheon

November 11th – Monument Dedication and Table Ceremony at the Sandwich VFW

December 05th - Membership meeting and Christmas Party – don't forget a toy.

See the following pages for notes from the 2018 National Convention.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:51 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Vach, Recording Secretary

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