

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

## Membership Meeting Minutes

### August 5, 2020

Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup> Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Murray at 19:39 hours on August 5, 2020 at the Warrenville VFW.

**Board Attendance:**

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	President
Yes	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
Yes	Knute Weick	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 August during the Viet Nam War.

We had one visitor at the meeting who came to see what we are all about.

**Jim "Snipe" Murray:**

- Chapter 3 was bequeathed 4 blocks of land and they are planning on building tiny houses for Vets who are homeless on the land. Our chapter will participate one way or another to help them with their efforts.
- Elections – National has decided that elections will be postponed for one year due to the pandemic. Officers/board members that were up for election this year will take on an additional year and those that are up for election in 2021 will add one year to their term.

**Richard "Popeye" Montgomery:**

- Patches were awarded to members who have met the requirements. They are as follows:
  - Boot Patches: Gravel, Don and George
  - Rocker & Eagle Patches: Lone Wolf, Bubba, Dan and Keith.
 Congratulations of getting your patches
- Ride for Kids – For the past 20 years or more, Popeye has supported and organized riders to raise money for Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation which raises money for research. This year's ride will be different than past years due to the pandemic and information is attached on how you can raise money for this worthy cause.

**Cosmo:**

- Cosmo gave a report on finances and reported almost all Gun Bash tickets are sold and there are 14 outstanding tickets yet to be collected.

**Al “Shadow” Miller:**

- Shadow announced that we will be participating in the dedication of the POW/MIA Memorial that we funded in Darien IL on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. All members who can make this event should show up at the Darien Community Park at 2:00 pm, where we will be doing our Table Ceremony. The park is located at 7100 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien Illinois. The nearest cross streets are Plainfield Rd and Clarendon Hills Rd. Everyone should wear their white shirts and be ready to participate in the Table Ceremony if asked.

**Bill “BB” Houghtaling:**

- Gun Bash will take place at RKA Gun Gallery, at 11:00 am. RKA is located at 3029 Eldamain Rd, Plano IL. The gun bash will be live streamed via Facebook and if enough people show up we will have side raffles. We are expecting the drawings to take 1 hour.

**New Business:**

Chappy, who volunteers with Military Outreach U.S.A., told our group that the Veterans Existing Homelessness Program of Illinois that supplies the beds/bedding to homeless Vets have hit an impasse as the cost of the beds has risen dramatically due to the pandemic. Our members passed the hat and raised money for Chappy’s cause. Chappy thanked our group for being so generous to this group.

It was announced that Gravel is our new Ride Co Ordinator for group rides and Keith will be our photographer for meetings and events.

**Upcoming Events:**

August 28<sup>th</sup> Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Ride Registration Deadline (see below)  
August 30<sup>th</sup> Gun Bash  
September 20<sup>th</sup> Darien POW/MIA Memorial Dedication

Meeting was adjourned at 20:13 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Wendy Vach, Recording Secretary  
Rolling Thunder Illinois Chapter 1

Dear Rick,

Thank you for being a part of Ride for Kids! Ride for Kids may be virtual this year, but you can still make a difference in the lives of kids with brain tumors AND you can still **WIN** a motorcycle!

Register by **August 28, 2020** and commit to one of six ride challenges, and you'll receive a drawing entry to WIN a new Honda motorcycle! But don't stop there: Fundraisers will receive another bike drawing entry when they reach the \$100, \$300, \$600, \$900 levels and so on by **August 28, 2020**. Maximum number of drawing entries is 35.

***Register Now...Time's running out***

**New in 2020!!! Top Fundraisers Incentive Drawing:** All fundraisers who raise at least \$1,000 by **August 28, 2020** will be entered into a separate drawing for a new **2019 Honda Goldwing!**

We will draw the winners during the online program of Ride for Kids Star Celebration on **Sunday, August 30, 2020**.

**Kids with brain tumors need YOU now more than ever!** Although COVID-19 has changed the world around us, the needs of kids with the **deadliest** childhood cancer have not changed. [Register for the virtual Your Ride for Kids TODAY](#) and tell the world that times may be tough, but you are tougher and helping these children is the right thing to do!

Ride for Kids may be virtual this year, but we can still come together as an online community to ensure kids with brain tumors are cared for along their journey. Please continue to join us in this fight to CURE THE KIDS!

Thank you,  
Ride for Kids  
Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation