

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes July 7, 2021

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Murray at 1945 hours on July 7, 2021, at Warrenville VFW.

Board Attendance:

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	President
Yes	Gary Vandenbos (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
Yes	Don Gaylord (Stone Cold)	Board Member

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President, Jim Murray. There were no POW/MIA's for the month of July.

Richard "Popeye" Montgomery:

- Popeye displayed for us the beautiful drawing that was done by Richard "Father Guido" Zayat that will be used to make the shirts for our BTR. Richard did a wonderful job and we can't wait to see everyone wearing them.
- Chapter elections will be held in September and Popeye opened the floor up for nominations. Nominations will also be taken in the month of August. The following people were nominated:
 - President – Gary "Names" Vandenbos
 - Treasurere – Rick "Cosmo" Herr
 - Chairman of the Board – Richard "Popeye" Montgomery
 - Board Member – Al "Shadow" Miller
 - Board Member – Knute Weick
 - Board Member – Don "Stone Cold" Gaylord
- Greg and Spitfire were the two newest members to receive their boot patch. Congratulations.
- IMS Bike Show is coming up the week before BTR, August 20,21,22 at Goebbert's Farm Pingree Grove, 42W813 Reinking Rd, Pingree Grove, IL 60140, USA The Chapter will have a booth for this event and will be selling Gun Raffle and 50/50 tickets for our Big Thunder Run. Cost per day to enter is \$20.00 or 3 days for \$30.00. Snipe has generously offered to reimburse members if they can sell 6 tickets at the event.

Don "Stone Cold" Gaylord:

- BTR – Members are asked to be at the Montgomery VFW on Saturday, August 28th @ 900 hours for set up on. On the day of BTR, Sunday August 29th, members should be at the VFW no later than 730 hours. There are still people needed for various duties, so be ready to volunteer and let Stone Cold know. Anyone that is signed up for the Remembrance Table Ceremony please remember to wear or bring your white shirt and wear black pants and black boots. Also, we cannot do the ceremony if we do not have 10 people, so if you signed up to do it and

cannot, let Stone Cold or LT know right away. Anyone that has raffle items should bring them to the August meeting so they can be accounted for. The raffle table will also consist of silent auction items. Breakfast will be available for \$9.00 the morning of the event and lunch will be hotdogs, hamburgers, brats and chips for \$5.00. This year the bar will be outside and inside giving people easier access and Stretch will be the DJ and announcer.

Gary “Names” Vandenbos:

- There are still a few tickets left for the Gun Raffle if anyone needs some to sell. Please remember to turn in your money and ticket stubs ASAP so we have a handle on what was sold so far. There are also 50/50 tickets and flyers if anyone want to help out in that way.

Al “Shadow” Miller

- Shadow reported on VAP and said that the requests are starting back up again now that Covid rules are more relaxed and the VAC's are opening up.
- Shadow also reminded everyone about the 14th Annual Veteran's Weekend. We will meet at the gas station on IL47 & IL38 just north of Elburn 0800, KSU 0830. We will ride as a group to HyVee in Sycamore and Breakfast will be served from 0900 – 1140. Ride Staging is from 1100 – 1140 and the ride departs @ 1150 There are 9 stops. See flyer on the calendar for all the details. RTIL1 is scheduled to perform the "Remembrance Table" Ceremony at Genoa's Veterans Home after the run completes. Should be between 4-5pm. If you have any questions on this, contact Shadow.

Rick “Cosmo” Herr:

- Rick gave the budget report.

Open Discussion:

Chappy gave a brief talk about the link on the chapter website to Military Outreach Newsletter. The focus is going to be on Women in the Military and PTS they experience resulting from rape and abuse they experience in the military.

Gravel talked about two rides coming up July 9th and 10th.

On Friday the 9th, from 300 – 1900 hours Gravel has organized anyone interested in the Visit a Vet and Bike Enthusiast which will be at Grace Point Place, 5701 W 101st St, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. We will be going to Grace Point Place to visit with a veteran(s) and a motorcycle enthusiast who is unable to ride any longer. We will meet at 3:00 at the Mobil station on RT 83 and Midway Dr, Northeast corner, just north of Interstate 55. Pm. KSU at 3:20 pm. That is approx. 40 min ride. Contact Gravel if you need more information.

On Saturday the 10th, is the Dedicated Sons Ride for Vets, Aurora Tap House, 134 W Downer Pl, Aurora, IL 60506, We will meet up at Warrenville VFW at 8:30 am, KSU at 9 am. Registration at 9:30 am @ Aurora Tap house 134 W. Downer Pl. Aurora Il. 25.00 dollar per rider 15.00 per passenger. KSU 11:30 am. Planned stops are MAPLE PARK PUB, MADDIE'S PLACE LEALAND, AURORA ATHLETIC CLUB for a pig roast and music. Let Gravel know if you plan on attending.

Meeting was adjourned at 2105 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Vach, Recording Secretary