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Illiana News

May 2021

Spread The Word for July

Everyone needs to attend the May meeting. We will be planning for the July Show and assigning responsibilities. Be sure to share your ideas for making this show spectacular! You may think your idea is not important or won't make a difference but every idea is helpful. Your idea could spark an idea in someone else and create even better ideas. You never know, something great could happen!

We all know the treasury is in a dire situation so the budget for publicity this year is limited. You can help. Grab some flyers and make sure to put them in visible places. Stick a copy in with your bill payments for local businesses. Ask them to post them at their business. Share the announcement of the show with your friends on Facebook. Talk about the show wherever you go.

Plan now to be at the show! There is something for everyone to see and something for everyone to do. You may be working the gate, parking cars, helping organize the parade, picking up trash, or giving another worker a break. No job is too small. Last year we couldn't do anything, so let's make this year really great! Every member can do something!

-Joan Fry

Reminder: There will be no meal at the May meeting.

The club sends its condolences to Don Evans whose brother Terry passed away on April 16, 2021.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Illiana Antique Power Association is scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM. **A meal is currently planned this time**, so be prepared to bring a dish to share to this meeting.

Be sure to get 2020 dues to Doris.

Rocky Forge News

Submitted by: Ted and Carol Stout

With COVID cases on the decline and most people vaccinated, it's time to get our Rocky Forge group back together. This Saturday, May 15th, there will be a meeting at the Illiana show grounds. Plan on a 9:00 meeting time. One purpose of the meeting is to reacquaint ourselves to the other members. After all, our last meeting was a year ago in February.

Bring your forge, anvil, and tools. I think there are two forges available in the shop. No coal or anvils are available. Bring your own lunch or munchies. Some rakes and leaf blowers may be needed to clean the building.

Tyler Figg will preside over the meeting in my absence. There will be an Illiana Show the third week of July, so we need as many volunteers as possible for that weekend. Have fun and I hope to see all of you at a June meeting.



Illiana Quilters News

Submitted by: Kathy Kyle

Illiana Quilters met on the 26th of April at the Assembly Hall.

The snowflake quilt that we were commissioned to make is all finished and ready to be quilted now after much hard work by all of the club members. When it's finished we will have pictures!

We spent some time discussing our plans for the summer with the power show coming up and other activities that members are involved with, like the Fall Festival and History Day. Sounds like everyone is ready to get back to our usual routine of club activities. We spent some time letting our new members know about the Power Show, History Day, and Fall Festival as well as Christmas in the Village. Everyone is looking forward to being out and about this year for sure.

Our next meeting will be held on May 24th at the Assembly Hall beginning at 9 a.m. with a short business meeting. Our program will be a 4 patch stack and whack quilt pattern. Learning a new pattern is always fun!

Please join us at our meeting for a day of sewing and fun.

Fall Festival 2021

The Fall Festival is currently scheduled for Saturday, September 25.

We need all kinds of vendors! Spread the word!

Contact Kathy by email at iapafallfestival@gmail.com for more information.

Pine Creek & Western R/R News

Submitted by: Charlie Lupinek

Grass mowing has started at the Pine Creek & Western Railroad. The mower is fueled and ready - when you railroaders come to work at the PC&W, bring a bit of fuel to keep the mower ready to go. With the on-and-off rain, frequent mowing will be required. Steve Dye attacked the weed growth on the tracks. It was somewhat breezy during the application, so if there is still plant growth, another application of weed killer to the tracks might be in order.

On Saturday, May 1st, a trip to Geneseo, Illinois was made to acquire the Duluth Missabe & Iron Range Railroad caboose that is original to the Scotty Mogul that Nathan Bryant got, as seen in last month's newsletter. The PC&W is getting ready to run!



Nathan Bryant's Duluth Missabe & Iron Range Railway caboose.

Date to Remember

Submitted by: Joan Fry

History Day: September 17, 2021

We are planning to do History Day with kids in attendance this year. However, this will depend on the school situation and whether or not field trips are being allowed. Mark your calendar for September 17, 2021. We will let you know when the final plans are known. The activities for the day will be similar to other years. The kids love the day out of the classroom and they soak up all the things they learn and see that day in person.

We are planning to do more videos for YouTube. Some might be done during the July show or right after. Have you checked out the Living History Day videos already posted on You Tube? You can find them on our website (www.illianaantiquepower.com). Every view is a positive look at our club. We might even be famous someday! The best news is that teachers and home school parents have an Illiana Antique Power resource to use.

Upcoming Dates

Summer Show: July 16, 17, & 18, 2021

Fall Festival: September 25, 2021

Christmas in the Village: December 3-4, 2021