

Illiana News

August 2021

Letter from Our President

Hello to all,

Success in any endeavor is achieved when any one person, or in our case, Illiana, a group of persons, comes together with a common goal in mind; that goal was to put on a great show for the public to enjoy. Each and every one of you can be proud to say that you had a part in our 2021 show. It seems as though your can-do attitude overcame the damp and muddy conditions in the parking areas. Saturday and Sunday were very busy with a large attendance. I thank all of you for all the help and your patience. Many times I was told how much people were just enjoying themselves with visiting old friends and recalling good memories. When you get down to it, that is what our show is all about. It takes a lot of work and effort to put on a show such as ours, but you were equal to the task and I really appreciated it. Welcome to all our new members.

In order to receive the monthly newsletter, you will need to sign-up through our online form [here](#). If you encounter any issues, you can email Shelby Cox at cox.swanson@comcast.net.

Make plans now to attend or participate in our Fall Craft show and swap meet on Saturday, September 25. Also, Christmas in the Village will be Friday and Saturday evening, December 4th and 5th. Once again, thanks for a great show and see you at our August meeting on the 16th.

Tom

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Illiana Antique Power Association is scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM. **Bring a dish to pass for the carry-in dinner.** See you there!

Pine Creek & Western R/R News

Submitted by: Charlie Lupinek

The Pine Creek & Western Railroad operated trains between The Dunn station and P C & W Rainsville station during the three days of the Illiana Antique Power Association's annual show. Mike Puetz manufactured new station signs for the Dunn station. Railroad locomotives and cars operated on the railroad providing opportunities for show visitors to travel between our two station stops.



Patrick Sneed



Mike Puetz

Illiana Quilters News

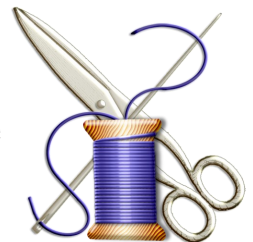
Submitted by: Kathy Kyle

The power show is behind us for another year and we can say it turned out well. It was great to see everyone out for the show. We had a good turnout at our cottage and now it's time to start sewing for the Fall Festival and the show next year.

The winner of the raffle quilt was Bradley McCormick from right here in Pine Village!

Eleven of the Illiana Quilters spent Aug. 3-5 on the road to Missouri Star Quilt Company in Hamilton, Missouri. Not only did we spend an entire day there, we also stopped at about 12 other shops along the way both coming and going to Hamilton. You might say we have our shelves restocked now! It was a great few days with quilting friends and talking with others along the way who also have the love of quilting.

Our next meeting will be held at the Assembly Hall on Monday, August 23 at 9 a.m. Last December, we were unable to get together for our Christmas luncheon so we are going to have "Christmas in August" with the same plans we had made for December. Bring a salad or dessert and join us for some "holiday" fun!



Fall Festival 2021

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

There is still more room for vendors! Spread the word!

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

Midwest Railroad Fair

Submitted by: Charlie Lupinek

Midwest Railroad Fair, presented by the Linden Depot Museum

Saturday, August 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This is our first annual Midwest Railroad Fair, celebrating railroads past, present, and future. The museum is busy preparing for this event and the complex has never looked better. Our 1837 steam engine is now completed after 4 years work and is worth the visit. We have a variety of booths, exhibits, and demonstrations as well as food and live music. A visit to the museum and fair, set at \$6 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under, is a bargain, along with free parking. The museum is located at 520 N. Main Street, Linden, IN 47955.

Questions? Call 765-427-3630.

Rocky Forge News

Submitted by: Ted and Carol Stout

The delta strain of the COVID virus seems to be hitting our country with a vengeance. After a bit of soul searching we have decided to have an August meeting this coming Saturday at the usual time of 8:30 for coffee, doughnuts, and socializing. We will then have a short meeting about the gas forge project and upcoming events.

Jim Claar, formerly the head blacksmith for the Chrysler plant in New Castle, IN is planning to attend our meeting. He is the craftsman who made those fancy anvils and swage blocks on display in Ted's shop. Bring your tool bucket and be prepared to forge for the day. Also, bring items for iron in the hat.

Carol is cooking a pot of farmers stew (green beans, potatoes, and smoked sausage). Any covered dish you bring would be appreciated. Hope to see a lot of you on Saturday.



Upcoming Dates

History Day: September 17, 2021

We are checking with principals to see if the school's COVID policies are allowing field trips. So far it looks very promising!

Fall Festival: September 25, 2021

See page 5 for an article of details.

Our Best Show Yet

Submitted by: Joan Fry

The 39th Illiana Antique Power Summer Show is in the books. It took two years to do and it was the best show ever! That sounds just like what we said after the show in 2019, but it is true. A show accomplished is always better than one only dreamed about.

It is true the rain Thursday night and the drizzle on Friday made for some mud - and some of you are even saying there was more than just a little mud - but I sure heard a lot of stories about helping others get unstuck or getting out of a mud hole when it was thought impossible. Some cried, some laughed, but not a soul went away thinking they shouldn't have come. The show was terrific. Most years, after the parade on Sunday we see a quick exodus. But this year, folks were seen standing around and visiting, laughing, and just enjoying themselves. It was a great show and no one wanted to go home.

But a wonderful show does not just happen. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year special. Tom herded a crew of helpers during the week before. Moving things, putting out barrels and benches, getting ready kept them busy. The grounds were mowed. Thanks to Jim and others who trimmed and helped mow. Steve and Tom finished up the showers and the trim in the Assembly hall. Thanks boys! The quilters cleaned everything. The bathrooms were spotless BEFORE the mud. Thanks girls! The people mover guys were terrific. The pie gals were fantastic! Thanks to all who supplied the pies. All those folks who were at the gate to welcome our guests, you had the most important job because your smiling face was the first one folks saw when they arrived. You are the welcome committee. Thanks to all who took the time to polish up those old tractors and bring them to show and share. The sawmill guys outdid themselves this year. What a show they put on! The blacksmiths had an amazing collection of guys too. Each one had something special to share. The train guys and the engine fellows outdid themselves too. A super big thank you goes to Doris who kept us all in line. Thanks to you who manned the buildings, who picked up trash, who put up the flyers and talked about our show to your neighbors. Everyone did their part. You know who you are if you helped make this show a great one - pat your self on the back. You are appreciated.

The only problem with having the best show yet... is that we have to work harder to be even better next year! Get ready, show #40 will be spectacular!



Fall Festival Craft Fair and Swap Meet

Submitted by: Joan Fry

September 25 is the day. Plans are coming together. This is our very first Fall Festival and we hope it sets a good example for future Fall Festivals to come.

The trains will be running. The quilters will be selling their creations in the clubhouse. Shawn will be lining up the trailers with pieces and parts for swapping down the center street. Tom will be running the people mover. Carolyn will be selling some of her antique collection at the cabin. Some of the buildings will be open. The goal for the day is that each person has an enjoyable day under our wonderful trees seeing and buying stuff - all while providing one more opportunity for Illiana Antique Power Assn. to contribute to the community.

At this time, plans are being made for a bake sale to be held at the assembly hall during the Fall Festival. Proceeds will go to the club. Jane Sims and Becky Evans will be organizing this. Plan now what you want to share. Ask these girls if you have questions. The Health Department has been contacted and as of right now, selling homemade food has a go ahead. Marty will be at the Pavilion as well as the ice cream folks and a pizza guy.

A Clothesline Quilt show will be held to give the grounds a special look. If you have a quilt to share be sure it is not one the weather could ruin. It needs to be tagged with your name and other special information about the quilt. Bring them the morning of the show and we will hang them out for folks to enjoy. For more information about the quilt show contact Joan Fry at 765-363-5406.

Vendors are still being accepted. The vendor contract is posted on our web site. If you know someone who does a special craft and would like a place to show off their talents and sell some of their work be sure to tell them about our First Fall Festival. Share our flyers on your Facebook page. Post a flyer wherever you think someone will see it. Talk it up! Since we do not have a budget for publicity we are depending on you folks to do the talking. A survey was done during the summer show; about 50-75 folks were asked how they heard about the show. Not one mentioned the radio broadcasts, only a few saw it in the Benton Review, a few came because of our sign out on Rt. 41, a few saw it on Facebook, but most of the folks told us that someone had told them about our show. So don't be shy, talk to everyone! Tell them Saturday, September 25 they need to be at Illiana Antique Power club grounds for the Fall Festival Craft Fair and Swap Meet. Need more information? Check in with Kathy Kyle (217-304-6561) or Shawn Byroad (765-490-8470). Interested in camping? Contact Adam Krichbaum (illianacamping@gmail.com) or check out the Illiana Antique Power web site.

Joan is looking for some parking lot helpers for the day as well as some trash pick-up folks after the Festival is over. Give her a call if you can help in this area.

The committee is working diligently to make this first Fall Festival a really good show. Cross your fingers the weather folks help us out with a lovely fall day. Plan to contribute to the bake sale. Come on out to see how everything is going. Enjoy!

Gravel for Streets

There is a possibility that all the streets at Illiana Antique Power will be getting some new gravel. Doug Ransom has reclaimed windmill gravel and is willing to share it with us. Dave Dalton has a truck and will haul it. Sounds like a great possibility. Thanks to these guys and to all the others who are making our grounds better.