Illiana News

August/September 2022

Farewell from our President

I would like to thank everyone who made the summer show a great success! We had a wonderful turnout this year with many great activities for visitors to enjoy. We have two big events coming up in September, The Fall Festival on September 17th, and Living History Days on September 23rd. Make sure to mark both on your calendars.

I want to thank everyone for helping to make things run smoothly within the club activities. We have a great group of people here who are willing to step up and make sure history is preserved for others to enjoy. I have enjoyed being your President, but I have decided to step down as Illiana President to spend time with my young family and enjoy these special moments with them.

Thank you everyone, David Hobbs

NOTE: Adam Krichbaum, as our elected Vice President, is currently serving as interim President. The Board is actively evaluating the bylaws to bring forth clarification to the club.

Historians Sought

At the recent Illiana Board meeting, it was decided it was time to start writing down the history of Illiana and have an organized Historian or an historical group take care of this project. If there is a person or persons interested in spearheading this project and get the ball rolling, we currently have 40 years of history to compile, along with any pictures that might available. Those interested should contact Adam Krichbaum or any board member. Don't let any more time pass without documenting the things done in the past!

Mark Your Calendar:

Fall Festival: Sept. 17, 9:00 - 4:00

History Day: Sept. 23

Monthly Meeting: No September meeting.

Next meeting is **Tuesday**, **Oct. 18** @ 6:30 p.m.

Bring a dish to pass.



IAPA'S 40th Power Show

Illiana Antique Power Association's 40th Power Show is in the books, and it was a good one. Even though the rain put a damper on the activities on Sunday, it was still a great show. We saw lots of red! International was well represented. The crowd on Saturday was amazing. Everyone seemed to have a great time. There were bunches of folks who enjoyed visiting with neighbors they hadn't seen for awhile and kids loved the scavenger hunt! Parents did too...I think they enjoyed it as much as the kids. Families got together. "Small Fry", Lorna Pearl, made her debut in the parade. Margo did a wonderful job catching the heart of our show with her pictures. If you haven't seen them check them out. They are wonderful!

I was going to list folks and say thank you, but there are too many! Everyone worked and worked. You know what you did and you are thanked. The Warren County Commissioners helped again by seeing that the moving signs were out on Route 41.

The grounds looked terrific. Thanks to all who worked on that. We had visitors from Russia?, students from Purdue, who really enjoyed seeing the village and winning a chicken dinner. The pie was especially good this year, at least Gale Cunningham of 99.1 radio thought so. The quilters sold more things on Friday this year than any other year. The Pine Village Fire Dept. and Brad McCormick deserve a thanks also. That was a really cute Emergency vehicle! Even though we had several things rained out, it was good show!

Start thinking right now for things you can do to make our 41st show even better.

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Illiana will be hosting a luncheon for the
Big Pine Creek Water Shed
Historical Tour
on Sept 9th, from 11:30—12:30.
Call Joan Fry with any questions.

## Illiana Quilters' News

Submitted by: Kathy Kyle

Aaaah, another Illiana Power Show in the books! Illiana Quilters had a very good weekend at the show, even though the weather was not real cooperative on two out of three days, we had fantastic sales. More raffle tickets for the quilt were sold this year than ever before...thank you to everyone who bought a ticket. The quilt was won by Charles Comer of the Pine Village area. Although our trunk show was not well attended, we had lots of quilts to show and hope to make it a better show next year.

On July 29th several members of the quilt group had a fun day shopping over in the Bloomington, Il. area for what else...more quilt fabric and patterns! We stopped at five different shops and had a quick lunch at Culvers between quilt shops. Another fun day!

The quilters met on Mon., Aug. 22nd at the Assembly Hall to continue making bags for the upcoming history day on Sept. 23rd for all the area 4th graders. Thanks to all who have helped in this task; it means so much to the kids.



Illiana Quilters will meet on Sept. 26th at 9:00 a.m. at the Assembly Hall on the show grounds. Bring your sewing machine and a sack lunch and join us for the day of sewing fun! We will have a short business meeting followed by a demonstration of making a flange binding. Check the Illiana Quilters FaceBook page for any special instructions for the day.

## **Bake Sale Items Needed**

The **Fall Festival** is fast approaching and we request all Illiana members to bring items for the bake sale to be held Saturday, September 17th. Some items will be sold by the piece in the Assembly Hall during the festival just like we do for the summer show. All yummy treats welcome! Thank you all in advance.



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## **Rocky Forge Blacksmith News**

Submitted by: Ted Stout

Rocky Forge sure made a good performance at the Illiana Show. All three days were well represented by our members. Saturday was especially good with about 20 working. Even though we fought rain, it was a good time. It was nice to see our friend John Bennett helping out. We are developing some pretty good talent within our group. Keep learning.

Thanks to all of you who helped make the show a success. Illiana really appreciates what we do.

I spent many days and trips to Illiana over the past month getting estimates for electrical upgrades and for enclosing the building. All this effort is to support a potential grant. We have made the first pass so we should have some optimism for approval.

The next meeting for the Rocky Forge Blacksmith's will be Saturday, September 10th at Ted's shop.

We will have Bill Cory of the Indiana Blacksmith Association. Bill will demonstrate and lead a hands-on for making tongs. He is known for his useful tong making ability. This is a meeting all should try to attend.

We will have roasted chicken so bring a covered dish to accompany the chicken.

Also bring your tool bucket and items for iron in the hat drawing.

Sounds like a fun day of doing what we like to do. See you all on Saturday.



Ted



#### Winner

of the antique Cushman model X engine
was

Scotty Cunningham of Carmel, IN. Congratulations, Scotty!

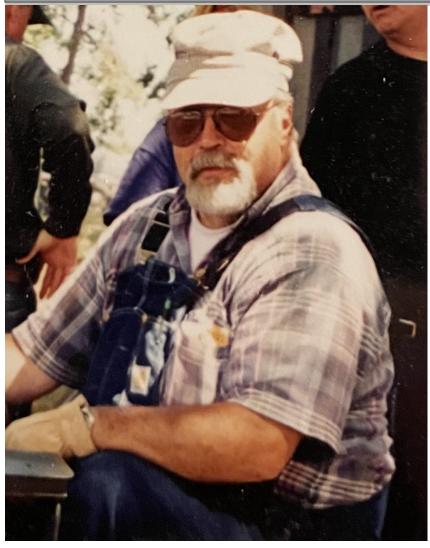
#### **Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild**

Next meeting:

Saturday, Sept. 10th @ Ted's shop.



## Our Condolences





## **Don Tempest**

Don Tempest was a long-time member, advocate, and engine exhibitor. Services were held on Saturday, August 6th in North Vernon, IN.

#### Richard "Doc" Fontaine

Dick Fontaine was one of the founding members of Illiana and a founding member of Rocky Forge, in fact, he suggested the name "Rocky Forge". Dick was involved in numerous ways at Illiana. He was part of the Pine Creek & Western Railroad crew helping run the locomotives and train stations on the grounds. He was also a presenter for the Model T video we made for History Days. Services were held August 5.



Our condolences to the families of both of these men. They will be deeply missed.