

# Illiana News

**April 2021**

## First Meeting Since Pandemic

We had a meeting! That doesn't sound like much news, but since it has been months since we have been together, it was a big deal! Kathy Olin made a statement that echoed all of our feelings: "I just missed being with these folks." It was good to see everyone at the meeting. There was a problem with communication again and several folks did not get the word about the meeting. We need to do something about that. Please contact me if you were one of those who did not receive notification of the meeting (I am making a list), or if you have ideas for spreading the word (like a phone tree). Keep in mind not everyone has email or can receive texts.

Joan Fry: 765-363-5406

The assembly hall is such a great place to meet but it is tired right now. The Christmas decorations are looking a bit out of place. We have a couple of unfinished projects. Steve Butram and Tom are trying to finish up the showers. There is a bunch of trim to be hung. The good news is there are some answers. Illiana Quilters have been meeting occasionally at the building and have swept the floors. They decided a general cleaning is in order after the trim and other work was done. They will try to notify everyone of the date and those who want to help will be welcome. The plan is to wash windows, scrub floors, eliminate some dust and just put things in order. The goal is to have everything finished and spiffed up for the show. If there is a project you see needing to be done and are willing to work on, check with Tom for available supplies (or whatever the job requires) then go to work.

*Joan Fry*

Tom would like to thank everyone who came out to the April meeting. There will be a meeting next month in May, without a meal just like April's meeting.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Illiana Antique Power Association is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:30 PM. There will not be a meal at this meeting.

**Be sure to get dues to Doris.**

# Illiana Quilters News

Submitted by: Kathy Kyle

The Illiana Quilters met on the 22nd of March at the Assembly Hall and had a great time making a "crumb quilt" block after the short business meeting.

We have scheduled a day to do some "spring" cleaning at the Assembly Hall on the 22nd of April, getting ready for all the anticipated activities planned for this summer and fall.

Several of our members had things to show that they had been working on since the last meeting, and as usual they can be seen by going to the Illiana Quilters Facebook page.



Our next meeting is planned for the 26th of April at the Assembly Hall and all interested persons are invited to attend. At this meeting, we will be making a simple over the shoulder bag.

Come join us and have a day of sewing and lots of laughs!



## **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](mailto:iapafallfestival@gmail.com) for more information.

# Pine Creek & Western R/R News

Submitted by: Charlie Lupinek

The Pine Creek & Western Railroaders are beginning the Spring chores around the railroad with the mowing of the grass, leveling and ballasting the tracks, upgrading the railroad yard, and attacking the weeds in and along the tracks. Invitations to fellow railroaders are going out inviting them to come to the July power show. From all indications, there will a large number of locomotives and cars at the July show. Fellow PC&W railroader Nathan Bryant will be there with his newly acquired Scotty Mogul. Nathan will captivate you with the history and development of this beautiful steam locomotive.

Nathan Bryant and the Scotty Mogul  
April 2021



Nathan Bryant's Scotty Mogul, Duluth Missabe & Iron Range No. 238 joins the fleet of locomotives at the Pine Creek & Western Railroad.

# Rocky Forge News

Submitted by: Ted and Carol Stout

At this time the blacksmiths are planning their first meeting, since February 2020, at the show grounds. During the height of the Covid epidemic, the state and national level blacksmith organizations, of which we are members, forbid group meetings. The main agenda of the May 15th meeting will be to develop plans for the next few months to hold meetings in the absence of Ted who will be recovering from bladder cancer. His second surgery, May 12th will dictate future meetings in his shop.

Back in February 2020 we had a project underway to build 30 propane gas forges. Hopefully, that project will resume to completion.

More information will be reported as it develops.

*Ted and Carol*



## Date to Remember

Submitted by: Joan Fry

**Summer show: July 16,17,18 2021**

This show will be the best ever. Featured tractor is the old Case and its machinery. The featured engines will be Ohio MFG Engines.

We are sure to have a good crowd this year because everyone I talked to said they missed our show last year. Plans are being made now and jobs will be assigned next meeting, so plan to be there so you can have the job you want. Grab some flyers from the hall and pass them around. Let everyone know Illiana is going to have its show this year. That's the best part about being in the club - there is something for everyone to do!

### Upcoming Dates

History Day: September 17, 2021

Fall Festival: September 25, 2021

Christmas in the Village: December 3-4, 2021