

# Illiana News

February 2022

## Greetings From Our New President

Hello everyone,

I hope you have had a wonderful winter. I am your new Illiana President, David Hobbs. I am from Crawfordsville. I am married and my wife and I have two children who are both interested in tractors and hit and miss engines as much as I am. I graduated from Purdue and am a Project Engineer for Terra Drive Systems in Brookston. I enjoy restoring tractors and hit and miss engines, and I'm also interested in any sort of mechanical history.

The summer show will be here before long and I look forward to seeing everyone at the first club meeting of the year on Tuesday, March 15th. We have many different topics to discuss!

Our new officer team consists of a few new faces. Adam Krichbaum is the new Vice President, Alan Stutler is our 2nd Vice President, Deb Dye is our new Treasurer, and Amanda Hobbs is our new Secretary.

This year I hope that we will continue to have the great show that we have always had, and I thank all of you in advance for your volunteer efforts to make our show and other special events as extraordinary as they are!

*Sincerely,  
David Hobbs, President*



### Monthly Meetings

#### *Note Changes*

The Board voted to change the monthly Club meetings to the 3rd Tuesday of each month beginning with our March meeting.

**Next Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday, March 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

Bring a dish to pass.

# New Club Officers

**President: David Hobbs**

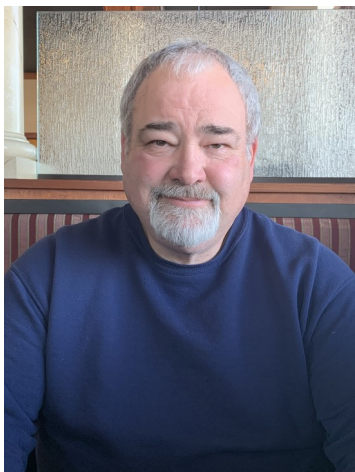
**Vice President: Adam Krichbaum**

**Second Vice President: Alan Stutler**

**Secretary: Amanda Hobbs**

**Treasurer: Deb Dye**

## Officer Introductions



**Adam Krichbaum,  
Vice President**

Adam works as a machinist and his hobby is building running scale models of hit and miss engines.

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**Deb Dye, Treasurer**

Deb is married to Steve Dye from the Railroading group and has been a long time member of the Illiana Association. She and Steve have two children and six grandchildren. Deb works at Purdue University as a nurse educator at the School of Nursing; her areas of interest in nursing are medical-surgical nursing and Holistic/ Integrative nursing. She has many interests outside of work which include knitting, crocheting, quilting, and gardening. "I look forward to getting to know more of the club members and serving you as the treasurer."

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## Thank You

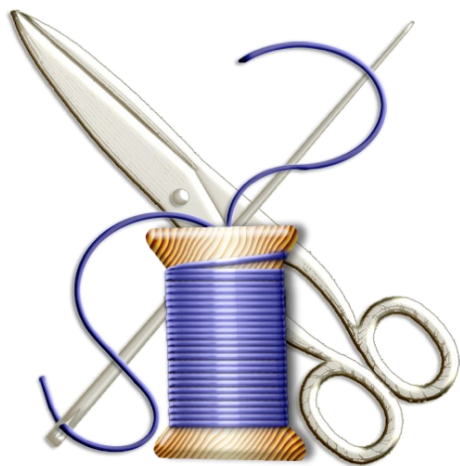
We want to thank all of our former officers for volunteering their time to serve in each of their respective offices; many of these folks have served for years, giving countless hours to Illiana Antique Power Association and to our community. We also want to thank all of those willing to step in and serve the Club in their new positions. We appreciate ALL of our generous volunteers! *(We will have more officer introductions next month.)*

# Illiana Quilters' News

Submitted by: Kathy Kyle

Illiana Quilters did not meet in January due to the numbers of people who were sick or had family members who were ill.

We are looking forward to meeting the 28th of Feb. at the Assembly Hall and begin working on the raffle quilt for the Power Show in July. All the fabric has been purchased and the cutting is done, so now it's



time for construction!

Anyone interested in sewing, quilting or just having a fun day is invited to join us at **9:00 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 28**. Bring your sewing supplies and a sack lunch. Should there be bad weather, watch the Facebook page and I will post any updates as soon as possible. Stay safe and healthy!

## Illiana Quilters Important Dates

February 28: 9:00 a.m. at the Assembly Hall -

Begin working on Raffle Quilt.

Bring a sack lunch and join us!



# Florida Ag Tour

Submitted by: Joan Fry

Here is what Illiana folks do in Florida...an agriculture tour in Hendry County. It was a great day! We all learned so much about Florida ag issues.



*L to R: Ron from Pennsylvania; Ed from Canada; Owen Moudy; Andrea from Canada; Joe Fry; Donna Moudy; Tom Wright.*

## **Dates to Remember:**

**History Day #1:** May 13, 2022 (tentative, if allowed by schools)

**Fall Festival/Craft Fair/Swap Meet:** Sept. 17, 2022

**History Day #2:** Sept. 23, 2022

**Christmas in the Village:** December 2-3, 2022

# Rocky Forge Blacksmith News

Submitted by: Ted Stout

The blacksmiths met at Ted's shop on Saturday February 12th. We had 25 in attendance with local members as well as visitors as far away as Paola, Indiana. As always we started the morning with coffee and doughnuts graciously donated by Tyler Figg. That social time is always a good time to catch up on what our peers have been doing.

That monthly meeting was our 20th year anniversary and Ted's 80th birthday. David Dillman provided a fantastic beef brisket for lunch and many members brought in scrumptious covered dishes of food to complement the meal.

With Gary Leeman as the instructor, we had a good time pounding out special chisels and punches for doing Blacksmithing work. Members not only learned how to make the tools, but also learned the preferred alloys to use and how to quench and temper the tools.

The group has completed manufacturing 25 propane gas forges that have been distributed to the membership. Similar forges typically sell for around \$600-\$700 each, however, we were able to build them for \$265, thanks to generous corporate donations of raw materials. We also thank Eric Smith for his donation of a full 100# tank full of propane to run our gas forges.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 12th at Ted's shop.

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## Rocky Forge Blacksmiths

Next meeting:

**March 12, 2022 @ Ted's shop.**

