

Illiana News

March 2020

Fall Festival/Swap Meet

Submitted by: Kathy Kyle

Illiana Antique Power Association will be hosting a **Fall Festival on Sept. 26th** at the show grounds. In order to make this a success, we need the help of all members to spread the word.

We are looking for vendors of antiques, antique photography, vintage arts and crafts, wood-working, wood carving, chainsaw carving, ornaments, handmade crafts, primitives, quilts/barn quilts, floral arrangements, boutique kids and adult, metal work, pottery, artwork/paintings, jewelry, and baked goods, but not limited to this list. We just don't want any flea market type items in this show (such as toothbrushes by the barrel, plastic knick-knacks, etc.).

Also needed are a variety of food vendors to keep the crowd and workers well fed and happy! In addition to the arts and crafts there will be a swap meet for antique engines and related parts, antique tractors and related parts, tractor and engine memorabilia, as well as any other items related to antique tractors and engines.

Registration is now open and is on a first come, first served basis. Contact info and payment must be submitted to save your spot, as well as proof of insurance. Deadline for entry is Aug. 1st. For booth sizes and costs look for the green "Vendor Application" button on the Illiana website (IllianaAntiquePower.com) or see the contact information below for your specific area of interest. You can also visit our Facebook page.

Camping information and reservations can be made by contacting Adam Krichbaum at IllianaCamping@gmail.com.

Swap meet information and reservations should be made by calling Shawn Byroad (765) 490-8470.

All other crafting and arts information and applications can be made by contacting Kathy Kyle at (217) 304-6561 or emailing IAPAFALLFESTIVAL@gmail.com.

Let's show off our beautiful grounds and make this a date to save for years to come!

March Meeting Cancelled

Since there are no pressing issues that need to be discussed, and due to concerns of the spreading Coronavirus, we are cancelling this month's meeting. Spring is on the way!

Rocky Forge Blacksmith News

Submitted by: Ted Stout

Our past history has been some pretty bad weather for the second Saturday of the month, but spring is on the way and it looks like this coming **Sat. March 14** will be acceptable. Our only liability will be the dreaded Coronavirus. We will have a meeting this Saturday, but if you have a fever, cold or flu symptoms, please stay home. That also holds true if any of your immediate family has been or is sick. The rest of us would really appreciate your concern for our health.

The meeting will start at 8:30 with our usual coffee and doughnuts with a 30 minute social time. Then a short meeting will follow that so we can start to work at 9:30.

The work will be a few experienced members to start cutting the propane tank openings. We have had a couple of work days with some workers who were able to prepare 25 tanks. They removed paint, removed the top and bottom rings making the tanks ready for cutting the openings. The metal for 30 gas forges was cut to size including the legs, shelf and both openings. This was all done by the new Metal Superstore on the west side of Indianapolis. What they did will save us a tremendous amount of work, making assembly so much easier and at less cost than the raw metal from their competitors. I urge all of you to consider their store for your metal needs. We can discuss them in more detail at the meeting.

Building 25 gas forges for the members has been a real undertaking with lots of frustration. The design has changed several times and I trust what we will have now is a forge that will attain 2500 degrees plus or minus 50. The forges we are building would easily sell for \$600 to \$700 each. We think the cost will be in the \$125 range.

While the forge team is working this Saturday, the remainder of you will be able to enjoy and open forge time. We should have some senior members willing to lead the newer people in their projects.

Lunch will be chicken and noodles so please bring a dish to share and that will complement the chicken and noodles. Don't forget iron in the hat items. That drawing and donations is our only way to pay expenses and support improvements to the building at Rainsville.

Ted and Carol Stout
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Rocky Forge Blacksmith's

June 3-6, 2020: ABANA Conference, Washington County Fairgrounds,
Greenwich, NY (east of Saratoga Springs and north of Albany)

June 5-7: IBA Conference, Tipton, IN.

Illiana Quilters

Submitted by: Kathy Kyle

Illiana Quilters have the raffle quilt all ready for the show in July, so be making plans to buy those tickets! We've been working on some of our own projects at the last couple of meetings, however in March we will be learning to make stands for our tablets and cell phones. I'm sure some of them might be for sale in the Quilter's Cottage this summer. Our plans for going to the National Quilt show in Paducah have been canceled this year due to the health concerns that we are all facing in our world today. Hopefully we can do a smaller quilting activity some time this spring in place of the international show. We will make those plans at the next meeting.

Here's hoping that spring is right around the corner and we can all enjoy some warm sunshine soon!

A Letter From Our President

Submitted by: Tom Swanson

Hello to everyone!

As I sit here writing this, I look out the window at 5" of snow and it is -4 degrees. I don't know about you, but the older I get, the less I like cold weather. One thing about Indiana though, the weather will change and maybe 50 degrees before the week is through.

Am looking forward to seeing you all in March as we prepare to make plans for our show this year.

Just to let you know, I've had several people come to me to thank Illiana for the wonderful Christmas in the village. Once again, I thank each and every one of you who took part in any way.

This year, Illiana is going to have our first Craft Fair & Swap Meet on the grounds on September 26th. I would encourage all of you to let vendors know about this event so they can get registered for booth space, etc.

I really feel like with our wonderful grounds and amenities that we have to offer, along with our nice location in the country, that this fall event can grow into a huge success for Illiana.

Illiana extends our condolences to the James Bolin family for the loss of Diane, wife and mother.

As always, I am looking forward to a New Year and all it has for Illiana.

Tom

Florida Flywheelers

Submitted by: Joan Fry

Illiana at the Florida Flywheelers

We met for lunch on Thursday, February 20 at the Florida Flywheelers Antique Engine Club and had a good visit! Lots of chatter and laughing. Eight members present along with two Canadian guests. Tom Wright, Owen Moudy, John and Jesse Byroads, Tom and Marie Nickle, Joe and Joan Fry, plus Ed and Andrea Wierstra from Cherry Valley, Ontario.



John and Jesse Byroad.



Owen Moudy and Tom Nickle.



Tom Wright and Marie Nickle. Joe and Joan Fry were behind the camera.



Illiana Sends Condolences

Illiana extends our condolences to club member Jim Bolin on the passing of his wife, Diane. Diane was a member of the Indiana Blacksmiths Assn, Illiana Antique Power Assn and the Pine Village Quilt Club. Diane passed January 29, 2020.

Our condolences to the family of John Young. John was an active member of Illiana and was especially devoted to the train group. He was also a charter member of the blacksmith group and continued until his health would no longer allow it. John passed Feb. 25, 2020.

Our condolences to Tim Biesecker, whose mother, Frieda Gray, also passed away Feb. 25, 2020.



Diane Bolin



John Young



Frieda Gray

