

ILLIANA NEWS

July 2015



SHOW TIME!

THE NEXT ILLIANA MEETING IS IN AUGUST.

T-shirts were available at the last meeting. There are four different designs:

- An International Farmall M Tractor
- Steam Locomotive
- An International Hit & Miss Gas Engine
- A Stationary Steam Engine.

Be sure and purchase one at the Show! Red Polo Shirts are all Pre-paid @\$25.00 each. Contact Bob Parsell Ph: 765-250-3449 or E-mail: parsellre@yahoo.com to place your order. Bob will also have "Illiana" caps for sale.

See the Shirts on Page 3!

Be sure to check out the last page for Show Information!



Submitted by Joan Fry:

Are you ready? The best little power show anywhere is about to launch its 34th event! Illiana Antique Power Exhibition is here! What a time it will be!

Everything this year will be looking red. International Harvester tractors and engines will be featured. Other colors will be welcome but RED is in this year. Tom has set a lofty goal for a number of tractors and the engine guys are always coming up with a bunch of good looking interesting engines. speckled one, will also be on display there. Owen Moudy is working on getting a collection of all internationals for the lineup at the gate. Several international dealers are helping out with memorabilia for the clubhouse. Bob Parsells has outdone himself with the t-shirts. The dressy polo shirt for this year is ...of course...red! Several of us have already worn ours to advertise at the fairs and on the Parke County Tractor Drive. The "road crew" fluorescent green t shirts really make the International on the back "shine". Oh yes, don't forget those shirts also come with a cool engine, the "smokin" steam engine, and a wonderful train engine as well. Be sure to get yours. *continued on next page*



continued from Joan Fry...

The Pie Pavilion will be exciting this year. Not only will pie be sold at a new price but the ice cream will be kept and sold from an authentic International freezer AND we will have an International refrigerator on display loaned to us by John Fredrickson, from Kentland and the Penfield club. Irma Harding will be at our show too. Who is she? She was created by International Harvester to advertise the NEW line of household items way back in the 50's. Her display will be amazing. The Irma Harding Events will be fun as well. Be sure to check out Amanda Hobbs activity schedule and be there to participate. Included in the activities will be an apron style show and a skillet throwing contest. Sound interesting? The club's newest acquisitions, the copper washing machine and the blue speckled one, will also be on display there.

Friday night has become one of everyone's favorite nights at the show. The Highway 341 Band puts on a great show. Grab your lawn chair and enjoy the shade, the company, and the music! We hope to serve free popcorn during the evening and if you bring your dancing shoes we can have a "really good show". The vendors will stay open for drinks and snacks too. Good old country music is best in the good old country!

There is so much going on Saturday it is hard to get it all down. Tractor Games will be out in the west field about 10:00. You don't have to be a member to show off your skills. Just show up out there. Randy Miller and the Hobbs will set you up with all you need for a great morning. There are even prizes. Watching is fun too. Take a lawn chair and enjoy. It is great entertainment!

The Mike and Gerri Parks Dive for Dollars will follow Donnie's Crew and the Threshing. Listen for the announcement for the time. Kids love looking for the silver dollars in the straw. Last year I heard there were several adults who enjoyed it too!

The trains will be running on some new track. Those guys have been working themselves crazy. After having to move a few down trees from the storms, the track is ready for lots of action.

The "What Is It?" table will return with mysterious items. Bring that thing you don't know what it is and see if anyone can guess what it is. There was lots of speculation about last year's stuff and this year looks to be as interesting.

Saturday evening we hope to have a "Movie on the grounds". Gary York is helping pull this one off for something new. It should be a fun time...cartoons...old international videos...and a side splitting funny movie too. Show starts about 9:00 or as soon as it gets dark. Location to be announced later. Bring your bug spray, a lawn chair, and we will pop the popcorn in our club's new popper donated by Craig's RV Park Association, Arcadia, Florida.

Sunday morning at 8:00 the grounds will be quiet and we will be meeting at the Pie Pavilion for Church Service. Larry Sims will be leaded the music again this year and Ron Batts from West Lebanon will be speaking. Ron is a retired preacher who might be seen driving a mule and has been known to drive a tractor or two. He always brings a down home message to help us count our blessings and give us something to think about before the day's activities begin.

Sunday at 11:00AM the kids can start registering for the Kiddie Pedal Tractor Parade. Tell all the grandparents you know this is the time to let their little guys parade just like the big guys. Hopefully, the kids will tell about their tractors, wave to the crowds get their pictures taken and pedal the course in front of the clubhouse. They all get prizes and we get to enjoy the show and be proud!

Everyday there is always pie in the pie pavilion, ice cream, food from the Campbells and Marty's crew, a wonderful parade, evening sparks show from the engine guys, kid games, quilter's treasures, flea market surprises, sawmill action, people-mover moving people, Donnie's steam engine working at threshing and Terry's engine just working, Deb and her bowls, canal information, Bob will be in the Post Office, the kitchen crew will be cooking, the village will be hopping, and stuff going on everywhere. Oh yes, don't forget the best part...just finding a place to sit and visit with folks you don't see everyday. Tell some stories, a few jokes, and some tall tractor tales. There is truly something for everyone.

Tell your friends and neighbors July 17,18,19 THE PLACE TO BE is at the Illiana Antique Power Show. Rest up now...we ALL will be busy in a few days. Let the fun begin!

A Letter from our President:

Hello to everyone,



Showtime is fast approaching. Warren County was hit with a 70+ MPH straight line wind storm last week. We dodged a bullet at the show grounds with only one large tree blown down and no damage to the buildings. Several homes were damaged, some severely hit with trees around the Independence area. Thanks to the railroaders* for cutting up the large tree and removing it. They are extra busy making improvements to and enlarging the tracks before show time. A big "Thank You" to John Dillman for edging and cleaning the hickory lumber for us. Bob and I used it to line the inside walls of the Jim Eberly Office Building. We are 98% done with this project.

A thank you to Dave Center, club member from Boswell, for his generous donation of new metal roofing, good used lumber and hardware.

Thanks to Jessica and Jordan St. John and their crew for mowing the club grounds. This has been a big help and relief for Jim and Doris with all the rains we are getting. We really appreciate all our new members and their efforts!

I also thank each and every one who represented Illiana at the Warren and Vermilion County Fairs.

I am looking forward with excitement to the show. SEE YOU THERE!

Tom

*R.R. Workers who helped cut and clean up the tree: Charlie Lupinek, Chuck Morgan, Terry, Don and Clayton Bodine, Jamie Walter and Steve Dye. John Dillman hauled the branches away.

Again, THANKS GUYS!





TRI-COUNTY QUILTERS NEWS:

SUBMITTED BY: MARSHA WATKINS

We are saddened to have lost Marilyn Hendrickson after a brief illness. Marilyn was a kind and generous member, always willing to share her time and knowledge with other club members. Our hearts go out to her family and each member of our club, we all mourn the loss of a wonderful person. We all wish Harriett Warrick a speedy recovery and hope to have her back to the club as soon as possible. The raffle quilt was donated and made by Arlene Sennett...a talented quilter in our group. It will be on display at the quilters cottage along with the raffle tickets.



With Heartfelt
Sympathy

Our Sympathy to the
Quilter Ladies for the loss
of their club member
Marilyn Hendrickson.

And, to the Petty Families...
Helen's mother passed
away this June. Prayers
for all.

ON A HAPPIER NOTE:
Carol Stout was able to attend
the June Meeting. It was so
good to see her! (And, she
looked so cute in her ball cap!)

THANK YOU!

A special note to thank Kaaren Parsell for all the work she has done for the publicity committee this year. She has made my job easier and she has worked tirelessly! Rolland McKinney has also worked hard to see that our Show is out there...in cyber space as well as in the Lafayette area! Thank you...you are appreciated! Joan Fry

I would also like to do a "Mid-Year" thank you to all the members who have contributed their articles for the newsletters. Especially thank you to Becky Eveland who does all the pictures and "fine tunes" the final copy.....if you see Becky at the show, please let her know what a great job she is doing!
Anne Bodine

ROCKY FORGE BLACKSMITH NEWS:

SUBMITTED BY: TED STOUT

The Illiana Show is approaching real fast and we need to get our act together to have a good showing for the Rocky Forge group. There is work to be done at the building to make it look presentable. I was hoping we could nail boards on the half wall between the machine shop and the blacksmith shop. I can provide weathered barn boards for that addition. If you are able to help, give Ted a call. We will need to make a trip to the farm near Alamo to get the boards, then cut them to length and nail them to the stringers. I am sure there are lots of leaves to rake and blow out of the way and other chores that need attention. Let's plan to meet for a work day on our regular meeting time which will be Saturday July 11th at the blacksmith shop. Bring tools to clean up the landscape. Hopefully, we can arrange the machine shop tools in some orderly row along the building length, so if you have any heavy equipment movers bring them along. The show will be the following weekend so you may want to set up some of your shop tools. For lunch, let's do a weiner roast with some healthy covered dishes to go along with the dogs. If you have any ideas for crafts people to fill the east side of the building please let me know. I hope to have the wood carvers back and am trying to get a cane and walking stick maker.

Carol is on her second phase of chemo treatments and is doing as expected. She is tired, sleeps a lot and has little energy, but considering her treatments she is doing well. If all goes well, she is hoping to spend a little time at the show.

Rob Durrett is having elective surgery just prior to the show so he will not be able to attend. Deanna recently had back surgery and it is my understanding she is doing okay. We wish Rob and Deanna speedy recoveries.

See you on Saturday, July 11th at about 9:00 A.M. Ted (PH: 765-491-2194)

TRACTOR TRIVIA:

(A) What was the tractor considered to have industrialized the United States beginning in 1922?

(B) What was Meinard Rumely's occupation prior to his inventing the Oil Pull?



Answers:
(A) The Farmall.
(B) Blacksmith.



PINE CREEK & WESTERN R.R. NEWS:

SUBMITTED BY: CHARLIE LUPINEK

Steve Dye is putting the final rail connectors in place on the newly established double track on Monday, June 29th, at the Illiana Antique Power Assoc. Show Grounds. The extreme amount of rain has caused extensive delays in preparing the railroad for safe operating during the July Show this year. Tremendous weed growth has taken over much of the track area. The weeds have been sprayed and most have died, but they require removal before equipment can safely operate transporting the visitors at our annual power show. The track seen in the photo shows track that is waiting ballast and leveling. Each foot of new and up graded track represents an investment of approximately \$5.85. We will be using over 60 tons of stone as we continue to ballast and level the railroad track. Anyone interested in getting a bit of exercise "bending and weeding or moving stone" would be welcome! The railroaders of the Pine Creek & Western Railroad wish to thank our fellow Illiana members for their continued support and encouragement. Get your ticket at the station for the Pine Creek & Western Line!!



Warren County 4-H Fair



Vermilion County 4-H Fair



A FEW REMINDERS FOR SHOWTIME:

CAMPING: The camping spaces are very limited. Camping fee is \$25.00 each space. Check with John Carrell at 765-793-3282.

PIE BOOTH: Please donate four pies (cakes, cookies, cobblers. etc., are welcome). **REMEMBER – NO DESERTS THAT REQUIRE REFRIGERATION.** Pat Grubb and Helen Petty are in charge and will need volunteers to help in the pavilion. Let's help them for an hour or two. (Everyone who's in charge of assigned duties needs a "break" to enjoy the show!) It was voted at the last meeting to raise the price of a slice of pie from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

FLOWERS: Kaaren Parsell has done a wonderful job of planting flowers around the grounds. But, please loan us your pots of plants or flowers again this year. It always looks nice to have pots "sprinkled" around the exhibits...it also makes our show grounds one of the prettiest in the country!

P.A. SYSTEM: Kenny Short will be announcing events over the P.A. system. Let Kenny know if you need something announced during the show or contact Kenny @765-583-2992 or E-mail:

kimshort_9@hotmail.com

GATE HELP: We need members to volunteer for a couple hours at a time to collect gate fees. **PLEASE HELP!** We will have a sign-up sheet available in the clubhouse. FFA members will be helping park cars.

EXHIBITORS: All exhibitors need to un-load at the west end of the parking lot and drive along the side of the R.R. tracks to the north-east corner by the saw mill. **DO NOT PLAN ON UN-LOADING IN THE SHOW GROUNDS!** We need to help keep all the congestion out of this area. Empty trailers will be stored in the same west parking lot. No trailers are to be inside the show grounds unless their exhibit is permanent on the trailer. Gate entry and parking will be on the east side of the show grounds for the public. **NO ENTRY AT JOHN DILLMAN'S.**

SELL THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS: We have some nice prizes. All misc. donations of items for the raffle will be appreciated. Let's make some money!

QUILTERS: The Quilter Ladies will be raffling a quilt during the show. This is a separate raffle from the club's. Tickets can be purchased at the Quilter's Cottage. These talented ladies have some beautiful items for sale during the show....check them out!

There will be a donation box on the grounds for donations for the new clubhouse again this year!

