

# ILLIANA NEWS

NOVEMBER 2015



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## THE NEXT ILLIANA MEETING 11/16.

This month's meeting of the Illiana Antique Power Assoc. will be held at the lovely home of Carol and Ted Stout on November 16, 2015. We will begin with a carry-in dinner at 6:00 P.M. This is a half hour earlier than usual. It is especially nice of them to invite us to their home since Carol's is just finishing her radiation treatments November 11<sup>th</sup>. (Good news Carol!) So, mark your calendar with the date and the changed time and location. This is the last meeting of the year.....hope the nice fall weather continues! Stout's address: 8525 W. 700 S., West Point, In. (So. of West Point – off State Road 25.) See you there.

## TRACTOR TRIVIA:

- (1) The first tracked-machinery experiments were on what type of vehicle?
- (2) Cyrus McCormick improved on the ideas for a grain reaper that were begun by whom?

## WORK DAY SCHEDULED!

In preparation for our Annual Christmas in the Village Tom has scheduled a work day on **Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please try to help to get the show grounds ready for this favorite event. Bring along rakes and leaf blowers that you have.....plenty of leaves everywhere to be dealt with. Come as early as you can even if it is just an hour or two! This, of course, weather permitting.

**NOTICE:** If you have not paid 2016 dues, this is your last Illiana News. Send \$20.00 dues to: Doris Manlief, 3618 Donna Dr., Lafayette, In. 47905. Make checks payable to:

**Illiana Antique Power Association.  
THANKS!**



submitted by Joan Fry

## Christmas is the Village

Christmas is Coming...the goose is getting fat.....

We are getting ready for Christmas in the Village. There is just not a better way to begin your family celebration. Come on down/over to the Illiana's Old Fashioned Unique Celebration of Christmas.



**Friday and Saturday evening**

**December 4 and 5**

**4:00 – 8:00**

Canned Food collected for the local Warren County Food Bank

Tell your friends and bring your family. We need you folks to spread the word. We also need for you to pray for perfect weather. We would like temperature about 32, no wind, gently falling snow, and a slight of snow on the frozen ground. That would be perfect!!!

It takes a crew to bring everything together for Christmas in the Village. So do what you do best to help us out. We will need cookies for the kitchen, workers in several spots, and plenty of kids for Santa to hold on his lap. Plan now for what you are going to do and give Joan a call. ( 765 363 5406) Along with the old favorites we are going to try a couple of new things. Christmasy costumes are always good! We will have a practice lighting on Thursday evening about 6:00 before the show on Friday. Come on over for a Holly Jolly Time.

*Merry Christmas*



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## TRI-COUNTY QUILTERS NEWS:

SUBMITTED BY: MARSHA WATKINS

The meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> was held at the Pine Village Community Building with sixteen members and one guest, Susan Abel, present. This was voted on and passed; "To experience fellowship, personal growth and knowledge, while promoting the art of quilting." Members are also working on guidelines for member expectations for current new members. Discussion to be continued at the completion of this year's obligations. Arlene offered idea for next year to make stockings for current armed service members, she also brought in 60 History Day bags and quilt for abuse shelter. Bev brought in bags also. Becky offered her collection of "snowman" décor to use for Village in December. Several quilts were donated for shelter. The day was spent making quilt tops for shelter to be delivered the first week of December, sharing "Sew and Tell" and lunch. Everyone was urged to save "jugs" for luminaries to be used in December at the Village. Our Christmas lunch will be at Joan's. A HAPPY HOLIDAYS" TO ALL!! We'll "talk"



## ANSWERS:

- (1) *Wheeled steam engines converted to run on tracks.*
- (2) *His father, Robert McCormick.*

**REMINDER: Harvest is still in progress....Keep an eye out for those combines, tractors and wagons! HAVE A SAFE HARVEST!!!**





## PINE CREEK & WESTERN R.R. NEWS:

SUBMITTED BY: CHARLIE LUPINEK

During 2015 a double track was built on the north side of our club grounds. A signal system connecting the north track and west track was also installed. These improvements greatly increased the operation and safety on the railroad during our power show and history day operations. Members of the Pine Creek & Western Railroad appreciate all of the assistance we have received from our fellow Illiana Club members. Continued improvements are planned for the railroad for 2016. An additional signal system will be going in to control train traffic through the area of the road crossing and covered bridge area. Many of our railroad members are hoping they get coal in their socks from Santa!

## 2015 Coming to an End:

-Submitted by Anne Bodine

**THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER FOR THE YEAR. AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. (I CALL THEM "MY ROVING REPORTERS"!)** SPECIAL THANKS TO BECKY EVELAND FOR THE WONDERFUL JOB SHE DOES ADDING PICTURES (MOST TAKEN BY HER HUSBAND, DAVE) AND "FORMATTING"

**THE NEWSLETTER. WHEN BECKY IS BUSY YOU RECEIVE MY "PLAIN-JANE" LETTER. AND, OF COURSE, THANKS TO PETE VONSTEIN FOR THE GREAT JOB HE DOES ON OUR WEB SITE. ALSO, THANKS TO CHERI KRUG, DAVE EVELAND, KAAREN PARSELL AND CLAYTON BODINE FOR HELPING ME KEEP OUR FACEBOOK PAGE UP-TO-DATE WITH NEWS, VIDEOS AND PICTURES.**

Anne thank you for all that you do for the publications for the club! -Becky



## Rocky Forge Blacksmith News:

SUBMITTED BY: TED STOUT

November 14<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting of the Rocky Forge blacksmith group, but it is also the first day of deer hunting season. I know some of you are avid deer hunters, so come in later if you can and be careful during your hunt. For those of you who will make it to the meeting, we will have a demo on making a hot cut for your anvil. When making this tool it should be made to fit each individual anvil because no two hardy holes are the same and the orientation in the hole varies so it should be marked for direction of inserting into the hardy holes. For those reasons if you need a hot cut hardy tool bring your anvil and we will split up after the demo to make hot cuts. A good material is to use junk yard steel like a truck axle. I have some, but if you have any with a 1 ½" to 2" diameter bring it along. Along with this exercise you will learn how to be a blacksmith striker.

For lunch we will have ham salad sandwiches, chips, iced tea and expect you to bring other food to add to the meal. Hope to see you on the 14<sup>th</sup>. As usual coffee and doughnuts will be available around 8:30 with the demo starting at 9:00. Also, please bring items for our iron in the hat drawing. We had a good one last month that added generously to our coffers for more building improvements. The next addition to our building will be the half wall between the blacksmith area and the machine shop side. After that we will build the "cage" for machine shop and blacksmith shop tooling. That room will be totally enclosed and secure with minimal heat to reduce tool rusting. Bottom line: let's keep up the good work on having productive iron in the hat drawings, it pays our bills and benefits all of us.

Update on Carol: She has gone thru diagnosis, surgery, grueling chemotherapy, and will complete radiations treatments Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. After that she will take a cancer drug every day for five years (or more). At this time she is tolerating the radiation as expected and we are looking forward to next Wednesday. Two PET scans have indicated no cancer anywhere in the body below her head. Her spirits have been amazing throughout this whole ordeal which makes me very proud of her. Even the Doctors have said she's a tough 'ole gal. I guess she has to be to live with me!

**Be there on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Ted's shop, 8:30 A.M.**

from Joan Fry...

### History Day addition:

In last month's recap of History Day, an important station was left out unintentionally!.....THE TRAINS! Charlie Lupinek and his Railroad group did a wonderful job hauling the students and adults around the tracks. SORRY GUYS, it's hard to remember everyone when there's so much activity the whole day. Thanks to all who participated.

### Thanksgiving Thanks!

Gobble! Gobble! Thanksgiving feasting is almost here. Actually Illiana Antique Power has so much to be thankful for. We have a great group of members. Interesting, talented, dedicated, and unique!!! We have a great group of folks who lead us in different ways. Tom especially needs a pat on the back for putting up with us. Ted keeps the blacksmiths in line, Charlie keeps the train guys on track, Marsha and Diana keep the quilters in stitches, Owen keeps the sawmill guys a cut above, and those engine guys are always just putt-putting away. I am especially thankful for the folks who do the little things. The Potters and the quilters have saved so many jugs for the luminaries, we don't need any more! Dave and his gravel have kept us out of the mud and the Dan and Amanda Hobbs are always doing some amazing things for our club. Just go to every meeting and you will see someone taking the trash, cleaning up after the meeting, or fixing something that needs to be fixed. We have a great group of folks! Thanks to all of you.

In closing we'd like to  
wish everyone a:

happy thanksgiving  
merry christmas  
happy new year

### CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Don and Christy Bodine are having a Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12th at their home/shed.

All Illiana Members are invited.

Carry-in dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Train board will be set up.

Model trains will be running!