

ILLIANA NEWS

August 2015



The Annual Meeting of the Illiana Antique Power Assoc. will be on Monday, August 17th at 6:30 P.M. at the Clubhouse. Bring a dish to pass for carry-in dinner. Be sure to attend for a report on the show.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 22, 2015

- HISTORY DAY

December 4th & 5th, 2015

- CHRISTMAS in the VILLAGE

2016 FEATURE TRACTOR:



FANTASTIC 2015 SHOW!
GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

THANK YOU CHERI KRUG FOR
CREATING OUR FACEBOOK
PAGE AND PETE VONSTEIN FOR
OUR WEB SITE!

T-Shirts at the Show

Submitted by Kaaren Parsell:



Nancy Fairbanks-
Dorsey of St. Charles, Il.
(childhood friend of the
Bodine's and Parsell's)
models a "Steamie" t-
shirt at the show. T-

shirt sales were brisk – limited styles and
sizes are remaining;

NONE of the Farmall tractors styles are
available!!! Bob Parsell will bring the 40
grey t-shirts from 2014 and 35 of the
"safety green" from 2015 to the next
meeting if anyone is interested in purchasing
any....they're a great price and even greater
advertisement.



submitted by Joan Fry...

34th Illiana Antique Power Show /rehash

What a show! The weather was not the kind we would have picked but...it could have been worse! Crowds weren't what they are some years but...it was surprising how many folks did come out especially on Sunday after the storms. The Friday night storm split and missed us even though some of our exhibitors had to hurry home because of the tornados. Saturday was really hot but... our wonderful trees gave shade and there was a breeze most of the time.

The red tractors were amazing. Someone commented they never seen so much red.

The engine crowd was unbelievable again. I especially loved the little recreation that puffed smoke rings! Shawn Byroad told me there were over 350 engines...all sizes and kinds. What a show!

The blacksmiths were at it all weekend. I saw a beautiful horse's head Jim Bolin made. It was real piece of art. One of the kids who came to the schoolhouse was fascinated with the nails he got from the blacksmith boys. Their building is better every year! Thanks to Ted and all his crew.

Joe Fry's barrel train is always a favorite. There is ALWAYS a line waiting. Lots of folks helped out with the driving. Some kids would ride forever and Joe says most of the big kids would love to ride too if only they could fit in. Thanks to everyone who helped out especially when Mr. Fry ran out of gas!

Our Indy daughter commented on the quality of the flea market this year. She said there were wonderful REAL antiques.

The Friday Night concert with the Highway 341 band was the best ever. We miss Ron Hines, who passed away this year, but the band is carrying on and the new guys are great! Special thanks to Dave and Lydia for popping the corn, To Con-agra and the Byroads for the popcorn, and to Craigs RV Park, Arcadia, Florida for our new/old corn popper. We must not forget Mel McCormick who scrounged up the cord to run it and the boys who got a generator to use just in case the power went off again. Keith Saylor and his trailer are priceless! Thanks everyone.

The Saturday night movie turned out just fine. About 20 folks enjoyed the pilot for the first I Love Lucy show and some old Looney Tunes cartoons. We all enjoyed the popcorn thanks to Con-Agra, the folks from Craigs RV park, and Dave and Lydia Dalton. Sorry to say everyone was pooped so the crowd went home before we could show the International film from the 50's. Special thanks to Gary York for everything he did and to Larry and Jane Sims for figuring how to run the projector and get sound through their car radio..

This was the year for Irma Harding, the gal who advertised for International and educated ladies. She showed them how to use the wonderful International household items. Amanda Hobbs and crew had a wonderful display in the Pie Pavilion. They brought a great old International freezer. And it worked!!!! It was put to use when Tom needed to make an emergency ice run on Saturday. Thanks to everyone for helping move it. It was heavy!!! Amanda's mom had some great Irma Harding aprons in her booth. Thanks also go to Donald and Becky Evans for sharing some of Pam Evans' apron collection. Everyone wore aprons in Irma's day!

You can't say Pie Pavilion without thinking Pat Grubbs, Helen Petty and their crew. I know many folks enjoyed the pie and ice cream. I saw their satisfied faces. It seemed like everything there worked like clockwork and the crew was smiling all the time.

The Tri-County Quilters again had great stuff in their cottage. Their beautiful blue raffle quilt, made by Arlene Sennett, was won by Elaine Brooks from Williamsport and gave Illiana Antique Power over \$200.

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A Letter from our President:

Tom Swanson

Hello to all,



As with any organization or club activity, it takes everyone's talent and abilities to make any endeavor a success. The Illiana club is a perfect example of everyone combining their talents and abilities to make this year's show a rousing success! All of your hard work and efforts are paid for in kind by the smiles and laughter of the kids and their families. I thank each and every one of you for helping out in any way.

WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS!

As you are probably aware, we had a record number of exhibitors on the grounds with tractors and engines. We had eight trains available to run on the tracks. We also had several restored old cars and trucks on display. These are certainly a welcome addition to our show.

We were finally able to get all the wheat cut one day before the show started.

With patience and fortitude, loss of electric service, heat & humidity and wet grounds we were very fortunate to be able to have our show as some other clubs had to cancel theirs.

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR EVERY THING YOU DO!

Tom

Continued from Joan Fry:

Amanda and Dan Hobbs and Randy Miller ran the games out in the west lot. Cole Groen was the winner with Clayton Bodine close behind. Neil Groen was third.

The Kiddie Pedal Tractor parade was the biggest ever. I think we had twelve kids pedal around the loop. Special thanks to Ed Grubb and Kenny Short. The kids had a ball. This event keeps growing.

The gate and parking crew did a great job, even with all the mud and soft spots. Special thanks to Ludwig Groen who did several hours of gate duty. His comment..."I can't do a lot of things but I can do that"

There were lots of things that ran like clockwork. The sawmill, threshing, and corn shelling all had bigger crowds of observers than usual. The steam engines were great...Loved the new one! I saw it pulling the trash wagon. By the way, a big thanks to Clayton and his crew, as well as the rest of the bunch who helped keep things clean. Jan Groen got folks to sign the quilt. Thanks to all who made it a wonderful show.

Not everyone or everything has been covered here but you all know who helped out...be sure to thank them yourself

The biggest thank you has to go to Tom Swanson. He was everywhere doing everything! He is the backbone of our show. Thanks Tom for all you do. You are appreciated.





Special THANK YOU'S!!!

- We'd like to thank the Rocky Forge Blacksmiths for creating the two beautiful sunflowers they donated to the Illiana club. One was placed by their blacksmith building and the other was by the windmill to be seen as visitors came through the scale house. They made it using an actual sunflower as their model. They are gorgeous! Thanks guys! (We had some people ask if they were for sale!)
- Didn't the show grounds look especially pretty with all the flowers and plants?! The plantings (and weeding) were done by Kaaren Parsell with a little help from Jan Groen. Kaaren not only planted new perennials throughout the grounds, she also filled pots of annuals so there would be pretty flowers blooming everywhere! She also placed American Flags around the area. Thank you Kaaren and Jan! Also, thanks to everyone who brought some flowers from home! The show grounds looked terrific!
- Also thank you to everyone who worked the East and West gates and Tom and Marie Nickle who stood out in the hot sun parking cars when the FFA students were unavailable to attend. Also thank you to Debbie Schlenkert (a friend of Terry and Anne Bodine) who pitched in and helped at the gate and donated pies to the ladies to sell. And to all the exhibitors who un-loaded their equipment outside the show grounds and kept the traffic problems inside the ground to a minimum. "SOS" from the R.R. Guys - PLEASE DO NOT EVER CROSS THE R.R. TRACKS WITH ANY HEAVY EQUIPMENT.
- We need to thank everyone who donated money towards the club in general and money donations towards a new clubhouse.
- Thank you to Clayton Bodine and his young crew who picked up and emptied the trash barrels daily. We even saw the Case Steam Engine hooked up to the wagon hauling the barrels around the grounds!
- Special thanks to Dave Eveland for all the wonderful pictures that he takes during the show. He gave me a couple DVD's so I hope to get some copies made and have them at the September meeting. (A. B.)
- The Church Service this year was well attended. Extra chairs had to be added! Thank you Larry Sims and fellow speakers for a lovely service!
- The show has another important member, John Dillman. Without John's tractor moving equipment around the grounds and the use of his "water" there would not be an Illiana Show!
- It's impossible to remember everyone who helped with the show (before, during and after) and in all the buildings, so here is a general...BIG THANK YOU TO ALL! There is no one who worked harder than our President Tom Swanson. He is very modest and doesn't give himself the credit he deserves! He worked continuously before, during and after the show. This club is very lucky to have him not only as a member, but as our President! So, we'd like to take this opportunity to say, "A VERY BIG THANK YOU" to him and to thank his lovely wife, Carolyn, for sharing him with us! And, of course thank you Bob Folk who is always by Tom's side "pitching in" to help!



TRI-COUNTY QUILTERS NEWS:

SUBMITTED BY: MARSHA WATKINS

Our Quilters Cottage was full of beautiful items made by our nimble fingered ladies and everyone gave positive feedback on our choices. We had a great time, either “wet with sweat” or wet from that “long awaited” rain we needed so much!! Our visitors had smiles despite the weather. We enjoyed the parade of tractors and received a great gift from the Forge fellows – hooks to securely hang our Raffle Quilt. Every year they seem to come to our rescue in one way or another, thanks guys!! Speaking of our Raffle Quilt, all proceeds were given to the Power Club. The winner this year was Elaine Brooks of Williamsport, In. It was a beautiful quilt, made by Arlene Sennett and quilted by Marilyn Hendrickson. Thanks to all who bought tickets and as always, support our “club” of hardworking ladies who help the community. Also thanks to visitors that helped stamp and put ribbons into our bags for History Day. The kids really like those bags! No “paper or plastic” at our cottage!! We appreciate the donations given to the club in Marilyn Hendrickson’s name. It makes us smile, which is what we all need at times of loss, and, losing Marilyn was a great loss to all. Also like to mention that Harriett Warrick is making great progress in rehab and we hope to have her back at the club very soon. We miss you, Harriett!!



Top three winners of the Illiana Raffle:

- 1st place winner \$300.00
– Randy Padish
- 2nd place winner \$200.00
– Mary Ann Steiner
- 3rd place winner \$100.00
– Randall Young

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



ROCKY FORGE BLACKSMITH NEWS:

SUBMITTED BY: TED STOUT

What a great time the blacksmiths had at this year's show, sure it was hot and humid, but that's when we get energized! It has been said that anyone who works over a hot forge fire during 95 degree weather might be just a little wacky! Could be, but we still had a good time and lots and lots of interest in the craft. During the three days a lot of neat items were made for the public to witness. We drank a lot of water too....I want to thank those who participated: Gene Hollingsworth, Dominick Andrasani, Brad McCormick, Brodie McCormick, Dan and Margie Michael, Peter Cooper, Jim Bolen, Bill Corey, Greg Searcy and Bill Newman. Some of the guys drove long distances to be with us, Indianapolis, Crawfordsville, Whitestown, Danville (Indiana), just to name a few. For these guys to travel so many miles for camaraderie and to entertain the public while working over 3000 degree forge fires; well, it's what we do! Everyone was happy to see Carol. She took a week off from chemotherapy so she could feel well enough to be at the show. For that, this author is pleased. Our cardiologists were all happy about the pig skin cracklings that Denny Olin brought down to the shop. They were good! A visitor brought a can with a bunch of 3" long rod pieces, 3/8" diameter. We challenged each other to be creative and make whatever came to mind. We had campfire hooks, leaves, hooks and two sets of pins and feathers for splitting rocks, among other things. Dominick was making crosses from silicon bronze, they were a big hit with the audience, and everyone seemed to have made unique items that our visitors enjoyed. The Rocky Forge Blacksmiths wish to express our thanks to the Illiana group for allowing us to be a part of their annual show. We hope to continue with our relationship and to improve as time passes. Details of our August meeting have not been confirmed as of this writing, only that it will be August 8th.

NEW MEMBERS:

Our club is growing! We have added the following to our membership!

John R. Allison – Williamsport, In., Shane & Blythe Allison – Covington, In., John Beasley – Veedersburg, In., Byron Bergen – Covington, In., Cole Blessing – Pine Village, In., Tracey Brovont – Camden, In., David Burton – West Lafayette, In., Dave Derflinger – Pine Village, In., Richard Dingman – Shelbyville, In., Daniel J. Ditman – Cayuga, In., Darwin Enders Jr. – South Bend, In., Richard H. Fisher – Mooresville, In., Patrick Hegg – Attica, In., Derek Holley – West Lebanon, In., Kobe Ishmiel and Mick Balser – Boswell, In., Adam Krichbaum – Otterbein, In., Eric Layden – Hoopeston, In., Ed Masterson – Oxford, In., Tanner McDonald – Lafayette, In., Robert C. McKown – Dyer, In., Scott Edgar Miller – Walcott, In., Sheldon Miller – Shelby, In., Mike Miner – Watseka, In., Shawn & Kelsie Muller – Boswell, In., Chet Powell & Stacie – Covington, In., Tim Taylor – Attica, In., John Warf Jr. – Otterbein, In. and John Warf Sr. – Lafayette, In.

WELCOME TO ALL!!!!



PINE CREEK & WESTERN R.R. NEWS:

SUBMITTED BY: CHARLIE LUPINEK

The Pine Creek & Western Railroad had trains running for all three days of a "Great Power Show" once again. The double north main track worked out quite well, safely moving our show visitors between the Dunn Station in the south west end to Sawmill Junction in the north east end. Those of you that noticed the red, amber and green lights changing on the posts near the water tank on the west track and the switch on the north track saw one of the newest safety additions to the railroad. This is the first installation of signal lights that control rail traffic through a single section of the railroad. When the engineer has a green signal the engineer can proceed. As soon as they tap the capture button, the light goes amber which indicates they now have control of that section of track or block. At the same time, as the light goes amber and the train proceeds down the track, the light at the other signal turns red stopping on-coming trains. When the traveling train reaches the other end of the block, the engineer taps a release button and the red signal turns green as well as the amber signal turning green indicating that the section of track is now available for other trains going in either direction.

Trains traveling the railroad have minimal wait time and traffic moves efficiently and safely. Looking forward to "History Day", the Pine Creek & Western Railroad is looking forward to the opportunity to provide a unique educational experience to the visiting students as they see and experience train travel and how important the railroads are and have been to moving agricultural goods across the country. The Pine Creek & Western Railroaders and visiting Railroaders wish to thank our fellow Illiana members for their continued support and participation.

Pie Pavilion:

Submitted by: Pat Grubb

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the Pie Pavilion! Everything went great and we were quite busy except for Sunday. That mud just didn't seem to be conducive for our sales but, all in all, it was a successful show. Thanks ever so much for everyone that donated pies, cakes, and cookies. We would have had no sales without your contribution!! We tried really hard to train Becky Evans to be our Chairperson next year and, so far, she just may step up to the plate. We loved working with you Becky, and don't worry if those pies aren't in alphabetical order. We've got to have some fun and that seems to be a topic of discussion when we're not busy! A big thanks to all of you who manned the Pavilion with us and for us. Any of you could be the Chairperson! Helen and I were thankful when we could take our breaks and not have a worry that all was under control! We hope to be able to assist next year however we can. Thanks to all! Helen Petty and Pat Grubb



Sympathy to all the hit and miss gas engine people who lost a friend – Christopher Badten of Dyer, In. who passed away just before the show.

HISTORY DAY:

Hope you folks are rested up by now. History Day 2015 will be Tuesday, September 22, 2015. MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND START GETTING READY. It will be here before we know it. The publicity crew is on track to get everyone notified the first days of school. The school kids really LOVE this day and I know some "old" members who do too. The stations will be about the same.

Any new ideas!!! Let us know.

Dave and Tara Sims (PH: 765-294-4626) or Joan Fry (PH: 765-869-5406)

Submitted by Joan Fry



Now is the time to remind all club members that dues for 2015 – 2016 are due!

Membership dues are \$20.00/year. If you did

not pay during the show, you can mail them to Doris Manlief, 3618 Donna Dr., Lafayette, In. 47905. You can also pay at the meetings. Please don't let your dues expire! Camping fees are also due at this time if not already paid. Camping fee was \$25.00 during the show to help pay for additional electricity used. (Tent camping was free). All checks should be made to: Illiana Antique Power Assoc.