

ILLIANA NEWS

November 2014

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MEETING:

CA big "THANK YOU" to the McGrady's for hosting our October meeting. Members were treated to view Doc's fabulous collection of antique tractors, vehicles and other various farm equipment. A delicious carry-in dinner was served followed by a short meeting. Then everyone "wandered around" again for another look at his collection. Thanks again Doc and Valerie!

Another treat is in store this month for members, as Ted and Carol Stout have invited our club to a meeting at their lovely home in West Point on November 17th at 6:30 P.M. So, bring a dish to pass and come a little early since there's a good chance that a tour of Ted's blacksmith shop will be included along with a tour of their home that is "filled with great antiques"!

Be sure to come and enjoy another fun-filled meeting!

Stout's address: 8525 W. 700 S., West Point, In. (South of West Point – off State Road 25)

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

DEC. 5



CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE!

SUBMITTED BY: JOAN FRY

IT IS COMING! SANTA TOO!! ARE YOU READY???

Christmas in the village is a wonderful beginning for the holidays. Illiana folks...gear up. We will be welcoming the community with candles along the paths, lights around the village and lots of old fashioned Christmas fun.

I hear Tom and Bob have most of the lights up already. The Olin's, friends and family are doing chili again. The quilters are turning their cottage into the Card Shoppe for the weekend. Most everything will be made of recycled Christmas cards. The strolling carolers are practicing the old carols and Amanda is trying to get her photo printer up and going. Santa has promised to send a look a-like elf to help us celebrate this most wonderful season. So, we are almost ready.

What do you need to do????

1. Tell everyone you know about our celebration. Pass the word. Post the flyer.* Let everyone know about it!
2. Collect candles for the milk carton luminaries. Donnie and Christy Bodine's girls are the lighters this year. (I think we have enough milk jugs.)
3. Dig out your long underwear and WARM clothes...We will probably need them.
4. Plan to bring some cans of food for the food bank.
5. Plan to do something to make the celebration especially nice. Give Joan a call when you decide what you are going to do. (Phone # 765-869-5406 or Cell # 765-363-5406)
6. Pray for wonderful weather...about 30 degrees and gently falling snow with little or no wind.
7. ????What have I forgotten????

*Flyers should be ready to pass out at this month's meeting.

SEE YOU THERE!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

DEC. 5TH AND 6TH 2014



TRI-COUNTY QUILTERS NEWS:

SUBMITTED BY: MARSHA WATKINS

Held a meeting on October 27, 2014 with 14 members present. We worked on a project using old men's shirts and turning them into aprons! They really turned out looking clever! These would definitely make good gifts for family and friends.

We finalized our theme for The Christmas in the Village at Rainsville to be on December 5 & 6, 2014. It will be good family fun. Hope to see you there!

We voted to continue donating to Abuse Shelters in Fountain County and Crawfordsville areas. We received positive feedback from last year's donations and hope to send in our donations in the middle of December.

We had a brown bag carry-in lunch and shared some info on family and friends.

Joan Brought in a cake for our sweet tooth needs, bless you sister, bless you!

Several members traveled to Arcola, Il. To Millers Dry Goods Store and Stitch 'n' Sew in Arthur, Il. this month. Fall fabric sales to quilters are like honey is to bees! Many great bargains were seen, but, are there no more.....we bought them all! The stop at Yoder's Kitchen buffet was enjoyed by all. But we still wanted more. So, we stopped at the Kitchen Collection Store. Don't know what town we were in, but the car stopped, the doors opened....onward!....to find more bargains!

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING! We all have so many reasons to be thankful. Till next month, see ya. Marsha

ROCKY FORGE BLACKSMITH NEWS:

SUBMITTED BY: TED STOUT

Last month we started the process of making two sunflower stalks with leaves and blossoms. When finished the sunflowers will be painted and installed at the Illiana Show grounds. Everyone pitched in and the design details, which were based on actual sunflower stalks, leaves and blossoms were worked out. Some of the components were started and it seems like, when finished, we should have two very nice pieces that will mirror real sunflowers. Due to other events planned for our group over the next two months we probably will not be able to return to this project until the January meeting.

For the meeting this Saturday, November 8th, we will have the honor of Tom Willoughby

demonstrating for us. We are very fortunate to have such a high quality demonstrator for our meeting and be sure to give Brad McCormick a big thank you for making the arrangements. Also I would suggest you "Google" Tom's name and visit his website to view his work. I am very excited to see what he has in store for us. We will have iron in the hat so be sure to bring some nice things for that fund raising event. We always have such a good time during the drawing and the better the items the more completion and fun we have. As for lunch I hope you all bring some nice covered dishes to pass. Recently, I feel we have slacked off in that area. We have a reputation to uphold within the state for having some very nice "spreads of foods", let's work to keep that

reputation. Carol will make a pot of chili. Please remember the December meeting will be hosting the IBA and we hope to have a demonstrator for that meeting as well. Also, as a fund raiser for our building expansion expense we are planning for an auction of donated items. You are welcome to bring some items at this Saturday's meeting so that we can photograph them to advertise our auction in the "Forge Fire". Advertising will help draw more IBA and Rocky Forge members to the December meeting for bidding. Look around your shop and see what you can donate for this important fund raising event. Thank you, Ted





PINE CREEK & WESTERN R.R. NEWS:

SUBMITTED BY: FINNY FILCHAK

The train board will be "set up" in the club house again for Christmas in the Village. Be sure to bring all those little (and big) boys and girls to watch the "trains go round 'n round." So, put your engineer's caps on and join in on the fun! See you there!



With Heartfelt
Sympathy

It's sad to report that long time member, Kenny Evans, passed away on October 23rd. Kenny battled cancer for many years and everyone will miss him. Also, Louid Norfleet (although not a member) also passed away on October 17th. Louid always brought his Ford tractor to the show every year. Our thoughts and prayers to the Evans and Norfleet families.

PAID
DUES

*If you have not paid your 2014-2015 dues, this is your last newsletter.



"LIKE US" ON
FACEBOOK – 63
'LIKES' SO FAR...LET'S
GET 100!

THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER* FOR THE YEAR. I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. SPECIAL THANKS TO BECKY EVELAND FOR THE WONDERFUL JOB SHE DOES ADDING PICTURES (MOST TAKEN BY HER HUSBAND, DAVE) AND "FORMATTING" THE NEWSLETTER. AND, OF COURSE, THANKS TO PETE VONSTEIN FOR THE GREAT JOB HE DOES ON OUR WEBSITE. ANOTHER THANKS TO CHERI KRUG FOR CREATING OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.



It's that time of year to wish everyone:

A HAPPY THANKSGIVING,

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND,

A HEALTHY HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

REMINDER: Harvest is still in progress...keep an eye out for those combines, tractors and wagons along the highways!

HAVE A SAFE HARVEST!

May 2015 bring Joy & Happiness to all!!

TRACTOR

TRIVIA:

The MM Comfortractor was labeled "UDLX".
What do these letters stand for?

"Old Abe" became the logo for the J.I. Case Co.
Where did "Old Abe" come from?



(2) Company C of the 8th Wisconsin Regiment (1861)

Answers: (1.) "U" series engine; "DLX" deluxe