

# ILLIANA NEWS

February 2017



## THE NEXT MEETING 3/27/17.

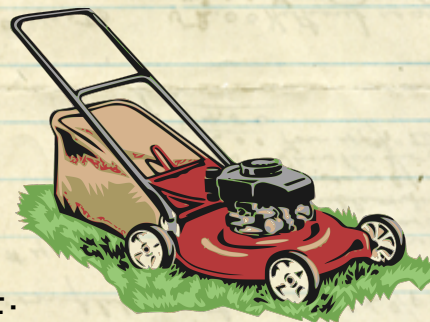
It was decided that since there are several members that are still "in the south for the winter" there WILL NOT be a February Meeting of the Illiana Antique Power Assoc. The next meeting will be Monday, March 27, 2017 at the club house. This is one week later than usual. (Hopefully most of the snow birds will be back by then.) MARK YOUR CALENDARS! There are SEVERAL VERY IMPORTANT ITEMS that need to be discussed so please try to attend.

## TRACTOR TRIVIA:

- 1.) What did water accomplish when added to kerosene burning engines?
- 2.) What were Charles Hart and Charles Parr studying in college when they decided to start their own company?

We need volunteers to mow the grass at the show grounds this year.

Please call Tom Swanson at 765-585-8371 if interested. Tom will be back from Florida at the March meeting.



## NOTICE:

Due to safety concerns, the use of golf carts, gators and UTV's on Illiana grounds will be limited to handicapped, directors and officers only. Drivers of tractors, vehicles and lawnmowers on Illiana Show Grounds and in the parade must have a valid driver's license. No ATV's on the grounds. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

Tom Swanson – President



R.R. Meeting at  
Donnie's

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

Thinking back to the Pine Creek & Western running in 2016.....

The railroaders enjoyed as always the participation in our Power Show in July, and having the Fox family from Illinois and John Young and Chuck Morgan running at the fun filled and very enjoyable Christmas in the Village. Hopefully the programs in 2017 will be well attended and enjoyment filled for everyone. Christmas in the Village, even though it was a little cool, is a good program that helps to keep our fun filled groups connecting with our visitors and I know a lot of people look forward to visiting the event. Ho-Ho-Ho!!!

Thank you to all attending the fun filled gathering at the Bodine's on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to the Bodine's of all ages...your hospitality is greatly appreciated. The final running of model trains (since the train layouts will be taken down soon and stored till next Christmas) was a great success. A general informal meeting was held to discuss projects for 2017.

### REPEATING THIS NOTICE FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING.....

Ed and Pat Grubb put forth a proposal to raise funds for our new assembly hall. They generously agreed to donate \$15,000 to the building fund "IF" the club will match their donation with \$15,000. GIVE THIS SOME THOUGHT TO DONATE AND HELP MATCH THEIR DONATION! Donations are tax deductible.



## Rocky Forge Blacksmith News:

BY: TED STOUT

The next meeting of the Rocky Forge group marks a milestone, it will be our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The group was started in February 2002 with an organizational meeting in Ted's basement. We had a very large crowd with then IBA president, Jeff Sallot, leading us through the process of becoming a satellite group of the Indiana Blacksmiths. I will summarize more on that later, perhaps in a separate e-mail. Nevertheless, we have reason to celebrate this coming Saturday at Ted's shop. As usual we will have coffee and doughnuts ready by 8:30, so come early to enjoy that and time to socialize with our friends.

You all know what a swage block is, right? Well do you know all the different things a swage block can do for you? Saturday I am going to show you what all those depressions, holes and shapes can do to make your hot metal work a lot easier. And for you sheet metal workers, galvanized, thin iron sheet, copper, silver and gold there are numerous procedures that use the swage block. I hope to send you home with a far better understanding and appreciation of that big heavy pieces of cast iron. After that we will have open forge time so you can work on your favorite project, so bring your bucket of work tools.

Unfortunately, we were pretty well "iced out" at the last meeting, but the weather forecasters are calling for possible rain on Saturday with temperatures in the mid 40's. Let's hope that one holds, rain we can handle, ice is a no show! Carol said she would fix us good 'ole chicken and noodles for lunch, so bring some side dishes to go with that menu. She also said, "Potato chips do not qualify as a side dish". We will have "iron-in-the-hat" so bring items to add to the table for our drawing. My thanks to you ...all of you, because we have had some pretty good items on the table recently so lets keep the quality up.

I hope to see you all on Saturday , February 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Bring food, tools, iron-in-the-hat and a desire to learn  
and work at the forge and anvil. Ted

*Congratulations*

ROCKY FORGE BLACKSMITHS

**15 YEAR CELEBRATION!**



It was reported that Joan Fry, Helen Petty and Marie Nickles's mother had some health issues this winter. Hope everyone is doing OK. now.

Trivia Answers:

- 1.) It cured knocking.
- 2.) Mechanical Engineering