

ILLIANA NEWS

June 2018

MEETING:

The next meeting of the Illiana Antique Power Assoc. will be on Monday, June 18, 2018 beginning at 6:30 P.M. at the Assembly Hall. Please bring a dish to pass for the carry-in dinner.

“TWO” LETTERS FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Hello to all,

Yesterday, May 30th, we received a much needed rainfall in my area. These 90 degree temps. and humidity takes some getting used to after a cold April. The showgrounds looks nice once again thanks to Jim Manlief's mowing and Kaaren Parsell has been planting more flowers. Thanks to you both.

Saturday, July 14th will be a work day at the grounds. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Also, we will have our regular July meeting on Monday, July 16th to make final preparations for our show. I am looking forward to it. Surely, this year we can have some parades!

June 1st,

To the Illiana membership,

To quote President Harry Truman, “The buck stops here”. As your President, the buck stops with me. I feel it is my responsibility to keep you informed on the latest developments that pertain to our new Assembly Hall under construction. And Yes, you probably guessed it by now, that Tom is asking for money. I'm really proud of Illiana for many reasons. I know you, our membership and all volunteers I might add, put on one of the finest family friendly shows in the Midwest. Ours is not just a show for old tractors only. There are so many different areas of interest for everyone to enjoy, including the ladies, I am proud to say.

Our membership continues to grow every year, so we must be doing something right! Approximately three years ago, due to continued lack of space, building deterioration of our clubhouse, the club voted as a majority to tear down the old building and construct a new facility. Without going into details of the nuts and bolts of this endeavor along with some of the stress involved in making decisions, we are beginning to “see the light” at the end of the tunnel on this project.

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Now, I will get to the heart of the matter. We have spent approximately \$103,000.00 to date, thanks to the generosity of Kenneth Evans' gift along with Ed & Pat Grubb and Doris & Jim Manlief's loan of \$40,000.00 (at no interest to be paid back as quickly as we can.) Also I will state that many of you, the membership, have generously opened your check books and contributed to this endeavor. In closing, we had a directors meeting, one of several I might add, and find ourselves approximately \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00 short to completely finish the building. \$3,400.00 of this figure is for ceiling insulation. Now, for those of our membership that maybe were waiting for us to start construction or whatever the reason, I am asking, not for myself, but for the benefit of Illiana, that you might consider making a donation towards this endeavor. Any amount is sincerely appreciated. As your President, I thank you for your generosity, for your patience with me and for all you do to make Illiana what it is.

Thanks again,
Tom Swanson

Send any donation to our treasurer and make checks payable to:
Illiana Antique Power Association
%Doris Manlief, 3618 Donna Dr., Lafayette, In, 47905

PINE CREEK & WESTERN R.R. NEWS:

Maintenance continues on the Pine Creek & Western Railroad. Winters are not kind to the tracks and leveling and tie replacement continues. The grass was mowed around the steaming bays and failing sleepers are being replaced as needed. We are hoping for good weather for the annual show and temperatures that will be kind to the rails. For all who are staying in the camping area be so kind to use the crossing through the covered bridge. Several times last year stones were inadvertently kicked on to the rails and resulted in trains being derailed. The platform used by engineers and crews is being reworked and may not be available for crossing. This crossing has no hand rails and has loose stone and is hazardous. It is not meant to be a pedestrian crossing. Avoid the area of the turn table and steaming tracks, various hazards exist. The Pine Creek & Western Railroad is a miniature transportation railroad that carries passengers between the Dunn Station to the south and the station platform at the upper end by the saw mill. The railroad is "NOT" an amusement ride....Safety throughout the Illiana grounds is every members responsibility at all times.

Submitted by: Charlie Lupinek

Bob & Kaaren Parsell have reported that this year's T-shirts should be ready by June 13th from the printer. All shirts will be priced at \$15.00 each.

TRACTOR TRIVIA:

- 1.) Hart-Parr Tractor Company is credited with giving birth to the tractor industry. Name the city that shares the first names of the founders of that company.
- 2.) What race car manufacturer also built tractors?

ILLIANA QUILTERS NEWS:

The monthly meeting of the Illiana Quilters was held on May 21st due to our regular fourth Monday meeting date being Memorial Day. Twelve people attended. Rita Stringer presented a demonstration on how to make denim potholders. Eight members had attended the National Quilt Show in Paducah Kentucky in mid-April. Those who attended reported on the trip. It seems everyone had a good time and returned home with lots of new ideas and projects. The raffle quilt for the Steam-Power show is making the rounds to be displayed at the local libraries. Members are working hard to complete projects to be sold at the quilt building during this event. The members enjoyed lunch together, after which they continued working on their individual projects. Our next meeting will be June 25th at 9:00 am. (Pine Village Fire House).
Submitted by: Linda Jenkins

TRACTOR DRIVE HOSTED BY SEEGER FFA

JUNE 30, 2018

Seeger High School – 1222 S. State Road 263 – West Lebanon Registration – 7:30 A.M. EST
\$25 per Tractor – Includes lunch & T-shirt Start time – 9:00 A.M. EST

REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION on the Illiana Facebook page or contact:

Jessica St. John - E-mail: jla91788@gmail.com or Phone: 317-642-8777

Seeger FFA

GET WELL & SYMPATHY:

Members John Byroad and Don Evans have both been in the hospital this past month. And, Debbie Schlenkert will be having surgery on her hand on June 18th.

Our sympathy to member Tom Wright and his family. Tom's daughter, Lisa Dodd, passed away May 23, 2018. Pat Grubb's sister, Norma Robb, passed away on June 5th. Sympathy to all of the families. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

TRIVIA ANSWERS:

- 1.) Charles City, Iowa.
- 2.) Graham-Paige built the Graham-Bradley.

ROCKY FORGE BLACKSMITH NEWS:

Well many of us are just recovering from a successful Indiana Blacksmith Conference at Tipton, Indiana. It was a very good show with many good demonstrators and lots of tailgate sales. I was pleased at the representation of the Rocky Forge members at the conference.

The Rocky Forge blacksmiths will have their June meeting this Saturday, June 9th at Ted's shop. At the last meeting we had planned on having the meeting at the Illiana Show grounds, but due to the predicted weather and other circumstances we will have the meeting at Ted's shop. Forge welding will be the theme for the meeting followed by members trying their hand at forge welding. It is such an important part of our trade that all of you need to learn how to do it. Bring your bucket of favorite tools, etc. for your practice of this important process. Open forging will take place after the forge welding session.

Coffee and doughnuts will be available around 8:30 and Carol is cooking hot dogs for lunch and Sandra Glotzbach is bringing coney sauce. You need to bring covered dishes to compliment "hot dogs and coney".

Thursday of this week if weather permits our mini barn next to the blacksmith shop at the Illiana show grounds will be moved to provide better view and access to the railroad station. It will be moved forward and rotated 90 degrees and sometime before the Illiana show it will be painted barn red with white trim. A walkway constructed of asphalt grindings will be laid from the road along the blacksmith shop back to the railroad depot. It is my understanding the railroaders will erect a sign near the road pointing to the depot. No flea market setups will be allowed to block the view or path to the depot. The animal barn will be relocated to a new site not yet determined. These changes should make a huge difference in people locating the depot and should also alleviate traffic through the blacksmith shop to the depot. It will be a win-win situation.

Be sure to make the meeting Saturday and learn about forge welding. Ted & Carol

Submitted by: Ted Stout

This month there is no "ENGINE SHED NEWS".

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – WORK DAY
JULY 14, 2018**

