

Illiana News

July 2020

A Letter From Our President

Hello to all,

Hope everyone is safe and well. I can't believe this year is half gone already. This past Sunday morning, June 28 I welcomed a long-distance tractor drive group to our grounds for a short stopover. I'm proud to tell you they gave many compliments and "thank you"s for our show grounds. There were couples from long distances. One couple from Iowa told me that the Mt. Pleasant Labor Day show was cancelled last week. This is a major show and I know will mean loss of millions of dollars of revenue in that region.

Many things are getting done at the show grounds. Don Evans and crew have put in all new electrical upgrades that we applied for in our grant. Plus, they installed new water line and hydrant from our well to the pavilion.

Charlie and Steve and the railroaders have been busy working on improvements to the tracks and building a new siding to the new replica of Stewart grain elevator.

Several new posts have been installed to replace those that were heaving out of the ground that held water faucets and electrical boxes. During this process, someone cut the plastic water line with a spade. Thanks to John Dillman and his backhoe, the waterline has been repaired.

A big "Thank You" goes to Dave Center, Gary Deno and Jerry Muller for keeping the grounds mowed and looking great.

Also, thanks to Dave Center for his donation of a walking prairie sod plow that is restored and on display in the Assembly Hall.

I want to thank Richard Neu of Effingham, Illinois, for making the picture frame for the large R/R engine.

- Tom

Fall Festival/Swap Meet Cancelled

The Board of Directors has decided to cancel plans for a Fall Festival/Swap Meet. Also, History Day this year will be done virtually. No August/September meeting.

Be sure to get dues to Doris as soon as possible. See page 4.

Illiana Quilters

Submitted by: Kathy Kyle

Illiana Quilters were able to meet in June for the first time since February. The meeting was held at the Assembly Hall on the IAPA grounds on June 22nd with 11 members attending. Members were reminded that the Fall Quilt show in Paducah has also been canceled for September. No lessons or demonstrations were given at this meeting, we just spent a lot of time seeing what each person has been working on during the time we were being held up at home. Check out our Facebook page to see all the projects that were displayed at the meeting. We are all hoping that we can meet again in July this year, normally not a meeting month, but without the power show we've decided to have a meeting.

Stay safe everyone, and we hope to see all our quilting friends again in July.

Emergency Landing at the Grounds

Submitted by: Joan Fry

Our Illiana Antique Power grounds have been used for many things - shows, meetings, celebrations, reunions, etc. But this past week it was used for another purpose. There was a bad accident near the bridge on Briscoe Road. A motorcycle rider was seriously injured and the Medivac helicopter used our grounds as a place to land. I am sure it was exciting to see, but even more, it is good that our grounds can be of use for something different than Giving the Past a Future! Just another proof that IAPA is valuable to this community.



Illiana Quilters Important Dates

July 27: 9:00 - 3:00 at the Assembly Hall -

Making a stuffed phone/iPad holder.

Come on out and join us!

Rocky Forge News

Submitted by: Ted Stout

What's going on, who do we believe, wear a mask or don't, have meetings or do not? These and many others are questions that run through our minds during this terrible time in our history. To play it safe, Carol and I are still social distancing, wearing a mask to the grocery store and basically staying home. Some satellite groups of the IBA are still meeting even though President, Gary Phillips has recommended no meetings. We will assess each month's COVID cases to determine when it will be safe to have a meeting. Hopefully, by September we can safely meet. The forge building group may try to meet sooner so we can have gas forges ready for insulation and refractory.

The Illiana group has filed for another grant this year in the amount of \$25,000 from the Tippecanoe Arts Federation. If the grant is issued, President, Tom Swanson has assured me that most of it will be used to enclose the blacksmith shop. An estimate from an Amish building group has estimated the cost at \$18,750. This would include the metal siding, trim, two 12' overhead doors, two 8' by 7' foot overhead doors, four 48" passage doors and four 3' by 4' windows. No electrical is included in the estimate. Let's hope the grant is issued. We have \$6,711 in our treasury.

The gas forge parts are in my way and I sure hope we can get back to working on them very soon. A group of 4-5 have the experience to do the metal work and welding. When they get them completed, then we can add the insulation and refractory.

Carol and I have been working diligently on sorting books from our huge collection. So far we have burned 4-5 loads in the Polaris Ranger. At some point we hope to set up tables with a large selection of books and magazines with an assortment of subjects: blacksmithing, metalworking, machine shop work, tooling, wood working, tin smithing, historical, world war history, gardening, cookbooks, etc. If we get this done, we would like to give our blacksmithing friends first chance at buying books and magazines. There will also be a free table.

Well, that's all for now my friends. We hope all of you are doing well and would be glad to hear from you. Until next time.

Ted and Carol Stout 765-491-2194

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## **- FOR SALE - MOTOR HOME**

*1997 Coachman Santara, 33 ft.; Class A.*

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Side-by-side refrigerator/freezer. Two slide-outs.

**Contact: Jim Manlief 765-742-4922.**



# History Day Update

Submitted by: Joan Fry

The pandemic of COVID 19 has changed our world! It has changed the way we think about lots of things and it has definitely changed the plans of Illiana Antique Power Assn. All activities through September have been cancelled! That means no show, no meetings, no Fall Fest Craft Fair and Swap Meet, no History Day.

Wait, NO HISTORY DAY!?

The board of directors decided for several reasons we would not be holding Living History Day with 400+ kids and about 75 “older” folks in attendance. But the seed of a new idea was planted and it grew. Several directors contributed to the idea and we are going to do it!

Illiana Antique Power Association will do a *virtual* Living History Day! A video recording will be made and posted to the internet so that the teachers can use the material whenever they choose. We are lucky to have a IAPA director, David Hobbs, with some expertise in this area and most importantly he has the willingness to help us pull this off. Hopefully, we will have most of the stations taped on Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19, 2020. Some others may be filmed at different locations at different times. There will be lots of planning and scheduling to limit the number of people on our grounds at any one time. If you had a station for Living History Day last year you can be expecting a call. So get ready. Be sure to save this weekend!

Plans so far include:

- Record each station and post it individually. This should give teachers some flexibility to access and use the material to meet the DOE standards in several areas. Home schoolers will have the same access.
- If the teacher/parent requests, a box of artifacts could be delivered to their school. This would include some of the things the kids would take home in their bags as well as some artifacts that will be returned to Illiana.
- Costumes are more than welcome and will add interest.
- Lists of vocabulary words and classroom activities will be available to teachers for each station. If you have worked a Living History Day station in the past, be thinking of things for this. We have done similar things in the past. It is going to be revived this year.
- Emails will be sent to our current mailing list of schools and home school contacts telling them of the changes, how to access, etc.

There is much planning to be done! But it is exciting to think that anyone who can access the internet could watch Illiana Folks doing what they do best. If you have ideas or suggestions be sure to contact me at 765-363-5406 or email [thejoe fry farm@gmail.com](mailto:thejoe fry farm@gmail.com). More to come, so stay tuned!

## **Dues are Due!**

Please send your dues to Doris Manlief at:

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