

ILLIANA NEWS

November 2016



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THE NEXT MEETING 8/15/16.

The next meeting of the Illiana Antique Power Assoc. will be Monday, November 21, 2016. Ted and Carol Stout have graciously offered to once again host the meeting in their lovely home. Bring a dish to pass for the carry-in dinner at 6:30 P.M. Special Guest Speaker will be Dan McCain from the Wabash & Erie Canal Park, Delphi Indiana. Dan will give a presentation on applying for Grants. Please try to attend.

TRACTOR TRIVIA:

- 1.) Name the first tractor company formed exclusively for the production of tractors.
- 2.) The first tractor school was held in 1906 at a State Fair in what Midwestern state?

A Letter from our President

Hello to everyone,

Thanks to Joan Fry, Illiana and the community of Rainsville were able to be a part of the Indiana Bicentennial Celebration. What an honor and achievement for our club. Thank you Joan and Dave Sims for putting together another memory making History Day for the school children. A big thank you to all Illiana participants and volunteers for making it so successful.

A big thank you and appreciation goes to the John Allison family for their mowing the grounds for the past two years. John has informed me that due to their work schedule, they will no longer be able to continue mowing.

Christmas in the Village will soon be here. We will have a work day, weather permitting, to clean grounds, burn leaves, etc. on Saturday, November 19th. Bring your leaf blowers, rakes, etc. Also, any new ideas for decorating the grounds would be welcome. Am looking forward to another "Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration" for the families.

Don't forget our November meeting will be at Ted and Carol's. See you there!

Tom

GIFT FROM GARY:

Most of you saw the fancy manure spreader in the Bicentennial Torch Relay. It is now a part of our Illiana Antique Power Assoc.'s collection. It was donated by Gary and Lynn Cunningham from Pontiac Illinois. Originally, Gary and Lynn "fancied" up the New Idea Model 103 manure spreader to pull behind their families' International F20 in parades hauling grandchildren. Guess what? The grandkids grew up and Gary's collection grew out of his storage area. Gary has attended our show and thought of us. So we now have a new parade vehicle. Can't wait to show it off at our next event! A side note: The working parts of the spreader are still intact but have been disconnected for safety reasons.



Submitted by: Joan Fry

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.....

Have you started shopping? Have you made your lists? Christmas in the Village is coming FAST! This is our final legacy event for Indiana's Bicentennial year. Friday and Saturday... December 2nd & 3rd...Between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Invite your friends and neighbors to share with us as we celebrate an old fashioned Christmas. Our goal...to go back to the past to celebrate Christmas in a simpler more meaningful way.

Check with Tom to see about decorating and hanging lights. Plan what you are going to do as we offer our Christmas gift to the community. We hope we can make everyone's holiday a bit more special.

The high school choirs will be singing, smiling and strolling through the village. There will be pictures and popcorn. The toy train will be running in Mel's Train Museum. The school house will be aglow with Christmas preparations. The real Santa is much too busy this time of the year to come himself but he never forgets to send a "look alike" elf to make sure everyone gets their order in. The fire will be roaring in the fireplace, folks will be laughing and enjoying the season.

Get out your long underwear and your warm coats and mittens. Put aside your worries. Put Christmas in the Village on your calendar!! Let Joan know what you are planning this year. Let's make Christmas in the Village 2016 one we will not forget!



SPECIAL THANKS

Submitted by: Joan Fry

Thank you is not a big enough word to say. Living History Day 2016/Bicentennial Celebration was a success!!!! But it would not have been if we had not had the help we did. Our Illiana Antique Power Assoc. is amazing!!!! You all just jumped in and did what needed to be done AND you did it well. I would love to make a list of everyone who helped but I would miss someone important. SO...I am just saying this...you know what you did! It was appreciated. The kids were wonderful. The special guests and friends who helped were impressed with our program and our grounds. (Which looked lovely thanks to all the work folks did weed eating, mowing and moving stuff etc.) The torch relay was spectacular! I am pretty sure the torch folks were surprised to see the vehicles we had arranged. I think we were the only ones to carry the torch on the seat of a beautiful buggy with stepping horses, on a train, a steam engine and a tractor and manure spreader! The community folks who came out to our grounds made the event even more special. The only downer for the day was that the torch was late!!! Most of our kids had to leave before the torch arrived. The Bicentennial folks from the state let us down on that. But the event was still impressive. Tom and the other torch bearers were honored for their contribution to our community. I think it was worth all the hours we spent getting ready.

Some special highlights for this year's History Day...the 50 or so home schooled children who attended. We were glad they came and hope to see them again next year...Bob Easter from Niches Land Trust

and the Nature Conservancy...Dan McDaniel from the Indiana

State History Museum and his crew...Bill Reese with his log lifting demonstration... Peter Cooper and his wooden buckets etc... Cecil Krebs and his apprentice had the printing press running...Mr. and Mrs. Shackleton filled in for the Eberles in Jim's office...the special blacksmith guys...the two steam engines...! The weather was good, the rain held off until the torch passed. Charlie Lupinek's Bicentennial flag was flying. Those cute bags from the Illiana Quilters, stamped with our new Bicentennial stamp, were filled with all sorts of treasures from corn cobs to things from the General Store. The kids were filled with popcorn, cider and tastes of everything we had to offer. The trains were running and the kids didn't seem to mind standing in line waiting for a ride. Everyone at the 30 or so stations was interesting. From the looks of things they all had a great time.

The big dirt area from our new septic leach field didn't seem to bother anyone AND it wasn't muddy! We will just count it as a sign of progress! New clubhouse is on the horizon. Special thanks to Tom and his crew who moved dirt and arranged for safe entry to the scale house and Jim's office. Special thanks to the tree crew! Dave, Jim and Ted dug the trees, Gene dug the holes, Art, Ed and the rest of the guys helped to plant, stake and water. We should have several new trees to remember Indiana's 200th birthday.

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Next year's Living History Day is scheduled for September 22, 2017. We are always looking for folks who would like to help Dave and I in the planning and organizing etc. If you are interested be sure to say so. We always are needing fresh ideas and more fingers make the hard parts easier.

Comments and constructive criticisms are also accepted. If you have some really good pictures be sure to e-mail them to me (thejoefryfarm@gmail.com) Thank you to everyone...without you we could not do what we do! Without you Illiana Antique Power Assoc. would just be a grove of trees.

ADDITIONAL "THANK YOU'S":

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls and visits while I've been recovering from my knee replacement surgery. I really appreciate all the good wishes!

Also, this is the time of the year that I like to thank my "Roving Reporters" for sending articles to me for the newsletters. Special thanks to Becky Eveland who "fancy's up" the newsletter when she has time in her busy schedule. (When Becky is busy, you receive my "plain jane" letter.) And, of course, thanks to Pete VonStein for the great job he does on our Web Site. Also, more thanks to Cheri Krug, Dave Eveland, Kaaren Parsell and Clayton Bodine for helping me keep our facebook page up-to-date with news, videos and pictures.

This is the last newsletter of the year. Don't forget to pay your 2016-2017 dues if you haven't paid yet.

Thanks again, Anne Bodine



AN INVITATION!

Christmas Party at Don and Christy Bodine's on Saturday, December 10, 2016! Bring a dish to pass – dinner at 6:00 P.M. The train board will be "setup". So, dust off your Lionel, American Flyer and HO sets and bring them along and "we'll have some fun!" Mark your calendars!!

FOR SALE:

Kubota garden tractor/lawn mower with in-line gas 3 cylinder engine. 60" cut. Has bad transmission. \$850.00 Contact: Don Bodine 765-294-4296 (Evenings)

REMINDER: Harvest is still in progress. Keep an eye out for those combines, tractors and wagons!!

HAVE A SAFE HARVEST!!



ILLIANA QUILTERS NEWS*: BY: MARSHA WATKINS

Great News!!! Our quilting club is officially a certified, bonified, not for profit organization! Our club officers have been working on this for several weeks and finally the job is done...good deal! We met in September and finalized the plans for History Day and then had a great time with the kiddies. Boys and girls showed lots of interest in tools and machines of past and present.

In October, we went on a shop hop and out for lunch. Spent a long time at a lunch spot. It had good food and many interesting booths with old and new items. Thanks to Arlene for arranging the outing! At our October meeting we discussed the Christmas cottage de'cor. It is Santa and reindeer this year and we hope to improve our lighting problems. We keep the large sliding door closed for warmth and want all visitors to come to the east side door to enter our building. We also made plans for our donation to the abuse shelter and the "all my very own" quilt drive. Requested members to donate time to be at the cottage for Christmas in the Village. Lots of items in our "sew and tell" session and Florence gave a demo on the "stack and wack" method for an unusual block. Thanks Florence!

Have a great Thanksgiving and maybe we will see our friends and neighbors at the Christmas in the Village on December 2nd & 3rd. We will have our Christmas lunch at Joan's again this year with a wonderful catered meal and lots of jocularity!! Ladies don't forget to bring a pattern and block of same for grab bag gift! Until next time, Marsha

**Mark your
calendar**

**WORK
DAY**

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER
19th**

TRIVIA ANSWERS:

- 1.) Hart-Parr
Tractor
Company
- 2.) Minnesota



PINE CREEK & WESTERN R.R. NEWS:

BY: CHARLIE LUPINEK

Successful railroad participation at History Day! Our transporting the visiting students went very well. The Bicentennial Torch arrived late and the students had to return to their schools and missed participating in the torch activities. We had many visitors to cheer on the torch visit and the participation by the Pine Creek & Western Railroad went well.

Steve and I are in the process of securing the railroad for winter. Also until further notice the unloading table is out of commission. Wear on the V-belts can not guarantee the continued function...so basically, "Don't use the lifting table".

Thank you to all that assisted in getting the railroad ready for History Day and the Torch Relay.

FROM THE ENGINE SHED:

BY: JOHN BYROAD

Hello from the Engine Shed! Time to drain and winterize the engines. I like to warm up the engine and drain while the engine is warm. This will leave the engine dry. Also, I oil and grease all moving parts. Last month I talked about my new toy. Well, I found a Rocker Arm and misc. parts for the engine. Still need brass piping, fuel tank, needle valves for the carb plus wico mag. rebuilt. Had a great time at History Day. Wonderful group of kids.

Rocky Forge Blacksmith News:

BY: TED STOUT

Hey all you blacksmiths, we are going to have a meeting in Ted's Shop on November 12th at 8:30 A.M. for coffee and doughnuts with a meeting at 9:00. It will be a short meeting followed by a demonstration by Dominick. His demo will be showing us how to make a Fredricks split or open eye cross from 3/8 square stock, start to finish. He will also give us ideas on how to embellish the finished product. This is a good time to have this demo as the holidays fall upon us. The Fredricks cross has always been a good gift item. Don't miss this demo, Dominick always gives a good presentation. He will have a few blanks ready to heat and open, so after the demo you can try your luck at making the cross.

The portable mini barn has been moved to the show grounds and is now ready for some carpentry and painting work. We need volunteers to help work through that building upgrade. Through the week would be a good time and soon so the weather co-operates. We have Ed Grubb, (GRUBB IMPLEMENT, Covington, In.) and my neighbor Bill Bowsher and my daughter and son-in-law Diane and Gary Gaither to thank for moving the building. Without them I don't know how we could have done the job.

We will have an iron in the hat drawing at the meeting so donate items for that event. Remember that is how we make money to build and maintain our buildings at the show grounds. Also have your bucket of tools for forging and some fuel so you too can make a Fredricks cross.

Carol and Ted will supply meat for lunch so bring a dish to pass. Feel free to bring guests and we hope to see you on Saturday, November 12th at 8:30 A.M.

Stout's Address:
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West Point, Indiana

Bodine's Address:
1712 S. Graham Creek Rd
Covington, Indiana



IN CLOSING, WE'D LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE

