

Illiana News

October 2021

Letter from Our President

Hello to all,

After two years of planning, thinking, organizing and cancelling in 2019, Illiana was able to host its first Craft Show and Swap Meet. Thank You's go out to Joan Fry, Kathy Kyle, Adam Krichbaum and Shawn Byroad for all the work they did to make this event come to be and for its success.

I also want to thank Charlie and Steve and all their railroad buddies for once again bringing all the trains and delivering the visitors around the grounds. I know there is a lot of work involved in loading, unloading, assembling and maintaining their trains and it is truly appreciated.

The quilting ladies certainly had the Assembly Hall and grounds decorated in a festive fashion. Thanks goes to Becky Evans and all her helpers in managing the bake sale. Luckily, I purchased the last pie available (apple) and it was delicious!

Illiana is probably the only place where the public gets to enjoy a running steam engine and a miniature model T car thanks to Donnie and Clayton Bodine.

Last and certainly not least, I want to thank the food vendors and all the craft vendors, plus the engine guys who brought merchandise for the swap meet. I know I'm partial, but I feel that Illiana showgrounds has one of the prettiest locations to host this type of event.

Once again, Illiana extends a big Thank You to Doug Ransom and Dave Dalton. Doug has graciously donated stone for all our driveways, etc. and Dave is doing the hauling and spreading for us. Thanks, guys!

There will be no October meeting. We will have our regular November meeting on Monday, November 15.

Happy Fall to all. See you in November.

Tom

Next Meeting

There will be **no** October monthly meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass for the carry-in dinner. See you all then!

Illiana Quilters News



Submitted by: Kathy Kyle

Illiana Quilters met Sept. 27th for their monthly meeting at the Assembly Hall with 12 members attending.

We have made plans for our annual donation to the Women's Shelter in Attica; we will be making some bags at the next meeting and filling them with much needed items for the women who are living there at this time and hopefully a few extras for those that may have need in the future. Each year we try to do something for the shelter with donations of household or personal items.

Some discussion was had on the recently held Fall Festival and all decided it was a success and hope that it will be held again next year. Lots of goodies were sold and many bakes goods were enjoyed as well.

A group of quilters made a trip on Thurs., Oct. 7th to Fayette, In. to "Notyouraveragequilter" to a quilt shop that was enjoyed by all, followed by a lunch in Brownsburg with a little extra celebration...it was Joan Fry's birthday! Fun day for everyone!

Some new windows have been found and purchased for the Quilter's Cottage, so as soon as weather and harvest plans allow, we will be getting some much needed new windows!

Our Christmas luncheon will be held at the Assembly Hall on Mon., Dec. 6th with everyone bringing salad, soup or dessert to share. Our gift exchange will be 1 yd. of fabric. Should be a fun day!

The next meeting will be held on Mon., Oct. 25th at the Assembly Hall, everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the day sewing and just having a little fun!

You can follow the **Illiana Quilters** on Facebook.



Thank You!

I would like to send out a big "Thank You" to everyone who helped in anyway to make the Fall Festival a success! The weather was perfect and all those attending had a great day.

Let's try again next year and make it even better!! -Kathy

Contact Kathy by email at iapafallfestival@gmail.com

Pine Creek & Western R/R News

Submitted by: Charlie Lupinek



Mike Puetz, engineer. Charlie Lupinek and Steve Dye happy travelers.

September 25th Pine Creek & Western Railroad meet during the Craft Show was very enjoyable. Weather was great. Eight locomotives, Patrick, Steve and Charlie ran their diesel locomotives. Skeeter, Nathan, Tim and Mike had their steam locomotives fired up. Many visitors to the Craft Show & Swap Meet enjoyed traveling from one station to another.





Nathan Bryant with his Scotty Mogul heading down to the main track.



Tim Sering's steam locomotive briefly sitting on the main track with Nathan Bryant's behind . A perfect weekend for having a railroad meet.

Rocky Forge News

Submitted by: Ted Stout

Gas Forge Project

We are making steady progress on the 25 propane forges for Rocky Forge members. The team of fabricators consists of Ted Stout, Marty Mears, Randy Padish, Gene Hollingsworth, and Dominick Andrisani. Wednesday usually finds the five of them working away to complete this project that started before the pandemic. Only 4 of the forges still need the coating applied to the interior insulation. When this insulating material is applied, all of the forges will be ready for their burners. We are still awaiting the delivery of some hose and regulator parts,



and we need to do final assembly of the burner/hose/regulator systems. Then, we will be done and can distribute these forges to the members!

Upcoming Dates

May 11-14, 2022: ABANA Biennial Conference, North Fort Worth, Texas.

Coal Available

Marty Mears has 50 lb. bags of coal available for \$20 a bag.

To buy this coal, call or text Marty at 765-201-2836.

First Fall Festival...Success!

Submitted by: Joan Fry

It was a beautiful day. The vendors were interesting and varied. The food booths were ready. Don Evans had installed the speakers for the PA system; Thank you, Don. The Warren County Commissioners had the signs on US 41 flashing arrows for the Illiana Grounds.; September 25th had arrived. This was a venture several thought would fail royally, but...although only a few vendors made big profits...no one could say anything else except it was a success. The crowd was not spectacular but they were happy and enjoyed walking through our village. The ice cream guy had a Covid issue and was not there, but we did have ice cream. The bake sale sold out! Thanks to Becky, Jesse, and Doris. The Pizza guy was a hit. Marty's biscuits and gravy got rave reviews. Lots of families came out just to see what was going on. Some folks came looking for something special. The kids and adults loved the trains...thank you Charlie, Steve, and company. The steam engine amazed everyone and that little car was so cute... thank you Clayton, Faith and Donnie. Carolyn and Tom had a bunch of interesting things on their wagon and sold some, too. John Byroads and company managed the parking lots...thank you! The clothesline quilt show was pretty and made the grounds looks great! Thanks to all who shared their quilts and helped hang them. Shawn Byroads and Kathy Kyle spent lots of time getting ready for this day and spent lots of time making sure the vendors were happy and would could back again next year. Thank you for all your work. Kim and Kenny had the store going. Margo took lots of great pictures. Check out the Facebook page if you have not seen them. Even the people mover was a big hit. My Grandson loved to ride around. But everyone agreed, the best thing about the day was getting to visit with folks. We all talked and talked. They say talk is cheap...but I say it is precious!

The Committee will be meeting to review the 2021 Fall Festival. Do you have any comments or suggestions? Be sure to pass them along. If you would like to be on the committee for another year, let us know. Of course, lots of thanks go to the Committee. It would not have happened without these folks. Adam and Cathy, Allen, Tom, Shawn, Kathy, and Joan, thank you. Now we can look ahead to 2022. It will be a really big show!

Tentative Dates for 2022

Several people suggested we set dates now for 2022, so here is a tentative list.

Postponed History Day	May 13,2022/April 29
40th Illiana Steam and Power Show	July 15,16,17,2022
History Day	September 16,2022
Fall Festival Craft Fair and Swap Meet	September 24,2022
Christmas in the Village	December2,3,2022
History Day Alternates	May 12, 2023/April 28



Christmas In The Village 2021

Submitted by: Joan Fry

It may seem a bit early, but Christmas will be here before we know it. Everyone was asking about Christmas in the Village at the summer show and the Fall Festival. After missing Christmas last year, everyone is looking forward to sitting on Santa's lap and seeing the Christmas lights up and down the Village street. Christmas in the Village will be held Friday and Saturday, December 3 and 4 from 5-8.

If you have had a special job in the past years and want to continue, or if you want a new job, just let Joan know. There are several jobs that need to be filled...like arranging the Photo Place...helping Tom put up lights and decorations...helping sweep out the buildings...making a display for the window in Deb's bowl shed...arranging for an eye-catching display to put out on US 41...contacting the commissioners about using those wonderful flashing signs again...putting out signs off of Route 26...doing some social media publicity.

Christmas in the Village will still be free as our Illiana gift to the community...will still invite local high schools to provide strolling carolers...will still collect cans for the local food pantry at the gate...will still have Santa in the Assembly Hall...will have toy trains running around the miniature village...will still have a bonfire for warming cold hands...will still have crafts in the school house...will still have popcorn and cookies (Please pack your cookies for Kathy's kitchen 2 or 3 cookies in a baggie as per Covid suggestions)...and most of all Christmas in the Village will still be a great place to bring family to begin the Christmas season.

There are a couple of new things in the hopper; wait to see if they materialize. Call Joan if you want to be in on them.

Plan now to wear your Christmassy sweaters and long underwear. It will be a wonderful weekend. And as always...pray for the weather, no wind, temperature about 32 degrees, and gently falling snow. Ho! Ho! Ho!



Our Condolences



John Swanson, long-time Illiana member and contributor, passed away September 24, at the age of 85. John was a pillar in the community. He was a career farmer and served as Liberty Township Trustee for several years. He will be greatly missed by many. John was Tom's big brother.

