ILLIANA NEWS

FEBRUARY 2016

MEETING:

Ted and Carol Stout have graciously offered to host the February Meeting of the Illiana Antique Power Assoc. at their home on February 15, 2016. We’ll begin with the usual carry-in dinner at 6:30 P.M. and a short meeting to follow. See you there!

TRI-COUNTY QUILTERS NEWS:

Group of 12 quilters met in Pine Village Community Building from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Business meeting was held, decisions as follows:

We need lights inside and out for the Quilters Cottage, vote passed to purchase dowels and lights to be put up for evening events. It gets pretty dark inside during Christmas in the Village festivities! Already voted on and approved surprise for the young people that attend. Also discussed and voted on member’s expense: when making large projects for Rainsville show, the club will pay individuals for batting backing and machine quilting if needed. Kathy offered a good price on batting and suggested we buy backing by the bolt. Decided on pattern for the raffle guilt to be given to Power Show, we want it to be finished early so it can be displayed at Power Show meetings and possibly at local libraries to sell tickets before the show in July!!

Kathleen donated large bolt of fabric to be used for History Day bags, which was our project for the day, and, we made close to 80 bags. Joan stated we should maybe have 450 to 500 ready. We are waiting for the new stamp to finish the bags. We enjoyed our brown bag lunches and catching up on current events of our families! Florence will be giving a class/demo next month, instructions and materials will be in next meeting’s info letter. Marsha stepped down as co-chairwoman this year. Becky was nominated and everyone agreed she will do a great job working with Diana and the club. She has many good ideas and the extra added bonus of “Mel”. All kidding aside, we do appreciate Mel and other association members who help make our participation at any Rainsville event easy and so much fun. Be writing to you next month!

Submitted by: Marsha Watkins

SYMPATHY: “Long-time” member, Charles Terril passed away on January 10, 2016. Last year Charles donated his wonderful tool collection to the club. He was also a member of the Rocky Forge Blacksmith Group. Our sympathy to the Terril families.

ROCKY FORGE BLACKSMITH NEWS:

Get ready, get excited, we have another Rocky Forge meeting scheduled for February 13th. This may be the 13th, but it is our lucky day. Melvin Lytton will be demonstrating again and while he is demonstrating he will have leg of lamb cooking on his portable roaster. How much better could it get? For those of you who do not care for lamb, Carol will be cooking a ham. To make this a fair deal each of us will have to donate to the purchase of the lamb and each of us should provide a nice covered dish to go along with this gourmet meal. Melvin is an excellent demonstrator and always gives so much good history with his time spent at the forge and anvil. We really appreciate his effort and are very fortunate to have him as one of our members. If you have not experienced Melvin’s demos, then you are missing out. Be sure to thank him for his time and dedication to educating us blacksmiths. You’re never too old to learn…..

We have had some good iron in the hat drawings lately and need to keep up the good work. The funds from that drawing has built a building and made additions to it. We still have a ways to go and I am confident we will end up with a building and work area that will be the envy of many blacksmithing groups and provide our membership with a nice shop. We must keep the vision going and continue to expand upon the vision.

On a sad note we lost one of our founding members. Charley Terril passed away January 10th, he was 87. Although, due to health issues, Charley was unable to attend our meetings for a few years, but he will be remembered as a real gentlemen and educator. He taught shop classes for years and was respected by all. Several of our members were students of his during their high school days. Our late condolence to the family and we will commemorate Charley by adding his name to our “Silent Anvil” placard that is displayed at the annual Illiana Antique Power Show. We will also plant a tree on the showgrounds near the blacksmith building with a stainless steel placard bearing his name, birth and death dates. He will not be forgotten.

For those of you who ordered the angle iron from a special deal, it will be here on the meeting date. Be sure to bring funds to cover your order. Cash is preferred, but checks will be accepted.

On Monday, February 15th, the Illiana Antique Power group will be meeting at the Stout’s at 6:30 P.M. At the meetings we always have a pitch in dinner, so if you come bring a dish and expect to eat well! It would be good to see some of the Rocky Forge members at the Illiana meeting.

Submitted by: Ted Stout

GET WELL WISHES:

Unfortunately, Jim Manlief fell outside him home in January and broke his hip. He is currently recouping at: St. Mary Health Care, 2201 Cason St., Lafayette, In. 47904 and will be there several weeks. A visit or card would be welcomed. “Heal fast” Jim!

PINE CREEK & WESTERN R.R. NEWS:

The Pine Creek & Western Railroad members met on January 24th at Don Bodine’s shop to run model trains and have a business meeting for the PC&W. The well attended meeting was quite productive as the following items were covered:

Weed control on the railroad beginning in early spring as soon as the weeds start growing. Grass mowing…and, John will be donating a lawn mower. Another set of signals to be installed by the road crossing. General modifications to the railroad crossings to help eliminate stones and nut shells, etc. from getting stuck against the rails. The next phase of tie replacement in the upper loop. Repair of the track east of the station where the tree fell. Continued track maintenance. Modification of the station at the upper loop to eliminate the cables. Reinstallation of the fence at the down track. Dues of $25.00 were collected from members in attendance. Those that still need to contribute contact Steve Dye. (Steve’s address: 10624 Fretz Lane, Lafayette, In. 47905 Phone: 219-863-6546 E-mail: [sgdye52@yahoo.com](mailto:sgdye52@yahoo.com))

Having some train runs at the track and visiting some other tracks was talked about. Trains operating with sufficient brakes on trains was discussed. Reviewed safety proposals presented by John. Thank you Anne for providing the cooker of beef, to the Bodine and Bodine family for hosting the meeting and the drinks and food, and those members that pitched in with goodies.

Submitted by: Charlie Lupinek

I AM A RAILROAD Man:

Whether I—sit on the right side of a locomotive and handle the throttle, or on the left side and handle the scoop firebox—

Whether I—wear a blue uniform on a fast passenger train, or blue overalls on the dinky way freight—

Whether I—sit in the train dispatcher’s office and issue orders, or in a lonely station in the woods and receive them—

Whether I—sit at a drawing board and plot curves and angles, or work on the track under the summer sun and in the winter’s storms—

Whether I—am general manager or a “car knocker”; a superintendent or a craftsman in the shops or roundhouse—it makes no difference, I AM A RAILROAD MAN!

And, being a Railroad Man, I am an integral and essential part of the great machine that is Transportation. Because of me and my fellow railroad men, the people of this great country travel swiftly and safely; the food they eat and the clothes they wear are available for their use. I am proud to say it again—I AM A RAILROAD MAN! (Author unknown)

Submitted by: Charlie Lupinek

TRACTOR TRIVIA:

1. “The harder you are to please, the better you’ll like\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”, was an ad slogan used by what company?
2. Name the invention that Nicolaus August Otto, a German shop clerk, received a patent for in 1876.

NEW ADDITIONS:

A new “roof-shed” has been installed over the gas engine at the show grounds on January 25th. Roger Horn and Ed Grubb were on hand during the installation. Ed also reported that the trees around the club house have been removed by John Dillman. This has opened the area in preparation for the new future club house.

Terry Bodine, along with help from Finny Filchak, has been working this winter on a model of a canal boat. This will be displayed with the picture and timber of the Wabash & Erie Canal the club already owns. When finished, it will be ready for Indiana’s Bi-Centennial and be shown in Covington, at Delphi Canal Museum, at our July Show and at History Day.

TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. John Deere
2. Stroke gasoline engine

PLANTING AN 80 ACRE FIELD OF CORN

80 rod wide/160 rod long

In the 1930’s and before, corn was planted with a team of horses or mules and a 2-row 44” planter and about always using check wire so as to be able to cultivate in both directions. A man would have gotten off the planter over 700 times in order to pull the wire over and reset the stake at each end of the field. A good team could walk close to 3 mi. per hr. About 88 mi. for planting 80/A. That would be about 29 hrs. plus 10 hrs. for turning etc.- 39 hrs. at least. In 1943 I planted an 80/A. field using 4 row 42” planter with check wire. Rows were 80 rod long and I had to get off and on tractor 370 times to pull wire over and reset stakes behind planter. I also handled 100 lb. bags of fertilizer and 80 lb. bags of seed. I could drive close to 5 mi. per hr. from daylight until dark. About 12 hrs. counting, stopping 370 times. In 2015 it was possible to plant the same 80/A. field using a new 53 row 20” planter. It should take no more than 1-1/2 hrs. There would be no stopping and no lifting and not even steering the tractor.

…….72 years later – they call it work! HA! By: Boyd Crone

Submitted by: Alan and Jim Stutler

NOTE: Jerry Price has made a decision to move from his home in Waynetown to the Williamsburg Health Care. If you would like to send him a note, the address is: 1609 Lafayette Rd., Crawfordsville, In. 47933. Jerry is very knowledgeable of the area’s history and sure would appreciate any correspondence from our members.

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Becky Eveland was going to format this month’s newsletter but, her daughter, Emalyn, was admitted to the hospital February 2nd. Please keep Emalyn in your prayers.