ILLIANA NEWS

JULY 2016

SHOW TIME! THE NEXT ILLIANA MEETING IS IN AUGUST.

A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Hello to everyone,

Showtime is almost here! What an exciting time when our club grounds are filled to capacity with all the displays of antique equipment, the trains are filled with kids smiling and all the people enjoying themselves.

We finished putting all the rings on the new Quonset building on Wednesday, June 29th. We want to get the north end enclosed this week. I want to extend a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped and worked in hot, humid weather to get this done. It is certainly a wonderful addition to our grounds.

Weather permitting: I will be cutting wheat with the binder on Saturday, July 9th. We will need help loading wagons. If weather is bad, will cut the week of the show. Call me at 765-585-8371 for cutting time.

If anyone wants to paint, call me and I will have a job for you. Also, need people with weed-eaters to “spruce up the grounds”. A BIG THANK YOU to Jordan and Jessica St. John for mowing the grounds for us. Good Job! I know Jim and Doris welcome the relief after all the years they kept our grounds in wonderful shape!

I am looking forward to our BIG FAMILY-FRIENDLY SHOW! See you there!

Tom

2016 T-SHIRTS:

The Parsell’s had the new 2016 T-shirts available at the June Meeting. They have already sold ¼ of the shirts. There are five different designs this year: a John Deere Tractor, a Gas Engine, a Diesel R.R Engine, a Case Steam Engine and a Blacksmith Hammer/Anvil Design.

S, M, L, XL will be $12.00 and 2XL, 3XL, 4XL will be $15.00 at the show. Be sure to get yours early!

ROCKY FORGE BLACKSMITH NEWS:

READY, SET, GO! With the Illiana Show coming up (July 15-17), we Rocky Forgers need to get our blacksmith shop in Rainsville READY to rock, SET up a schedule of who will be smithing at the show on various days and GO to the show to have some fun and demonstrate to others the fun of blacksmithing!

Our blacksmith shop needs a general cleaning and preparation, which we can do at our next regular monthly Rocky Forge Meeting on July 9th. As usual, coffee and donuts will start the meeting at 8:30 A.M.

We have received a donation of more large overhead lights like the two that we already have. It would be great if we can get them installed in our shop at our meeting. The machines in the machine shop need to have the tarps removed and to be cleaned of winter rubble and detritus (e.g. leaves).

Please give some thought to what days you will be able to smith at the Illiana Show. It is important what our shop reflect a busting place of industry and mechanical creativity (and men having fun with hot metal).

Remember to bring some good iron for Iron-In-The-Hat. You bring the iron. We provide the hat! This, of course, is our primary fundraiser and will allow us to eventually finish our blacksmith shop.

See you on the 9th! Dominick

Submitted by: Dominick Andrisani

TRI-COUNTY QUILTERS NEWS:

We met for two sessions the month of June, lots of sewing to be finished!! Threads a flying, needles flashing and machines overheating!! Many projects brought in for the show. John Deere is “The” tractor this year and we are ready!!

The quilt for the IAPA raffle has received good reviews at the local libraries. Ticket sales are moving up and up!! It’s really a cool quilt, designed and created for the power show to raise funds for future building needs. We are proud to be part of this venture.

New organization of our group has brought forth a new “handle”….we are now known as the Illiana Quilters! Covers two states, can’t be better than that!!

Reminder to quilters: don’t forget to send in recipes for the cookbook.

Hope to see you at the show!!

Submitted by: Marsha Watkins

PINE CREEK & WESTERN R.R. NEWS:

Steve Dye and I worked on the railroad on Thursday, June 30th. The cable along the track coming down from the steaming bays…about half has been buried. Up to the place where the cable was damaged. A more permanent repair will be done prior to burying. A good number of dead and dying weeds were removed from between the rails. There are many more that need removal. Track leveling was done from the engineer’s platform and around the loop at the station. Continued leveling from the switch at the down track and to the upper loop needs to be done. Many nut shells were blown off the tracks in the station loop. We observed a very large number of ties that have deteriorated and need to be replaced. Really we have a lot of bad ties. Terry Bodine and Chuck Morgan sprayed the weeds again about a week ago and it did a nice job. Terry talked to John Dillman and we have several logs that he will cut up for ties. Terry will be there Wednesday morning, July 6th…a LOT OF TIES are in need of replacement!

Also the grass is going to need another mowing, maybe twice before the show. The mower John Young provided is powerful and good. Thank You John! Bring gasoline…we don’t store fuel in the shed. If you are mowing, watch out for the signal cable along the down track from the steaming bays…it is laying on the ground next to the metal posts leading from the engineer’s platform north. Dead weeds also need removal…they pull easily.

Submitted by: Charlie Lupinek

FROM THE ENGINE SHED:

Greetings from the Engine shed!

Not much happening since the Steam Corner Show. Nice weather and got to visit with old friends. Several nice engines were displayed. We are getting ready for the Illiana Show. Looks like we will have more people showing up….several people from Evansville were interested! So, keep your fingers crossed! We may need more room….I Hope!

Submitted by: John Byroad

SAD NEWS:

It was reported at the June meeting that member (and food vendor) Wanda Campbell’s mother has cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

Member Alice Wright (wife of Tom) passed away on June 21st after a brief illness. Our sympathy to the Wright families.

It is important to help get the show grounds ready for the show! Please try to help Tom when you can. All individual groups should work not only in their areas but all around the grounds! Let’s make a good impression to all who attend the 2016 Illiana Antique Power Show!!

REPORT ON DELPHI INDIANA!

Several members from Illiana displayed items at “Canal Days” at the Wabash & Erie Canal Park, Delphi Indiana. The Bodine’s had “Steamie” all fired up and running, Finny Filchak and Jamie Walter had their small engines running off Steamie’s steam, the Tweedie family brought two of their gas engines and several Cushman Scooters. Flyers of our show were handed out to visitors. Members also had a chance to enjoy the park…the pioneer village, the museum and got to “cruise” down the canal on the reproduction canal boat. Terry and Finny’s model of the canal freight boat has been on display in the museum since May 14th and will be at Rainsville for our show. Thanks to all that participated! And, SPECIAL THANKS to Dan McCain for allowing us to be a part of their activities! Pictures of Canal Park are on our Illiana facebook page. Check them out! “LIKE US” on facebook – 276 Likes!

Received the following E-mail form Dan McCain and wanted to share with everyone!

Anne/Terry and all the crew:

Indeed it was an excellent experience to “marry” the two historical organizations into one Festival. And I know the visitors liked the steam and engine show. I heard many good comments. We need to find ways to “co-market” our offerings. For this reason I am very excited about attending your event at Rainsville in two weeks. I just love the comrades that make up the group you represent. It is a fun group. I do want to be there for the opening day of your show and I do want to see what building needs and grant challenges you have on that site. I have duties on Saturday here in Canal Park otherwise I would stay more days. Dan

I would like to do a “Mid-Year” THANK YOU to all the members who have contributed their articles for the newsletters. Especially THANK YOU to Becky Eveland who does all the pictures and “fine-tunes” the final copy. My “Plain-Jane” newsletters happen (like this month again) when Becky is busy or I’m on a short-time deadline! If you see Becky at the show, please let her know what a great job she is doing! Anne Bodine

REMINDER: Antique Tractor Show - Fountain County 4-H Fairgrounds!

Veedersburg Indiana – Help celebrate the Indiana Bicentennial at History Day, July 10th with live demonstrations featuring butter churning, quilting, crafts, blacksmithing and antique tractors. Contact: Cheri Krug @ 765-376-2168

SPECIAL REMINDERS:

CAMPING: The camping spaces are very limited. Camping fee is $25.00 each space. Camping is free if no electric/water is required. Check with John Carrell at 765-793-3282 or E-mail at

pacarell@ymail.com

PIE BOOTH: Please donate four pies (cakes, cookies, cobblers, etc. are welcome). REMEMBER – NO DESERTS THAT REQUIRE REFRIGERATION. Becky Evans is in charge and will need volunteers to help in the pavilion. Let’s help her for an hour or two. (Everyone who’s in charge of assigned duties needs a “break” to enjoy the show!)

FLOWERS: Kaaren Parsell has done a wonderful job again this year planting flowers around the grounds. But, please loan us your pots of flowers or plants again this year. It always looks nice to have pots “sprinkled” around the exhibits…it also makes our show grounds one of the prettiest in the country!

P.A. SYSTEM: Kenny Short will be announcing events over the P.A. System. Let Kenny know if you need something announced during the show.

GATE HELP: We need members to volunteer for a couple hours at a time to collect gate fees and work the parking area. FFA members will be helping park cars only on Saturday. The west exhibitors gate will also need some help. VOLUNTEER!

EXHIBITORS – WEST GATE: All exhibitors need to un-load at the west end of the parking lot and drive along the side of the R.R. tracks to the north-east corner by the saw mill. DO NOT PLAN ON UN-LOADING IN THE SHOW GROUNDS! We need to help keep all the congestion out of this area. Empty trailers will be stored in the same west parking lot. No trailers are to be inside the show grounds unless their exhibit is permanent on the trailer. Gate entry and parking will be on the east side of the show grounds for the public. NO ENTRY AT JOHN DILLMAN’S!

SELL THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS –LET’S MAKE SOME MONEY!

QUILTERS: The Quilter Ladies will be raffling a quilt during the show. This is a separate raffle from the club’s. Tickets can be purchased at the Quilter’s Cottage. These talented ladies have some beautiful items for sale during the show…check them out!