ILLIANA NEWS

MAY 2017

MEETING:

The next meeting of the Illiana Antique Power Assoc. will be held at the clubhouse on Monday May 15, 2017. The carry-in dinner will start at 6:30 P.M. Please bring a dish to pass.

A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT!

Hello to everyone,

Spring planting season is in full swing. Please be careful driving and watch for large slow moving equipment on the rural roads. Hope everyone had a good mushroom season!

Thank you goes to Owen Moudy and Tim Biesecker for tearing down the shelter over the saw mill. We will be able to reuse the metal roofing and most of the rafters for the new pole structure after the mill is moved.

A BIG THANK YOU goes to everyone that has contributed to the new \*Assembly Hall Fund.

If anyone is interested or possibly know someone that would be, the 1960 IH farm truck donated by Mike Evans will be sold May 17th. It is being sold by Matt Swanson on

AuctionTime.com. Live bidding will be open on May 15th at 5:00 P.M. Log on to

mattswansonauctions.com and go to truck tab for photo, info, etc. If you want to see the truck, call me and I will meet you at the Illiana show grounds. (Phone: 765-585-8371) Mike is donating the proceeds of this truck to the Assembly Hall Fund.

My goal for the show this July is 300+ engines and 150 tractors with 50+ of them being Minneapolis-Moline. Call your friends and neighbors and invite them to bring their toys, especially if they have never been to our show!

See you in May. Tom

\*Donations to match Ed and Pat Grubb’s of $15,000. All donations are tax deductible.

Please consider a donation. Send to:

Tom’s address: 272 N. State Road 55, Attica, In. 47918

Doris’s address: 3618 Donna Drive, Lafayette, In. 47905

An Illiana Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th at the clubhouse at 6:30 P.M. Please call Tom if you are unable to attend.

ROCKY FORGE BLACKSMITH NEWS:

We have a Rocky Forge Blacksmith “Hammer In” coming up Saturday May 13th at Ted’s shop. The past few meetings have demonstrated the renewed interest in our hobby. Attendance has been very good and the number of active blacksmithing participants is good testimony of the interest. It is always rewarding for me to see such activity and so good to see our more advanced smiths working to lead the younger ones. We have a good group of members who like to share their knowledge and an eager learning group to suck up the information! What more could we ask! The past two meetings I have given a 10 to 15 minute primer on different tools used at the forge and anvil (butcher ad swage blocks), I intend to keep that tradition going and invite anyone else to volunteer for such a presentation. The idea is to introduce our audience to a review (or new to some) information about a tool, process or new item. At the May meeting I will briefly discuss the different types of steel designations. Hopefully, you will better understand when we throw out numbers like 52100, 5160 or 1085 steel what those numbers mean. I am still waiting for volunteer help on the little barn at the Illiana showgrounds and some work on the blacksmith shop. These projects need to be completed before the Illiana Show the third week of July. Speaking of the show I hope all of you can free that weekend up and participate in the three day show. Even one day would be helpful. Put the dates on your calendar. For the May meeting we will start with coffee, tea, doughnuts and socializing around 8:30. A short meeting at 9:15 and open forge time starting around 9:30. Lunch will be around 12:00. Carol will not be here for the day so I will cook a pot of ham-n-beans for lunch. Bring anything you think would compliment the bean soup. We will have an iron-in-the-hat drawing so please bring some of your work, old tools or whatever you think would be of interest to show. Hope to see you the 13th. Ted

Submitted by: Ted Stout

NEED STEEL WHEELS!

It is on the drawing board but, more parts are needed to build the project. I am wanting to build a large welcome sign that will arch over the path from the Scale House toward the showgrounds. Tom Swanson dropped off four manure spreader wheels a couple years ago and said make something out of these. Well I am going to make a welcome sign that will be wide, tall and will read “Welcome to Illiana” on the top sign and below it will be another sign reading “Where the past meets the present”. To finalize the size of this sign I need at least two more and maybe four more steel wheels. A set of wheels that are greater than 36” diameter would work and/or a set less than 24” diameter. The manure spreader wheels are around 6” wide and 24” and 36” diameter. What would really look good would be a set of steel rear tractor wheels with cleats. If you know of any such steel wheels available please let me know. (765-491-2194)

Ted Stout

TRACTOR TRIVIA:

1. True or False: Oil Pull tractors got their name from being used in Texas oil fields.
2. How was the Moline Universal’s top-heaviness overcome? A) larger wheels; B) an added foot springboard to help the driver exit quickly; C) cement wheel weights.

ILLIANA QUILTERS NEWS:

Had a great meeting on April 24th at the Pine Village Community Building. We worked on the raffle quilt for IAPA, which we donate every year, another winner! This year we will be displaying the quilt at several area libraries, so take a good look, then come to the Rainsville grounds to purchase tickets. Again, this year tickets are $1.00 each or $5.00 will buy six tickets! On April 25th, eight of our members left for Paducah, Ky., to the annual quilt show! We spent three days and two nights looking, feeling, walking, then looking, feeling and more walking! Many purchases were made! There were many new gadgets, patterns and books, the ideas were endless. Everyone came backed equipped with tools, fabric and ideas. I’m sure some will show up at Rainsville. Many members are giving demos for new projects in the months to come. We even roped our newest member, Linda, into giving a demo!! We are looking forward to her instructions. We also have plans for a bazaar in October to be held at the Pine Village Community Building.

Submitted By: Marsha Watkins

REPEATING NOTICE:

Due to safety concerns, the use of golf carts, gators and UTV’s on Illiana grounds will be limited to handicapped, directors and officers only. Drivers of tractors, vehicles and lawnmowers on Illiana Show Grounds and in the parade must have a valid driver’s license. No ATV’s on the grounds. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

Tom Swanson – President

The next newsletter will be a combination June – July.

SO, MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! The June meeting will be Monday, June 19th – Same Time – Same Carry-in Dinner!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER TO ILLIANA: MIKE PUETZ – Fowler, In.

TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. False
2. C) cement wheel weights

AN INVITATION:

Illiana has been asked to participate at “Canal Days” – July 1st & 2nd at the Wabash & Erie Canal Park, Delphi, Indiana again this year. Last year several members displayed gas engines, a steam engine, Cushman scooters and passed out our Show Flyers. If interested in attending contact:

Terry Bodine (765-294-2768 or E-mail: abodine1@wildblue.net)

Check out their website: www.wabashanderiecanal.org

MAJOR EVENTS AT CANAL PARK IN DELPHI:

May 13th Opening weekend for the Canal Boat

June 10th 5K Run to benefit Trail Security

July 1ST & 2nd Canal Days Festival

September 2nd & 3rd Last weekend for Public rides on the Canal Boat

September 9th Cycling through the County – a friends & family event

September 22nd & 23rd Countywide Quilt Show

December 2nd Old Fashioned Christmas in Canal Park

The Parsell’s reported they will have this year’s T-shirts available at the June meeting. Plan to get yours early before the show!

THE ENGINE SHED:

Greetings from the Engine Shed. It is raining again, will it ever quit?! Made a little progress on the IHC Engine. Working on plumbing…. slowly coming together. Looking forward to show season and the tall tales from some people (Paul & Dick) and many others.

WANTED: A reasonable source of brass pipe and fittings.

Submitted by: John Byroad

SHOW DATES: JULY 21st, 22nd & 23rd, 2017

SHOW FLYERS ARE PRINTED – PICK SOME UP FOR DISTRIBUTING!

HISTORY DAY – SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE – DECEMBER 1ST & 2ND 2017

“LIKE US ON FACEBOOK” – 392 LIKES!