ILLIANA NEWS

NOVEMBER 2017

MEETING:

The next meeting of the Illiana Antique Power Assoc. is scheduled for November 20th.

See Tom’s letter for details.

A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Hello to all,

Not much news this month other than a few lines to give you an update on the new Assembly Hall.

All the water, drains and electric lines are installed and the new concrete floor was poured on Wednesday, October 18th. The construction crew has started building the new structure and hopefully, we can have our November meeting in it on the 20th.

Now that we are beginning to “see the light at the end of the tunnel”, so to speak on this huge undertaking for Illiana, I would encourage those that haven’t donated yet, to please consider so, if possible. You can mail any donation to: Doris Manlief, 3618 Donna Drive, Lafayette, In. 47905

I will let you know if it is not possible to have the meeting at the new Assemble Hall on November 20th. Carol Stout has generously said we could meet at her home if needed.

Tom

TRACTOR TRIVIA:

1. What was the first row-crop tractor on rubber tires to be tested at the Nebraska Tractor tests?
2. What was the horse equivalent for pulling of the John Deere A?

A. Two, B. Three, C. Six

There is no news from the Pine Creek & Western R.R. and the Engine Shed this month.

FOR SALE: 2004, 32 ft. Fleetwood camper – Call John Byroad at: 765-490-2188

2014, 33 ft. Thor Four Winds camper – Call Ed Schlenkert at: 815-670-0842

ILLIANA QUILTERS NEWS:

Our meeting was held on the 23rd of October at the Pine Village Firehouse Community Building with 10 members attending. Many issues were discussed to finalize our first annual bazaar: who’s bringing what, where to park…decided on a shuttle system, just like downtown! Pine Village? Start time is 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. There will be some real clever and interesting items on display. Some members worked on finishing the items but one member decided to treat the group with her hidden talents, right Florence? You go girl! I personally have ordered some tassels for your next demo! New ideas were presented to the group for our Christmas luncheon at Joan’s home on the 11th of December. This year each member is to wrap up two yards of their fabric, fabric they don’t want anymore. Someone called it the “ugly” fabric exchange! Come on now, is there really any “ugly” fabric? (Just like humans, “There’s a jack for every jenny”!!) This fabric is to be made into “anything” the member wants, can add other fabric to it, but have to use the two yards originally received. There were many items for show ‘n tell – some personal, some were coming attractions for the upcoming bazaar – very creative ladies belong to our club! The next meeting is the 4th Monday of November, the 27th. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by to see how well we play together and we do a lot of sewing, learning and laughing! A heartfelt get well to all our family members and friends plus many hugs from each of the Illiana Quilters.

Submitted by Marsha Watkins

GET WELL WISHES AND SYMPATHY!

Kenny Short recently had to have reconstruction surgery on his artificial knee....get well wishes to you Kenny! Longtime member Norm Bastin, father of Tom, passed away on October 30th. Our sympathy and prayers to all of the Bastin family.

TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. Allis-Chalmers
2. C. Six horses

This is the last newsletter for the year and the last reminder that the 2017-2018 membership dues are due now. If you haven’t paid for this year this is also your last newsletter. Please send Doris a check for $20.00…we don’t want to lose you! Also I still need someone to volunteer to take over the newsletter. I’d like to thank all my “roving reporters” for all their articles throughout the year. Special thanks to Becky Eveland who fancy’s it up for me. Please e-mail me if interested: abodine1@wildblue.net

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE!

Get ready!! Mark your calendars!!! Count down the days until Christmas in the Village! Today is November 1st so there are only 30 days to get ready for our big party. The Benton Central kids are scheduled to be our strolling carolers on Saturday evening. Alan Stutler and his family are going to be in charge of the jug luminaries. The guys with the chili are already making their plans. So we are started! It seems everyone in the community is looking forward to the season and especially to our Christmas in the Village. We do have a few big questions…Will we have a clubhouse???...Will we have a functioning bathroom???...Will Santa make it again???...Where will we put him???...What will be new this year???

…How’s the weather going to be??? The details need to be worked out but the plan is a go! Too many kids are expecting a party. For some this is their big holiday celebration. As usual we need to check your cupboards for old votive candles. The other kinds will work but votives are the best. Color - scent??? Not important because they will be hidden inside a jug. Alan and his family will set them out and see that they are lit. The plan now is that the luminaria will be put together after the November meeting. One of the suggestions last year was that we needed more light…so that means more luminaria. Save us some jugs to. If we don’t use them we will recycle and even if we do use them we will recycle them. We will not save them for another year. They are hard to store and tend to get too brittle to use again. But, they sure do look “purty”! Contributions of cookies for Kathy’s Kitchen are needed as well as prayers for good weather. We would like temperatures just about 32 with gently falling snow and NO WIND. Stars shining would be good to. Voluntary contributions for the food bank in Warren County will be the only admission fee. Folks are needed to do all sorts of jobs. The people movers need to move. The hot chocolate needs to be served. The decorations need to go up. Gate greeters and food collectors are wanted. A place outside for families to take pictures need to be set up. Firewood for the bonfire needs to be collected and someone needs to watch it. Special exhibits need to be lighted. There are bunches of jobs that make the evening special. Give Joan Fry a call (765-363-5406 or 765-869-5406) if you have an idea that would make things more special or if you would like to volunteer. Joan is always looking for folks who like to work…and would really like for some one new who would like to learn the ropes and then take over some of the planning etc. We need fresh ideas and constant improvements. We always want things to be surprising and have things new to see and do! So get your long johns out, mark your calendar and plan on being a part of our Christmas in the Village… our gift to our community. The 2017 Event will be the best ever!!

Submitted by: Joan Fry

WISHING EVERYONE

A HAPPY THANKSGIVING

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

ROCKY FORGE BLACKSMITH NEWS:

The Rocky Forge metal smiths will meet at Ted’s shop on Saturday, November 11th with coffee and doughnuts at 8:30, followed by a short meeting, then a metal working demonstration. After that we will have an open forge time for your enjoyment. Be sure to bring iron-in-the-hat items and food for the pitch in meal. Carol will prepare “something” to go along with the pitch in items.

CRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE at the Illiana Show Grounds will be December 1st and 2nd from 5:00 to 8:00. That is always a fun time and a joy to see all the visitors. Encourage your family and friends to attend this event. Also, we need ideas for decorating the blacksmith shop, call Ted at 765-491-2194. Tom Swanson, president of Illiana asked if the blacksmith group would make outlines of Christmas themed items such as reindeer, snowman, Christmas trees, Santa Clause, etc. from 3/8” re-bar. These decorations need to have rods attached for sticking them into the ground and hold up to the winds of the Illiana Show Grounds. The Illiana club will string Christmas lights around the outlines and at a distance will add to the decorations throughout the Show Grounds. Look on the internet for possible ideas and let’s see if we can fulfill Tom’s request. Jim Bolen has already made a couple and Eric Smith is working on more. They need to be life size.

The mini-barn project has been completed, except for wiring and lighting. It has the shelving in and the first batch of machine shop tools on the shelves. The shelving needs to be screwed to the walls to prevent accidents. The building is now secure with lockup.

We are getting close to having enough cash to cover the machine shop end of our building, looking forward to that project. The fluorescent lights from the old Otteham Machine and Blacksmith shop from Attica were salvaged and two of them are being converted to LED. If that works out and we can afford it, I will be asking for help to dismantle, clean, paint and install the LED tombstones and bulbs. Having those in our machine shop will help keep the original history and ambiance of the Otteham shop. Another project we need to track is a new electric line into the building to support a 200 amp service, then wiring the entire building. We have a lot going and it will take time and funds, but, as I have said before, without a vision we will never progress. Long term, I hope to see this shop as a metal working and wood working area for all members to use and enjoy. It will also be a favorite place for visitors during the annual Illiana Show. I realize we have a lot going on, but you also must realize when you are a member of an organization you have to share in the responsibilities of the group. It is very easy to come to meetings each month and enjoy the doughnuts, camaraderie, toys, etc., then go home and come back next month with no contribution. For us to be a strong organization you must do your part and participate. By doing so you will have a better feeling of acceptance and accomplishment. My shop will not be available forever…Hope to see your smiling faces on the 11th, with iron-in-the-hat and food. Ted