ILLIANA NEWS

OCTOBER 2017

THERE WILL NOT BE AN OCTOBER MEETING!

NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN NOVEMBER 2017.

A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Hello to everyone,

According to the calendar, fall has officially started, but summer is not going away quietly with last week’s 90+ temperatures!

Thanks to Joan Fry’s and Dave Sims’s planning and hard work, Illiana hosted another very successful History Day for the school children. With 370+ kids, it was a very busy (and HOT) day for all the Illiana volunteers. Thanks to everyone for helping to make this an informative and also a fun day for students and teachers.

Progress is being made on our new Assembly Hall. The gravel base has been hauled in and compacted. On Tuesday, September 26th, the construction crew visited and put in stub posts for the building. Next comes plumbing and drain installations and then the concrete floor. I am hoping to be able to have our November meeting in our new building. (NOTE: NO October Meeting.)

Looking ahead, come spring, we will be working with the railroad crew to install a new concrete base where the railroad tracks are at by our main gate. This has been needed for years. It won’t be a costly job as we can do the work ourselves and shouldn’t take that much concrete.

At this time of year, it is nice to see all the fall colors, flowers and decorations in people’s yards. Be safe and watch for slow moving farm equipment on the roads as you travel!

Tom

WANTED! After all these years I’ve decided it’s time to “retire” and let someone else take over the newsletters. Each Illiana group writes their own article and Becky (who is currently on a cruise) “fancy’s” it up. So, all that is needed to complete the newsletter is filler articles. Contact me at: abodine1@wildblue.net

TRACTOR TRIVIA:

1. What was the name of the new red paint color that Case introduced in 1939?
2. What make of tractor did Abner Jenkins drive at speeds of 67 MPH on the Bonneville Salt Flats?

ENGINE SHED NEWS:

Greetings from the Engine Shed! Well, the engine shows are over for the year. I put my engines away for the winter. Drained and greased them and tarped them to keep the bird paint off. I got all the parts to put 6 HP IHC back together. Got to get busy on it! We had a good time at History Day. It amazes me how well behaved and polite that the kids were. Hope they learned something. I want to thank the Beale Family for the corn they furnished so we could show the kids how to shell and grind corn.

NOTE: I have a 2004, 32 ft. Fleetwood Camper for sale. It is in nice shape.

Contact me at: 765-490-2188

Submitted by: John Byroad

PINE CREEK & WESTERN R.R. NEWS:

The Pine Creek & Western Railroad participated once again in the History Day program on a warm and sunny day. Judging from the often more enthusiastic response from the attending students it was a success. John Young, Chuck Morgan, Steve Dye and Charlie Lupinek kept two trains operating throughout the day. Rolland McKinney working as our Station Master kept loading and instructing the never ending line of students at the Dunn Station. Based on our crew’s discussion at the conclusion of the event we will be making several adjustments in the next History Day as it pertains to the railroad operations. All in all the day was a success. Weather permitting the next likely railroad operation will be during Christmas in the Village.

Submitted by: Charlie Lupinek

REMINDER: 2017 – 2018 Membership is due now! Send $20.00 to Doris Manlief, 3618 Donna Dr., Lafayette, In. 47905 Make checks payable to: Illiana Antique Power Association.

The next event for Illiana Antique Power Assoc. will be the annual Christmas in the Village community celebration. It will be held December 1st & 2nd at the club grounds near Rainsville. Be watching for more details in the future

ILLIANA QUILTERS NEWS:

SAVE THIS DATE!!! OCTOBER 28!!! Illiana Quilters will be having a Bazaar at the Pine Village Fire Station. This is a perfect time to be thinking about Christmas gifts as well as decorating for the several holidays coming up. We will accept credit cards. We will be having baked goods as well. So, make this a one stop shop! Fill your freezer with goodies, find some gifts and decorate with some new stuff! The goodies can also be used as a husband diversion. They may not notice what you have spent if you get enough chocolate. The bazaar will open at 10:00 and close at 2:00. So you will have plenty of time to check out all the beautiful things. There will also be a few surprises! SAVE THIS DATE!

Illiana Quilters did not melt away! Though History Day was hot and very busy, everyone managed to still be smiling coherent at the end of the day. We tried to show how tools and sewing have changed throughout the years. From cardboard templates and scissors to fancy cutters, rulers and mats and from hand quilting to the old treadle machine to the new computerized models, quilting is different but still the same. Lots of kids got to sew together a four patch. The kids were thrilled with their “quilt for the day”.

During our last get together at the Pine Village Fire Station, Judy demonstrated “Stack and Whack”. There are several variations of this technique but all are beautiful. Ginger brought a Stack and Whack quilt she had made to show and some of us were inspired to try one. Everyone who does one has a story to tell. We can’t wait to see what shows up. The Illiana Quilters are looking forward to sewing in the new meeting room. So guys, be sure to put in plenty of outlets to plug in machines,

Christmas is coming and we are making Christmas plans. Our Christmas in the Village plan includes a display of Carolers. Pat Grubb has shared some of her collection and this year’s display should be especially nice. Our Christmas dinner will be at Joan’s house. It is always fun and the food good…thanks to her daughter and son in law. We have to be especially good because you never know when Santa will visit.

Be sure to check out our new facebook page, Illiana Quilters. You can find pictures of some of our activities and some of the quilts shown during our Show and Tell. Do you like to sew? Want to learn some new techniques? Like to hang out with a bunch of goofy ladies who like to laugh and have a good time? Join us! Fourth Monday of the month at the Pine Village Fire Station…at least for now. See you there?

Submitted by: Joan Fry (Joan also submitted the History Day article.)

TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. Flambeau red.
2. Allis Chalmers Model U

HISTORY DAY – 2017

Illiana Antique Power Association held Living History Day Sept. 22, 2017 at their showgrounds near Rainsville, Indiana. Approximately 400 fourth graders from seven schools in Benton, Warren, Fountain and Vermilion counties were able to learn about and do things people would have done here in Indiana in the past.

Many of the 30 stations were led by talented Illiana club members but some special guests made the day extra interesting. Peter Cooper, a famous cooper, demonstrated making wooden buckets in the blacksmith area. David McCormick, and his helpers from the Indiana State History Museum, brought a challenging throwing game. Craig Potter and his wife, bee keepers from Alvin, Illinois, shared a display of live bees. Cecil Krebs, the owner of the former Boswell Enterprise, fascinated kids with his printing press. Bill Reese showed how simple machines can make work easier. The Wabash Strings brought old time music and everyone got to sing along and play old time instruments.

The day was HOT!! A special thanks goes to County Market, together with Jim Cunningham, the water project helped everyone through the day. At the end of the day adult group leaders from the schools were exhausted. Teachers were pleased. The kids went home with a bag of goodies, happy and excited. What a day! Even heard one boy say it was the best day of his life!

Illiana Antique Power Association railroad members were happy to share the trains. Everyone enjoyed a ride. Dick Fontaine provided some atmosphere with his antique car. Donnie Bodine and his family shared their big steam engines with one hooked up to the threshing machine. The canal boat model built by Terry Bodine was on display. Donna Moudy explained about the days when the Wabash & Erie Canal was a highway for transporting people and goods. The blacksmiths demonstrated many techniques. Jim Bolin gave a view of blacksmithing during the Civil War. Some “smithing” was beautiful and for decoration but most was necessary and helped our state grow. Rob Durrett represented the blacksmith that accompanied Lewis and Clark when the west was explored. The Marshfield/Illiana Post Office was open for the day. Sue Stutler shared a time from the past when the local post office was not only a place to pick up your mail but a social gathering spot to hear the real news. The quilters gave everyone an opportunity to sew a four patch and to see how sewing has changed through the years. John and Jessie Byroad shelled and ground corn which was used to make cornbread which was tasted along with sweeteners like sorghum and maple syrup in the kitchen. Kathy Olin gave spinning lessons and Kassie Jones and her helpers helped the kids make the butter to spread on their cornbread. Not only did the kids get a popcorn snack but learned how to make a paper cup to get a drink of water to wash it down. Classes were in session in the school house. The cider press was in action with Scott Price and his helpers. The kids loved the cider almost as much as they did turning the crank on the press. Thanks to the Coffing Bros. Orchard for their donation of apples. The laundry with Ed and Pat Grubb was a surprise because it was not “Monday” wash day. But they all learned daily life was not as easy as it is today. Tom Swanson manned Jim Eberle’s office to show how business have grown and changed. Joe Fry used the scales from the old Warren County Home to weigh classes of kids. The saw mill crew fascinated kids with the big sawmill. Bob and Kaaren Parsell had drinks and cookies available during the lunch break. Many other club members and guests helped during the day. Illiana Antique Power Association is continually working to give the past a future.

ROCKY FORGE BLACKSMITH NEWS:

On October 14th the Rocky Forge metal smiths will meet at Ted’s shop for some fun working with metal. As a result of the “Feast of the Hunters Moon” and the TV series “Forged and Fire” we have had many inquiries about our group meetings. We are expecting a lot of visitors at this meeting. No question about it, our group is growing and we welcome all newcomers to join in and be a part of the exciting field of metal work. At the October meeting we will have a session to introduce the new people to forging hot metal. This will involve safety, building a forge fire, using a gas forge, tools involved, metals and basics blacksmith operations. While that is going on others can have an open forge time to entertain your ideas and feed your creative juices or complete your unfinished projects. Ted has a project for the local Methodist Church he can use some help with if anyone would like to assist. It will involve heating previously straightened antique wagon wheel rims and cupping the rim long way to make it rigid. A scroll will be added to each end of the sections. Three sections will be fabricated and used as hand rails along steps to enter the church. “Christmas in the Village” at the Illiana Show Grounds is coming up real fast and Rocky Forge has been charged with making free standing outlines of Christmas figurines to hang lights. They will be viewed from a distance to look like the Christmas tree, Santa Clause, reindeer, etc. Three eights rebar will be used as the metal. If you are interested in helping with this project take a look on Google images to locate patterns. We will have an iron in the hat drawing so be sure to bring some neat items for the drawing. As I have said before the iron in the hat drawing is our main fund raising event, to the extent that we built the building on the grounds of the Illiana Antique Power Association. To further develop that shop we need to keep our fund raising in full swing. Contributions are also always welcome. The next steps in the completion of the building are to add siding and enclose the west sections housing the machine shop tools, add a new electrical breaker box with outlets and lights. For lunch Carol will be serving a pot of ham and beans so bring covered dishes that will go with the soup. Our satellite group is pretty well known for having great lunches, let’s keep the tradition going. Some of you have really brought some outstanding dishes and for that we all thank you. Coffee and doughnuts will be ready by 8:30, so come early to enjoy social period and build relationships. See all of you on the 14th.

Ted and Carol Stout 765-491-2194

FOR SALE: 2014 Thor Four Winds 31L, 33 feet long, 15,000 miles, Ford V10, like new, 2 slides outs, sleeps 8, custom mattress, 3 TV’s, 2 closets, generator, tire covers. Asking $60,000. Contact Ed Schlenkert at 815-670-0842, or

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