

Illiana News

August 2019

A Letter from Our President

Hello to all,

Wow, you all dug in your heels, endured the heat, and put on a terrific show once again. Thank you!

Hosting a show such as ours is like inviting company to your house, and the Illiana showgrounds is our house, so to speak. The public that comes to the show is our guests and I believe our club is good at being great hosts. I sincerely thank everyone for all your efforts before, during, and after the show.

It takes a lot of work to put on this event and many of our membership are not getting younger.

I sincerely thank Dick Salts for his generous donation of gravel for our main driveway and also thank Dave Dalton for hauling and spreading it on no charge.

Marty and his crew once again did an outstanding job serving the public with good food. Also, thank you to Becky and the ladies for selling the pies.

Larry Sturgeon was available at all times helping those who were overheated.

I realize our attendance was down due to the heat, but I am very happy with our show this year.

While working the gate, we heard many positive comments from those leaving.

Once again, as always, a big thank you to Doris for her tremendous job of keeping everything running smoothly and dealing with everyone. Thanks goes to all our exhibitors and that includes all the ones of our club who work tirelessly. Without you, we couldn't have a show.

See you at our August meeting. I appreciate you all.

- Tom

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Illiana Antique Power Association is scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Hall. Bring a dish to pass for the carry-in dinner.

Notes from Joan

Submitted by: Joan Fry

Thank you!

The 2019 Antique power show is in the books. It was certainly the hottest on record! From what some say, it was the best show ever. Thank you to everyone who made it happen. I have had occasion to be on the grounds several times before the show and there was almost always someone there doing something. Steve Butram worked on the doors in the ladies bathroom... Bill Cox and Art Petty were painting... Gary York washed the winter off the picnic tables. Mike Puetz put up the hay forks. Kathy Kyle and her husband put up a new ceiling in the quilters cottage and painted everything! Thanks to Tom, the cottage porch is safe to walk on. Ruthie sweated out a couple of afternoons cleaning her spot. Lori Austen stepped up and volunteered to clean, and clean she did! She even volunteered to man the Post Office during the show. She added lots of things and had history to go with them. The train guys have spent hours and hours working on their track and getting ready. Joe Geswein helped get the sheller set and Alice helped clean in the Assembly hall. I personally want to thank Donna Starry, Elizabeth, Charlotte and Gary York for covering the school house. These are only a few of the folks who helped get the show this year accomplished. So many more did something to help. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you is not a big enough word! But it will have to do for now! Thanks again to all of you.

-Joan



Illiana Quilters Important Dates

Sat., Oct. 26 - 3rd Annual Fall Bazaar,

@ Pine Village Fire Station.

History Day is Coming!

Submitted by: Joan Fry

History Day will be here before you know it. Friday, September 20, 2019 is the day! Save it now. We should have about 500 kids on our grounds for the day. The quilters have the bags sewn and ready to be filled. Get your costumes out and be ready! Schools should be getting their notices the first week of school.

We are needing notebooks to put in the bags. If you find a business that has little notebooks to give away, ask for some for us. We used just about everything we had on hand last year so we are starting fresh!

Remember to mark your calendar now.

Thanks a bunch.

Joan and Dave

Big Pine Watershed Tour

Submitted by: Joan Fry

Illiana Antique Power Assn. will be the lunch stop on the Big Pine Watershed Tour. The NRCS in cooperation with several groups is inviting folks to travel along the Big Pine to visit some sites of interest. The tour will visit a site south of Oxford, Mudlavia, Lovers Leap, Rocky Ford, The Forks (Where the Mud Pine meets Big Pine), a NICHES property, our grounds, and others as time allows. See the flyer for more information.

The tour will be at our grounds at approximately 11:30. After a short presentation the group will have time to tour our grounds. Lunch will then be served at 12:00. Joan will be organizing the lunch. Several folks will be on hand to open some of the village buildings, the quilters will have a clothesline quilt show to beautify our grounds, and Tom will represent our club in the cabin.

If you would like to help out that day or if you have ideas be sure to give Joan a call (765 363 5406).

Pine Creek & Western R/R News

Submitted by: Charlie Lupinek

The 2019 Illiana Power Show was pretty hot. In spite of the high temperatures the Pine Creek & Western Railroad transported our visitors to the show flawlessly. Visitors and P C & W railroaders brought nine locomotives to the show. Darwin Enders Jr. from South Bend, Indiana; Jeff Large from Lockport, Illinois; Larry, Ryan, & Jason Fox from Mahomet, Illinois; and Mike Puetz, Steve Dye, Don & Terry Bodine, Charlie Lupinek, Tim Sering, and Nathan Bryant brought a variety of locomotives and rail cars. Prior to the show, over 3800 main line ties were replaced and the road crossing was reconstructed using eleven yards of concrete. Number 9 washed stone proved as good as ballast and the tracks were leveled and held well with all the running during the show. The addition of a new signal system at the new road crossing worked well controlling the movement of the trains coming and going to the Dunn station. Work continues on the railroad - rebuilding of the train yard, leveling, replacing track ties, and replacing switch ties. Preparations continue as the Pine Creek and Western Railroaders look forward to providing the educational experience of railroading to our visiting students during History Day.



History Day

Friday, September 20

Get little notebooks from businesses if you can!

Big Pine Creek Historical Tour

Coming up on Friday, August 16

Rocky Forge Blacksmith

No meeting in August

Next meeting will be September 14