

# Illiana News

June - July 2019

## A Letter from Our President

Hello to all,

I'm really looking forward to our show.

There will NOT be a monthly meeting in July.

Work Day is Sat., July 13. We have a lot to do...tree trimming, hang large bell, attach all signs to new sign post, weed eat, rake and clean up sticks, paint, etc. I

will be at the grounds all week before the show on Friday. Come any day you can and I will have a job for you.

Thanks to John Dillman for removing all dirt from railroad crossing project. Thank you to AJ Hetrick who poured concrete for the railroad tracks, along with his helpers Charlie Lupinek, Steve Dye, and Mike Pence.

See you on the 13th.



## No Meeting in July

**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.**

# Illiana Quilters News

Submitted by: Kathy Kyle

Illiana Quilters are all ready for the Power Show, coming up real quick! Everyone has been super busy making things to sell at the show and as you have seen the raffle quilt is all finished and ready for it's new owner. We will be selling tickets this year at the quilter's cabin and also in the Assembly Hall on the grounds. Tickets are priced at \$1 each or 6 for \$5. So come on out and buy lots of tickets, the proceeds from the raffle quilt will be donated to the IAPA.



The quilter's cabin has been given a face lift on the inside with a new ceiling and a coat of paint to the walls. So be sure and come out and take a look!

Looking ahead, the Illiana quilters will be having their 3rd annual Fall Bazaar Oct. 26th at the Pine Village Fire Station. More details to follow in the months ahead.

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer weather and we look forward to seeing all of you at the Power Show!

*Kathy Kyle*



## **Illiana Quilters Important Dates**

Sat., Oct. 26 - 3rd Annual Fall Bazaar,  
@ Pine Village Fire Station.

# Pine Creek & Western R/R News

Submitted by: Charlie Lupinek

The Pine Creek & Western Railroad has undergone a massive transformation over the past months and weeks. The road crossing has been completely redone and represents nine yards of concrete that was poured by the contractor when there was a break in the rain. All of the wooden ties on the main and passing tracks have been replaced with the Enterprise molded plastic ties. Railroaders have worked many days and long hours to renovate the railroad. Tim, Nathan, Mike, Terry, Donnie, Steve, Jamie, Charlie, have spent hours and hours on their hands and knees removing and replacing ties.

At this time somewhere around 6 or 7 tons of washed number 9 ballast stone has been spread along the tracks. The ballast stone holds the ties secure and level for trains to operate safely. Terry and Donnie, Mike and Tom, have brought their tractors, loaders, and carts to the grounds to help with the work. Tom worked diligently pursuing the crossing construction and assisted with repositioning the decorative fence that protects the down track coming from the turntable and steaming bays.

There are some new locomotives coming to the Pine Creek & Western Railroad this year and our show visitors, as well as our History Day participants, will experience seeing some extraordinary examples of railroading history. The Pine Creek & Western Railroad is a "VERY HIGH" maintenance operation. Since the railroad's beginning, it has had the continuous dedication of many railroader's time and money. The railroaders of the Pine Creek & Western Railroad are privileged to be able to promote the goals and objectives of the Illiana Antique Power Association during the annual Power Show and History Days.

Mik Ado, Superintendent, P C & W RR

**Note:** A trench was dug alongside the new railroad crossing to facilitate railroad signals. Pipe was laid and the trench was filled in and is in the process of settling. Filling will continue for the next week. Crossing is possible with caution, but would be best to avoid the crossing at this time. The gate has been temporarily closed as a cautionary practice.



## Big Pine Creek Historical Tour

Mark your calendar!

Coming up on Friday, August 16

# Rocky Forge Blacksmith News

Submitted by: Ted Stout

Here it is June already, and still many farmers and gardeners do not have their crops planted! This spring has been difficult for many including the Rocky Forge group trying to have meetings where we can work outside. This month we had planned on doing work on our building at the Illiana Show grounds, but it looks like mother nature has other plans for us. We will meet at Ted's shop this coming Saturday at 8:30AM with coffee doughnuts, then a short meeting before the forges are fired.

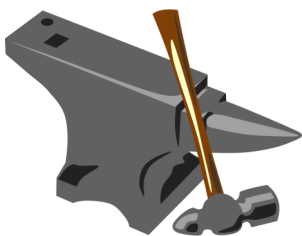
Several members attended the Indiana Blacksmith Conference at Tipton over the weekend. The conference was well attended and it seems everyone had an enjoyable time. Sorry so many of you missed this conference because we had one of the country's best demonstrators: Mark Aspery, author of three books and a fourth on the way. The tailgating was pretty good and the gallery showcased the talent of our Indiana blacksmithing community. On Saturday night the auction of work by the demonstrators and club members presented some real opportunity to buy very well-done metal working tools and artistic pieces. The Iron-In-The-Hat drawing was totally different from past years giving you the chance at some nice blacksmithing tools, etc. Between the auction and Iron-In-The-Hat the IBA was able to add several thousand dollars to their treasury. Sorry so many of you missed this opportunity, but there will be another conference next year and maybe even better.

Recent attendance at our meetings has been over 50 members which puts a strain on the number of forging stations available and personal attention to help you develop skills. I have added several more coal forges and at least one more gas forge to help relieve that shortage. For Saturday please bring items for Iron-In-The-Hat and your tool bucket. The club will provide chicken and ham salad sandwiches so you can bring covered dishes that will complement the sandwiches. Remember the meals we have are always very good, but only if you contribute will they be that way.

*Ted and Carol*

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## Reminder:



July 13: Rocky Forge Meeting, Illiana Show-  
grounds, Rainsville, IN

