



Illinois Historical Boiler Association

Newsletter

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General Meeting
Saturday, March 21, 2015
1:00 PM

At the

Holiday Inn & Suites
1715 Parkway Plaza Drive
Bloomington, IL

(see attached map)

On the Agenda:

- State Non-ASME Inspections
- Presentation of Restoration of NISPC Illinois Engine
- Election of Directors

About this meeting...

This general meeting of the IHBA will cover some old business topics we have been working on for recently. The State of Illinois has adopted a policy regarding the classification of non-ASME boilers new to the state (i.e., recently purchased out of state) as State Specials, with a rigorous and expensive process for certifying such boilers before they can be inspected, including engineering reports, court recorder, etc. The IHBA was well represented at the December meeting of the Boiler Rules Board to discuss this policy, and the Board is expected to make their determination at their regular meeting on March 11. We will attend, and will have a report to the IHBA on this issue at our General Meeting, and discuss our reaction as needed at that time.

Also at this meeting, we will have a presentation by Dan Kocher and Dave Stevens of the recent restoration work on the Illinois traction engine owned by the Northern Illinois Steam Power Club. This engine, originally manufactured in Sycamore, Illinois, was purchased by the Club several years ago, and underwent significant mechanical restoration last year. In addition to the normal work of pouring bearings, boring the tunnel and timing, this engine presented numerous unusual problems that had to be dealt with. The crosshead was cracked, repaired and cracked again, and a pattern was made to cast a new one using modern computer technology. A new piston was also cast, as the tunnel and cylinder were bored and uneven wear corrected. This engine has an unusual valve mechanism that we haven't completely conquered yet, and also an unusual throttle valve that was just recently worked on to try to improve its efficiency. And despite all the work done so far, there is still more work to be done.

Election of Directors

Following the directional discussion will be the Election of Directors for 2015. There are three current Directors up for re-election. Below is a sample ballot. The three candidates receiving the highest vote totals will fill the 3-year terms.

Sample Ballot Vote for Three (3)	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Thomas Runty (I)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aaron Whitworth (I)
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	(I) indicates Incumbent

Directions to the Meeting on March 21, 2015:

From I-55 take Veterans Parkway around the east side of Bloomington. At Parkway Plaza Drive (between Fort Jesse Road and College Avenue, north of IL Route 9) go east about 2 blocks to the Holiday Inn Express & Suites on your right.

If you are interested, there are many places to eat lunch on Veteran’s Parkway. Dues for 2015 can be paid at the meeting.

