

Friends of the Stockdale Mill

Summer 2011



Around the Mill

by Jim Watson, Board President

This year has been full of unexpected things. We have added new members to the board of directors and a change of president and treasurer. Dwight and Susanne Fouts decided to pass on their responsibilities to others. They will remain on the board as lifetime members. The new board president is Jim Watson and the new treasurer is Pam Musselman.

Work continues inside the Mill. The work of replacing new window casements and windows has begun. There are many windows in the Mill. This will be a long project. Visitors will find more spouting in place and new driveway stone.

Plans are underway for the Covered Bridge Festival. Look for us in the parade. Jim Schuler will be driving his horses and wagon with some of the volunteers riding in the wagon. The Duck Race will take place Sunday September 11 at 2PM. Contact volunteers or board members for tickets (five dollar donation per ticket). This is a great way to support the continuing restoration and maintenance of the Mill.

Visitors at the Mill have been slow this Summer due to reconstruction of the bridge on St. Rd. 16 and hot weather.

A heartfelt thank you to all who volunteer and support the Stockdale Mill. With your support and help the Mill will continue to be a part of the living history of Roann and Wabash/ Miami County. We always need new volunteers. Mondays are work days at the Mill. Saturday afternoons are tour days. Please contact me (765 833 2010) or Peggy Morris (765 833 2642) if you can help.

SPECIAL HOURS

Roann Covered Bridge Festival

tour hours:

Saturday Sept 10 10-6

Sunday Sept 11 12-4

Top 10 Reasons to be a Stockdale Mill Tour Guide

by Mike and Linda Campbell

- #10** The Foundation Board doubles your salary every year. (2 X \$0 = \$0)
- #9** You have a monthly opportunity to speak with and hassle Peggy Morris, Chief Scheduler.
- #8** You will improve your physical fitness by raking the grate, climbing the 3 flights of steps, or pulling your weight on the elevator.
- #7** You will be amazed by the restorations and repairs completed by the Monday work crew.
- #6** You will improve your photographic skills by taking group photos on the ramp or candid photos of visitors on the miller's indoor plumbing.
- #5** You will have the opportunity to meet people from around the world (Our personal long distance visitors came from Germany and Australia.)
- #4** You will be amazed by the Visitor Center hosts and their knowledge of the area.
- #3** You will thrill kids and visitors by allowing them to engage the turbines.
- #2** You will work and learn from a dedicated and knowledgeable group of volunteers.
- #1** You will share this unique and historical mill with an amazing number of visitors.

Water Over the Dam

Sue Dyson

The Bridge Is Out! You can't go over it; you can't go under it; you can't go through it; you have to go around it!

The Stockdale Mill is open for tours each Saturday from 12-4pm., May-Oct., but, with the bridge closed (and the heat wave), tourist attendance has been very low. This is just a little reminder that our tour guides would love to show you around the mill, but to get there you'll have to detour the bridge and "go around it."

State Road 16 runs past the mill and traffic from the west is open. To detour from the east turn north off SR16 in Roann onto 700w and then west on River Road (beware of the tricky curve). You'll end up at the county line road where a left turn will get you where you need to be. There are signs to follow if needed.

There's plenty of summertime left to take a trip back in time as you visit the historic Stockdale Mill. Watch for special tour hours during the Roann Covered Bridge Festival in September. Hope to see you there!



Bob Birk photo



Sponsor me!
Great Eel River Duck Race
September 11 - 2:00

Stockdale Mill Foundation Board of Directors 2011

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Pam (Treasurer) & Fred Musselman
David & Valerie Doud
Ron & Jennifer McColley
Peggy Morris
Sue Dyson
Joe & Anita Krom
Dwight & Susanne Fouts



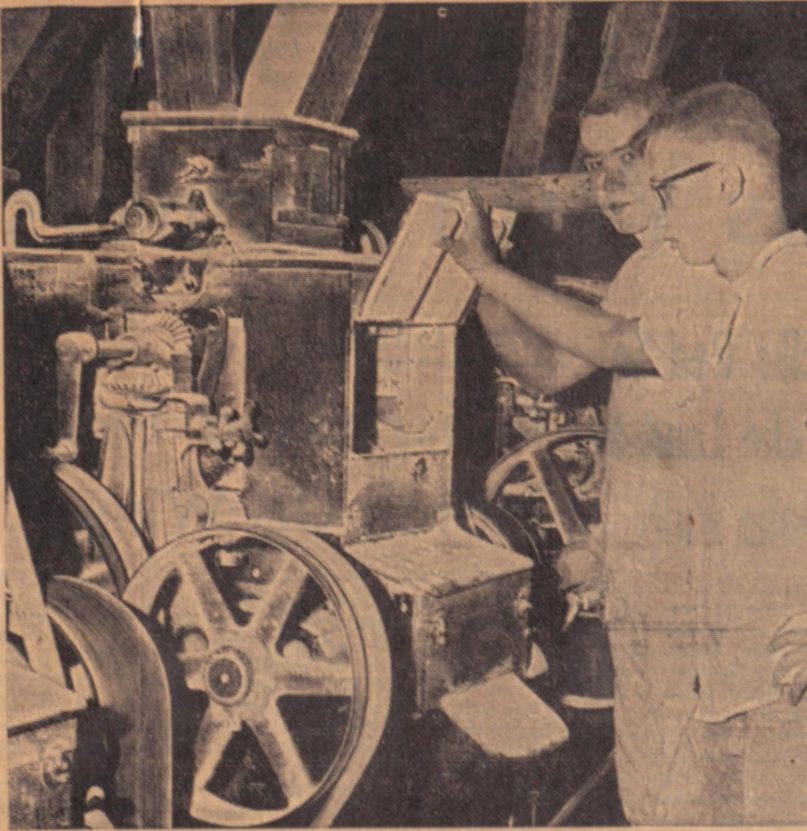
Members of the Eel River 4-H Club worked on landscaping during the clean-up / fix-up day. The mill relies exclusively on volunteers: maintenance, restoration, tours, organization, and publicity.

Founders Day Picnic

Calling all volunteers. If you have ever donated your time, materials, equipment, etc., you and your guests are invited to join in our Founders Day picnic at the mill on Sunday, October 16, at 1:00.

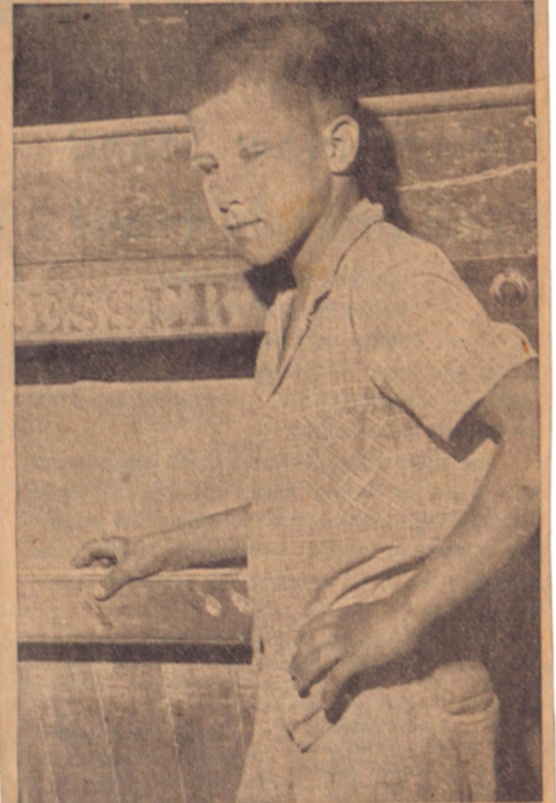
Beverage will be provided – bring a covered dish if you can ... or just come!

Farm Page

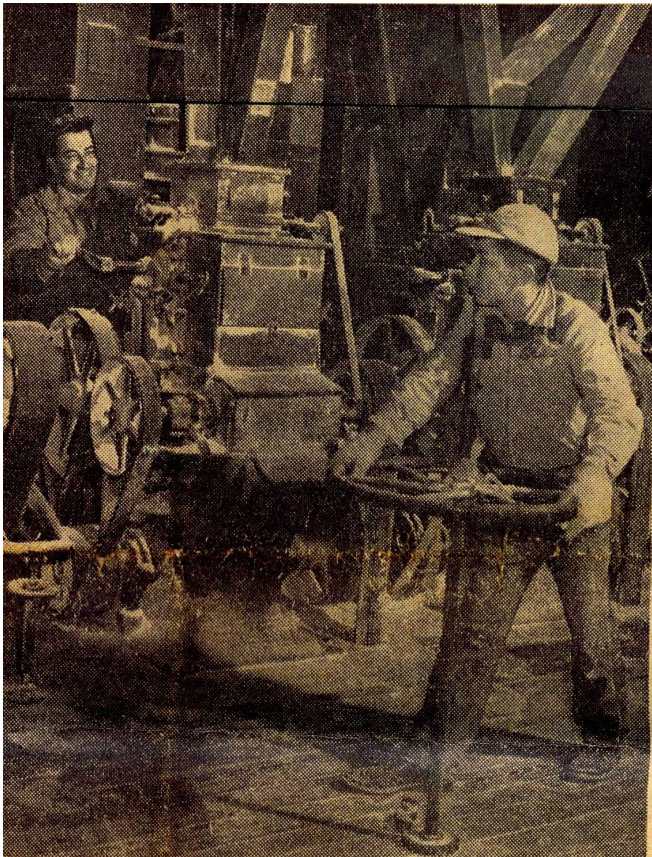


FLOUR ROLLERS—Richard Krom, rear, and brother Joe check some of the flour run through the water powered Roann Roller Mill. The mill is located at what, at one time, was Stockton on Highway 16 west of Roann. Addison Krom, mill operator, said he operates purely on the old

"toll" system whereby the miller takes a portion of grain milled as part of his fee. This system has been in operation since the mill was started, according to Krom. The mill distributes flour directly to several stores in Peru.



WITH A LOOK of disdain (for the photographer?) John Krom stands before the final flour screen at the Akron Roller Mill. The screen was made in Switzerland especially for sifting and contains 180 holes to the inch. The screens are on the third floor propeller wheels which provide the power for the mill are located about 6 feet deep in water. Nearly all of the equipment in the mill are the original.



Newspaper articles show Dick, Joe, and John Krom in 1960, and Addison and Tom Krom in 1953

Mill Archives

Roann Librarian Joy Harber will be archiving printed materials for the Stockdale Mill Foundation. Over the years much has been printed about our old mill. If you have old photographs, newspaper and magazine articles, or other printed material, please take them to the library either to donate or to photocopy.

Library hours are: Mon-Tue-Wed. 1:00pm to 6:00pm
 * Thur-Fri 9:00am to 12:00 and 1:00 to 6:00pm
 * Sat 9:00 am to 12:00.

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Regular tour hours are
Saturdays
Noon to 4PM
May through October

**Special tours may be arranged for
your family group or organization.**

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