

# FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION



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## Indiana CHAPTER

### 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Indiana Chapter unfortunately lost membership in 2012 and are down to five paid members. I will continue to try to recruit more members.

**RESTORATION:** None that I am aware of.

**ACTIVITIES:** None as a chapter; just individual efforts.

#### **PLAN OF WORK FOR 2013;**

- Recruit more members and a new Chapter Chair who has more time to devote to the cause!
- Hope to interview 3 Forest Service towermen who served in the 1950s-1960s on the Hoosier and get an oral history of the three men.
- Bev Stout with IDNR has a lead on some historical information on the Cataract Tower in Owen County and she and I are to meet with a man to learn what he knows on this tower.
- The Outdoor Indiana Magazine has said it is working on a feature on lookout towers this year so we are hoping that comes out and generates some enthusiasm.
- I received information on two possible tower locations, with cornerstones and what remains of foundations but have not investigated or confirmed these sites. One is the Valeene Tower, which we know existed, and the other is a tower on a hill above what is now Springs Valley Lake where I have no documentation of a tower at that location but the man said he has an old map that shows a lookout may have stood there.
- Still would like to generate an inventory of needed work on towers and update the information on towers that we currently have.

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