



The Smoke Ring News

THE PIONEER ENGINEERS CLUB OF INDIANA, INC. NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from the Pioneer Engineers Club!

We hope that all of you have been able to enjoy the show season and were able to get out and visit at least one or two shows this year! Of course, here in Indiana, we are pretty partial to our reunion and we were so happy to welcome each and every visitor to Caldwell Pioneer Acres in August.

Speaking of the reunion, it was a great success this year! In all the collective memory of our directors (and that's a lot!), we couldn't remember ever having such wonderful cool weather for the weekend. The cool weather, coupled with the fantastic displays that showed up this year, made for a spectacular weekend that attracted record crowds. We proudly featured under-mount steam engines, giant prairie tractors, and Ford tractors. It was extra special to have at the reunion our late President, Brian Vaughn's, under-mount Avery steam engine. What a wonderful way to remember our much missed friend. We were privileged to have some exceptionally fine machines in the prairie tractor category and it was quite a treat to see these monsters roaming the grounds! As always, it was a wonderful time to reunite with friends, some of whom we only get to see once year. Some of the fun activities that have grown into yearly traditions, such as the bean soup dinner, the french fry at the saw mill, and the concert, have become events that are anticipated by many! Thank you to each one who helped prepare, to all who brought their old toys, and to everyone who came to visit. We couldn't put on a reunion without each and every one of you!

Since the reunion, we have kept busy around the club grounds. One exciting project that has gotten under way is the woodshop building. The club has acquired a very unique barn frame that will serve the purpose of a woodshop splendidly. The foundation has been poured and the frame is currently dismantled and at the club grounds, ready to be re-assembled. There has already been a tremendous amount of work invested in the project, and we now plan to wait for spring to come before the building phase begins.

Coming up soon will be our fall work day, pitch in dinner, membership meeting and election. Mark your calendars for November 4th and be sure to be here for a fun evening of home cooked food, catching up on club news, and a chance to cast your vote on new officers and directors. As always, we welcome any and all volunteers to come for the work day. There is always a great deal to be done and anybody with a chain saw, wood splitter, mower, or just two willing hands is always appreciated. Some of the activities planned for the day include a final mowing of the grounds, cutting and splitting fire wood, winterizing various buildings, and moving, building, and repairing some fence. We will be having a pitch in dinner at 6:00. Meat and drinks will be provided by the Club. Please bring a well filled basket to share and your own table service. Directly following will be the meeting and yearly election. All officers are up for election and our directors whose terms are up for are Paul Sailor, Mark Herbert, & Jim Westerman.

As a reminder to all who have an electric campsite, the deadline to prepay for the next five years will be at the membership meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there!

As this year comes to a close, we wish everyone the best and send our thanks to all that make the Pioneer Engineers Club possible!

Important Dates to Remember

November 4, 2017 – Election Meeting
July 28 & 29, 2018 – Clean up weekend
August 2-5, 2018 – Annual Reunion

Return Service Requested

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