



The Smoke Ring News

THE PIONEER ENGINEERS CLUB OF INDIANA, INC. NEWSLETTER

June, 2018



Greetings from the Pioneer Engineers Club!

We hope that as the show season is cranking up, all of our friends out there are pulling out the toys, dusting them off, and getting them ready for the shows. Already there have been several gatherings to kick off the show season and we have heard reports of tractors that are absolute works of art, gallons of homemade ice cream that was to die for, and good times with old friends. We look forward to much more to come!

As we begin to prepare and anticipate our reunion coming up in August, there are a few updates that we would like to mention to all our members and friends. First of all, this year you will notice that between the blacksmith shop and the new office building there is the foundation of a new structure. As we have announced in the past, the club has been planning and preparing to construct a wood shop. The handsome slab lying here is the beginning of this project. We have a very unique building that has been dismantled and moved, ready to be erected when possible. We are excited to see the project taking shape! So when you visit the club grounds this year, take a moment to appreciate the hard work and vision of our club members who have been the backbone of this project.

We had a successful membership meeting and work day in March. We appreciate every one of you that showed up for the meeting and those of you who came and pitched in with the work needing to be done on the grounds. There was a great deal of firewood cut, split, and stacked as well as a lot of clean up and maintenance around the grounds.

Looking forward to the next few months, our next membership meeting is coming up on June 3rd. This will be the final membership meeting before our reunion. As always, we will be working on various projects, so any willing hands available to help would be much appreciated. Some of the things that are scheduled for the 3rd will be wood splitting, mowing, weed eating, as well as general maintenance and work on our ongoing projects. Please bring wood splitters! We have lots of wood to split and stack before the reunion, of course we will need a few chainsaws as well. Anyone who can bring a mower or weed eater to help with the care of the grounds, it would be greatly appreciated! As always, if you are not available to come for the work day, we would still love to see you at the membership meeting and pitch-in. We will eat at noon. Please bring a well filled basket to share. Meet and drinks will be provided by the Club.

As you all know, the grass grows relentlessly this time of year. We try to keep the grass mowed and looking nice for our rentals. Since our building is usually busy on the weekends, anyone who would be able to help mow during the week, would be greatly appreciated. We will also be working on various projects between now and the reunion. Please contact any Director or our President, Mark Dieckmann at 812/852-2660, if you would like to help.

As a reminder, we will be having our annual Clean up Weekend July 28th and 29th. This is an important time we set aside to get the grounds ready, do a final mowing, and set up as much as possible in preparation for the reunion. Mark your calendars!

And finally, be sure to highlight August 2nd through the 5th as our reunion dates this year! We are excited to be featuring Reeves steam engines and expect a good showing. Word has it that we will have a complete Reeves threshing outfit represented, so don't miss it! Also featured will be Oliver tractors with the Oliver Gang (the Hart-Parr Oliver Collectors Association) holding their summer show here. To view a flier for the reunion, go to <http://pioneerengineers.com/Flyer/Flyer.html>. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our annual reunion requires lots of dedicated volunteer hours. If you would like to help with any part of our reunion, please contact a Director. Our secretary is always in need of assistance in the office. Please contact Elisabeth at 812-584-3077 and she will get you on the schedule. Other areas are the souvenir stand, the sawmill, threshing crew, trash collection, etc.

In closing, we wish to thank each member that works, donates time, effort, or funds, and those who come every year to support our mission in bringing agricultural history to life and preserving it for the future! We wish you a prosperous summer and look forward to reuniting.

Important Dates to Remember

June 3, 2018 – Membership meeting and work day
July 28 & 29, 2018 – Clean up weekend
August 2-5, 2018 – Annual Reunion
November 3, 2018 – Election meeting and work day

Return Service Requested

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