



The Smoke Ring News

THE PIONEER ENGINEERS CLUB OF INDIANA, INC. NEWSLETTER
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Greetings from the Pioneer Engineers Club!

We hope this letter finds all well. With the change of seasons, we welcome warm evenings by the stove with a good book or, better still, an owners manual! The show season, as always, seemed short, but it was another good year of memories. Now we approach the time to close the door on the tractor sheds and start planning the coming year.

We are happy to report that our reunion in August was a complete success! The display of featured, as well as non-featured equipment was phenomenal. As always, each year is a learning experience for us as we strive to put on a better show. We appreciate the input and especially the many hours of volunteer work that countless of our members provide to enable us to keep going year after year! Our appreciation also goes to each of the directors and officers for all they do to ensure a safe and enjoyable reunion.

As you may have noticed while at the reunion, there has been a lot of activity at the grounds this year. The wood shop progressed even further than expected with the frame in place and it now even has the roof on. There have been preparations for the vertical boring mill that was donated to be placed in front of Heritage Tool Works, with the foundation for it already poured. Mention surely should be made of the beautiful trim work that was done in the souvenir shop as well. The wood for that was donated in the form of standing trees, cut by club members, and sawn on our saw mill, then milled and finished by one of our talented directors. Many hours were invested in this and it certainly turned out beautifully! Helpful this year also was the new road laid from the end of the covered bridge past the office to the main drive. All these improvements make a big difference and we are excited about some possible new projects on the horizon, as well!

As you know, our reunion continues to grow each year and space is at a premium! While this is a good problem to have, it definitely presents some difficulties. We are considering a number of possibilities, but some difficult decisions will need to be made in the near future regarding the use of space, large tents taking up exhibit areas, and roping off areas. We are actively working to create new and usable spaces for exhibits. As always, your input is appreciated. These topic as well as others may be discussed at the membership meeting.

Our fall membership meeting and workday will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars for November 3rd! All willing hands are welcome and we have a real need for wood splitters this year. There is a large amount of wood to be split and we would like to remind especially all of our steam engine exhibitors that if you plan to have your engine at the show, we need your help to ensure we all have fuel to keep the engines running! In recent years we have been running short on fuel for the engines before the last day of the reunion and likewise there has been a marked decrease in the amount of help we have had to cut the necessary wood. As a reminder to those who love to make smoke, please come and do your part to prepare for the coming year. We will also work on getting the grounds ready for winter.

The membership meeting will be on November 3rd, with our pitch in dinner beginning at 6:00 pm and the meeting immediately following--please bring a dish to share and a healthy appetite! The Club will provide meat and drinks. We will be conducting our yearly membership meeting/election. Those up for re-election this year are all officers, and directors Dale Sorber, Don Atzinger, Phil Liggett and BJ Bischoff.

In closing, our thanks goes to each member who helped to pull together another great reunion. It takes all of us to bring it together and that, in turn, is what makes it not just a show, but a reunion year after year!

Dates to remember

November 3rd - Work day & Membership Meeting/Election

July 27 & 28, 2019 – Clean up weekend

August 1-4, 2019 – 71st Annual reunion

Return Service Requested

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