



The Smoke Ring News

THE PIONEER ENGINEERS CLUB OF INDIANA, INC. NEWSLETTER

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Greetings to all our members and friends of the Pioneer Engineers Club!

It is finally spring, and we are at full steam ahead in planning for our 75th reunion in August 2023. Hopefully this year, the Pioneer Engineers Club Reunion will be the best in all our memories. This year we are featuring International Harvester tractors and gas engines and Peerless steam engines. We will be celebrating 100 years of the Farmall regular tractor.

Our next event will be **a workday and membership meeting on Sunday June 11th**. We have plenty to keep us busy that day. Things that need to be done include splitting wood, mowing the rapidly growing grass, picking up fallen sticks and limbs, working on the buildings and trimming around buildings and fences. As always, we need wood cut if we want to see the steam engines moving during the show. Please bring chainsaws and wood splitters to help with this task. We will enjoy a pitch in meal at noon. The Club will provide meat and drinks, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you cannot participate in the work day, you are still welcome to join us for the meal and fellowship. We look forward to seeing all who can make it out.

As many of you realize, it takes many volunteers to make the show a success. We need help during the show in the office, at the gates, in the machine shop and in several other roles. If you are willing to help, please contact us!

As we move into the mowing season, our show grounds need constant upkeep throughout the summer. We appreciate all who dedicate their time to help us keep the place mowed. We often have weddings and gatherings at the clubhouse on the weekends and prefer not to disturb those events. If anyone has time to mow, during the week is often a good time to do so. As always, our sincere appreciation goes out to all who help in this way!

It is time to renew campground rentals. Rates are \$50/year for primitive sites and \$500/5 years for sites with electricity. Please contact B.J. Bischoff via email at miniadvance38@yahoo.com or phone 513-266-2128 about renewing your camping site rental. If you are renting more sites than you are using, PLEASE relinquish the unused sites. Demand is high for camping sites.

As we approach the reunion this year, we know that all of you are excited to pick which toys you will bring. We would like to remind all of our Pioneer Engineers family that during the reunion, traffic on the grounds is a major issue and cause for safety concerns. If possible, please stay off wheels (it allows a chance to slow down and talk with friends). However, we understand that there are some of us that find it difficult to navigate the weekend on just our boots. We would like to remind all to please abide by the driving rules and to keep safety as our number one priority. We want to keep our reunion safe and accident free!

In closing, here are a few dates to put on your calendar!

July 29th - 30th - Clean up Weekend

August 3rd - 6th - Pioneer Engineers Club 75th Reunion

November 4th - Work Day and Election Meeting

We hope to see you soon!