



# The Smoke Ring News

THE PIONEER ENGINEERS CLUB OF INDIANA, INC. NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from the Pioneer Engineers Club!

As we roll into the summer months, we at the Pioneer Engineers Club look forward to dusting off all that old equipment, firing up the engines and tractors, and especially to the show days coming up! We hope that the year has been prosperous for all of you and we are pleased to announce that 2017 is proving to be an excellent year for the Club.

We have several projects that have been underway for some time and are progressing. First, the new gas engine building now has power and lights, which I'm sure will be enjoyed by our gas engine folks! Thank you to all our members who have donated time and effort to see this project through. Secondly, the new permanent sign at the road is nearly complete with stone laid up around the base. It is a great addition to the grounds and looks marvelous! Progress on the office building is still being made, even though it has been completely functional for the last year. Finishing is being done on the inside to make it more serviceable as an office, and there are plans to paint the outside.

Over the winter some of our directors removed the shaft from the saw mill and did some work on it to keep the saw mill running smoothly. The shaft and pulley are finished and should improve the performance of the saw mill. Thanks goes to those who took part in this project.

The Club has plans to build a shelter for the dynamometer, hopefully before this year's reunion. It will be moved to a new location, far enough away from the fan and power eater, that those with steam engines will be better able to hear their engines pull when tractors are running on the dynamometer. We think this will be an improvement in the arrangement of equipment.

A new and exciting development here is a windmill that has been recently donated to the club. Our windmill expert, Tracy Porter, reports that it needs some work to the gears before it can be erected in working condition, however, we are tremendously excited to be able to display this piece of farming Americana! Great thanks goes to the donor for his generosity to the Pioneer Engineers Club! This will be a wonderful addition to the grounds and is in keeping with what the club wishes to portray to the community--a piece of working agricultural history.

As has been mentioned in the past, the club will be turning over a new renting period on the campground lots. This year it is very important for those who currently hold a lot and wish to continue, to make sure that they get with our camping director, BJ Bishcoff, to update information and discuss payment. The Club's directors are doing everything they can to ensure that this transition goes as smoothly as possible--we appreciate your cooperation and encourage all lot renters to be proactive in renewing their camping spots!

Finally, we want to remind everybody of our upcoming events! The Summer Membership Meeting and work day is set for June 25th. As always, we are looking for willing hands to help with the labor, but if you are not able to make it for the work day, please come for the pitch in at noon, with a brief meeting to follow. Meat and drinks will be provided by the club. Please bring a well filled basket to share. Please bring chainsaws, wood splitters, mowers, and weed eaters.

We can always use help mowing the grass. Please remember, if you can mow during the week, it is most helpful, since the facility is rented out most weekends. We can and do mow on the weekend; however we have to be considerate to those renting the facility and not mow during their activities.

This year we are excited to feature under-mounted steam engines and prairie tractors along with Ford tractors at our reunion. It's just around the corner, folks, and we can't wait to see you there!

Until then, have fun rounding up all those old toys and stay safe!

#### Important Dates to Remember

June 25 – Membership meeting  
July 29-30 – Clean up Weekend  
August 3-6 – Annual Reunion  
November 4 – Election Meeting

Return Service Requested

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