



# The Smoke Ring News

THE PIONEER ENGINEERS CLUB OF INDIANA, INC. NEWSLETTER  
June 2019

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Greetings from the Pioneer Engineers Club!

It is with anticipation that we write to you as we enter into summer. All of us are busy with crops going in, school letting out, etc...and our beloved projects! Here at the club we are just as busy, with many irons in the fire, as well as the ever present upkeep that the grounds require. Let's take a moment catch up!

We are excited to report that the extension on the Heritage Tool Works building is mostly completed. The vertical boring mill is in its permanent home where it will amaze you! Be sure to take time this year to admire the craftsmanship that went into creating its new home as well as the functionality of this piece of machinery. For those interested, there is a link provided on our face book page that details the story of the vertical boring mill along with pictures documenting the process of bringing it to its final home.

By way of activities around the grounds, we would like to mention that we were able to complete some necessary projects. We wish to extend a huge thank you to Josh Miller for bringing his equipment out and boring some power and water lines underground for us! These were some needed improvements and being able to accomplish this without having the grounds all dug up was a major plus! As a reminder, with the summer season upon us, mowing is something that always needs to be done. If you wish to help out with this upkeep, please feel free to talk to any of our board members and we will be happy to fill you in on specific needs.

There are a few items that we want to address once more before our reunion is upon us. We would like to remind everybody that due to past complications, our policy this year regarding roping off show spaces will be changed. We will still allow you to rope off spots to reserve, providing it is done *after* the final mowing. However we will require that the ropes/tape be taken down by the start of the reunion on Thursday morning. These lines have been a tripping hazard as well as an issue when space is continually at such a premium. We will also be enforcing some boundaries for tractor parking in the steam field, as our many steam engines must have space to move around. Unfortunately, these are issues that come along with growing pains, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation!

Just around the corner is our June workday and membership meeting. Mark down Sunday, June 23rd to come out to do some work and catch up with our club family! We will be having a noon pitch in dinner. The club will provide the meat, so bring along a side or desert and a healthy appetite! By way of specific needs for this work day, we would like to mention that there is an enormous pile of logs that need to be cut, split, and stacked. We could really use some people that are good with their chain saws and especially wood splitters! Historically, we run out of fuel every year before the show is over. We really need all steam engineers to show up and help provide the fuel to run all of our engines for the entirety of the show. As always, out of necessity, our haul list reflects those who pitch in to ensure we have fuel. A big shout out goes to a great many of our tractor guys/gas engine guys who have put in a ton of work

towards the wood stash. They have really shown up and helped out the steam guys and we appreciate their work so much!

Finally, highlight your calendars because our reunion is just around the corner! August 1, 2, 3, & 4th are our dates this year. We will be featuring Case steam engines, tractors, and oil field engines. It promises to be a great show and we already know of some amazing pieces of equipment coming that you will not want to miss! We look forward to seeing you there!

Enjoy the summer, stay safe, and keep on steaming!

Dates to remember

June 23 – Work day and Membership meeting

July 27 & 28, 2019 – Clean up weekend

August 1-4, 2019 – 71<sup>st</sup> Annual reunion

November 2nd - Work day & Membership Meeting/Election

Return Service Requested

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