



# 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 as we look forward to the coming of spring. It's just around the corner and with it we will have more going on around Caldwell Pioneer Acres.

As an update of the exciting things that are going on around the club grounds, we are pleased to mention that progress is being made in the planning stages of the new school house. We are working on what type of building that will best fit the purposes and design plans for it. We believe this project has great possibility and are very excited to get moving on it. The club has a teacher that has offered to be a part of "staffing" the school during the show. It will be a great opportunity for your youngsters to see what the school experience of their grandparents and great grandparents was!

Other on-going projects around the grounds include work on finishing the office building/souvenir shop. Plans are being made for permanent windows in the office which will help in making the registering process smoother. On-going work is being done on the new wood shop building to accommodate new equipment that has been donated to the club. Make sure to stop by and check it out this summer. There is some cool working machinery displayed from this skilled craftsman's trade of yesteryear!

By way of improvements around the grounds, we are planning to add some gravel drives throughout the tractor field this spring. They should be in for the show this year helping to keep the dust down-yeah! Another improvement will be a new north gate set up similarly to the south gate by the camp ground. The great advantage to this will be that our wonderful gate crew will not have to be running in and out of traffic. This is a major improvement that is important for the safety of all!

We are still looking for ideas for a new t-shirt design for our souvenir stand. If you would like to submit your idea, please email it to [markndawn@etczone.com](mailto:markndawn@etczone.com).

With March upon us, it is time to be planning for our spring social and work day. The date is March 28th and we will be starting projects around 9:00 in the morning. Plan to spend the day with us catching up with friends and tackling the work around the club grounds that helps us maintain this beautiful place we all enjoy. As always, there will be a pitch in dinner at noon for all. The club will provide pulled pork from Jeff Amos and lemonade. Bring a dish or dessert to share! We plan to do some spring clean up around the grounds as well as work on the wood supply. Wood splitters and chain saws are needed! We especially need to see our steam engine guys show up to support the huge amount of work the wood pile takes! We have been blessed to have many hard working tractor and gas engine guys pitch in with the wood splitting, but it is the steam engines that use the wood and more help from the engineers is needed. A great wood pile makes for a great show, and we want to thank everyone who helps in any way they can to ensure a great show! We look forward to seeing everybody that can make it.

In closing, we would like to remind everybody of important dates to remember and put on your calendars.

March 28th-Spring social/Work day

June 14<sup>th</sup> – Membership meeting/Work Day

August 1st-2nd-Clean up Weekend

August 6th - 9th-Pioneer Engineers Club Reunion

November 7<sup>th</sup> – Election meeting/Work Day

Looking forward to seeing all our friends in the historical agriculture community! Till then, keep the smoke rolling!

Return Service Requested

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