



The Smoke Ring News

THE PIONEER ENGINEERS CLUB OF INDIANA, INC. NEWSLETTER

May 2021

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

Its spring and we are so excited to start a new season with hopes of seeing much more of our friends and family this year. As we march into this year, we are throttled at full steam ahead with planning for our 2021 reunion with excitement building! With the disappointment of last year's show being cancelled, we can't wait for that first weekend in August to roll around. Hopefully this year, the Pioneer Engineers Club Reunion will be the best in all our memories! This year we are hosting the Prairie Gold Group and featuring the Minneapolis Moline line of tractors and gas engines. We are featuring Baker steam engines.

We don't expect you to see lots of new changes at the grounds this year; however, we have made a change to the restrooms. We have added sinks on the east end (toward the food vendors) of the building, so if you only need to wash your hands, you no longer need to go inside. You will now enter the restrooms through new doors on the east end and exit through the door by the sinks. This will allow for one way traffic, and help us meet the new safety guidelines related to COVID. Please note, you will not be able to enter the restrooms through the hall or the side doors, as you have in the past.

We were able to acquire trusses for our schoolhouse project that has been in the planning stages for quite some time. Plans are being worked on and we are excited to see this project starting to take shape.

We added two new roads in the tractor and steam area. These were ready for use last year, but many of you may not have seen them yet. To the west of these drives is for steam engines only. We need to allow room for them to operate safely. These will be a great addition to our reunion.

The first of our upcoming events, on June 6th is a work day and social gathering. We have plenty to keep us busy that day. Some of the things that need to be done include replacing safety fences in the steam engine area, mowing the grounds, picking up fallen sticks and limbs, and trimming around buildings and fences. Of course, as always, we have wood that can be cut and stacked if anybody would like to bring chain saws and wood splitters. Due to our wood supply not being dug into last year, we do have a good wood pile and some of the wood that we have ready to be cut and split may be moved to a different location that will not be in the way for the reunion. 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. Please remember that 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!

Something to keep in mind as we move into the mowing season, is that our show grounds need constant upkeep throughout the summer. With the grass growing, we appreciate all who dedicate their time to help us keep the place mowed. Due to a full rental schedule, we often have weddings and gatherings at the clubhouse on the weekends and we 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!

As we approach the reunion this year, we know that all of you are excited to pick which toys you will bring, especially after missing last year's reunion. 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 there is any way possible that more of us can stay off unnecessary wheels, it is always appreciated. However, we understand that there are many of us that find it difficult to navigate the weekend on just our boots and 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!

June 6th - Work day

July 31st & August 1st - Clean up Weekend

August 5th – 8th - Pioneer Engineers Club Reunion

Return Service Requested

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