

FUND DRIVE 2015

Greetings to all our friends and supporters!

As you can read in our current newsletter, much has been happening at the Pioneer Oil Museum. It seems as though what started out as a small, rural museum has really grown into a two-venue attraction. Many changes and improvements have been made at the museum, but none of these could have happened without your support! We have lots of high hopes and aspirations, so we will again need your help.

From the newsletter you will see that now that we are finished with renovations to the Shaner Building, our next step is to begin construction of another exhibit building which will eventually be called the "Joyce Exhibition Building." Why do we need these buildings? If you will note in the newsletter, it is imperative that we acquire the remaining oil and gasfield engines and equipment that is available. Many of these one-of-a-kind items are disappearing at an alarming rate. We are using your financial support to provide exhibition structures for these items as well as support for the procurement of such items.

You will also read in the newsletter about our attempts to preserve and develop Triangle No. 1, the discovery well for the Allegheny oilfield. This was the location of a well drilled in 1879 that helped spark the oil boom in Bolivar and Richburg two years later. Our first efforts at that site include refurbishment and stabilization of historic monuments. Later on down the road we hope to work on the well and make it an operational attraction.

We also have several other goals for the upcoming year. One small threading building at the Hahn & Schaffner site needs to be sided with board and batten as well as replacement of the doors and windows to help keep an historic look to the exterior. Also the large sign above the front door at the Main Street site is falling apart. It is made of wood and is not standing up to our climate. We will be looking at materials other than wood as well as new methods of securing the sign to the building. We know that all these goals probably aren't feasible in one year, but we will do our best to accomplish what we can. Again, we thank you for your past and future support.

(Just a clarification – your donation now has NOTHING to do with the wine-tasting during Pioneer Oil Days. Tickets for that event will not be available until June.)

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