



Drake Well Museum and Park

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“Drake Well Museum to Host Annual Fall Gas Up”

On Saturday, September 15, Drake Well Museum and Park will host the 34th Annual Fall Gas Up, sponsored by the Pioneer Steam and Gas Engine Society. Displays will include operating and stationary antique engines, farm and oil field equipment and models. The Fall Gas Up will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is included in the museum’s regular admission fees.

The Pioneer Steam and Gas Engine Society is comprised of members from the tri-state area whose interests are the restoration and preservation of a wide variety of “hit & miss” gas engines. As part of the Fall Gas Up event, these enthusiasts display engines ranging in size from small Maytags that were used to power washing machines to large oil field engines that were used to pump many wells at one time.

In addition to its regularly operating oil field equipment, Drake Well Museum and Park will feature its Jacobson Gas Engine at this year’s event. Charles Jacobson immigrated to the United States from Varmland, Sweden circa 1890. He founded Jacobson Engine Works in Warren, Pennsylvania in 1901 with financial help from capitalists in that city. By 1904, the company was producing gas engines, air compressors, clutches, pulleys, regulators and soldering furnaces. A fire destroyed the Jacobson plant in 1922, but the company reestablished its engine making operations in an abandoned machine shop on South Franklin Street in Titusville, PA. Operations continued in the new location until 1936.

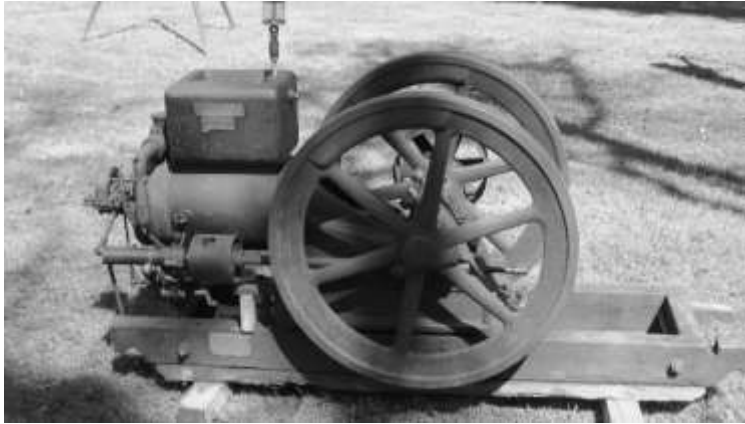
Melissa Mann, Museum Site Administrator, encourages the public to take advantage of this special event saying, “The Fall Gas Up offers visitors an exceptional opportunity to experience the engines that powered Pennsylvania’s oil fields over the last 150 plus years and to speak to the experts that keep these historic machines running.”

The Fall Gas Up will also feature a book signing by Drake Well Museum Curator Susan Beates from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Beates is the author of “Powering the Oil Industry, 1860-1908,” the 2018 edition of Coolspring Power Museum’s *Bores & Strokes* series. Copies of the publication are available for purchase in the Drake Well Museum Store.

Located off Route 8 south of Titusville, Drake Well Museum and Park is open year-round. Fall hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. Drake Well Museum is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in partnership with Friends of Drake Well, Inc. and is part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History® (www.PATrailsofHistory.com).

For more information about the Fall Gas Up or other museum programs, call (814) 827-2797, visit www.drakewell.org or find us on Facebook at Drake Well Museum.

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Drake Well Museum and Park's 6hp
Jacobson Engine.