

The Pioneer Press

From the Settlement Desk

Barberville Pioneer
Settlement's Newsletter

Summer 2026

Honoring Our Past. Securing Our Future.



1987 Board of Directors

Here's how the Legacy Fund works. A donor contributes any amount of money, appreciated assets, or property to the endowment and designates a former Settlement steward they wish to honor. Once cumulative gifts made in that individual's memory reach \$10,000, they are inducted into the Barberville Pioneer Settlement Legacy Society and permanently recognized on our Legacy plaque.

Over the past 50 years, hundreds of volunteers, members, donors, and friends have helped preserve this special place. Some gave countless hours of labor, leadership, and expertise. Others faithfully renewed their memberships, made generous financial contributions, or quietly supported the Settlement in meaningful ways. Every one of these individuals helped shape the organization we enjoy today.

Current members of the Legacy Society include **Lester Hollenback**, **Joe Waller**, **Lillian Shelton**, and **Monso Tatum**. Others who have already received memorial contributions toward Legacy Society induction include **Ellis Price**, **Ethel Murphy**, **Russell Pierson**, and **Mary McClancy**. Each has already accumulated approximately \$2,000 toward the \$10,000 recognition level.



Lester Hollenback



Mary McClancy

There are many other deserving individuals whose contributions to the Settlement deserve to be remembered. Names such as **Luella Ross**, **Dini McDaniels**, **Steve Vrooman**, and our founder, **Lura Bell**, immediately come to mind, but there are countless others whose dedication has left a lasting mark on this organization.

We invite you to consider making a gift to the Legacy Fund. Your contribution not only honors someone whose service helped preserve Florida's rural heritage, but also strengthens the Settlement's future through a permanent endowment that will benefit visitors, students, and our community for generations to come.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, donations to the Barberville Pioneer Settlement may be tax deductible as allowed by law.

LIFETIME MEMBERS

An Honor. A Legacy. An Inspiration.

A lifetime membership is an honorarium bestowed by the Board of Directors upon a person whose stewardship to the Settlement has been unparalleled.

Previous honorees have done things like donating buildings such as Lorna Jean Hagstrom (The Lewis Cabin) and Joyce Benedict (The Relay Cabin); provided near-superhuman labor and leadership to the Settlement either as volunteers or employees such as Marilyn Breeze, Harriet Bolin, and Diana Johnson.

This year we already have 2 inductees to the Lifetime Membership roll call:

Bill Taylor and Jack Nunn.

Jack Nunn

Jack Nunn, a veteran of the Armed Forces via the Coast Guard, loved children. For many years he donned the beard and red jacket to keep Santa's magic alive and well at the Settlement during our Christmas event.

Jack Nunn also receives the Lifetime Membership honor, but just in time. Mr. Nunn passed away peacefully not long after his induction as a Lifetime Member.



Jack Nunn



Bill Taylor

Bill Taylor

Bill Taylor has been active and vital to the Settlement since the 1990s. He helps in ways that are not public facing.

- ★ Septic tank needs replacing? Mr. Taylor is there.
- ★ Burgers and hot dogs to be grilled? Here comes Bill.
- ★ Comfort station need to be erected for literally hundreds of musicians— if not thousands over the decades? Look here; It's Bill Taylor.

Bill also is deeply involved in the Florida Trails Association. He and longtime board member Richard Schular are both revered in both organizations.

Thank you, Mr. Taylor for all that you do for the Settlement, the community, and the state.



Both men are inspirations to all our volunteers and true gems for our community. The stories these men shared and the time they spent with us means more to us than we could put into words.



If you know a volunteer whom you feel should be recognized with this honor, please submit a request to the Board of Directors at

directors@pioneersettlement.org





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Event Schedule

(tentative—as of July 2026)

**September 5th: Fire and Ice
Open House**

**October 3rd: Jammin at the
Settlement**

**Nov 7th & 8th: 50th
ANNUAL FALL COUNTRY
JAMBOREE**

2026 Calendar of On Going Events

Square Dancing - almost every
Friday 6:30pm—Call ahead to
confirm

FABA Monthly Meeting — 1st
Saturday of most months.

Lessons and Jam Sessions — 1st
Saturday of most months

Fiber Guild Meeting — 3rd
Saturday

*All dates subject to change—For full listing of
events and the most up to date information
visit our Facebook page or*

www.pioneersettlement.org

Ambassador Club Members

* LIFETIME MEMBERS

Sarah D Abrahamson
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Jack Nunn
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All Volusia & Flagler
Heating and Air

SUSTAINER

Troy Branning



* A Barberville Pioneer Settlement Lifetime Membership is an honorarium granted to supporters that have demonstrated exemplary patronage either through monetary donations, contributions of time and talents or a combination thereof. Candidates for this esteemed honor may be presented to the Board of Directors for approval by any member in good standing or by the administrative team of the Settlement.

Barberville Pioneer Settlement's

50th Annual

FALL COUNTRY JAMBOREE!



NOVEMBER 7TH & 8TH, 2026

SATURDAY 9AM-5PM • SUNDAY 9AM-4PM

30 WILD ACRES ★ 20 HISTORIC STRUCTURES ★ 200+ MUSICIANS & DEMONSTRATORS



WORKSHOPS ★ JAM SESSIONS



CORN BOIL & BBQ ★ CONTRA DANCE



WHEELWRIGHT



SCAN FOR INFO



POTTERY



COWBOYS ★ CAR SHOW

\$10 PER PERSON ★ \$5 CHILDREN (6-12) ★ FREE FOR MEMBERS

The Pioneer Settlement

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FIRE & ICE

OPEN HOUSE

BARBERVILLE PIONEER SETTLEMENT

SEPTEMBER 5

10 AM - 2 PM

**CHILI COOK-OFF
&
ICE CREAM CHURN-OFF**

Supporting Local Nonprofits

FREE ADMISSION

Live Music • Historic Demonstrations



EVENT DETAILS

1776 Lightfoot Ln

Barberville, FL 32105

386-749-2959

Our Mission

To educate and entrust the public and future generations with knowledge of the pioneer lifestyle of our forefathers, through hands on experience, folk life demonstrations, preservation, and historical exhibits.



Rolling Along with the Crankin A's Model A Restorers Club, Inc.



Celebrating milestones, history, and partnership at the Barberville Pioneer Settlement.



Members and friends of the Crankin A's gather at Herman's Garage at the Barberville Pioneer Settlement.

By Kim Ziffra— Past President

This year, 2026, is a year of milestones. It has been three years since the grand opening of our garage. As we celebrate three years at our club's Settlement home, we remain thankful and blessed to have such a wonderful place to meet. This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the Barberville Pioneer Settlement. Without the Settlement's generosity and commitment to preserving history, it would not be possible for us to build our club's legacy.

In April, we celebrated the third anniversary of becoming an official resident of the Pioneer Settlement. Construction of Herman's Garage—home of the Crankin A's—was completed, and we held our official grand opening during the Settlement's 2023 Spring Frolic. Our museum and garage were presented to the public for the first time at that event, and it was a tremendous success. Many people contributed their time, energy, and financial resources to the project, and we all agree that it has been

On a broader level, both our club and the Settlement are now on the radar of our national organizations: MARC (Model A Restorers Club), headquartered in Michigan, and MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America), headquartered in California. Our club has submitted several articles to their national magazines about our activities at the Settlement, and we are proud to have both national and international members. Visitors from across the United States and from abroad have spent time with us at our garage and throughout the Settlement.



Florida Join us for
MODEL A DAY!
CLASSIC CARS WELCOME!

NOVEMBER 7, 2026 9am-3pm

**50th Fall Country Jamboree
at the BARBERVILLE PIONEER SETTLEMENT**
1776 Lightfoot Lane, Barberville, FL 32105

**PEOPLE'S
CHOICE
AWARD**

**FREE
ADMISSION
FOR ANTIQUE
CARS!**

Model A & Classic Car Show • Music • Model Railroad display
Blacksmiths • Arts & Craft Vendors • Food & more!

For more information see
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Email: CrankinAsFL@gmail.com or call: 443-372-2176

MODEL A CLUBS MEET AND GATHER: FREE EVENT NOVEMBER 6, 4-9PM
HOSTED BY THE CRANKIN A'S MODEL A CLUB OF DAYTONA BEACH

Florida Model A Day will be part of the 50th Fall Country Jamboree celebration.



Rolling Along with the Crankin A's Model A Restorers Club, Inc.



This year, 2026, is a year of milestones.

One visitor from Argentina, Cristian Deleporte, stayed with us for about three weeks. Tuesday, February 24, 2026, began as a normal morning at our garage. It was Tinker Tuesday, and about 20 people were already there, drinking coffee and eating pastries. We were talking about the past week's events and discussing the morning's plans. The temperature was quite cold for Florida, so all the doors were closed and the heat was turned up.

Then an unfamiliar Model A pulled into our parking area. It was covered in stickers and emblems, and a foreign flag was flying from the luggage rack. In addition to all the decorations, we noticed that the driver was sitting behind the steering wheel on the right side—normally the passenger side—of the vehicle. As soon as he parked, the driver hopped out, introduced himself as Cristian from Argentina, and handed out stickers. The sticker featured a photo of his Model A and an outline of North and South America. Needless to say, we were immediately curious and eager to hear his story. All of our members headed outside and gathered around his car with a flood of questions.

Cristian told us about his adventure driving his Model A from Argentina through South America, Mexico, and around the United States, eventually reaching Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. If you would like to read more about his travels, please visit our website at www.crankinasfl.com. The full article is posted in the Club Article section.

We are also excited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Pioneer Settlement. In addition to all the events scheduled, we have been planning our annual Florida Model A Day for that same weekend. We have invited Model A clubs from all around Florida to come celebrate with us. Having the chance to share the history of Henry Ford and the Ford Model A with the public—alongside the Settlement's pioneer demonstrations and events—is a perfect fit for us all. Please come out and spend the weekend with us as we step back in time to when life was a little simpler. And if you would like the full experience and want to be part of the fun, we always have room for volunteers.

The Crankin A's are truly thankful to be part of the Pioneer Settlement community and to continue sharing our knowledge and love of the Model A with everyone we can. Enhancing the experience for our visitors has been especially rewarding. The Settlement gives us those opportunities, and we are fortunate to be here.



Cristian Deleporte and his Model A during his visit to Herman's Garage at the Settlement.



Cristian's travel sticker highlights his remarkable journey across the Americas.

From Argentina to Alaska, Cristian's journey in his Model A is a reminder that the love of adventure—and of the Model A—knows no borders.

Join us for Florida Model A Day during the 50th Fall Country Jamboree!

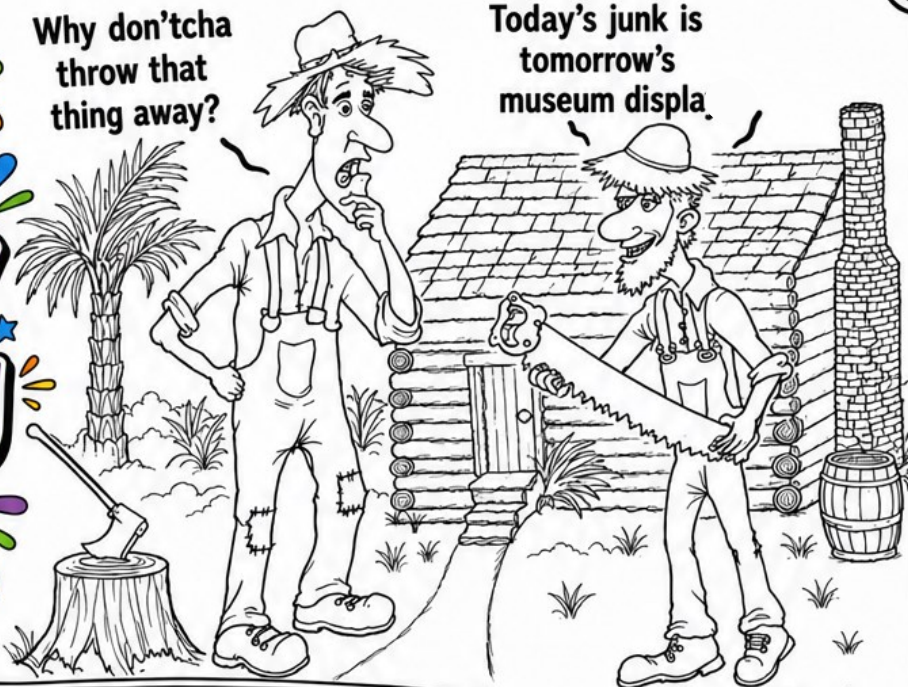
Come celebrate Florida Model A Day during the 50th Fall Country Jamboree — November 7, 2026.



Extra Fun Pioneer Coloring Page!

Why don'tcha throw that thing away?

Today's junk is tomorrow's museum displa.



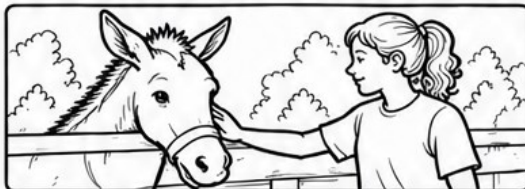
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POTTERY LESSONS

Every Saturday Morning



FIBER GUILD

Every 3rd Saturday 1pm



LESSONS & JAM SESSIONS

Most 1st Saturdays



Barberville
**PIONEER
SETTLEMENT**
— EST. 1973 —

Learn, create, and connect with others who share your passion for history, handcrafts, and traditional music!

*All are welcome!
Come join the fun!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & TIDBITS



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! So many skill sets are needed ... and we can teach you new skills! The train depot needs additional model train conductors. We need field trip demonstrators (weekday mornings). We also need help during our events with things like food service, ticket sales, and demonstrations. You can find the applications at www.pioneersettlement.org/volunteers or call us at 386-749-2959.



NEW POTTERY PROGRAM! "Play in the Clay Day" happens every Saturday starting at 10am in the Pottery Shed located in between the Post Office and the Woodshop.



WANT TO BE A BLACKSMITH? You're in luck! We offer Blacksmith classes! First responders, military, and teachers get a \$25 discount on classes. Learn more at www.pioneersettlement.org/blacksmith-coal. We also sell Blacksmith coal.



BOARD MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES—Those interested in joining our Board of Directors are encouraged to send a letter of interest along with a resume via email to directors@pioneersettlement.org. Our Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at the Settlement at 3pm. Directors are expected to attend all meetings, hold a minimum annual level of Patron membership, and contribute to the annual fees for Directors & Officers Insurance.



WE NEED ITEMS FOR OUR SILENT AUCTION. Do you have beautiful and cherished antiques that the grandkids have no interest in? Bring them for us to sell in the silent auction. All proceeds from **The Jamboree's Silent Auction** go to support the programming at the Settlement.



WE NEED YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS! One of the lessons during our Old Fashioned Traditions field trip program in December is the history of the Christmas Card.



MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS! FREE general admission including special events, 10% discount in our country store and Bridge House Gallery! Discounts on workshops and seminars! Half-price Guest Passes! And even more benefits for those in the **AMBASSADOR'S CLUB!** Learn more at www.pioneersettlement.org/membership-opportunities.



THE SCHOOLHOUSE FIBER GUILD meets every 3rd Saturday from 1pm – 2:30pm. Share your love of the fiber arts with other spinners, weavers, crocheters, basket makers, quilters, origami folders, and more.



SATURDAY MUSIC LESSONS & JAM SESSIONS on the 4th Saturday of the month. Lessons will be free with admission into the Settlement. Reach out to us if you are interested in teaching.



SEND US YOUR RECIPES! We are going to publish a **Settlement Cookbook**—something we have not done since 2002. At that time we had 74 volunteers contribute beloved old-style recipes from their family. We would love to have that many contributors to this edition as well. Send to enielsen@pioneersettlement.org



WE ACCEPT ALL KINDS OF DONATIONS! Of course artifacts (from the 1870s—1920s) are most welcome (as is cash). We also have all kinds of other needs though. If you have a **propane grill, riding lawn mower, golf cart, or vehicle just taking up space at your house**; before you call the scrap man, call us. One man's junk could be the Settlement's treasure. Since we're a non-profit, all donations can be tax deductible.



WE ARE RAISING FUNDS TO MAINTAIN AND PAINT THE CABOOSE. By the fall we will have Pierson Depot t-shirts for sale in the Bridgehouse. We are also going to have a dedication plaque ceremony for specific donors of the caboose whose donation is more than \$500.



THE MUCH-NEEDED RESTROOM PROJECT is still full-steam ahead! The plan is to build two multi-stall facilities at either end of the Settlement's campus for **comfort, ease, convenience, and accessibility**. If you would like to donate towards the construction of these buildings, please call Gudrun or Erick at 386-749-2959.



BREAKING GROUND! Our latest building, a turn-of-the-century packing house and **Citrus Museum** is days away (by the time you are reading this construction will have already started)! We are excited for this new/old building and its ability to preserve the knowledge of citrus farming in Florida during the Pioneer Cracker period.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR HISTORY!

THANK YOU TO OUR 2025-2026 SPONSORS



“JUST FOR ELLIS” PEANUT BUTTER PIE

- ◇ 9” chocolate pie crust
- ◇ Pkg sugar-free vanilla instant pudding
- ◇ 2 cups milk
- ◇ 2 heaping tbsp. creamy peanut butter
- ◇ Whipped topping

Bake pie crust. Mix milk, pudding, and peanut butter until smooth. After crust is cooled, add peanut butter mixture. Make even with a knife or spatula. Pipe whipped topping over pie. <optional> sprinkle top with crushed graham crackers or Reese’s Pieces.



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