

Fall 2015
Issue

Pumpkin Dispatch

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Save the Dates:
54th Annual Pumpkin
Festival
October 21 – 25, 2015

Festival Committee Meetings

7:00 p.m.

Sycamore Center

Use the Somonauk
Street entrance and go
down the back stair-
case.

2015 Meetings:

January 21

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17

No July Meeting

August 19

September 16

October 14*

November 18

December 16

January 20, 2016*

**Vendor meeting & 2016
Board elections*

Mandatory Vendor
Meeting will be on
October 14, 2015

Vendor & parade
forms will be posted
on the PFC website at
the beginning of July.

Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Committee

P.O. Box 262 Sycamore, IL 60178

Parade Grand Marshal Announced

The NIU Supermileage Team began as a Senior Design Capstone project in 2010 for Joe Monteleone, Austin Ray, Charlie Ruetsche, and Patrick Galloway. The team of College of Engineering and Engineering Technology students took their project to the Society of Automotive Engineers International Supermileage Competition, placing first among all U.S. team vehicles and third in the world. They were able to squeeze 1,265 miles from a single gallon of gasoline while competing for the first time against larger teams who had competed in SAE Supermileage Competition for years.

In 2015, the NIU Supermileage Team traveled to Los Angeles, California for film a commercial for the Shell Eco-Marathon Competition with Jay Leno. Graduate student Kallol Barai, senior Lindsey Dodis, senior Kevin Kuebrich and junior technology student Christian McAdoo represented NIU's team. The commercial has been feature on NBC and its affiliate stations including during the NBA and NHL Finals. The students have thoroughly enjoyed this once in a lifetime opportunity and have even been honored by the City of DeKalb.

Learn more about the NIU Super Milage Car at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTbk4nrRFoU>



Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade Lineup

The 54th Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade Lineup is being finalized and it should be the largest ever with 130 units. There will be color guards, with police, fire and first responder units leading the parade as in the past, which is always popular with young children. You can come out and see this years Theme Contest winners Lana Walker, Caden Emmert and Garrett Harms. Out Grand Marshal will be the NIU Super Milage Car team; and the Friend of the Festival is Sycamore Police Commander Mike Anderson. Many groups are returning again, with 25 floats and 16 bands expected as well as a number of other entries.

Remember to keep the Festival Committee up to date with any last minute changes to the activities of offerings of your booths so the web site can be kept up to date. Unfortunately the brochure is printed 45 days ahead of the festival so last minute changes cannot be made it.

2015 Board Members

President - Jerry Malmassari
Vice President - Bart Desch
Treasurer - Tom Whitaker
Recording Secretary - Marianne Vogel
Corresponding Secretary - Jerome Perez
Directors - Julie Brannon, Jennifer Diehl,
Traci Gardner, Terri Goodman, Dan Gible,
Josh Malmassari, Julie Sgarlata, Christel
Springmire
Legal Advisor - Jim Dombek
Police Advisor - Steve Cook

2015 Committee Chairs

Theme Contest - Jennifer Diehl
Banners/Property/Flags - Jerry Malmassari
Brochure/ Publicity - Marianne Vogel
Historian - Jerry Malmassari
Information Booth - Jerry Malmassari
Newsletter/Website - Jerome Perez
Parade/Bands - Bart Desch, Julie Brannon,
Jerome Perez, Traci Gardner, Julie Sgarlata,
Tom Whitaker, Jim Dombek, Steve Cook
Vendor Permits/Health Dept. - Julie Brannon, Christel
Springmire
Teen Carnival/Kiddie Carnival - Josh Malmassari
Saturday Entertainment - Terri Goodman
Port-a-Potties/Trash/Food Court - Bart Desch