



# The Cornpicker

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**DATE/TIME/**

**PLACE:** October 31, 2006 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 24 plus Josh Clemons, Daren Friedman & Trevin McCullough

**SING-A-LONG** Wait Till The Sun Shines Nellie

**LOTTO:** Bill Fugate & Jim Schahrer

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

**Programs:**

- 11-07 Sandy Schrof  
(Habitat for Humanity)
- 11-14 Jim Paternoster
- 11-21 OPEN
- 11-28 OPEN
- 12-05 Christmas Party
- 12-12 P.C.J.H. Literacy
- 12-19 OPEN
- 12-26 OPEN



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11/10	Debbie Oelschlager
11/13	Jim Paternoster
11/22	Keith Bahler
11/27	John Strong

### Bits & Pieces

It is often hard to distinguish between the hard knocks in life and those of opportunity.  
 Frederick Phillips

### AREA CLUB MEETINGS

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thursday	Elks Club
Gibson City	6:45 a.m.	Wednesday	The Country Kettle
Gilman	6:05 p.m.	Tuesday	Gilman Lounge
Lincoln	11:50 a.m.	Wednesday	Elks Country Club
Normal	12:00 Noon	Wednesday	Bone Student Center
Piper City	6:15 p.m.	Monday	Azz Izz Tavern

# Deyers Rods

Daren Friedman

We all know Daren as "Car 89" of Friedman Racing. Deyers Rods are located in Forrest, Illinois. They take a one piece steel rod, get it forged and then send it to Wisconsin to get it hardened. They use 300M material that is heat treated. Rods are sold world-wide. These rods are being run for 24 hours straight at Dayton. Seven race teams use their rods. Dirt racing is their main business. Six years ago they purchased the business from the Deyers family. They forge the rods for extra strength. They use carbide tip cutters on their machines. They have Daren and his Dad plus four other employees. They dry and cool with air in the process. A rod costs about \$44/rod before they start manufacturing one. Daren is lucky his Dad lets him race on Friday & Saturday nights at Farmer City & Fairbury. He raced go-carts first for 3 years starting

at age 17, then modified for 3 years to the late models at present. His brother also races and they had a successful season. They are the only manufacturer that make the light weight steel rods. They advertise in racing papers and magazines, word of mouth, help sponsor races, and also set up at Performance Racing Shows. An engine will run at 8000 to 9500 R.P.M. (revolutions per minute). They also make their own rod bushings. The 300M material they use is air craft steel that the military uses for landing gear, etc. It will take 4 weeks to make a rod. A set of rods can cost from \$1400 to \$2100 per set. In the race car Daren runs, a motor will cost about \$32,000 and from \$20-25,000 for the frame for about \$55,000 just for the car.

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### **HAVE THE COURAGE TO TAKE THE LEAD**

Pioneers are special people. "First" is always difficult. We don't know that things can be done, that dreams can be fulfilled, that great accomplishments can be realized until somebody takes that first step.

Geraldine Neckiman