

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting (7/12/14)

Rocky Forge members, the Illiana Show time is upon us once again on July 18, 19, and 20. This is my 20th or 21st year of blacksmithing at the show and each one has something different from previous shows. This year we hope to have the additions to the building completed with the machine shop equipment on the cement, but not necessarily running. We will save that task for next year. Construction delays with the weather may prevent total completion or put it just a few days before the show. There is a lot of work to be done leveling the interior fill to meet the west retaining wall and the outside walking areas will need our TLC to make them functional and looking good. Electricity needs to be reconnected and run to both sides of the building. The iron fence going down the middle needs painting and reattachment. The lathe from the Bodine's needs to be cleaned and oiled. It will probably stay where it is until later. I have requests for at least four forges so we need to move them from my shop over to the building and set them up.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 12th, the weekend before the show. Illiana club is having a workday that Saturday, so we too will have a workday preparing our site for the show. Work will begin at 9:00 so bring shovels, rakes, leaf blowers or whatever else it might take to make things look good. If you want to blacksmith later in the day bring your tools to do so.

At our last meeting a plea was made to help move the machine shop equipment from my house to the show grounds. Corey Wesley said he had a friend who could maybe help. I received a call on Friday June 20th, about one week after our last meeting. It was Corey's friend Rip, he came over to look at the job and I said when you get to it. "Well today", he said. So sure enough, Corey, Dominick, Ted and Rip spent the whole day moving the equipment. We finished about 7:30 that evening. So our heartfelt thanks to Corey and his friend Rip, owner of "Prime Industrial Construction". I ask Rip what this job would have cost had we paid the full amount, he said about \$6000. All he wanted was the cost of his diesel fuel. Two good, dependable people that we must wholeheartedly thank for a job well done.

We also need to get our tools ready with coal, metal and ideas in mind for a good weekend of demonstrations during the show. The Illiana club will have the general store open and they plan on selling items in the store. We should provide blacksmith made items for them to

sell and they keep the receipts. Remember, they gave us \$3000 toward our building addition.

As for lunch on the workday, Saturday July 12, bring your own brown bag. Please try to show up for this work session, a club like ours is only as good as the membership makes it.

Thanks

Ted

Need Manpower (7/12/14)

Please come to our Rocky Forge meeting at Rainsville on July 12. We need manpower to help get set up for the Illiana Show on July 18-20. We need to set up forges and tables, move crushed asphalt near our small retaining wall and on the west side where people will walk and rake up and generally clean up the site.

Hot Tip

The extensions on both the east and west side of the blacksmith shop in Rainsville should be complete (roof at least) by our July meeting. Come see the expanded building with machine shop (with big old machines) on the west and wood shop on the east.



Clifton Ralph and Jeff Farmer work on Clifton's tree.



Tree will decorate the gravesite of Clifton's grandson.

Moving Machine Tools to Our Rainsville Shop (June 20)



Dominick, Rip and Cory relax after loading the lathe and the shaper onto the trailer with the loader.



Rip carefully maneuvers the shaper onto wooden blocks on the cement on the west side of the shop.



The Cat loader driven by Rip was the right tool for this heavy moving job. We also took the huge drill press.



Cory positions wooden block under the shaper as Ted steadies the heavy load.

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Dates to Remember

July 12, 2014: Rocky Forge meeting at Illiana Show Grounds in Rainsville.

July 18-20: Illiana Antique Power Association Show, Rainsville, IN.

August 13-16, 2014: ABANA 2014 Conference, Delaware State Fairgrounds.

September 26-28, 2014: SOFA QuadState

October 4-5, 2014: Feast of the Hunters' Moon

Interesting Web Sites

Illiana Antique Power Association and Show:
www.illianaantiquepower.com

