

Rocky Forge News

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This month's Forge Fire has a list of blacksmithing classes offered at Conner Prairie. There are scholarships available through the IBA. Both the classes and scholarships need someone to take advantage of them.

Next Meeting:

The 9:00 AM December 10th meeting is going to be something different. We are going to have members volunteer to demonstrate. What is done will be determined by what attendees want to see. Most likely subjects are if someone wants to show something they can make or there is something that several people want to learn and someone knows how to do. If anyone has the courage they can try something that they have never gotten to work and get suggestions on what they are doing wrong. If there are no volunteers, I have a couple of things that I have never done, but think I know how to do, that I am willing to make a fool of myself trying.

Last Month's Meeting

(From the Forge Fire)

"The meeting at Ted Stouts shop near West Point was well attended. As usual Ted had the meeting well organized with both iron and wood workers demonstrating their skills. For the blacksmiths Kenny Dettmer, Charlie Helton and Shane Stegmeier did the honors. The project for the day was to forge woodworking tools for which the woodworkers would produce handles of various kinds. Much draw knife work was demonstrated and an opportunity to use the tools was possible for anyone interested. A fine lunch was served by Ted's wife and other ladies. We also got to enjoy the many tools which Ted and his wife have collected. Many thanks to the ladies and the demonstrators and especially Ted."

For Sale

I have an anvil that someone (not my wife) wants me to sell. It is a ~ 180# Trenton. It is in

good shape. The edges are about straight and smooth. It has been repaired. It looks like the face came loose from the body for about 5 inches just behind the step and someone ARC welded it back on. I checked and the weld is harder than the face. I do not know what this is worth. It is a modern usable anvil and will serve someone well. I will bring it to the December meeting.

Newsletter

I would like some input from you. I am not even sure that anyone reads this. If you can not write anything at least made suggestions or critiques. If someone else send something then I am more likely to get this done in a timely manner rather than at the last minute. I do enjoy putting the newsletter together but I do not have much time and editing is faster than writing.

Hurricane Relief Fund from Forge Fire for ABANA

"Thanksgiving has come and gone and the Christmas season is upon us. For those along the Gulf Coast it will be a rather bleak season because of the massive damage done by hurricanes. Please consider contributing to the ABANA Hurricane Relief Fund. 100% of what you give will be tax deductible and will be passed on to those who need it the most as determined by blacksmithing organizations in the area. So far ABANA has collected about \$14,000 dollars, but this is only a drop in the bucket when you think of the blacksmith shops submerged, washed or blown away, or otherwise damaged. This has happened to many blacksmiths in the south, Think about this happening to your shop. Ugh!

Send as much as you can to:

ABANA Relief Fund
P. O. Box 816
Farmington, GA 30638

Checks and postal money orders only please."