

Rocky Forge News

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Illiana Show (7/15-17/2011)

The blacksmiths of the Rocky Forge outdid themselves at the recent Illiana Antique Power Show near Rainsville. Our new building was filled to capacity with 3 setups outside. What a fantastic job these men did performing for our show visitors, I only wish those who missed it could have seen what went on.

There were 19 Rocky Forge members represented and they were doing many facets of metal work including, blacksmithing, sheet metal, pioneer tools, Lewis and Clark, cooperage and teaching. Also, Jim Bolen had his rendezvous set up and Dan and Margie Michael set up their large teepee lodge. All together we had a wonderful, successful weekend experience.

Furthermore, Jim Bolen made a garden bench and sold tickets for several months then he and his wife sold tickets at the show. He brought in \$1046 which he donated toward our building fund, For that we are very grateful. Good job Jim!



Dominick Andrisani made metal hoops with a metal stick for the kids to roll the hoops. This is a very old past-time that has nearly died, but Dominick has brought it back. He sold 9 of these at \$10 each and we saw kids (and Dominick) running up and down the show ground roads chasing hoops with a stick. Another good job. Thanks Dominick! Ted



Next Meeting: Rainsville Show Grounds (8/13/11)

The next meeting will be August 13th at the Rocky Forge building at Rainsville. Be sure to bring your blacksmithing tools, coal, metal and iron in the hat items. Also, pack a lunch for this one and we will go to the club house to eat our lunch. Ted

Indiana State Fair

Once again Rocky Forge will represent the Indiana Blacksmithing Association at the Indiana State Fair. We will be demonstrating the finer aspects of blacksmithing on August 8 and 9. Dominick will be working at the fair during August 14-16.

Please come to the fair. You might have some fun and learn something. The Fairgrounds are off 38th street in Indianapolis.

Dates to Remember

August 13, 2011: Rocky Forge meeting.

September 10, 2011: Rocky Forge meeting.

Sept. 24-25, 2011: Feast of the Hunter's Moon.

Sept. 23-25, 2011: SOFA QuadState Conference.

September 30 - October 1: Gaither Family Resources Fall Festival, Alexandria, IN.

July 13-15, 2012: Illiana Power Show

July 18-21, 2012: ABANA Conf., Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, South Dakota, "Reunion on the Great Plains".

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Greg is cranky.



Mat gets hot hot.



Peter shaves away.



Rob is cranky too.



Darrell gets ready.



Jeff and Robby.



Big John.



Jim with slick anvil stand.



Brad feeds the fire.



Brandon hits something.



Dominick rolls a hoop.



Ted the farrier.

Rocky Forge Blacksmiths at the Illiana Annual Antique Power Exhibition