

Rocky Forge News

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ROCKY FORGE NEWS FLASH

The Illiana Antique Power Association, Board of Directors voted on Monday, September 9th, to give the Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild up to \$3000 toward construction of the other side of our building, the east side (wood shop side). I am very happy with this decision on their part and hope we can generate enough funds to complete the project.

At the meeting I was ask how many of our members belong to the Illiana group. My estimate was about 50%. As a gesture of good faith I would like to see that number increase and would encourage your attendance to the “Fun Day” this **Sunday** at the Illiana show grounds. It would be nice if you would pay the \$20 membership and get on their newsletter mailing list.

Hope to see many of you at the meeting on **Sunday**.

Ted

Next Meeting **Sunday** (9/15/13)

Good news, our building at Rainsville is progressing, we have hired a contractor to dig the post-holes and set the posts on the west side (machine shop side). He is also going to haul in the crushed asphalt and compact it. On top of the asphalt will be 1-2 inches of pea gravel, then 6 inches of concrete with reinforcing wire. Hopefully, by this **Sunday** we should see a floor. I say **Sunday** because that is the day we are arranging for the next meeting. Rather than meet on Saturday we will meet on **Sunday** at the show grounds so that you can all see the progress of the building. Also, the Illiana club is having what they call the fall “Fun Day” with a pitch in dinner. It seems appropriate that we participate and mingle with the Illiana group.

Bring your lawn chairs, a nice dish of food to pass (refrigeration is available in the club house), your favorite blacksmithing tools, a forge and anvil would be nice, but I will bring a couple of extra ones. We will also have the iron in the hat drawing so bring some pieces for this fund raising event.

The weather looks like the mid to lower 70's by **Sunday** and we have not had a good day for the

group to blacksmith for some time.

After working so hard at the State Fair and the workdays on the building we now deserve a group play day. Lunch is usually around 1:00.

Oh, by the way Ted has bought out a couple of shops recently and will have some bags of high quality coal to peddle, if you need coal. (Sorry Dan M., there are only a few bags so it should not hurt your business.)

Plan on coming over to have a good time forging, socializing, eating and just enjoy the day. Families are also invited to the Fun Day. Hopefully, the train group will be running their trains. Ted



First attempts at Rainsville to fell the big hickory tree on the west side in the westerly direction failed.



Ted and Randy cut more roots of the hickory. To see if we were successful see video on our web site.

Interesting Web Sites

Online video of Rocky Forge members taking down a large hickory tree to make room for expansion or our shop in Rainsville:

<http://www.rockyforge.org/hickory.shtml>

ABANA Galleries:

<http://www.abana.org/resources/galleries/index.shtml>

Ontario Artist Blacksmith David Robertson Gallery:

<http://www.artistblacksmith.com/gallery.htm>

Gulf Coast Blacksmith Association:

<http://gulfcoastblacksmith.com/>

Arizona Artist Blacksmith Association Gallery:

<http://www.phoenixrockgym.com/aaba/gallery.htm>

Dates to Remember

September 15, 2013: Rocky Forge meeting in Rainsville.

September 21, 2013: IBA Meeting at Gary Phillips Shop in Albany, IN (northeast of Muncie).

September 27– 29, 2013: SOFA QUADSTATE Conference, Troy, Ohio.

September 20 – 22, 2013: Potawatomi Fest, Attica.

October 5 - 6, 2013: Feast of the Hunters' Moon, Fort Ouiatenon, West Lafayette, IN.

October 11-20, 2013: Parke County Covered Bridge Festival, Parke County, IN.

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

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Web Site: <http://www.rockyforge.org/> (previous newsletters can be found here).

Punny Things

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

The girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I never met herbivore.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Images from Indiana State Fair



Darrell Schulze cranks it up!



Slapping Gene



Peter the Cooper