

# ROCKY FORGE NEWS

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## HELP WANTED

The next regular scheduled meeting of the blacksmith group is July 13th., that is the Saturday before the Steam and Power Show (July 19, 20, 21). Besides gaining more skill, we have a lot of things to do before the show. If several of us could meet for a day I'm sure we could get all the wrought iron fence straightened and painted. Dan Michael has offered the use of his Wagner paint sprayer. Also, we need to work on our blacksmith shop set up for the show. I will supply forges, anvils and tools for anyone who needs them. If all goes well and with your help we set up a large drill press, two trip hammers, grinder, oxy-acetylene outfit and several other items. All these items need to be prepared and loaded (fork lift will be used). If any of you have Saturday July 6th. available, I plan to work on fence that day. We can also plan the needs for the following Saturday. I'm getting excited about the show, we should have a good time those three days.

On Thursday July 18th, set-up day for the show, one of the food vendors will have food available.

On Friday July 19th at about 6:00 P.M. the Illiana club has a pitch in dinner for the vendors and club members. We cook a large pot of ham and beans then everyone brings a covered dish (salads and/or deserts). We always have a good time so plan to attend if you can.

## "A BLACKSMITHING PRIMER" Book by Randy McDaniel

The books we ordered are in and available. They are \$20 each. We ordered 12 books and they are going, so let me know or stop by to get yours reserved. You can pick them up at the next meeting. This book is frequently used for the instruction of blacksmithing.

## ABANA CONFERENCE, LA Cross, Wisconsin

Some members had plans to attend the ABANA conference in Wisconsin, but due to conflicts and other problems there may not have been anyone from our satellite group attending the conference.

## Indiana Blacksmith Conference, Tipton, Indiana

The blacksmithing conference at Tipton appears to have been a great success. Several of the Rocky Forge members were there for all of the conference or parts of it. Tailgate sales were brisk with many bargains and neat items for the smithy. Its been noted there were some very unusual items brought in for sale.

The demonstrators gave some outstanding presentations. Every time I attend one of these events I leave with more knowledge than ever. Sometimes they make it look a lot easier than it is. Kind of reminds me of the vego-matic salesman at the State Fair. However, skills are to be developed and we must try, try and practice, practice gives us the ability to do even the most difficult of operations.

## COMING EVENTS

-July 19, 20, 21 Illiana Steam and Power Assoc. Show, Rainsville, Indiana.

-September 27, 28, 29 Southern Ohio Forge and Anvil "Quadstate 2002" Demonstrators: Hank Kniclemeyer, David Norrie, Tal Harris, Susan Hutchinson, Lawrence Smith, Gallery exhibition: Special feature "Weathervanes." Friday night activity: Blacksmith Tool Auction, Saturday night: Competition and huge tailgate sales area. (Note: This show is the next best thing to attending an international ABANA meet.

## WANTED, FOR SALE, TRADE

This column will be reserved for anyone in the group wishing to buy, sell or trade items related to the hobby.

**See you Saturday July 6th (9:00) if you can and July 13th for the regular meeting. Looking forward to a fun 3 days at the show, a good time to practice, learn and have fun.**