

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting, July 10

At the Illiana Show Grounds

The Rocky Forge Blacksmiths will meet at the Illiana show grounds Saturday, July 10th at 9:00. We will prepare for the Illiana Show the which is the following weekend.

Our main agenda for the day will include cleanup the building and surrounding area in preparation for the show. We will need a couple of leaf blowers, rakes and someone to bring a sprayer with roundup.

We can also setup forges and anvils as there will be other Illiana members camping the whole week. Jim Bolen has said he will be there all week for security. The club will provide coal for the show.

Bring your bucket of tools and some metal so we can do some Blacksmithing after our work has been done. Bring a brown bag for lunch.

The blacksmiths are a very important part of the Illiana show. In the past we have been able draw some very large crowds with as many as 18-22 blacksmiths working. Please arrange to participate in this important, annual event.

This year, due to insurance requirements, anyone involved with the show must join the Illiana club. The annual membership is \$20. I'll have forms Saturday for you to join.

Let's do our best to put on a good show this year.

Ted and Carol Stout

Coal Available

Marty Mears has 50-pound bags of coal available for \$20 a bag. To buy this coal call or text Marty at 765-201-2836.

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IBA Regional Conferences

This year the IBA is planning three smaller regional conferences, one in the middle of the state, one in the south, and one in the north. Each will be modeled after the Tipton conference schedule of a Friday night short demo, Saturday demo's, perhaps a gallery, etc. These plans are evolving rapidly so stay tuned.

The second of these regional conferences will put on by the Bunkum Valley Metal Workers and will be take place on **July 23-24** in Oden (Daviness County), IN. Details should be posted in the IBA Facebook page and in the Forge Fire newsletter.



One of 30 gas forges for Rocky Forge members are being fabricated at Ted's shop.

Dates to Remember

July 16-18: Illiana Show, Rainsville, IN.

July 23-24: 2nd IBA Regional Conference, Bunkum Valley Metalsmiths, Odon, IN.

July 30-August 22: Indiana State Fair.

August 4-5: Rocky Forge works at the Indiana State Fair.

September 3-5: 3rd IBA Regional Conference, Covered Bridge Blacksmith Guild, Parke County 4-H Fairgrounds, Rockville, IN.

September 24-26: SOFA Quad-state, Troy, OH

May 11-14, 2022: ABANA Biennial Conference, North Fort Worth, Texas.

Work Proceeds Briskly on 30 Propane Gas Forges for the Rocky Forge Group



Marty prepared to welds door tract.



Randy cuts precision fudge pieces.



Randy and Dominick tack weld the legs and front table.



Ted works on kaowool forge insulation.



Adding insulation and burners are the final steps.



25 forges are now at this stage of fabrication.