

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting, August 13, At Ted's Shop

A Rocky Forge hammer-in is scheduled for Saturday August 13 at Ted's shop. Meeting time is 8:30 AM for coffee and doughnuts, then a short meeting followed by lighting the forges. Bring your tool bucket and items for the Iron-in-the-Hat drawing. Keep in mind Rocky Forge has no income short of Iron-in-the-Hat.

We will have sandwiches for lunch, so bring a covered dish to share and be prepared to donate to the purchase of the sandwich fixens.

Rocky Forge sure made a good performance at the Illiana Show. All three days were well represented by our members. Saturday was especially good with about 20 working. Even though we fought rain, it was a good time. It was nice to see our friend John Bennett helping out. We are developing some pretty good talent within our group. Keep learning.

Thanks to all of you who helped make the show a success. Illiana really appreciates what we do.

I have spent many days and trips to Illiana this past month getting estimates for electrical upgrade and enclosing the building. All this effort is to support a potential grant. We have made it through the first round of the approval process so we should have some optimism for final approval.

Hope to see many of you on Saturday.
Ted and Carol, 765-491-2194

Dick Fontaine, RIP

Our good friend, Dick Fontaine, passed away on July 29, 2022. Dick was a founding member of both the Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild and the Illiana Antique Power Association. Over the years he donated generously to our building fund and been quite active in our group. In recent times he has not attended many of our meetings as his health declined, but many of us remember him fondly, especially for his dry and unpredictable humor. He will be missed.

Interesting Web Sites

Obituary of Dick Fontaine:

<https://www.jconline.com/obituaries/ljc060329>

Dates to Remember

Illiana Fall Festival/Craft Fair/Swap Meet:

Saturday, September 17.

History Day #2 at Rainsville: Friday, Sept. 23

Christmas in the Village: Friday and Saturday, December 2-3.

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Photograph of the founding members of the Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild, February 7, 2002. Founding member Dick Fontaine, who passed away on July 29, is on the right.

Illiana Show Review

By Dave Dillman



The Illiana Antique Power Show was fabulous this year. It was just a year ago I first talked with Ted to see if Caleb and I could learn to forge. How exciting it was to see how many blacksmiths were in attendance and working on stuff. So in the spirit of “a picture is worth a 1000 words” here are a few for everyone to enjoy.

