

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting, April 8, At Rainsville Shop

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, April 8, at the Rainsville Blacksmith Shop on the Illiana Showgrounds. We will get our exciting first look at the new metal walls and major electrical improvements to our extensively renovated blacksmith shop.

A small crew is needed to help install a prototype ventilation system for the first two coal forges. This ventilation system will take smoke from two side-draft hoods, combine the flow in a Y-shaped vertical duct, and exit the smoke straight out through a new hole in the roof. Sheet metal work for this is ongoing.

In addition, some gravel fill needs to be placed around the concrete slabs under the new steel doors. This will require some shovel work by a fill crew. Other site preparation tasks will also need to be completed.

A short business meeting will start at 9:00 AM.

Dave Dillman will provide a pulled pork lunch. If you can please bring something that does not require cooking to compliment that meal. Looking forward to a productive and informative work day.

See you Saturday with coffee and doughnuts starting at 8:30AM.

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Dates to Remember

Rocky Forge Regular Meeting: Saturday, April 8, 2023.

IBA Conference: June 2-4, 2023

ABANA Conference: June 6-9, 2024, Johnstown, PA (Note: this date conflicts with the traditional date for our 2024 IBA Conference).



Rocky Forge crew on March 26 helps prepare the Rainsville Shop for major renovations including metal walls and doors, electrical work and forge ventilation systems.