

Rocky Forge News

Volume 22, Issue 6 – June, 2023

Next Meeting June 10 (at Ted's and at Illiana Shop)

Renovation of the Illiana Blacksmith Shop is coming to fruition. We are so fortunate to have received a monetary grant for this work. With the electrical work done and the building now enclosed with locked doors, we can safely leave our tools, etc. at the Illiana shop.

There is still an overwhelming amount of work that needs to be done before the Illiana Show on July 21, 22 and 23.

Here is a partial list of projects to finish:

- Complete installation of the six vents through the roof. The parts were delivered Wednesday, May 31st. Only one vent serving two forges is now installed.
- A load of asphalt millings was delivered last week. The millings need to be placed along the inside east wall to build up to match the rest of the building grade. Also, we need to add millings around the two passage doors on that side of the building.
- Illiana has said we can use some of the crushed stone that's up by the club house. Hopefully, my daughter can get their Bobcat over there to transfer stone to the east side outside wall to fill up to grade.
- The wrought iron fence will need to be reinstalled inside.
- The perimeter of the building and the mini-barn needs a dose of Round-Up.
- A couple of blacksmith signs needs to be cut, painted and installed.
- The ash dumps need to be welded up and mounted to the fire pots.
- We will use some hand crank blowers. We are also evaluating electric blowers as a partial solution to the blower problem.



- A minimum of four and maybe 6 coal forges need to be completed for use at the Illiana Show. This includes forge tables, side-draft hoods, and fire pots with ash dumps.

I'm sure there are other things that I haven't mentioned that need our attention.

The plan for this Saturday, June 10th, is to meet at the usual time at Ted's shop, then divide up with one team going to Illiana and a team stay at Ted's, each having assignments to complete. Please try to participate so we can be closer to finishing this big project.

Since we will be in two different places lunch should be brown bag on your own.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served early (8:30-9:00) at Ted's.

We might try to do a quick iron in the hat before we disperse.

Ted (765-491-2194)

Contacts

Forgemaster: Ted Stout (stout8525@tds.net, 765-491-2194 cell).

Newsletter Editor: Dominick Andrisani (andrisan@purdue.edu, 765-463-4975)

Dates to Remember

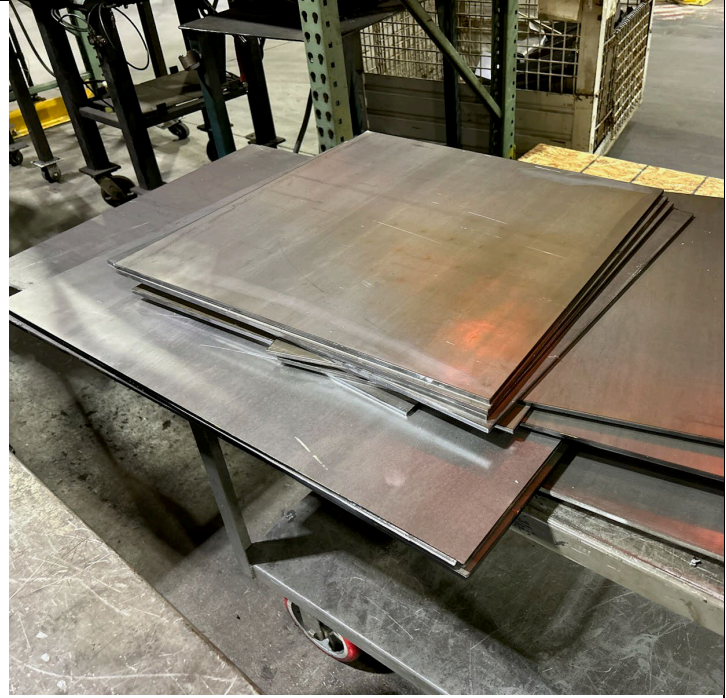
Illiana Show at Rainsville: July 21-23, 2023.

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

Much Work Needs Completion for the Illiana Shop in Rainsville



Dan and Dominick clean up rusty metal pipe for the ash dumps.



¼ inch steel plate (shown above) and angle iron were donated to Rocky Forge to make forges and work tables.



Cleaned up pipes for ten more ash dumps await welding.



All the doors are installed at the Illiana shop. This photo shows the porch at the front entrance.