

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting - May 11 At Illiana Shop in Rainsville

As I'm writing this script, on Tuesday evening looking out the window we are experiencing straight-line rain with some ferocious wind. Within a few minutes all has ended well and I'm hoping the same for all of you.

We will meet this Saturday, May 11, at 9:00 AM for our next hammer-in.

I have a pallet with several post vises and forge blowers that we need to clean and restore to working condition. I will bring that pallet to the meeting for each of you to take one or more items home for restoration and return to the shop.

Derrick Bratcher will treat us to a pulled pork lunch. Thank you sir!

Please bring a covered dish to complement his meal.

At the last meeting we agreed to make items for sale at the Illiana show in July. That's creeping up pretty fast. So we need our team to get with it and start making items. Jennifer Kemble will try to set up a system to allow credit card payments. (No more excuses like, "I don't have any money".

David Dillman has volunteered to organize and administer details of the ABANA National Curriculum. He will depend on others to volunteer as instructors. Thank you, David.

Matt Havens provided the idea and materials to bury a wire mesh around parts of the building for rodent control. With good help, that mesh was installed at the last meeting.



Several volunteers worked to finish the forge fabrication and installation. Thanks to Charles and Eric, along with others who helped.

Trash may seem an innocuous problem, but after each meeting it must be dealt with. Thanks to Michael Farrell for providing trash bags and to those of you who volunteer to remove it.

Also, a thank you to Marty Mears for donating a very well-made shaver's bench. It will give us the opportunity to learn how to use it and as a way for us to make handles.

Jeff Rattray donated what appears to be a nice air compressor. However, I have been unable to get it to pump air. If anyone is knowledgeable about it, please volunteer to work on it.

One special person needs our thanks is "TYLER FIGG the doughnut man". Need I say more?

AS YOU CAN, SEE VOLUNTEERS ARE THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS. KEEP IT GOING.

Thanks to all of you, we have a very congenial, creative, and supportive group.

See you all Saturday.

Ted Stout 765-491-2194

Coal Available by Order

If you need a bag of coal, please call Marty Mears [765*201*2836], and he will bring a bag to our meeting. He will no longer bring bags unless he is contacted prior to our meeting.

Dates to Remember

[IBA Conference: May 31-June 2, 2024, Tipton County Fairgrounds, Tipton, IN](#)

[ABANA Conference:](#) June 6-9, 2024, Johnstown, PA

[SOFA Quadstate Blacksmith Conference:](#) September 27-29, 2024, Troy, Ohio

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