

ROCKY FORGE NEWSLETTER

Notes from the Forgemaster

Hey there Rocky Forgers, here it is July already and the Illiana Show is less than two weeks away. We have a lot to prepare before the show. There is a meeting next Saturday, July 12th. I have several agenda items to review at the meeting. We can finalize our plans for a striking demonstration and teaching of Blacksmithing

Illiana has asked for help at the gate and donations to a first time ever silent auction. We will also discuss our building insurance.

IBA has made a challenge to all satellite groups to make a chain with each members touch mark or initials. The chains will be put together as a friendship chain and displayed at the 2026 conference.

Meeting Saturday is any time after 8:30 for doughnuts and coffee.
Carol will make barbecue beef for sandwiches. If you can bring a dish to pass, we would all appreciate your effort.
See you Saturday.

Ted

Upcoming events

7/12/2025 RFBG meeting at Illiana
7/18 – 7/20 Illiana Antique Power
Show

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We have a sign up sheet for the forging stations. There are folks that travel quite a long distance or have taken PTO to work the show, we want to make sure they have a place to work. If you are going to be there and would like to reserve a station, let me or Ted know so we can get your name on the list. If we have too many, we can share stations. We are all friends and can learn some things from one another.

Ted rehandled some Sledge hammers for use at the Striking Anvil.



. (**Editors note:** I saw a scythe blade being made on YouTube that used a striker. Very cool piece. Start watching about 8:00 minutes into the video. They are stretching the metal for the blade.

<https://youtu.be/7eScD8DYNV8?si=GCdZrL5tML992WDP>)