

ROCKY FORGE NEWSLETTER

Notes from the Forgemaster

The IBA conference is over and appears to have been a great success. The building of an iron smelt furnace and resulting yield of 22.5# of bloom from 80# of ore was a real success. Then items were made from the bloom and offered in the Saturday night auction.

Hope many of you were able to attend.

Our Rocky Forge group will meet next Saturday, June 13th at 9:00 with coffee and doughnuts.

As of this writing all of the machine shop equipment is gone except the large drill press. Hopefully, it will be gone by Saturday's meeting.

At this meeting I will bring more 1/2" stock that can be used to make campfire equipment to add to the Illiana silent auction or for your own use. Some of you have had good experience with fabrication of these items. So maybe you can bring ideas and examples for patterns.

Should be a fun experience.

Good news: The water is back on at the show grounds.

Lunch will be a cooker of ham and beans. I am depending on the rest of you to bring cornbread or other dishes to complement the bean soup.

We will have iron in the hat after lunch. Then back to the forges.

Many of you have been absent lately, I hope you see a good group gathering this month. Weather looks good for a hammer in.

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