

ROCKY FORGE NEWSLETTER

Notes from the Forgemaster

The Illiana Show is July 17, 18, and 19 which is only a little over a week away. Illiana directors spent a lot of time discussing how to help make the show more interesting and exciting for the visitors. As a result, several new things have been added which may help draw people in. Several of us have made things for their silent auction, which will surely be appreciated. At this point in time we only have a couple commitments for demonstrators during the show. I am asking you all to please try and work on your schedules to help make a good showing for Rocky Forge to celebrate our country's 250th anniversary. Part of our deal with the Illiana group to have this great shop available is to have a good showing of demonstrators during the show.

In the meantime RFBG needs to further prepare for the show. Any ideas to celebrate our country's 250 anniversary can be discussed. The shop certainly needs to be organized, and excess "stuff" eliminated or hidden in the shed.

As I write this newsletter, I am at the shop with the buyer of the machine shop equipment. He is preparing the large drill press for removal sometime this week. After he gets it out, we can clean and rearrange that space for our needs.

We will meet at the shop July 11th at 9:00 for our regular hammer-in. We can discuss our options on how best to use the space where the machines once stood. There will certainly be forge time available, so bring your tools and items for iron in the hat. Lunch will be a brown bag of your choice.

Hope to see you all on Saturday.

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