

ROCKY FORGE NEWSLETTER

Notes from the Forgemaster

Summer has come to a close, the IBA conference, SOFA and the Illiana Show are behind us for '26. The next big event will be the ABANA conference in Bentonville, Arkansas, November 11-14. I have attended two ABANA conferences and wish I could do it again. Great educational opportunities. If you can do it!

Our next Rocky Forge meeting is this coming Saturday, October 10th at 9:00. Coffee and doughnuts may be available before 9:00. If you are a first-time visitor the address is:

986 West Briscoe Road
Williamsport, IN.
47993

The planned agenda is to further work on improving our skill making a belt axe. Practice makes perfect. I will bring an assortment of handle drifts.

Iron in the hat remains our main source of income. Over the past 25 years, using funds generated by iron in the hat and donations, look at what we have accomplished. Be proud of our shop. Let's try to kick up the quality of items to raise ticket sales. We need to continually make financial commitments for improvements to our building and shop area.

For Saturday's lunch we will be able to eat at tables set up on the concrete floor. If everyone brings crockpot or covered dish we should be fine. I plan to bring a crockpot of ham and beans. We have tried asking for food donations in the past and failed to have a nice meal. Let's break that history and take the time to prepare something for lunch. Having lunch, as a group, is an important social part of the day.

See you all Saturday.

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