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The Saltfork Craftsmen Artist-Blacksmith Association, a non-profit organization of amateur and professional artist and craftsmen, publishes this newsletter monthly. Our purposes are the sharing of knowledge, education and to promote a more general appreciation of the fine craftsmanship everywhere. We are a chapter of the Artist-Blacksmith Association of North America.

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- A Water powered Smithy
- ABANA comes of AGE: 1994 NOMN Exhibit
- Basic Blacksmithing with Hershel House
- Basic Blacksmithing with Hershel House part 2
- Basic Blacksmithing with Hershel House part 3
- Bill Bastus: Guthrie 2002 SFC tapes 1-6
- Bob Patrick-Forge Welding
- Broom making for the Blacksmith
- Doug Merkel: Misc. projects
- Doug Merkel: Nail Header
- Doug Merkel: Saw tooth Trammel
- Doug Merkel: Tomahawk and Misc.
- Elmer Roush: Colonial American Hardware and Fixtures
- European masters Fire and Fantasy
- Forge Welding with Bob Patrick
- Frank Turley-Tool making tapes 3,4,5
- Hammer man in Williamsburg: An 18<sup>th</sup> Century Blacksmith
- Hershel House: Blacksmithing part 2 and part 3
- Jerry Darnell: 18<sup>th</sup> Century HDW-Hinge pintles tape 4
- Jerry Darnell: 18<sup>th</sup> Century HDW-strap Hinges tape 3
- Jerry Darnell: 18<sup>th</sup> Century HDW- Suffolk Door Latch tape 2 Jerry Darnell: 18<sup>th</sup> Century Lighting- Tapes 1,2 and 3 Jim & Kathleen Poor: Tool making-Guthrie 2001 tapes 3,4 and 5
- Jim Hrisoulas: Forging Damascus Part 1
- Jim Hrisoulas: Forging Damascus Part 2
- Omey's 2002: Kendall and Dyer- Table
- Omey's 1997: Ted Sawyer 4 tapes
- Rob Gunter: Hammers Tape 2
- Rob Gunter: Hollow Forging
- Rob Gunter: Hollow Forging tape 4 & 5
- Rob Gunter: Scrolls Tape 7
- Samuel Yellin's Legacy; The story of a Metal working shop
- The Loveless Legend
- Tom Smith at Hartdner
- Yellin Foundation: Manfred Bredohl
- RD-1 1990 Metal Madness
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- 2005 SCABA Conference tapes

*If you are interested in borrowing any of these tapes, contact Gerald Franklin at a meeting or call him at 580-252-6002.*

## TRADING POST

### For Sale:

$\frac{3}{4}$ " round bar of 5160 (\$3.30 per foot plus shipping)  
 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and 1" round bar of 52100 (\$6.00 and \$9.45 per foot plus shipping) Contact Ray Kirk,  
[ray@rakerknives.com](mailto:ray@rakerknives.com) or 1-918-456-1519

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Army surplus round nosed pliers that make good scroll pliers for small items. They are 6" long \$5.00 each plus shipping. I also tie broomcorn brooms on your handle or mine. \$15.00 plus shipping. Contact Diana Davis, [lazyassforge@tds.net](mailto:lazyassforge@tds.net) or 1-580-549-6824

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TREADLE HAMMER with air assist attachment and two extra dies. Bought new last year in mint condition gave 2000.00 dollars, asking 1750.00 or consider trade for 25lb Little Giant or like mechanical hammer. Call Mark Carter at 405-964-5754 before 10:00P.M. Please.

### Club Coal

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Saltfork Craftsmen have Arkansas coal for sale. The coal is \$95/ton to members and \$145/ton to non-members.

Bring your own containers. Contact Tom Nelson at 1-580-862-7691 to make arrangements to pick up a load. **DO NOT CALL AFTER 9 P.M.** If you make

arrangement well in advance, Tom can load your truck or trailer with his skid steer loader. Otherwise you will need to bring a shovel. The coal can be weighed out at the Douglas Coop Elevator scales. The coal is in large chunks; bring something to break up the coal into manageable size pieces.

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Rebuilt Little Giant Trip Hammers! Better than New! 25#-\$3495; 50#-\$4595; Misc. leg vices and hand cranked and electric blowers. Contact Mike George at 1-580-327-5235 or [Mike-marideth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mike-marideth@sbcglobal.net)

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**Sold out...."New supply arriving soon."**  
Saltfork Craftsmen Swage Blocks \$85.00 each plus shipping. SCABA members can purchase one block for a special members price of \$60.00  
Contact Mike George at 1-580-327-5235 or [mike-marideth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mike-marideth@sbcglobal.net) or Jim Carothers at 1-580-336-9213 or [colonel@fullnet.net](mailto:colonel@fullnet.net)



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### June

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**NE Regional meeting** (June 10, 2006) Hosted by Curtis Allen. Noon meal will be provided. There will be no trade item, as we are going to have a fun project to work on. If possible bring your forge; we will have something for everyone to do. Remember, this is a project meeting. So come and have some hot fun Map in back of newsletter.

**South/Central Meeting.** (June 17, 2006) Hosted by Larry Morefield at his shop in Medicine Park. The

trade item is any type of cooking utensil. Lunch will be provided. Medicine Park is small, just follow the anvil signs. The shop is east of the water treatment plant. Larry is fixing BBQ so bring a side dish.  
**NW Regional Meeting** (June 24, 2006) Hosted by Jim Omev at his home north of Camp Houston. Head North from Camp Houston, Jim should have some signs out. Jim has chosen a clevis as the trade item. Lunch will be provided. Bring your forges and enjoy the day.

### July

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**NE Regional meeting** (July 8, 2006) hosted by Mark Coatney

**South/Central meeting** (July 15, 2006) hosted by Max Scrudder.

**NW Regional meeting** (July 22, 2006) open

### August

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**NE Regional meeting** (August 12, 2006) open

**South/Central Regional** (August 19, 2006) hosted by Gregory George.

**NW Regional meeting** (August 26, 2006) hosted by Mike George

### September

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**NE Regional meeting** (Sept. 9, 2006) hosted by Pat Cowart.

**South/Central meeting** (Sept. 16, 2006) hosted by Terry Jenkins at the Sulphur tractor show.

**NW Regional meeting** (Sept. 23, 2006) open

### October

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**October 14 and 15, 2006 SCABA Conference\**

**South/Central meeting** (Oct. 21, 2006) open

**NW Regional meeting** (Oct. 28, 2006) open

### November

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**NE Regional meeting** (Nov. 11, 2006) open

**South/Central meeting** (Nov. 18 2006) hosted by Bill Davis

**NW Regional meeting** (Nov 25, 2006) open

### December

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**NE Regional meeting** (Dec. 9, 2006) open

**South/Central meeting** (Dec.16, 2006) hosted by Larry Morefield

**NW Regional meeting** (Dec.23, 2006) open

## 2006 PUBLIC DEMO REQUEST

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>** annual Comanche Old West Fest. You will need to complete an entry blank to participate.

Activities include a chuck wagon cook off as well as gun fighting and country western music. For more info. Contact Brant C. Ball at 580-439-8832 or email him at [brantcball@hotmail.com](mailto:brantcball@hotmail.com)

**June 10,17,24** Pawnee Bill Ranch Wild West Show (Contact Erin Brown for info)

**June 16 & 17** The Oklahoma Tractor Association has invited Saltfork members to demo at their annual "Okie Heritage Days" celebration. The event location is 26101 East 104<sup>th</sup> Street South—1/4 mile east of the Intersection of 104<sup>th</sup> and OK Highway 51 between Broken Arrow and Coweta. They have a nice shady site and lots of hospitality to offer the blacksmith. For more information contact: Guy Cabbines (918) 492-2272 or John Hoover (918) 482-3453.

**June 16-20** The City of Sedan, Kansas was chosen as the site for the 2006 Chautaugua. It is a re-enactment of a cultural event that used to occur around the country prior to the advent of media. It is state sponsored, and includes a number of professional actors playing the roles of historical figures. Mark Palmer is asking any blacksmiths that are interested to join him at the event. If interested contact mark at (620) 725-4199 or email at [wmforge@ksok.biz](mailto:wmforge@ksok.biz)

[ormpalmer@cessna.textron.com](mailto:ormpalmer@cessna.textron.com) (work)

**August 31.** Fletcher Tractor Show. The school lets the kids out to come and look around. There is also a livestock show going on at the same time. The group has asked if we would be able to hang around after 6 pm so people at the livestock show could come by and see the blacksmithing demonstration. Contact Diana Davis for more info.

**September 22-23** Oklahoma John Deere Two Cyl Tractor Show and Old Time Threshing Bee.

Possible location for a NW Regional Meeting.

**September 29-30** Don Colwell Heritage Days It is located at the Cache School Grounds. Friday is school day. Friday evening the Cache FFA will host a Free Brisket Dinner to all exhibitors and others starting around 5:30 pm. Also the Cache School will provide lunch for all exhibitors on Friday. For more information contact Diana Davis at 580-549-6824 or Tommy Hawthorne at 580-429-8200.

**October 13-14** D-Boone Days at Henrietta, Ok. Contact Marvin Boatwright at 918-625-7338 for more information.

## OKLAHOMA FERRIERS CLINIC

The Oklahoma Ferriers Clinic, conference and contest were held at the Cedar Springs Arena in Mustang, Oklahoma on April 21-23.

The Creative Forging Contest brought out some awesome art.

The high selling artists at the auction were Ron Lehenbauer \$200.00 and Levi Rutledge at \$275.00.

If you weren't there, you missed something.

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Wagon Mound Forge

## MORE TOOLS FOR BOX



Side Grip tongs made by Jim Carothers



Slide rule and square by Maurice Hamburg from Phoenix, Az. Maurice said

he saw the square in a book "Blacksmith Manual Illustrated by J.W. Lillico"

## SCABA TOOL BOX

We hope to get all the tools and the box together at Jim Omeys meeting. If you have volunteered to make or donate a tool for the box please try to get it to the meeting. I will have the tickets printed up and ready for anyone who is ready to purchase their lucky ticket. We also need everyone who can to take a few books of tickets and sell them. I will try

to get a flyer printed up at Jim Omey's that you can take to show the box and tools to potential winners.

The price of the tickets is \$2.00 each and they are in books of 10 tickets. All tickets will be due back by Oct. 1 and the drawing will be held during the SCABA Conference on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

## WESTERN SPIRIT CELEBRATION

On May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, Larry Morefield, Jerry Cathey and I demonstrated as part of the weeklong Chisholm Trail Stampede at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center in Duncan, OK. We were set up near the chuck wagons at the south side of the facility. Weather was wet and chilly, but turnout was good on Saturday. The weather was better on



Sunday and there were 20 to 30 onlookers at our forges for most of the day.

Larry and Linda Morefield

brought their 1890's era smithing wagon for display and it was a great hit with the crowd.

Several folks expressed an interest in Salt Fork Craftsmen so we may pick up a few new members from the effort.

Bill and Diana Davis came by for a while to help

wave the Saltfork flag.

We set up display and sales tables and sales were good on both days. There was



a lot going on at this event. Chuck Wagons displays, a herd of Longhorn cattle, and a horse-breaking demo were set up near us.



Jerry Cathy is always trying to get the kids to help him with his work. This little guy was doing a pretty good job at running the blower. Jerry's helper today was 2 yr old Chase Braus from Velma. I think we will need to wait a few years before we sign him up as a member.

There were many displays set up inside the Heritage Center. They helped hold the crowds in the area during rainy spells.

Gerald Franklin

## TOOL SWAP AT DAVID KINGS

David King held his annual tool swap meet on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> at the foundry in Guthrie. He had a pretty good turnout of vendors. Some said that

it was smaller than last year but I don't know.



I found some nice hacksaws from one vendor and Jim Carothers sold me a couple pair of tongs.



Some more of the vendors at Davids.

While the vendors were exchanging stories and swapping tools, Steven Knisely was in at the forge entertaining anyone who cared to watch. He was having a pretty good time making flowers and other interesting items.



## SOUTH/CENTRAL MEETING

The May Hammer in for the South Central region once again was held in conjunction with the Tuttle Tractor Show in, of all places, Tuttle. Record temperatures were expected but fortunately were not as bad as it was the previous year, when the temperatures soared near the century mark.

There were about 20 in attendance and 6 forges working. Terry Jenkins and I were set up in our usual spot, which



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this year the prevailing winds carried our smoke away from us and across the vendors set up to Northeast.

Crosses were the trade item and some very nice ones were made. Diane Davis brought a very nice one made of silver. Greg George made a



nifty hanging cross perfect for setting on a desk. Several examples of the Fredrich's cross were made and Max Scrudder made a nice one fullered on the ends and riveted.

Terry Jenkins drew the most comments I believe, his cross was made from 4 pieces of 3/8ths square stock that was bent at right angles, the ends were swaged into a half circle. When assembled each end had a full circle and held together with collars (see no evil, speak no evil) with a nice full rose embellishing the center. The rose is made of sheet metal, cutout by hand and riveted in place.



Corry Charlton working on getting his fire going.

Larry is a good teacher. His wife has decided to try her hand at some simple forging. I'm not sure that trying to split 1" square is a good place to start but that is between them.



Not pictured is where Larry takes the hammer and hot cut and finishes the cut while she holds the metal. Couples that forge together....well you know how it goes.

## NW REGIONAL MEETING

Hosted by John Burns

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## NE REGIONAL MEETING

Hosted by Mike Boos

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## A PIECE OF THE EDITORS MIND

It takes a lot of effort and time to host a meeting. I would think that if I had taken the time to host a meeting I would want those that couldn't come to know what they missed. I haven't received anything from the NW or NE region about their meetings. May be they can get me an article for next months newsletter.

I can't make it to every meeting in the state like I could when there was only one meeting. With three meetings and untold number of public demonstrations taking place around the state I am lucky to get to the ones I do.

The definition of an editor is someone who takes the information and articles that are sent in and organize, print and distribute it back to the membership. I try to find out the information and write as many articles as I can but as you can see there are still a lot of good articles that are not getting in the newsletter.

I would like to thank all of those that do send me in brief articles about what they have been doing. The newsletter would be pretty thin without their help but there are still a lot of you that are hosting meeting, teaching classes, and doing public demonstrations that I'm not hearing from. I can use any information you can send. Even a brief note written on a small piece of paper is help. I know that many of you don't know how to write an article but you can give me a call and we can talk about the meeting and I can get enough information through the conversation to write a pretty good article.

Summer is a busy time of year, so I am asking; no I am begging you to help me with the newsletter by sending in information.

If you like the way the newsletter is being produced and the information that it contains then please help keep the information flowing by submitting meeting information both before and after the meeting. People can't come if they don't know about it.

Diana

## TOOL BOX TOOLS

The tools just keep coming. Gerald Franklin volunteered to make a set of chisels for the tool box. He sent me these pictures of the finished tools.



Gerald's wife Frankie made the nice roll to hold all the tools.

Slit punches- 3/8" and 1/2" mortises  
Drifts- 3/8" & 1/2" round; 1/4" & 3/8" square  
Monkey tools- 1/4", 3/8" & 1/2" round  
Canvas tool roll.

## **PRESS RELEASE**

We are excited to announce the opening of our new facility located off of Historic Route 66 in Moriarty, New Mexico.

The new shop can accommodate up to twelve students with at least two instructors at all times to insure individual attention. Each student will have a complete forge, anvil, vice and tooling setup with all materials supplied.

Robb Gunter founded the Forgery School of Blacksmithing in 1986. He taught for twelve years before taking a few years off to complete a large out of state commission. In 2003 his sons, Chad and Brad, started construction on a new facility, which is now home to the new Forgery School of Blacksmithing.

The Gunter family is two generations of professional blacksmiths each specializing in their own areas of expertise; all combined to give the student the best possible learning experience.

There are a convenient variety of lodging and restaurant options within three miles of the shop.

For more information or class schedules please contact Chad Gunter (505) 270-1007 or Brad Gunter (505) 205-9815

I called and received this years schedule of classes.

### 2006 Class Schedule

July 17-22  
Week Long Basic Class

August 21-26  
Week Long Basic Class

September 11-16  
Week Long Basic Class

October 2-7  
Week Long Basic Class

November 6-11  
Week Long Basic Class

Week Long Classes Will Run Monday-Saturday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
45 Min. Lunch

### Basic Course

Fifty-hour blacksmithing course structured for both the novice and the blacksmith with limited experience. The course will cover all basic aspects of blacksmithing: hammer control, lighting and tending a coal fired forge, drawing, upsetting, twisting, splitting, punching, drifting, tool steel forging and heat treating, scrolling, riveting and forge welding. The last ten hours of class each student is encouraged to design and execute a project of his or her choosing.

We are offering basic classes only for 2006. Intermediate and advanced classes will be added in 2007

### Cost

Cost for a week long basic class will be \$800.00

### Terms

\$100.00 deposit reserves your place in a class

Balance is due 30 days  
Before your class begins

### To Make payment Arrangements

Contact  
Chad Gunter: (505)270-1007  
Or  
Brad Gunter: (505) 205-9815

***Please call before sending any  
Form of payment!***

### Things to Bring

- Safety glasses are required.
- Notebook
- Favorite hammer (if you have one)
- Any other protective gear is welcome

## BLACKSMITH CLASS 101 AT THE PAWNEE BILL RANCH SITE MUSEUM

Saltfork members Mike George, Adam Hall, and Jim Carothers were the instructors for the Pawnee Bill Ranch Site Museum Annual Blacksmithing Class. If you happen to be in the Pawnee, OK area at anytime the Museum / State Park is open, the site is worth a stop and tour; you will really like the friendly and very knowledgeable staff also.



Tom Nelson, originally scheduled to work as an instructor for this class, has been side lined for several weeks now because of back surgery. I am happy to report though that Tom is healing up and is scheduled to be back to work at Ditch Witch on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.



We had 13 students; and gained a couple of new Saltfork members from this group. One of these new members is Brandon Reid. Brandon is one of the Historical Interpreters at the Pawnee Bill Museum. One of these days you will find him in

the Museum Blacksmith Shop as a very capable living history blacksmith. Brandon's father was also in the class; it's not uncommon to have a father / son or mother / daughter in one of our classes. During our class day, quite a few Museum visitors sopped by to watch and ask a few questions too.

Three teaching stations "School Rooms" were spread out in the shade just outside the old Pawnee Bill Ranch blacksmith shop; a very interesting native stone building. We set up around 8 AM; the tools were not all packed up until nearly 6 PM; it was a full day of fun and fellowship. Thanks to the Museum staff, we had a very good lunch too.



The class project, to demonstrate the basics of smithing, was a simple wall hook. We used Bill Epps' tutorial from <http://www.anvilforge.com> iForge Demo. No. 20. With only a few students per forge, everyone was able to get some time at the forge and to complete a hook by about noon.

After lunch we had a number of requests for other projects. Each School Room made items of interest to those on hand. Jim C.

Mr. Carothers;

Thank you again for your time, as well as the time of your instructors, to come out and teach our class yesterday. We truly appreciate it, and look forward to our next event. Everyone I spoke to expressed how much they enjoyed the class, and many also expressed an interest in taking a class the next time it is offered. I myself, am going to look into joining the Association and attending some of the meetings and events.

Brandon W. Reid  
Historical Interpreter  
Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum  
Oklahoma Historical Society