

# Saltfork Craftsmen

Artist-Blacksmith Association

March 2008



*Getting down to his level*

# Saltfork Craftsmen

Artist-Blacksmith Association  
Membership Application  
April 2008 thru March 2009

Please accept my application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Married?  Yes  No Spouses Name \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ ABANA Member?  Yes  No

I have enclosed \$20.00 for dues to March 30, 2009

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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[www.saltforkcraftsmen.org](http://www.saltforkcraftsmen.org)

**Trading Post**

**For Sale:**  
¾" round bar of 5160 (\$3.30 per foot plus shipping)  
¾" 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 brooms on your handle or mine. \$20.00 plus shipping. 2008 SCABA calendars featuring SCABA members, \$10.00 Contact Diana Davis, [lazyassforge@tds.net](mailto:lazyassforge@tds.net) or 1-580-549-6824

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One Champion, one Tiger, freestanding hand crank blowers, good condition, \$125. for choice. Contact Mark Carter 405-964-5754

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Due to health problems, I have decided not to rebuild any more Little Giant hammers. I have for sale :One decent used 100# hammer (\$3,500), one completely rebuilt 50# hammer (\$4,500), one good condition used #50 hammer (\$3,500), two rebuildable 50# hammers (one at \$1750 and one at \$2,000 ), I have some miscellaneous parts, dies, babbitt mandrels, and etc. for sale. Contact Mike George at 580-327-5235 (home), 580-829-1968 (cell) or [Mike-marideth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mike-marideth@sbcglobal.net)

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**Wanted:**  
Advertising Coal Hammers, Contact Mike George at 1-580-327-5235 or o [Mike-Marideth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mike-Marideth@sbcglobal.net)

## Club Coal

Saltfork Craftsmen has 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.

**S/C Region coal location:** Coal is in 1-2" size pieces. Bring your own container. The coal is at Max Scrudder's place in Mountain View. Contact Max for load out instructions.

Cost for this coal is .06/pound or \$120.00/ton. NO SALES to non-members.

Max Scrudder can be contacted at (405) 226-9951

**NE Region coal location:** Dan Cowart also has coal to sell. He can be contacted at

[dacowart@dishmail.net](mailto:dacowart@dishmail.net) or [CowartPat@gmail.com](mailto:CowartPat@gmail.com)

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Saltfork Craftsmen Swage Blocks \$105.00 each plus shipping. SCABA members can purchase one block for a special members price of \$85.00

Contact Mike George at 1-580-327-5235 or [mike-marideth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mike-marideth@sbcglobal.net) or Bill Kendall at 1-918-742-7836 or [wwkendall@aol.com](mailto:wwkendall@aol.com)



Bill and Diana Davis have a few blocks available for those in the S/C region.

Mail your ads to the editor or email them to [lazvassforge@tds.net](mailto:lazvassforge@tds.net)

## MEETING SCHEDULE

### March.

**Southeast region...March 1<sup>st</sup>** Host will be Gerald Franklin. The meeting will be held at the Durant Stockyards in Durant, Ok. Directions: Come into Durant on US Hwy 70, which becomes Main St. in the downtown area. Turn south at 9<sup>th</sup>

Street, which is also Bus. 69 and go about a mile to the Durant Stockyard on the west side of the road. We will be set up in the parking area. The sale barn café is not open on Saturday, so lunch will be on your own. There are numerous eating-places in Durant. Come early and bring your portable forges. We want to put on a good show for this area in hopes of attracting a larger membership to this region. Call Gerald for more info at 580-467-8667

**Northeast region..March 8<sup>th</sup>.** Host will be Dan Cowart Trade item will be something to use while cooking on a grill. Meal will be provided but bring a side dish. Look for a map in the back of the newsletter.

**South/Central region. March 15<sup>th</sup>.** Host will be Byron Donor at his home in Norman. Meal will be provided but bring a side dish. Byron had decided on a Door Knocker as the trade item.

Directions to Byron's...From the south take I-35 to exit 108A Highway 9 east (first right after crossing south Canadian River) go 7.9 miles, then turn North (left) on 60<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, go 2 miles, Then turn East (right) onto Alameda St. go approx. 6 miles to 6520 alameda. We are on the South side, White 2-story house with a sale boat in front of shop. From North you have to get off I-35 on Highway 9 east/Lindsay exit. If you get lost my cell is 405-650-7520

### SCABA Board meeting after lunch.

**Northwest region..March 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Host will be Bob Kennimer. Trade item will be something for cooking on a grill. Meal will be provided. For more info call Bob at 580-225-3361 The Blacksmith shop in Elk City is 1 block north of the Route 66 Museum, which is located at 2717 W. Third (Old Hwy 66) This is about ¼ Mile east of Wal-mart.

**Check out the calendar insert for future meeting information. It will be updated on the website and newsletter as dates are booked.**

### **Saltfork Members:**

I would like to take this opportunity to share a few thoughts with you. 2008 has started with some significant local events, such as the January ice storm, and the Saltfork Craftsmen have started the year with four really good

regional meetings and many more in the works. As you have read in the newsletters, these first meetings have been more like small educational workshops.

The SE (Paris, TX) and NE (Tulsa) Regional meetings were tongs related and the SW (Altus) and (Duncan) meetings were focused on making scroll fixtures and scrolls. The hosts of these workshops helped to provide the venue to share knowledge, material, and improve individual confidence. James, Bill, J.C. and Gerald Franklin, thanks very much for your extra work and taking your time to mentor the rest of us.

Now that you have the March newsletter and some practice making scrolls or scroll fixtures, what are you going to make? You might want to start with something simple. Here are three photos of basic projects. The wall hook illustrates a penny scroll; the bookend has 4 simple scrolls as supports. I really like this trivet as a learning piece and also as a functional item for the home. The three scrolled pieces fit nicely into the outer ring and are secured with collars (Adam Hall piece). A piece like this trivet will give you practice in design, layout, and making of multiple matching pieces.

As a special meeting, David Seigrist and Mike George are planning a hinge and handle workshop at Mike's shop in Alva on March 29<sup>th</sup>. As you may recall, Mike made the very nice hinges and handles for the Saltfork fund raiser tool box last year. Having a workshop in a month with 5 Saturdays is a right good idea; one that I likely would not thought of.

I have finished the editing work and have the master video tapes of the Saltfork 2007 Conference done. These masters have been sent to Gerald for copying onto DVD's and should be in the Saltfork Library and ready for loan to SFC members soon.

We also have a fresh supply of swage blocks. I took 10 blocks each to J.C. Banks and Gerald Franklin (SW Region). Bill Kendall (Tulsa) has the remainder of the order.

And finally, I would like to close this note with something I read not long ago. This quote seems like something many Saltfork members would have said had they been asked why they do what they do for the rest of us.



**"Friends do not help friends for a reward. They do it because they are friends."** Ceran St. Vrain (May 5, 1802 -- October 28, 1870)

Ceran St. Vrain in a partnership with William & Charles Bent (*Bent, St. Vrain & Company*) built an elaborate adobe fort (1833) on the eastern Colorado plains known as Bent's Fort. Along the Santa Fe Trail, this was the only privately owned fortification in the west and it became a premier trading center and rendezvous point. Bent's Fort (now a US National Historic Site) is located in Otero County, Colorado near the city of La Junta.



Jim Carothers,  
President (2008)  
Saltfork  
Craftsmen ABA



## **Memberships expire the last day of March. If you wish to continue to receive the SCABA Newsletter, get you dues into the treasurer ASAP.**

Correction to last month's newsletter: I wrongly gave James Allcorn credit for writing an article concerning Tom Clark's illness. James corrected me and I would like to apologize to the author. I try to give credit where credit is due so if you sent me that email let me know. I appreciate everything sent to me and try to use everything I get, hopefully in the right newsletter. (Some people know what I am referring to) Editor.

### **Drawing Out Contest**

During our Family Picnic on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May we will have a drawing out contest. I'm sending this out in case anyone wants to practice for the event. You will be given a 2' piece of 1/2" square and you have 3 heats to draw it out as far as possible. When it turns black you have to stop. I know some of you are saying but I can get another 1/16" after it turns black. The only tools you may use are your favorite hammer, nothing more than 3 lbs, and the anvil provided. David Seigrist

## *Treadle Hammer and Hand Held Tooling Workshop*



JC Banks will be conducting our second workshop on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of April in Altus, OK. We will be making a set of tools similar to the ones in the photo and a pair of tongs to go with them.

They are for treadle hammer work or hand held work and would be a great addition to any shop. Some places sell these tools for over \$200.

In case you are not familiar with JC he has been an integral part of the last two conferences working behind the scenes to make it happen. He has donated countless hours and materials and is always eager to share his knowledge and love of the craft. He is also responsible for the SCABA website.

During this weekend JC will show us how to make: small tooling, heat-treating of tools, special tongs for the tooling, and jigs. The tooling will be made from 7/8" 4140 (generously donated by Bill and Diane Davis) and the tongs will be made from an adaptation of Poz tongs. Small tooling just means the height of the tool will be smaller than regular hand held tools, about 2.75 inches, the working end is standard size. Class size is limited to 10 students to ensure better instruction and supervision. There will be no observers for this workshop. We will start at 8:00 am on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> and may go over into Sunday. As long as you make it by Saturday at 12:00 you will be okay and can finish on Sunday. For those who start at 8:00 am on Saturday you can finish by Saturday evening.

All the supporting equipment and tools will be provided except you need to bring a couple of standard size files, fine and bastard cut, and your favorite hammer.

If you would like to attend please give me a call at (580) 381-0085 or send an email to [dseigrist2004@yahoo.com](mailto:dseigrist2004@yahoo.com) and I'll add your name to the list. I'm also making an alternate list in case we have dropouts. Once again, I know what you're thinking. Come on David; tell us how much it is. Since JC and Bill are very generous with their time, materials and equipment it will only cost \$25.00 and that includes lunch on Friday. JC, Bill, and Diane like several others in Saltfork are doing this to further the education and skills of our members. That is "Love of the Craft."

It's never too late to turn in a survey, and those who return a survey requesting that class has first dibs. Yes, there are still seats available so let me know.

David Seigrist                      P.O. Box 163                      Hollis,  
OK 73550

February 16<sup>th</sup> South-Central Meeting

Gerald Franklin

We held the February South-Central meeting at the Frankin place near Duncan. Despite the icy weather, we had a pretty good turnout. Frankie cooked up a good hot lunch of stew and cornbread and it was added to by several side dishes brought by folks who came. We ate well. I didn't get a real good count, but I'm sure we fed over 25 people. Thanks to all who added to the good meal by bringing food.

We had some nice trade items, which were to be any forged item that incorporated rivet, forge welding, collar, or mortise/tenon joinery. Most of the items were prepared ahead of time, but some were forged at the meeting. We were pleased to have Alexander Seigrist add his work to the Trade Item Table for the first time. We hope to see more of his work in the future.



As part of the fulfillment obligation for a scholarship that I had received, I was planning to demo four scroll ends for the group. It turned out that due to a case of bronchitis, I was only able to talk well enough to demo two of the four scroll ends I'd intended to do. I made up a handout showing the Ribbon-end, Snub-end, Halfpenny, and Compound scrolls. I only had "voice" for the Halfpenny and the Compound scrolls. Maybe I can demo the other two at a future meeting



Due to the bad weather, we were all ganged up inside the shop building like rats so we didn't have any coal forges going. Three gas forges provided all the forge-power that we needed, though, and they also put out some extra heat for the people. I want to thank Bill and Diana Davis and Jerry Cathey for bringing their gas forges.

This particular meeting was like Christmas for me. J.C. Banks brought me a 250-gallon chemical "tote" to turn into a coal bin. I'm looking forward to getting started on that conversion soon. Also, J.C. and Bill took a trailer up to Bill's shop and loaded up my new KA-75 power hammer that had been delivered to Bill the week prior. They brought it back to our place and there was enough muscle power to slide it off the trailer and into the shop. Thanks again, Bill and J.C. for doing this. It's good to have friends helping out.



So, despite the weather, we had a pretty good turnout and got some work done, too. Several new members showed up which shows that Saltfork continues to create new interest in blacksmithing.

Thanks again to all who braved the foul weather to come down to Duncan and particular thanks go out to all who brought food.

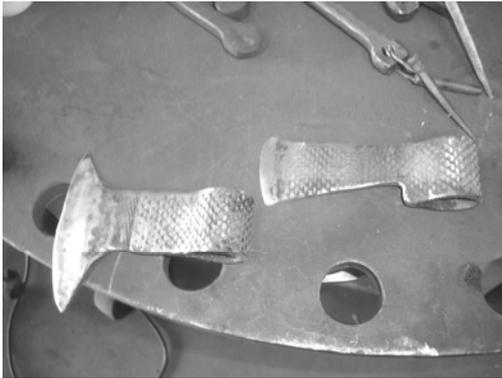
## *NW Regional Meeting*

### NW Regional Meeting

We started around 6:45 AM from JC Banks' house and headed north on our way to Ron's. Fog was heavy all the way up past I-40, and the only time we had a close call is when we came upon a semi stopped in the right lane of I-40 near Elk City. Cars and trucks veered hard to the left and right – whew scary.

We arrived around 10:30 and shook hands all around.

Earlier Ron had a demo and made two tomahawk heads from a horseshoe rasp, involving a forge weld. **Rats!** Missed a good demo. ☹



Mike George was working on a wall mount plate for a steering wheel. A customer wanted an old tractor steering wheel mounted on the wall and Mike told him he knew just the thing.

By the time we walked around Ron's shop oohing, ahing, and taking a few photos it was time for lunch. There were about 25 people gathered around when we gave thanks, and then through the line we went. There were two different kinds of beans, 3 different kinds of cornbread, some home made bread and desserts. All of it was very good.

**Rats!** If you weren't there you missed out. After lunch Tom

Nelson made two handles for 1/2" square for a box JC made for Jim C.

Got it? He started by putting a leaf on both ends and a twist in the middle. Then a couple of ends on both ends and walah! Two very nice handles.



Jim Carothers needed a nail header so Ron cut a blank out of a grader blade and they went to work. After a few heats and some sledghammer work Jim had a nice functional nail header with only a little clean up work remaining.



Then Jim asked me "Hey Dave do you want to make one?" Oh Yeah!

Jim laid it out on the grader blade and then Jon Burns suggested making a header on each end, that way you can make 2 sizes of nails from the same tool. Awesome idea! Thanks Jon. With the help of Byron, Tom, and Alex I was able to make a double nail header in about 30 minutes. Ron is very helpful and shares his knowledge freely.

There were several good trade items; as a



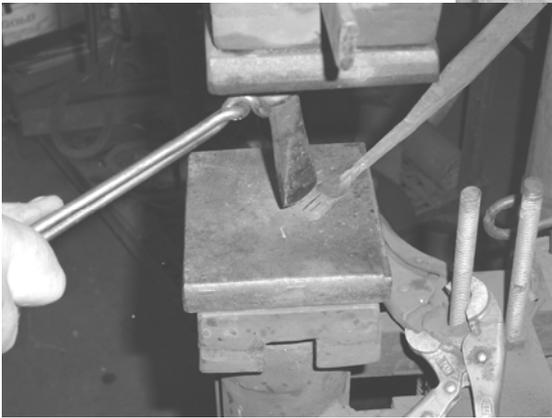
matter of fact I don't recall a single item I wouldn't be proud to have.

We had a great time and left with some good information and guidance.

David Seigrist

More pictures from Ron's meeting sent by Jim Carothers;





## Reminder From the Librarian

Please look around your place and look for any Saltfork library materials that are overdue. The loan period on all materials is 30 days. It is the responsibility of all borrowers to return the borrowed materials within this 30-day period. If you have overdue materials mail them back to the librarian at:

Gerald Franklin  
Rt 3 Box 239J  
Duncan, OK 73533

If the materials are commercial copies, don't forget to insure them for replacement cost.

### Blacksmithing Classes

#### Educational opportunity

David W. Osmundsen is offering a basic blacksmithing, entry level, class at his shop, Arrowhead Forge, in Buffalo, Wyoming. This five-day class teaches many of the fundamentals such as shop layout and tool selection, fire and hammer control., punching, slitting, drifting, swaging, welding, heat-treating and many more. Classes are held monthly and limited to two students. For more information visit

[www.arrowhead-forge.com](http://www.arrowhead-forge.com) or write to David at 47 N. Lobban Buffalo, Wy 82834

Ready or not here it  
comes...  
demo season

If it hasn't happened to you yet it soon will. People will be calling to ask you to do a public demonstration. There is something going on every weekend somewhere in Oklahoma. I will list them as I find out about them. If you are going to demo as some event this year, please let me know the details so I can put them in the newsletter. Also...if you are using the Saltfork Craftsmen liability insurance you **MUST** follow the Clubs rules to do so and one of them is that you let the "Events coordinator" know about the event in advance. Please send the information by email or mail. That way we have the information on paper to keep in the files. Thanks.....Editor, Diana Davis

### Events requesting a demo

**\*March 29<sup>th</sup> 2008-Discovery Days..Drumright, Okla.** Annual event that celebrates the rich oil history in Drumright. Discovery Day is March 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm at the Drumright community historical Museum, located at 301 East Broadway in Drumright. You can set up on the lawn under the trees. Because the blacksmiths are actually an exhibit there is no charge at all for you to set up or for anything you sell. There will be food available from other vendors on site. Bring either gas or coal forges. There will be lots of other things going on like book signing, art fair, mobile health screening, and the Oklahoma Blood Institute. Please fill out the form and note that you are with the Saltfork Craftsmen. If you have any questions you can call Angie Bengston at 918-760-4899

(Drumright Discovery day's form in back of newsletter)

### **\*April 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>-Southern Plains Rendezvous**

Corey Conrady of the Cimarron Council Boy Scouts of America has requested someone from the Saltfork Craftsmen to come and do a demonstration. They expect to have around 500 in attendance. For more info you can contact Corey at [conrady2@suddenlink.net](mailto:conrady2@suddenlink.net) Directions: From Enid Hwy 412 and US 81 head west towards Woodward. Make a left turn 29.5 miles west on Enid. (Large tan sign on the S. side of road and radio tower on N.) Proceed South 3 miles to the dead end. To the right is the entrance to the camp. When you get there contact Corey (580-603-2797) and he can show you where to set up your forge.

### **\*May 2,3, &4 -Steam and Gas Engine Show**

Pawnee, Okla.. As a demonstrator the blacksmith will not be charged a gate fee. You will need to arrive early and unload and set up before the gates are closed. Bring your items to sell or trade. Food will be available from other vendors. Upon arriving in Pawnee just follow the signs to the City Steam Park located in the Northwest section of town. Don Beighle..www.dbeighle@sbcglobal.net

### **\*May 24<sup>th</sup> 2008- 119<sup>th</sup> Mulhall Days Celebration**

Events planned for the day will include: Calvin Cook world record trick roper, Swanson Cowboy-O-Graphy, Old West Productions Gunfighters, and an evening street dance. There are a lot of events during the day. Come to Mulhall and join in the fun. Jim Carothers and Adam Hall have demonstrated at this event in the past and can answer any questions about what to expect.