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Examples of Maurice Hamburgers work

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April 2007 thru March 2008

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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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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

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



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

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SCABA Conf - 2002 - Bill Bastas
A Traditional Suite: Sword Making, Set Hammer
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Forge Welding - Bob Patrick
SCABA Conf - 1997 - Frank Turley (Tools)
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SCABA Conf - 2001 - Jim & Kathleen Poor
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Omey's 2002 - Kendall & Dyer - Table
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SCABA Conf - 1998 - R. Gunter - Hammers
SCABA Conf - 1998 - D. Steigler - Iris & Finishes
SCABA Conf - 1998 - R. Gunter - Hollow Forging
SCABA Conf - 1998 - D. Steigler - Repousse'
SCABA Conf - 1998 - R. Gunter - Scrolls
Samuel Yellin's Legacy
Omey's - 1997 - Ted Sawyer
Omey's - 1997
The Loveless Legend
Tom Smith at Hartdner, KS
Yellin Foundation & Manfred Bredohl
Allen Rogers - Projects
Forge & Anvil - Various Episodes
Unknown Conference - Unknown Smiths
Broom Making for the Blacksmith
Elmer Roush: Colonial American Hdw & Fixtures
European Masters & The Woodwright's Shop
ABANA Gallery Exhibit - 1992
Doug Merkel: Misc Projects
Doug Merkel: Nail Header
Doug Merkel: Sawtooth Trammel
Doug Merkel: Tomahawk & Misc
Doug Merkel: Hammers
Blacksmith's Journal Techniques - 1
Blacksmith's Journal Techniques - 2
Bill Epps - Tongs
Bill Epps - Animal Heads
Bill Epps - Animal Heads
Bill Epps - Birds & Bugs
Bill Epps - Leaves & Flowers
(RD1) 1990 Metal Madness
(RD2) Ivan Bailey & Paul Hubler
(RD9) 1992 BAM Ozark Conference
(RD69) 2002 UMBA Conference
(RD79) 2003 UMBA Conference
Knifemaking With William White
(RD 82) Wagon Wheel, Marble Inlay, Strikers
National Museum of Horse Shoeing Tools
SCABA Conf - 2004 - Don MacKay
SCABA Conf - 2004 - Bob Patrick
SCABA Conf - 2005 - Peter Happny
SCABA Conf - 2005 - Brian Gilbert
SCABA Conf - 2006 - Tal Harris
SCABA Conf - 2006 - Ed & Brian Brazeal
SCABA South Central Meetings - 2004

Meeting schedule

November

SE. Regional meeting (Nov 3rd) Beginning with the Nov. 3rd meeting all the winter meeting will be held at the shop of James Alcorn at 33 NE 1st Street, Paris Texas. The Nov. 3rd meeting program will be on tong making. Anyone wishing to volunteer to give this program please raise their hand.

NE Regional meeting (Nov 10th) Mike Sweany is hosting the NE Regional meeting. He plans to cook bratwursts so bring a side dish. Bring your forge. He has some nice shade to work under. The trade item is anything suitable for a Christmas Gift. The trade items will be judged and prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Look for map in back of newsletter.

South/Central meeting(Nov 17th) will be hosted by Bill and Diana Davis. The trade item is a candleholder. Lunch will be provided but bring a side dish or desert to go with it. Map in back of newsletter.

NW Regional meeting (Nov. 24th) The meeting will be hosted by Tom Nelson. It will be at his shop in Douglas The Saturday after Thanksgiving. I am planning to demo how to hydraulically shrink a wagon tire-cold! Lunch will be provided- Stew. Call if you can, so I can have an idea of how many to plan for. There may even be a team of horses to give wagon rides. The trade item will be a traveler. Tom Nelson 580-862-7691
Shop is 3 blocks north of Fire Station in Douglas.
Map in back of newsletter.

SE Regional meeting

10/6/07

The SE Saltfork group held a combo meeting at the Paris Bible Camp on Friday and Saturday, October 5 and 6. Ann and Gary Butler along with Melvin and Brazos White tended to the forges and demonstrations. I called it a "combo" meeting as it was in combination with a Cowboy Church two-day event. Saltfork was asked to set up a demo to add a historic flavor to the rural setting and the Cowboy Church's motif or theme.

Some of you know Brazos White. He is a slender young man, I forget his age but I think he is around 11 or 12, lots of blonde hair, and has a great affinity for blacksmithing. He came to the first SE

Saltfork meeting in Paris back in May '07, and along with his dad, Melvin, has been learning and gathering equipment ever since. Mike George gave Brazos his first lesson on coal forging and Brazos hasn't slowed down a bit.

According to Gary Butler, Brazos was the hit of the meeting! Everyone was interested in watching him operate his forge and work hot metal. While us "old folks" are ok to watch, it is refreshing to see a young person ply the craft and keep the old craft and traditions alive well into the 21st century.

Ann Butler likes to cook and she is good at it! She has served lunch at most of the SE Saltfork meetings and outdid herself at this SE Saltfork/Cowboy Church meeting. Gary said they started cooking cornbread in the middle of the afternoon on Saturday and never stopped until 6 p.m. And not a single piece was left! I'm not sure what else was served, but he reported that there wasn't anything left to take home. Another good job by the Butler's!

SE Saltfork needs a few more good members. We are down to a very small core group at this time and it is very difficult to keep up with all the requests for demonstrations. If any of you know of anyone in SE Oklahoma or NE Texas who would be a good, working member of our group, please get them on track for our meeting schedule that is the first Saturday of each month. We keep getting good feedback from folks who see our demos, so the work is being noticed and appreciated.

Bois D'Arc Forge Hosts Garden Club -

Bois D'Arc Forge Blacksmith Shop (Cindy and James Allcorn) in Paris, TX hosted the Towne and Country Garden Club on Thursday, October 18. About 15 ladies attended. They asked numerous questions of Cindy's presentation on the concept of Bois D'Arc Forge and how it started. She also reviewed for the group a pictorial of the various objects created by Bois D'Arc. The recently completed king size bed was set up in the shop for viewing. James gave a lecture covering the history of blacksmithing, metals throughout history, the role of the blacksmith in ancient and contemporary society and a short treatise on historical finishing of architectural and ornamental ironwork compared to modern finishes.

November SE Saltfork Meeting -

Beginning with the November 3, 2007 meeting, SE Saltfork will meet at James Allcorn's shop, Bois D'Arc Forge, 33 NE 1st Street, Paris, TX. Unless other notice is given, all meetings through the winter months will be held here. The program will briefly review the SCABA Conference and then concentrate on tool making, especially tongs. For this and future meetings, we will attempt to have an educational meeting followed by a practice session. Also, we will try to have a DVD-TV setup showing various demos. Call James at 903-517-1667 or Gary Butler 903-785-9545 for more information.

By James Allcorn

Museum of the Great Plains School Encampment Gerald Franklin

On Thursday and Friday, October 4 & 5 I demonstrated for the Museum of the Great Plains School Days Living History Days Encampment. The museum is located in Lawton, OK and any of you who haven't seen it need to put it on your agenda of places to see. It is well worth the time.

I got to the museum shortly after 8AM on Thursday with plenty of time to get equipment unloaded and a fire started. I was working out of the museum's blacksmith shop that is located inside the stockade of the 1840's era fur trading post. It's a neat old shop and is a pretty true reproduction of the early fur-trading era in what is now Oklahoma. I was fortunate to be able to use the newly re-built bellows that I was involved in restoring this past summer. We started our demo about 9:30 when we received the first group of students.

The museum staff had about five stations set up with the blacksmith shop being one. The student groups were rotated through these stations at 15-minute intervals. With such a short period of time, I could only forge a simple hook project because I wanted to be able to actually finish something for each group to see. I gave the students a quick description of the smithing equipment and the reasoning behind having a blacksmith shop at a trading post. After this short spiel, I got busy forging hooks...drive hooks, J-hooks, S-hooks...hooks, hooks and more hooks. By the end of the second day, I had the trading post equipped with more hooks of all styles than they could possibly use in the near future. Many of the drive hooks and J-hooks were immediately installed on the log walls of the trading post Sutler's store. The S-hooks were set aside for use over cooking fires. When we got the trading post outfitted

with hooks, we started driving the hooks into the posts of the blacksmith shop itself. If you can immediately put the object that you just finished into operation, it gives an added dimension to your demo. The kids eat it up

Students kept coming and ol' Gerald just kept forging hooks. All told, we had about 350 students on Thursday. On Friday, we had about 200 public school students in the early morning and they were followed by smaller groups of home-school students of various ages later in the day.

This was a very good event to demo for as the kids were very attentive and showed a lot of interest. I think we can look for at least a few of them to become Saltfork members in a few years.



S/Central regional meeting

On Saturday, October 20th Aniela and Kent Hadick hosted the meeting for the S/C Regional Meeting at their home in Midwest City. Aniela decided to add a little excitement to the meeting by asking anyone who wanted to come in costume. Most of those that got the message came as a blacksmith. Imagine that. But a few of us came as something different. Kent was Captain Jack the pirate. Brach was Conan the Barbarian.

Your editor came as a pirate also. Strange how a bleached blond wig can change a person's appearance. My own daughter didn't know me.

We arrived around 10:00 am and there was already a four forges going strong. They had a really good turn out.



Aniela and Kent live in a rural area of Midwest City so there was no problem with the coal forges. They have lots of shade trees around their



home and plenty of room for the forges to be spread out. I think that everyone had a good time and it was a lot of fun

dressing up. Aniela said that if she hosted the meeting in Oct. 08, for



everyone to plan to dress up again.

Aniela and Kent cooked ribs and chili beans to eat and others brought lots of side dishes to go with it. We had all we needed to eat.

After lunch everyone that wanted to went back to forging.

Gerald Franklin had to leave early because of a plumbing problem at a rent house. We hope he got the problem fixed.

It was a beautiful day for forging and fellowship. Some had to leave early but many hung around visiting. Kent's father, Ross, had taken pictures during the morning and he returned after lunch with printed pictures and cd's with the



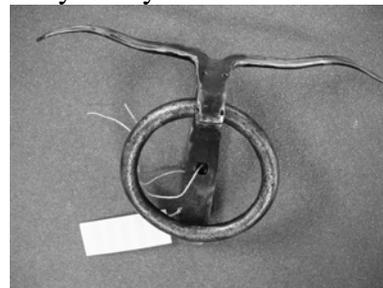
pictures on them and passed them out to anyone who wanted them. He is a very good picture taker. Maybe we need him to attend more meeting to take the pictures.

The trade item was a doorknocker. Gerald Franklin had his made ahead of time and Jerry Cathy, who didn't get to attend, sent his with Gerald. There were two more made during the meeting but I failed to get pictures of them.

Gerald Franklin's doorknocker



Jerry Cathy's doorknocker.



Members of Saltfork:

I'd like to take this time to share some thoughts with you.

First, it was a really nice surprise to come home late from work on Friday evening (10-19) and find the Special Conference Edition of our Newsletter waiting for me. That was very thoughtful of Diana to have rushed that out for all of us. I really appreciate the newsletters and all the work that goes into them.

Next, as I write this report on Sunday evening, October 21, it is 7 days ago that we were cleaning up the Noble County Fairground's buildings and removing all the equipment and tools we had just worked until *late* thirty on Friday the 12th to set up. It takes a lot of stuff to make the Annual Conference happen. I finally managed to get my truck and the 16 foot trailer unloaded late this week. There is a pile of Saltfork equipment in the door of my shop. I am expecting to have a burst of renewed energy any minute now so that I can finish putting it all away.

There is not much more I can add to the conference notes; what has already been printed or experienced has the event well covered. Simply stated, it was really good. We had very few problems this year; but a few minor problems are, I think, to be expected with an event this size run by volunteers who only see each other a few times per year. Now we have another year's experience so that next year things can run even smoother than this time.

I would like to personally thank all of you that worked so hard in the past months to make this a great conference. This event is not just blacksmithing; it takes a lot of hard work and donated time to organize the Gallery, Auction, and Family Craft Classes too. In fact the Fairgrounds Manager, ask if he could hire Teresa because she is such a good hand.

To those who stayed late last Sunday helping to clean up the buildings and move out the equipment, thank you. Working together, we all did a really good job with the clean up. As in the past few years, the Noble County Fairboard waived the usual building clean up fees; your work saved Saltfork about \$128.

The Saltfork Board and I have gotten so many positive comments about the Perry Fairgrounds facility that I have tentatively reserved the Arena Building and the Women's Building for the 2008 Conference. That tentative reservation is for the weekend of October 18 – 19, 2008. I am concerned that we would be competing for Perry motel rooms with an OSU home football game that weekend. We need to look at the weekends before and after the 18th for our event.

We have scheduled a Saltfork Board Meeting for November 11. We are meeting at Carol and Byron Doner's at 2 PM; the address is 6520 Alameda, Norman. Look for a map and driving notes in this newsletter. Part of the Board Meeting agenda will be to discuss this year's Conference and start planning for Saltfork 2008 events such as the state-wide spring picnic on May 10th and the 2008 Conference. This would also be a good time to begin planning for any special workshops that any of you are interested in.

Now would be a good time to hear from all of you with ideas for 2008. The Board and I would appreciate any input you many have to help us improve the 2008 Conference, plan for the state-wide spring picnic, workshops, or other special events.

Need an example of a suggestion? We have been asked to separate the Women's Iron-In-The-Hat money from the other conference income and to earmark that money for family craft class scholarship and other funding. Sounds like a good idea to me.

Whether or not you attended this year's Conference, your input to the Board is important; let me or one of the Saltfork Board members hear from you; phone, email, or write. Our contact information is on the inside front page of this newsletter.

Next, about the Saltfork raffle tool box: Thanks very much to all of you who donated your time, talent, and materials to this project. Winning the tool box raffle was really special to me and to Sherill. She has assured me that her sewing, lace, and tatting work will fit nicely into the box and that it is entirely too nice to take to the shop (until I am finished cleaning and remodeling).

Adam has already said he will make a box for 2008. I've got some really nice cherry lumber for his use or maybe he'd like some cypress from Louisiana. We will again need a volunteer smith to make the hardware and many volunteers to make the tools.

And finally, I really enjoy my time with Saltfork; this is fun. However, nothing I have experienced yet with this organization comes close to the great feeling of friendship, mentoring, etc. that we all witnessed when David Seigrist's grill was purchased in the Saturday evening Conference auction and then returned to him and his wife. Bill and Korny, I'm really glad that you two did what was in your hearts. David: that's a really nice grill; all of you well done!

Jim Carothers, President (2007) Saltfork Craftsmen ABA

Saltfork Conference

My daughter, Alyssa, and I originally joined Saltfork last December for the 2006-2007 year. As relatively new members, we love our monthly regional meetings (especially the Tuttle and Sulphur Tractor Shows—thanks Terry). We meet interesting, fun, outgoing other members who spend time with us, help us, and teach us about smithing. But we immensely enjoyed attending our first Saltfork conference.

The Saturday demos gave us new ideas and piqued our interest in learning new things. Alyssa found the horseshoeing demo of particular interest. I think she spent several hours watching the demos on that side of the arena with Brach Haddick. She now says she wants to learn horseshoeing. They warned her that making the shoes is the fun part—putting them on the horses is something else! I spent most of my time on the other side of the arena watching Maurice Hamburger. I loved his decorative nut heads and bolts. Maurice inspired me with the precision in his smithing. I found watching him use the treadle hammer quite interesting. It looks like a great work-saver.

At lunch we had the privilege of sitting with Tom Clark. We appreciate using his tongs in Dawnavan Crawford's shop (yes, we are apprentice bladesmiths learning from Dawnavan). Tom

entertained and enlightened us about tongs, hammers, and his tong manufacturing operation in Pakistan. He also mentioned getting a hammer manufacturing shop operating in Turkey. I enjoyed listening to him describe his quality control issues and solutions for both design and materials with the foreign workers. He also showed us the most beautiful hammer I have ever seen. He made it from a Damascus billet featuring his and his partner's initials, anvils, and a logo on the face. He turned out to be an interesting world traveler as well as a great blacksmith. And of course, who but a blacksmith would describe a hammer as beautiful?

I also shopped until I ran out of money at the tailgate sales in the parking lot. The conference provided a great opportunity to pick up some of the items we have needed to set up our own (modest) blacksmith's shop. I dragged Dawnavan all over the parking lot to see the things I wanted and get his advice on what we need and whether the prices were reasonable. Dawnavan has been invaluable in helping us get our own tools and equipment. He finds some great deals. Thanks again, Dawnavan, for all your help. And yes, I bought three pairs of Tom's tongs!

At one of the breaks, I had the opportunity to visit with Maurice Hamburger a bit. I had to ask him why his forge was mounted at an angle. It turns out it's not his forge, so he didn't know! But we did have an informative chat on the merits of making small propane forges just large enough to hold the work to be heated. His opinion is that the less area you heat, the less propane you will use. It makes sense to me. I know we go through a lot of propane forging in Dawnavan's shop.

The forged and other items on display in the dining hall presented a highlight of the conference for me. The blued Damascus turtle box particularly caught my eye. And I would love to have the deer fireplace set. Theresa's beadwork and Diana's silver work are beautiful. And our members displayed some awesome forged work. We have some very talented members!

I really appreciated the food for both lunch and dinner. Over the summer I developed an allergy to BEEF and PORK (I MISS ribs and brisquet), so for meat, I am pretty limited. Having the delicious

barbequed chicken for dinner and chicken lunchmeat for sandwiches meant I didn't have to limit myself to potato salad for both meals!

We decided to try to get home early, so we didn't stay for the auction and toolbox raffle. I must admit, I would have liked to hear Korny sing! But my sixteen year-old daughter's comment as we left sums it all up: "Mom, I really had a lot of fun!"

Michal Lusk

A Do-Better Talk 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
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Duncan, OK 73533

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

COMMENTS FROM CONFERENCE - 2007

The following is a compilation of the comments received on the Conference Questionnaire distributed at the 11th Annual Saltfork Conference. They appear here very much like I took them from the forms after the conference. If any of you has anything to add to the list, please email your comments to me at franklin@gci-wireless.net. We take these comments very seriously, even though some may have been submitted in fun (see #4). We may not be able to implement all suggestions received but rest assured that the Board of Directors sees and discusses all comments in an effort to do a better job next year. I have made some remarks in small print at the end of some of the comments ... Gerald Franklin

The following comments were given in response to the questionnaire item:

"What would you like to change for next year's conference?"

1. Saturday lunch could be better. (I will talk to the caterers and see what they can put together for us at a reasonable cost ... see # 6 also...gmf)
2. Improve/upgrade audio equipment, particularly microphones. (This is certainly something that we need to do better on. We'll work on it beginning in Nov ...gmf)
3. Some coal forges work as well as gas forges. (No argument from me. I assume that you mean that you would rather see coal forges used by the demonstrators. The demonstrators sometimes ask to use coal, sometimes gas, sometimes both. In this year's case, both demonstrators preferred gas...gmf)
4. I think that the Coffee Goddess should have a nice "padded chair". (I think that if the Coffee Goddess was doing "her" job, "she" wouldn't have time to sit in a chair...gmf)
5. More advertising – Great people, facilities are good, location good.
6. Saturday's lunch was a good layout for cold cuts but I would rather spend a little more for a hot lunch. (See #1 above...gmf) Remind me in the newsletter that seating is on bleachers – "Bring your stadium seats." (This is a good point. We should include a checklist for attendees in the Oct newsletter...gmf) I thought the conference was well organized and was a positive experience. The tailgate items surprised me in that I spent money when I didn't know I needed to.
7. Very little.
8. Clearly indicate when individual items will be drawn from Iron-in-the-Hat so that 1-day attendees can win some items. (I don't see any reason why we couldn't do this, we just never thought of it before, thanks...gmf)
9. This year was excellent. Maybe more things for sale. (We're always on the lookout for more vendors. We'll try to encourage more tailgating, too...gmf)
10. Was hard to hear commentary a lot of the time. (You're right. See # 2 above. We simply have to fix this...gmf) Learned as much from visiting as from demos. Overall – great experience.
11. More time. It was over too soon. Enjoyed all of it.
12. Post a schedule of events. (We need to do this. The schedule was put out well in advance but it was only put on the website. We should have posted it around the facility so that it was more available...gmf)
13. Fine job. Thanks.
14. The monitors in the demo area are wonderful. Having another large screen would be good. (We were asked last year to provide more TV monitors, so we scrounged around and found some. We'll look into another large screen. The

one we used was borrowed just to try to see if we could make it work, apparently it did...gmf)

15. Concerning the demonstrators: I only watched Maurice – great. Concerning the Gallery: Would like to see more participation from members. A big thank you to everyone that helped put this together and did the things that make it happen and run smoothly. I think it would be great to give J.C. something for using his loader. (We'll ask J.C. and see what he says...gmf).
16. I appreciate the work and planning. Registration to end was well thought out & carried out. I had a great time. Thanks.
17. All demonstrators should have a class handout of the projects. (We'll keep working on this as it does add to the demo...gmf) The big screen TV was great. Better microphones are needed for the west end. (See #2 & #10...gmf) Set-up crew, cooks/dinner – really good.
18. I appreciate everything that is done by all. If I can ever help in any way let me know.
19. Good job!!
20. We had a great time as always. Loved the demonstrators and the crafts for the women. We will be back next year. Great job!
21. Nothing.
22. Have club coal available for sale in the tailgate area. (Great idea. We'll have some at the next conference...gmf)
23. Better audio. Fix feedback/volume problems. (See #2, #10 & #17...gmf) Also, designate some auction items for "Silent Auction". (We should look into this. It could generate some fun and a dollar or two...gmf)

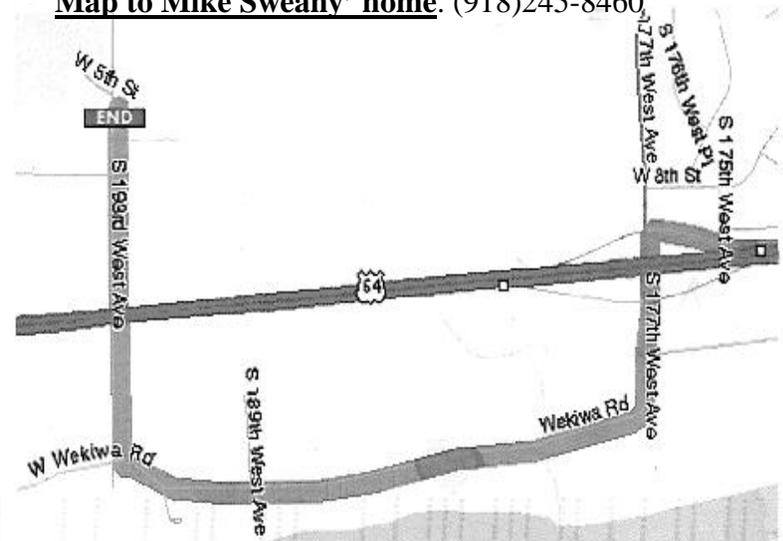
The Conference Comments were compiled from the comments forms filled out by conference attendees. There is a board of directors meeting on November 11 at Byron Donor home. If you have any suggestions or additional comments on the conference or future conferences please attend that meeting.

Directions to Byron Donor's place..... 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 60th 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 with sail boat in front of shop.

Coming from the North you have to get off I-35 on Highway 9 east/Lindsay exit. If you get lost my cell is 405-650-7520

Map to Mike Sweany' home. (918)245-8460



634 S. 193rd W Ave. Sand Springs, Ok. Directions to his place: From Hwy 64/US-412, take the 177th West Ave Exit going South. 177th West Ave becomes W Wekiwa Rd. Follow W Wekiwa Rd. West to S 193rd West Ave and turn North. Follow your nose until you arrive at the above address (about 0.6 miles)

Tool box and tools

