

Saltfork Craftsmen Artist-Blacksmith Association

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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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Saltfork Craftsmen

Artist-Blacksmith Association
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April 2007 thru March 2008

Please accept my application

Date: _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Married? ___ Yes ___ No Spouses Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

E-Mail _____ ABANA Member? ___ Yes ___ No

I have enclosed \$20.00 for dues to March 30, 2008

Signed _____

Return to: Saltfork Craftsmen, 1227 Fourth St. Alva, Ok 73717



Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

www url: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular - \$55.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing-\$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student- \$45.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Library-\$45.00 |
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ABANA Chapter Affiliation: _____

PO Box 3425
Knoxville, TN 37927-3425
Phone: 865.546.7733 Fax: 865.215.9964

Club Coal

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.

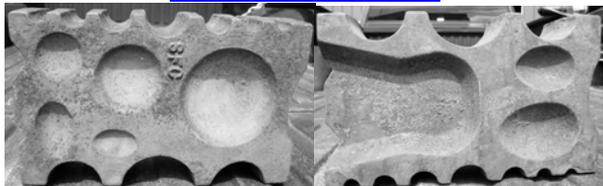
S/C Region coal location: Coal is in 1-2" size pieces. Bring your own container. The coal is at Max Scrudder's place in Mountain View. Contact Max for load out instructions.

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

Saltfork Craftsmen Swage Blocks \$95.00 each plus shipping. SCABA members can purchase one block for a special members price of \$75.00

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.

Library List

Title
SCABA Conf - 2002 - Bill Bastas
A Traditional Suite: Sword Making, Set Hammer
A Water Powered Smithy
ABANA Comes of Age - 1994 NOMM Exhibit
ABANA Comes of Age - 1994 NOMM Exhibit
Basic Blacksmithing - Hershel House (Part 1)
Basic Blacksmithing - Hershel House (Part 2)
Basic Blacksmithing - Hershel House (Part 3)
Forge Welding - Bob Patrick
SCABA Conf - 1997 - Frank Turley (Tools)
Hammerman in Williamsburg
Jerry Darnell - 18th Century Lighting (Part 1)
Jerry Darnell - 18th Century Lighting (Part 2)
Jerry Darnell - 18th Century Lighting (Part 3)
Jerry Darnell - 18th Century Hdw - Latches

Jerry Darnell - 18th Century Hdw - Hinges
Jerry Darnell - 18th Century Hdw - Pintles
SCABA Conf - 2001 - Jim & Kathleen Poor
Jim Hrisoulas - Damascus Pt 1
Jim Hrisoulas - Damascus Pt 2
Omey's 2002 - Kendall & Dyer - Table
SCABA Conf - 1998 - D. Steigler - Baskets
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

Sept.

SE Regional meeting (Sept. 1st) The Fair will be the regular SE Saltfork meeting for September (See info in the meeting report.)

NE Regional meeting (Sept. 8th) The meeting will be hosted by Danny Cowart Instead of a trade items bring something to donate to the tool box in October. Lunch will be provided. If anyone wants to bring something to go with it feel free. We will have BBQ or chili, whichever my wife decides to fix. There is also club coal available at this meeting. I can load barrels if needed. (map in newsletter)

South/Central meeting (Sept. 15th) Hosted by Terry Jenkins/Sulphur tractor show No trade item, bring something to show and tell. Contact Terry Jenkins as (405) 485-2394 for directions.

NW Regional meeting (Sept. 22nd) Hosted by Dorvan Ivey, Hammon, Okla. The trade items will be an ice cream scoop. Lunch will be provided but please bring a side dish. Directions are from the intersection of hwy 33 and 34(Hammon, Ok). Go 3 blocks south and 2 blocks west.

October

SE. Regional meeting (Oct. 6th)

NE Regional meeting (Oct 13th) Conference in Perry

South/Central meeting(Oct. 20th) will be hosted by Anela Hadick in Midwest City. The trade item is a doorknocker. Lunch will be provided but bring a side dish or desert.

NW Regional meeting (Oct. 27th)

2007 Demo request

- **Monday Sept 3rd.** Saltfork members have been invited to join John Burns to help with the smithing demonstrations at Kiowa, KS on Labor Day.

The Kiowa Annual Labor Day celebration will be held in Progress Park. from Main Street and 10th go 6 blocks north.

For more information contact John Burns at: 580-829-4521

- **Tulsa City-County Library**

Renaissance Faire will host its' annual Renaissance Faire on September 8th. Steven Knisely usually attends this event but at this time cannot commit to it. If you would like to

demonstrate at this event you can contact Steven or Sherri Mann at smann@tulsalibrary.org or 918-596-9107 or Laura Hutchinson at (918)-250-7307

- **Sulphur tractor show**

Sept. 15, 2007. Terry Jenkins is hosting a S/C regional meeting at this event. Here again is another opportunity to show the public what blacksmithing is and to sell some of your work.

- **Okla. Antique Tractor Assoc & Classic Stock Tractor Assoc. joint show.** Sept 28-30 In Broken Arrow. At 121st & Garnett. More info at www.oatal16.com

- **Knife show.** Ray Kirk sent me the information about an upcoming knife show. The show will be held at the Holiday Inn on 2101 So. Meridian Ave. Oklahoma City. The dates are the 3rd and 4th of November. The time is 9 till 5 on Sat and 10 till 4pm on Sunday. For table information and availability you can call Ray Kirk at 918-456-1519 or email at ray@rakerknives.com

SE Regional meeting at Paris

SE Saltfork had another good meeting at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds on August 4. We weren't under a pavilion this time as a rodeo had most facilities occupied, so they put us under a large group of very mature Oak trees. The shade and the breeze combined to make a wonderful setting. This was the best meeting we have had lately as we are beginning to get the idea of how to hold meetings, share ideas, demonstrate, etc. To those of you who routinely attend Saltfork conferences, that comment probably sounds silly, but most of us have never been to a meeting anywhere else to see "how it is done" over on that side of the creek.

Gary Butler brought everyone up to speed regarding the upcoming Red River Valley Fair as follows:

1. Demonstration dates are Tuesday, August 28 through Saturday, September 1, 2007.
2. Demo times are 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. nightly and from 2 p.m. till 10 p.m. Saturday.
3. You must obtain a gate pass from Gary Ballard 903-785-9545 BEFORE you arrive

or you will have to pay to get into the fair. These passes are 1 to a person and good only for 1 day.

4. You may SELL anything you want providing you don't overload things. We should have plenty of room, but space is **not** going to be unlimited. You don't have to be registered as a vendor with the fair. If you sell stuff and have a good experience, we hope you will contribute something to cover the expenses of putting this even together, coal, etc. See Gary Ballard or James Allcorn.
5. Call Gary Ballard at 903-785-9545 to schedule your demo time.
 - o Right now, Tommy Dean is set for Saturday.
 - o James Allcorn, Gary Butler, Ann Butler and/or Leo Hevrin will be around most of the time to keep an eye on things.
 - o We can have several blacksmiths (the more the merrier), but just 2 demonstrating at a time. Someone mentioned the "tag team" approach, where 1 demo's and another talks. That might work for those of us who can't chew gum and scratch their heads at the same time (like me)!!!
6. We will have 2 forges, anvils and vises set up during the fair. General fire tools will be supplied. Gary Butler is going to construct a cedar lean-to with a sheet metal top. It will have a cedar fence to keep the public out of the forging area.
7. You need to bring your hand tools and stock to make stuff from. Bring a chair if you want to sit down.
8. Bring your SAFETY GLASSES and wear them! Safety glasses are REQUIRED in the forging area.
9. We should have a thermos of water furnished. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, please. Bring some money to buy cold drinks if you want one.
10. Transportation to the demo site will likely be congested. Do not assume that you will be able to drive up close, unload and park. You may be a long way off. Right now we just do not know.

11. Location. We will be on the north side of the old Coliseum (a large red, dome-roofed building that runs east and west) just west of the big drive through door. The cowboy-cooking (maybe it is called Dutch oven or chuck wagon cooking) group will be set up to our immediate west. We should have free access to the cooking area. (That means, plenty to eat!)
 - o This should be a good location. The Fair people selected this location to allow for people traffic to flow and maximum visibility.
12. Expected attendance at the Fair is 20,000 plus.
13. Everyone in the forging area MUST be a current, dues paid up, member of Saltfork Craftsmen ABA. No exceptions.
14. Directions: Go to the intersection of Loop 286 and US 271 (north side of Paris) and go SOUTH on 271 Business, which is now North Main Street. Go South on N. Main and turn LEFT at Clement Road (this is the first street to the left). Go east on Clement Road until you see the rodeo arena, turn in at the main gate to the fairgrounds. Go south to the corner (if you can) with the coliseum on your right. See item 11, above.
15. I probably left something out. We will figure the rest of it out as it happens.

We are looking forward to a good time, lots of forging, meeting new people and generating lots of interest in the craft and for Saltfork. Come help us pull this off!

Back to the meeting on Aug. 4, James Allcorn gave a demo on making a key fob from a 3/8 square bar and how to make a leaf header (die/jig) from a railroad spike. Several members went to work trying this idea.

Ann Butler (resident chef) again pulled off a great lunch of ham sandwiches with all the trimmings. And a homemade cake that was to die for!

Most everyone's hammering skills have improved since the last meeting, so we are all keeping the fires burning! We had 6 forges burning all day long, not bad for only 10 attendees! Those

attending included Mark Hamill, Hugo; Leo Hevrin, Melvin and Brazos White, Roxton; Howard Bost, Sumner; James Allcorn, Gary and Ann Butler, Paris and Jeff Harrison and his son, Mt Vernon. Jeff is a potential new member and already has his on forge. He works for the Farm Service Agency in Mt. Pleasant, TX.

The Fair will be the regular SE Saltfork meeting for September. <James Allcorn>

UPDATE: for SE Region

Attention all blacksmiths coming to the RRV (Red River Valley) Fair in Paris, Tx. Aug. 28, 29, 30, 31 and Sept. 1! Things are changing, and for the better (we hope).

Gary Butler (point man for the Fair and Saltfork's involvement) dropped by my shop this morning and said he had some, "News" about the fair. I asked if it was good news or bad news and he said, "Well, I think it is good news."

He continued, "I was visiting with Rita (Fair executive person) and she asked me to 'Walk with her over here', so off we went. In the beginning, the blacksmith group was to be located under a group of trees relative to the North East section of the old Coliseum, but she went past that area and showed me a new pavilion (concrete floor, steel roof, chain link fence sides, numerous electrical hookups, etc. This area is just west of the other location but is significantly larger than the area we had been previously allocated. There should be room for at least four forges and room for blacksmith vendors to set up all their wares for sale. This looks like a win-win situation for everyone."

A note on setup: In the previous write-up, I indicated that you might have to carry your stuff (tools, sale items, etc.) from the parking lot. Now, we should have access to a gate near the assigned area, and guess who, Gary Butler, will have the KEY! (Don't carve that in stone just yet, but I'll bet he makes it happen.)

All other items in the previous article remain valid. For updates and the latest information, call Gary Butler at 903-785-9545.

PS: Gary deserves the "Blacksmith's Medal of Honor" for all the great work he has done for Saltfork regards the fair arrangements.

<James Allcorn>

South/Central Meeting at Mt. View

The South Central meeting was once again held in Mountain View Oklahoma. This time Gregory George hosted the meeting and used Max Scrudder's shop. Max has a nice shop and many took advantage of Max's many forges to do some blacksmithing. We had a good turnout for the meeting with about 35 to 40 attending. There were some visitors that came by that are interested in the club.



Gregory smoked some beef and there were all kinds of food to go with it along with cookies pies and cakes for desert. The trade item

was anything made with a fuller or swage and we had a few that endured the heat to make something.



Ricky Nusbaum striking for Alex Scrudder.



Trade items on table.



Conference toolbox



Adam Hall has built us another nice toolbox for the conference. It is a chest type constructed of oak. It will have forged hinges and handles when completed.



Inside it has a removable tray.



With the tray removed you can see the bottom of

the box with its center divider. These features will allow all tools to be kept organized.

The inside length of the box is 18 inches so tools (except fire tools) should be made to fit in the box. All tools need to be ready as soon as possible. We need to be able to take pictures of the box and tools for publicity purposes. David Seigrist is in charge of the toolbox raffle so contact him about tool donations or to purchase tickets or get tickets (580) 381-0085 or dseigrist2004@yahoo.com

Now we need some tools. We have a nice start with the three pieces that Maurice Hamburger sent. He made a hacksaw, a square and a pair of pick up tongs. We also have a box of Borax and a can of wax from Doug Bliss and his wife. Now it's your turn. Pick one of the many items listed below. You don't have to make it yourself ever though that would be great. Maybe you know someone who can make one of them for you. We are looking forward to getting the hammer from Chip Barkman and the fire tools from Leah Fuller.

Here is a reminder of the tools that were in last year's box.

Rounding hammer	
Bending and twisting wrenches	Slitting chisels
Punches	Hacksaw
Wire brush	Files
Several types of tongs	Cross pein hammer
Hardie tools	Fire tending tools



These are the tools that Maurice Hamburger sent for the toolbox.



Saltfork Craftsmen ABA is donating a swage block to the JC Campbell folk school. Bill Kendall is taking this block with him when he goes to take

a class at the school in Sept.

Book Review

A Complete Working Guide for the Beginning Blacksmith - Blacksmithing Fundamentals is a great book for the beginner to the seasoned blacksmith. This 200 page, 8 by 11 soft covered book with a lay flat binding is ideal for use in the shop. Unlike many books, this book stays open to the page without closing. The book stresses the importance of using sound technique without the need for modern tools using ageless techniques.

The book is divided into four sections. Section I, Aspects of Blacksmithing, discusses items such as shop set-up, blacksmithing tools, building a forge, fuel and design. In discussing shop set-up, the author looks at three shops that predate the 20th century. Section II, Techniques and Procedures, delves into hammer technique, heating principles and concerns, forge welding and heat-treating. The blacksmith will find this section particularly interesting as the author discusses a new technique of forge welding: the round scarf. Section III, Lessons, takes the reader through 21 progressive lessons that build upon one another using detailed diagrams, photos and articulate descriptive narrative in a step-by-step

methodology. These lessons have been proven time and time again in a workshop setting through many years of instruction. Section IV, References, brings together essential information ranging from forge welding flux recipes from the 1800's to tables on metals.

The book, written by heritage blacksmith Don MacKay, was inspired by a lack of blacksmithing books dedicated to the beginner. He believes that "most blacksmithing books are written by very good blacksmiths; however, too many elements are taken for granted. I think the blacksmiths who wrote these books have forgotten how it was when they began to learn the art of blacksmithing. This book rectifies this problem with comprehensive information, 21 detailed lessons and over 100 pictures and diagrams."

The author, an employee of the Rideau Canal National Historic Site of Canada for the last 22 years, using ageless techniques, works daily with period tools either in an 1843 blacksmith shop located at Jones Falls, Ontario, or on the road with an 1800's portable British military forge traveling to various cities, towns and villages throughout Eastern Ontario. While turning out a diverse assortment of

smithery, Don interprets the history of the Rideau Canal and blacksmithing in a seamless public-inspired fashion while entertaining and educating. With degrees in Music and History, he has both a sense of art and history; united through fire and hammer. The call of the anvil rings clear as he creates unique pieces by means of heritage techniques. He dedicates this book to all former and future blacksmiths.

This book is ideal book for libraries, blacksmithing associations, historic sites, museums, colleges, school and many other institutions. This detailed book sells for \$37.00, which includes shipping to anywhere in North America!! Also, it can be purchased on CD for the same price. For an additional \$15.00, a CD of the book can be purchased with the buying of a book. The CD allows the owner to print out pages for separate use, although no modifications can be made to the book.

The book can be purchased with check, cash, money order or credit card. All credit card orders are made through Paypal buy purchasing the book on Ebay with the Buy Now option. Don MacKay can be reached by:
blacksmithingfundamentals@yahoo.ca or Don Mackay, 1246 Black Lake North Shore Rd.

R.R. #3 Perth, Ontario, K7H 3C5.

NW Regional meeting

The North West Region hosted a picnic at the Salt Plains Reservoir. All Saltfork members were welcome to come. There was a nice turnout for the picnic with lots to eat.



Lynn Clowdus and Ron Lehenbauer cooked the meat and chili. Advance Meat Company of Enid donated all the meat for the meal.

Ron testing the hamburgers, I hope he washed that hand. Here Levi is getting ready to teach Jim C. how to make biscuits in a Dutch oven.



I'm not sure how they turned out but some said they were good. We wondered when he threw the horseshoe into the

pot. Everyone had all they needed or wanted to eat.

Jim brought the box that Adam Hall made us to raffle off at the conference. It is a really nice box and all



we need to do is fill it up with tools. You can see all the pictures of the box in another article.

Because of the heat on that day, many



loaded up and left to find cooler temperatures soon after eating. There was some discussion about trying to make the picnic an annual event. Hopefully they can pick a cooler time of year.

Here I need to *apologize to Ron Lehenbauer*. I misplaced my notes that I took on that day and it didn't get the information in the newsletter about him hosting the NW regional meeting in Aug.
I'll try to do better.

This young man braved the heat to forge a hook to hang a fan from.



Eileen Clowdus and Evelyn Lehenbauer making sure the guys get the food cooked right.



Ruth Burns enjoying a cool drink while visiting with all the others waiting for Ron to finish up the meat.



Cover story

The SCABA board of directors met at the Fair Grounds in Perry Oklahoma on Sunday to make final plans for the upcoming conference that will be held at the Fair Grounds in October.

Board members present were;

Jim Carothers
Bill Kendall
Gerald Franklin
JC Banks
Richard Dyer
Mike George
Byron Donor

Other members present were:

Diana Davis
Bill Davis
Ron Lehenbauer
David Seigrist

Items on the agenda focused on the upcoming conference along with the web site and swage block sales.

The board was able to work out many of the conference needs. Most of the jobs were assigned or one of the board members will be calling members to find volunteers to fill them.

Mike is going to see about ordering more swage blocks so we have some for sale at the conference.

Our coal is getting low in Douglas but the company we are using now has a fast delivery so we can wait until out before ordering.

The idea of having a statewide meeting once a year so all members can meet and get to know each other was brought before the board. (It had been tabled at an earlier meeting). It was decided to have a meeting in late April or early May of 2008. The meeting site has not yet been determined but it will be centrally located within the state. Whichever date is chosen. That will be the only official club meeting in that month. We are not saying you can't hold a workshop of other type of get to gather that month.

The next board meeting will be held at Byron Donors on Nov 11th at 2:00 p.m. The main purpose of this meeting will be the finalization of the grant information that needs to be turned into the Oklahoma Arts Council. We will also be discussing the conference. What went right and what went wrong. If you are interested in participating in any of these meetings, feel free to attend.

Meeting was adjourned

These are not minutes for the meeting, only a report of the happenings.

Ray Clontz Tire Hammer plans

By Clay spencer

These plans are for a 50lb power hammer that uses the rear axle and hub from a front drive car and emergency spare tire and weighs about 700lbs. it is powered by a 1 hp, 1750rpm electric motor, 120 or 240 volts, runs about 250 blows per minute and uses a spring toggle mechanism similar to Little Giant hammers. The anvil is 6" solid round (Minimum size) by 36" high and the frame is 5" square tubing. The plans are 40 pages, printed front and back on 20 sheets that include parts list, detail and assembly drawings, sources, notes, installation, adjustments and maintenance. Over 250 hammers have been built using these plans. Price is \$30 US including postage to US and Canada, \$32US to other countries. Send check or money order to Clay Spencer, 73 Penniston Private Drive, Somerville, Al 35670. For more information you can call 1(256) 558-3658

Email clay@tirehammer.com

Tire hammers for sale, \$2000

Beverly Shear Blades Sharpened. Remove blades from shear and ship to Clay Spencer. \$35 plus

postage. Additional cost for deep notches or blades previously sharpened at angle.

Raffle tickets

Tickets for the toolbox that will be raffled off on Saturday night October 13th (at the conference) are now available from any board member. A few other members have tickets also. **David Seigris is in charge of the ticket sales and he can tell you who in your area has tickets.** Make sure that if you can't attend the conference, you purchase your tickets before hand. The box is nicer than last year and we already have some nice donations of tools that will be placed inside the box at the conference.

Price for the tickets are the same as last year. The tickets are \$2.00 each and come printed in books of 5 tickets (\$10.00 a booklet.) You **do not** have to purchase a whole booklet. It is easier if you do but it only takes one ticket. Support your club by purchasing your tickets as soon as possible