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**LIBRARY LIST**

- A Traditional Suite: Sword Making, set hammers
- 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
- RD-2 Ivan Bailey and Paul Hubler
- RD-9 1992 BAM Ozark Conference
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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 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 or 1-580-549-6824  
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Hand Pump Rivet Forge all there but needs work \$300.00; Hand crank post dill missing hand crank \$50.00; Leg vise \$50.00  
 Contact Bill Kendall 918-691-2173 or Jeff Kendall 918-607-8495  
 bill@ttownmetalmen.com  
 jeff@ttownmetalmen.com  
 More information and pictures are posted on the Saltfork Website "Tailgate" Section  
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### **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.

*We now have a load of coal in the S/C Region. This 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.*

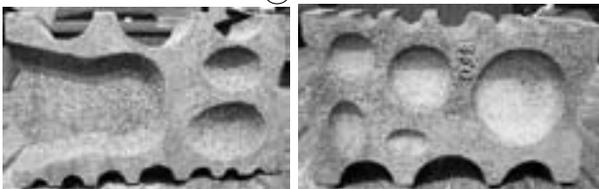
*Max Scrudder can be contacted at (405)226-9951*

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

#### **New shipment of Blocks has arrived.**

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 or Jim Carothers at 1-580-336-9213 or colonel@fullnet.net



Hossfeld Universal Bender Model #2, with Precision Hydraulic Power Attachment. All instruction manuals & Catalogs. Numerous dies \$1300.00 Contact Mike Boos, mlpbboos@cox.net or 918-357-1043

#### **Wanted:**

Advertising Coal Hammers, Contact Mike George at 1-580-327-5235 or Mike-Marideth@sbcglobal.net

Send your ads to Diana Davis, 23966 NE Wolf Rd. Fletcher, Okla. 73541 or email them to lazyassforge@tds.net

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October

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

**South/Central meeting** (Oct. 21, 2006) Hosted by Byron Doner (Korney). The trade item will be a punch or chisel-either decorative or functional. There will be tool steel available at the meeting for those who may want to build their tool at the meeting. Lunch provided. Map in back of newsletter.

**NW Regional meeting** (Oct. 28, 2006) meeting will be at the Nescatunga Fire Station (north side of Great Salt Plains Lake). Leroy Haight and Richard Winn will host the meeting. Leroy says they'll have a cook off. He's going to dig a shallow trench and build a fire in it. Everyone who can is to bring something to cook and whatever equipment they need to cook it over an open fire. Of course, all are encouraged to bring their portable equipment. It might be fun to make the cooking equipment after you get there.

### November

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

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

**NW Regional meeting** (Nov 25, 2006) Meeting will be hosted by Tom Nelson at his shop in Douglas, Ok.

### December

**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 DEMO REQUEST

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

**October 14<sup>th</sup>** The New Okie Pioneers, a back to the land group, would like to have a blacksmith attend their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event. This is a Sell/Swap style get together with an emphasis on developing self-sufficient living. Any hands on teaching would be most welcome, including how to build a forge, what to use for an anvil, what to use for fuel etc. The tentative date is October 14<sup>th</sup> at Latricia Robb's farm located South of Tecumseh off Hwy 177 in the St. Louis, Wye, Maud Area. Call for further details at 405-598-6316. Best to call after dark. The group also has a website

'newokiepioneers'@yahoogroups.com

**November 18,2006**-Guthrie Centennial Year Kick Off Day. Saltfork has been invited to participate. For more information Call the Oklahoma Territorial Museum (405) 282-1889 or check out their website <http://www.guthrieok.com/centennial.html>

### **Saltfork Craftsmen ABA Tool Box**



The toolbox and tools will be on display at the conference. Tickets will be available for sell from several of the members present. The drawing will be on Saturday before the auction.

The tickets sell for \$2.00 each.

### **CONFERENCE TIME IS HERE**

**Date:** October 14-15 2006

You only have a few days left to make your reservations for a weekend filled with education, food and fellowship with your friends and fellow blacksmith. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual SCABA conference is fast approaching. You will find a conference flyer attached to this newsletter. If you are planning to attend please don't wait for the mail to deliver you registration form, please call Aubrey Washington to let him know your intention to attend.

October 2006

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## **Don't forget...Very Important**

*Due to caterers requirements pre-registration for the conference is required if you plan to eat one of the catered meals. We need a final count for meals by October 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

**\*\*Safety Glasses are required in the demonstration area and to participate in open forging times.\*\***

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### **DON'T FORGET CONFERENCE SETUP**

Those that can come up to the conference early are asked to help setup. Set up will start at 9 A.M. on Friday October 13.

Don't forget about the auction and Iron-N-The-Hat drawing. We need everyone that can to bring something for these events. Check with your local welding supplier for a donation or look around your shop for a tool you don't use or have more than one of.

Please donate a nice piece of your handiwork for the auction. This is an auction that many of us look forward to all year. It is our only chance to get our hands on some fine artwork created by fellow members and support the club at the same time. Remember that this is not a bargain basement or junk sale. This is our main fundraiser for the year so plan on bidding high and bidding often.

### **OKLAHOMA SCOTTISH GAME**

On September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> the air of Tulsa was again filled with the sights and sounds of the Oklahoma Scottish Games and, of course, Saltfork Craftsmen were there. Saturday as a beautiful, if a little bit hot day, with Clayton of the Iron Rose forge showing visitors and patrons Celtic and frontier era blacksmithing. He, Mark Bostick, and Steven Knisely got to see many old friends and meet a few new ones while working on roses, kilt pins, crosses and other small projects. In Spite of the rain on Sunday causing many of the vendors to leave early, both of the forges that were there kept

gong until the end of the event on Sunday evening. Several people asked about Bill Kendall thinking of the demonstrations that he did when the games were held in Chandler Park. Thanks to David Kroier for stopping by to talk with us on Saturday and Sheila Naifeh for braving the rain and stopping to talk on Sunday. It always makes a demonstration more fun when other Saltfork members drop in to visit with us and sometimes join in. Several of the patrons showed a serious interest in the work that was being done and asked about attending meetings and possibly joining. In general, a lot of fun was had and as usual, Saltfork Craftsmen showed that blacksmithing is alive and well in Oklahoma.

## **SOUTH/CENTRAL MEETING**

The Sulphur Tractor Show was Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Friday was school day, with 12 schools and 1400 students and sponsors. Byron Doner, Dawnavan Crawford and myself were kept busy all day. We made nails, salt spoons, roses, knives and courting candles that were a big hit with the girls and the sponsors. Lee Liles had the display from the Farriers Museum, a farrier from Wales was working and explaining that in the United Kingdom a farrier had to take an apprenticeship of 5 years before you were licensed by the government to shoe a horse. After leaving Lee's display the kids would come by us and want to know why we didn't talk with an accent! On Sat. a few more showed up to help out Gerald Franklin made a rose and a dragon or two. Dawnavan and I made a new bail for a big cast iron bean pot the Sulphur folks wanted to use to cook the vendors dinner in that night. Don Beighle worked on his tool making and Byron kept the crowd and us entertained along with some work too. We had a good crowd all day long and a really good time. Richard Simpson came by and took a lot of pictures for us. If you haven't been to the Sulphur Show you've missed out on some great people to work with and a really good bar-b-que dinner. The whole Sulphur show is well worth the drive.

Terry Jenkins

## **DEMO FOR THE VETERANS**

By Gerald Franklin

October 2006

On September 27, I did a demo at the Lawton/Fort Sill Veterans Center in Lawton, OK. This was a unique event for me since it was not necessarily a public event, but was held at the facility specifically for the residents of the center. In case you are not familiar with this Veterans Center, it is relatively new and houses about 200 veterans under the care of the Veterans Administration.



Many of them have health conditions that will not allow them to travel to a demo outside the facility. I set up on one of the patio areas convenient to one of the major entrances so that the residents could come and go at will. The demo items were very simple but quick, as the idea was to expose the folks to a variety of forge techniques in a short time. We started with a leaf key fob and then a drive hook from 1/4" square stock. Eventually, we demonstrated punching holes and then progressed to a series of decorative punches on scrap material to show how a "plain" piece could be dressed up with very little effort. I left a few leaf key fobs with the recreation staff to be used as Bingo prizes in the future. I invited the staff to bring some residents to one of our South/Central meetings. Hopefully it will work out that some of the vets can come to see us do our thing at a meeting before the end of the year.

## **NORTH EAST REGIONAL MEETING**

Pat and I hosted the N.E. Regional meeting at our home in Wann, OK. The weather was great and we all had a great time. We had 10 members to show up and several guests.



Chuck Waite who was a new member made a pair of tongs and Roy Tate modified a pair he is making.



A guest, Matt Goyer started a railroad spike knife. Mike Sweany made a swordfish and a knife. We kept two forges going most of the day.



Pat fed us her great brisket and trimmings and we all set around getting enlightened by Charlie Groom and others with true stories and jokes. We

picked up another new member, Bill Strong, who joined at the meeting.

Dan Cowart

## WHAT IS IT????



This picture was sent to the editors for possible identification. The item was found in a barn near Bowling Green, Mo. They are trying to figure it out for the local history buffs. If you have any ideas let the editor know and I will pass it on.

## NTBA HAMMERFEST

The weekend of September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> found Gerald Franklin and Bill and Diana Davis enjoying the hospitality of the North Texas Blacksmith Association at the annual Hammerfest held at the Sid Richardson Boy Scout Ranch just outside of Bridgeport Texas. This years featured demonstrator was Randy McDaniel. Randy if the author of "A Blacksmith Primer".

The weekend began on Friday night with a little bit of forging and checking out what each other had brought to tailgate. Bill and I took our usually assortment of free metal and round nosed pliers. We also took the toolbox and tools in hopes of selling raffle tickets. It worked, everyone that saw the box, were eager to get his or her name in the pot for a chance to win.

The next morning forging began with showing how to make the eye stamp he uses on his animal heads. He then proceeded to making a dragonhead and also a ram's head. He also made a really neat cowboy hat.

Sunday morning after breakfast and a short church service the forging continued until noon when those that could help clean up the forging site and then head home.

Diana Davis