

Saltfork Craftsmen Artist-Blacksmith Association

May 2009



Tony Cable at the 2009 Medieval Fair held each year at Norman, Okla.

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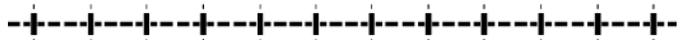
Trading Post

For Sale:

ANVILS: **400#** Arm & Hammer serial # 34008. Face has some torch mark damage on the heel, but is repairable. \$2000. **100#** Kohlswa Excellent condition. \$500. **100#** Cast anvil with a tool steel face. (I think it's a Vulcan, but there are no marks on it.) \$200 LEG VICES; Good screws and good condition overall. \$75 and up. HAND CRANK GRINDERS; Several different sizes. Most have stones. Great for demos. \$25 and up. Buffalo rivet forge; Sheet metal pan and blower. Good demo size Ready to go \$225. Two ;hand crank Champion blowers-one with stand. \$100 and \$125.
Call 580-862-7691 (before 9:00 P.M. Please)



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. Diana Davis 580-549-6824 or lazyassforge@tds.net



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 early style rebuildable 50# hammer (\$1750), and one transition style rebuildable 50# hammer (\$2,250). 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



Wanted:

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

Club Coal

Saltfork Craftsmen has coal for sale. Coal is in 1-2" size pieces. The coal is \$140.00/ton or .07 /pound to members. No sales to non-members.

NW Region coal location:

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.

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.

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 or CowartPat@gmail.com

We are currently sold out of SCABA swage blocks. New shipment coming soon.

Mail your ads to the editor or email them to lazyassforge@tds.net

MEETING SCHEDULE

May

2nd annual club picnic at Fair ground in Norman. May 16th. Please check with picnic organizers (Gerald Franklin and Bryon Donor) if you want to help.

The address for the fair grounds is 615 E. Robinson St. in Norman Oklahoma. When you get to Norman take exit 110 for Robinson St toward Research Park/Univ. Airpark. Turn left at W Robinson St. go 2.6 miles. At Finley Ave. turn left into Fairground. We have the N. building reserved for SCABA. You can also contact Byron or Carol Donor for directions. Byron's phone number is (405)650-7520

We are doing the door prize drawings again this year. Please bring a door prize (one for each person in your group) so everyone has a chance to win something. Anelia Hadick is in charge of the door prize drawing.

June

SE Regional meeting (June 6th) Hosted by Mark Hamell. No information at this time.

NE Regional meeting. (June 13) Meeting is open at this printing.

S/C Regional meeting (June 20) Hosted by Kent and Anelia Hadick at their home in Oklahoma City. Lunch is provided but bring a side dish to help out. The trade items is a functional decorative bird feeder. Directions in next month newsletter.

NW Regional meeting (June 27th) Open at this printing..

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2009 SCABA Trustee Election results

April 13, 2009

Election of four Trustees

*Bill Kendall	29
David Seigrist	18
*Byron Donor	22
*Mike George	26
*Bill Davis	27
Dan Cowart	16
Don Garner	4
Richard Simpson	6

***Elected to the Board of Trustees to serve two year terms starting April 1 2009 and ending March 31, 2011**

Election of officers

According to the By-Laws, officers are elected from among the Board of Trustees by its members. Roberts Rules of Order are used at all Board meetings. Officers are nominated, seconded and then the vote is taken.

Jim Carothers decided to not run for reelection. Officers that were elected were President, which is now Gerald Franklin, Vice-President, which is Bill Davis and Sec/treasurer, which is Mike George. JC Banks has agreed to take over the Conference chair for this year. All other positions remain the same.

33rd Annual Norman Medieval Fair

On April 3rd, 4th & 5th the 33rd Annual Norman Medieval Fair was held again at Reeves Park in Norman. The Saltfork Craftsmen arrived Thursday evening in the gathering chill of dusk to stake our place and raise our shelters against the wind and cold. Friday morning broke clear and cold but warmed nicely as the large crowds assembled to watch in amazement as 10 to 12 smiths in 4 tents and an open forge area worked for fun and to entertain and educate the crowd. We saw people 3 and 4 deep along the length of our encampment Friday and Saturday. We talked to so many people that we even gave out the torn wrinkled and coffee stained newsletters we had in our toolboxes. The response to our presence there was phenomenal. I overheard several comments that the blacksmiths camp was the most interesting thing there. Sunday arrived sullen and sour with 40+ mile and hour winds with a bitter chill and the early morning was spent fighting Mother Nature. We saw a crowd better than I expected on Sunday even though it was a raw day. We all had a good time and represented the Saltfork Craftsmen proudly and well. The interesting sights and things to buy were everywhere. We were visited by several smiths who just came by to visit.

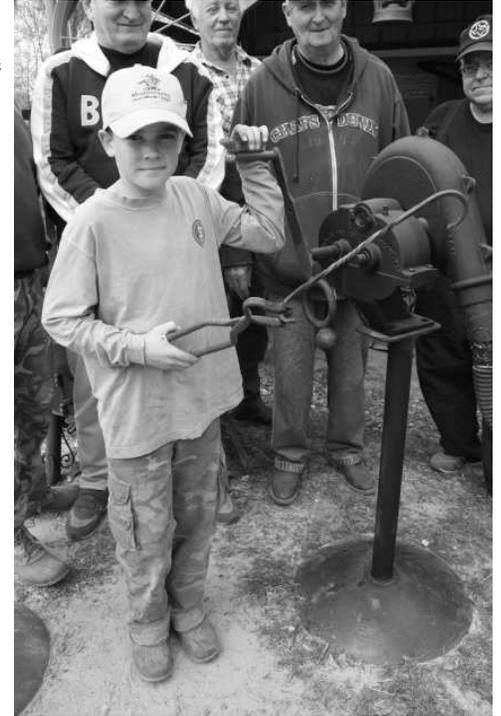
Tony Cable



SE Regional meeting.

Forging, fun, food, conversation, take your pick, the Southeast Saltfork group offered all of those and more on April 4th at Howard Bost's country forge in Northwestern Lamar County (Texas). Ten folks enjoyed the day at this idyllic rural setting that is surrounded by small oak trees and comprised of mostly antique or handmade tools and forging equipment.

The "new kid on the block" (literally) is Grant Charman. Grant is one of those good looking young men who has a gleam in his eye and a handshake to match! His dad, Mike, lives down the road a few miles from Howard's place and this was Grant's first time at "hands on" with forge, hammer and anvil. He was busy heating iron, making various hooks, scrolls and twists. It will be fun to watch his journey in blacksmithing as he learns the craft over time.



By James Allcorn

The Choctaw Land Run Festival

On April 16th, 17th & 18th this year and Steven Knisely and Tony Cable were there as usual representing Saltfork Craftsmen. Our crowds were smaller than last year but we had 10 buses of kids on Friday. Somehow we managed to have just enough to do to keep us busy all day. I don't know how that always works out. In spite of inclement weather predictions for all three days the weather was not too bad but cool, cloudy and damp. I always feel that these teaching and learning experiences are a worthwhile endeavor and never fail to learn and grow as a blacksmith. The company was good and the food was excellent. They always feed us and treat us special at this event and this year was no exception. We visited with several potential new members and handed out information about the organization to them.

By Tony Cable



4/14/2009

To ABANA Affiliates and Affiliate Members,

New Conference Logo

The new ABANA Conference logo has a musical theme. "ABANA's Greatest Hits" pays homage to the rich musical heritage of our host city Memphis and to the sweet ring of the anvil when played by a smith. Check out the ABANA web site and come and see us June 2-5, 2010 in Memphis. We will make beautiful music together.

New Board Member

Andrew Blair was appointed to fill the board position that Kate Dinneen vacated. Andy practiced business law in Denver until his retirement in 2007 and was active with the Rocky Mountain Smiths. He now lives in Stevensville, Montana and is active with the Northern Rockies Blacksmith Association. No matter how many bad jokes there are about lawyers, it is always nice to have one at hand when needed.

The Australian Affiliate's Tree Project

Early February of this year Victoria, Australia suffered the worst national disaster to ever occur in Australia's recorded history. To honor those that have been lost to the devastating fires and the brave people who battled the elements, Australian Blacksmiths Association (Victoria) Inc., ABANA's newest affiliate is inviting blacksmiths from around the world to contribute to the tree project. Make a leaf and join smiths from around the world forming a memorial and for the spirit of renewal. Visit the ABANA web site and click on The Tree Project under Latest News.

Tom Clark Memorial Gate Project

BAM is also asking smiths from around the world to contribute a leaf for a memorial gate project to Blacksmith Extraordinaire Tom Clark. The gate is to be completed at the BAM Conference in Sedalia, MO on May 1-3, 2009. Tom was very dedicated to blacksmithing and made friends with smiths and enriched their lives where ever he traveled.

Iron 2010 Exhibit deadline extension

The call for entries deadline for the international contemporary blacksmith exhibition "Iron 2010" has been extended to May 29, 2009. The exhibit will begin at the National Ornamental Metal Museum during the ABANA Conference 2010 and travel to different locations during the next two years. See ABANA's web site for details.

Fellowships with Coubertin in France

The American Friends of Coubertin have announced the availability of training fellowships for Sept 2009 to July 2010 in metalwork (not jewelry) and stonework at the Coubertin Foundation outside Paris, France. This is a great opportunity for some in their early 20's. All expenses are covered at one of the leading traditional craft institutions in Europe. See the ABANA web site for details.

Please keep in touch.

Bruce Woodward
ABANA Affiliate Liaison Representative
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Anvil Repairs workshop

On Saturday, April 11th, Bill and I traveled to Princeton Texas to help with a Anvil repair workshop that the North Texas Blacksmith Association had organized. David Wilson had asked Bill last year while we were at the Bridgeport meeting is he would be willing to help with this workshop.

We arrived on Friday evening and found a hotel in McKinney Texas, only about 8 miles away and then did a little shopping. The next morning we met everyone at the Princeton Café for breakfast. I think we overwhelmed the waitress but she was good and everyone got their food and by 8:00 we were ready to go to Frank Sheldon's shop and get started.

There were six anvils that needed various amounts of work, from just a few chips around the edge to some major work.

David Wilson had the largest anvil but luckily it was also one that only needed a small amount of welding and grinding to repair the top. Bill Stoddard brought an anvil that had belonged to his great grandfather to be repaired. It had a bad place that had chipped out and would need to be welded up and then ground back flat.



There are several professional welders in the group which helped out a lot. There were three welders going at one time. It was hard to find a place to stay out of the way of the welding glare and then sparks from the grinders.

At noon we were treated to a brisket with the fixings along with apple cobbler for desert. Everyone had their fill and then it was time to get back to work. They got 3 anvils finished before noon but had 3 more to work on.

We got ready to leave about 3:00. After we left they finished the other three anvils. They talked about doing the repair workshop again in the future.



El Reno Heritage and Art Show

The Saltfork Craftsmen were represented at the show by Teresa Gabrish and Diana Davis, who had a booth on the inside and Jim Carothers and Dan Cowart, who operated the blacksmith shop outside. Booth set up was on Friday from 1-4:00 p.m. after which there was a parade and meet and greet at the Red Barn there in El Reno where we were treated to all kinds of food and deserts..

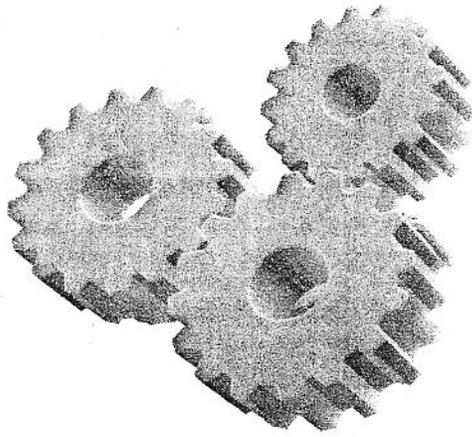
At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the doors opened and there was a steady flow of lookers throughout the day. Teresa did pretty well with her jewelry. We had a few pieces of ironwork that Dan Cowart had brought for people to look. I could have sold the pizza cutter several times. I wish we would have had more ironwork to sell. I think it would have done well.

Jim and Dan Cowart worked outside at the blacksmith shop all day. They made a few items that they sold as soon as they finished them.

We started shutting down about 4:30 so we could be out of there by 5:00.. All in all, we had a good time. Tiring but good.



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Upcoming SCABA Workshops

Title:	Date:	Instructor:	Location:	Status:	Cost:
Gas Forge Building	30 May 09	Larry Mills/ Terry Jenkins	Blanchard, OK	Full	\$175 (updated)
2D Animal Heads	27 Jun 09	Bill Davis	Elk City, OK	Open seats	\$25
Project Design	29 Aug 09	Max Scrudder	Mt View, OK	Open seats	\$25
Power Hammer Use and Tooling	14 Nov 09	Richard Dyer	Tulsa, OK	Open seats	\$ To be determined
Repousse	TBD – 4 day workshop	Mark and Mindy Gardner	TBD	Open seats	The more students the lower the cost.

2D Animal Heads:

Bill Davis will show us how to make 2D animal heads from flat bar and the tooling you'll need.

Project Design:

Max Scrudder will show us how as a professional blacksmith he does project design and various factors he must take into consideration when putting together a project. He said we'd even have enough time to put together a small project at the end of his lecture. It's mostly paperwork with a little bit of forge work, which sounds just about right for August.

Power Hammer Use and Tooling:

Richard Dyer from his many years of experience as a professional blacksmith will show us some of the tooling and techniques he uses in commercial production of forged items with the use of a Little Giant power hammer.

To sign up, call or email and then send a check to me.

Repousse/Chasing Workshop – Anyone else interested?

We have 5 folks interested so far. I called Mark and he said we only pay the actual cost of fuel. With 5 people signed up the cost would be about \$390 per person plus your meals and lodging. The more we get signed up the less it will cost. If 12 sign up, the cost would be about \$165 per person, plus meals and lodging. That's a very good price!

To do a proper workshop would require 3 – 4 days. The first day would be tool making and the next three are repousse work. Mark said he makes special treadle hammers that are very helpful with this kind of work, he would bring down enough for 12 students. The treadle hammers would be for sale at \$1,350 each after the workshop. Buying a treadle hammer isn't required, he brings them for the students and if you want to purchase one he'll sell it.

Their fee is \$250/day plus travel, hotel, and eats. Their website is www.floodplainforge.com. Let me know if you would like to attend.

If we have	6 students it would cost about	\$ 325	9	\$ 217	12	\$ 165
	7	\$ 278	10	\$ 195		
	8	\$ 244	11	\$ 177		
	Plus meals and lodging					

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SCABA TOOL BOX AND TOOLS for 2009

Tool/Item	Maker/Buyer	Cost/Value
Box	JC Banks	
Hardware for toolbox	Mike George	
Cross peen hammer	Clay Reamy	
Straight peen hammer	Clay Reamy	
Rounding hammer	Clay Reamy	
Tongs:		
1/4 v-bit	Clay Reamy	
3/8 v-bit	Clay Reamy	
1/2 v-bit	Clay Reamy	
3/4 v-bit		
1/4 flat	Clay Reamy	
3/8 flat	Clay Reamy	
1/2 flat	Clay Reamy	
3/4 flat		
Scrolling		
Side grip	Reamy	
Pick up tongs	Reamy	
Fire tools (Shovel, rake, poker)	Reamy shovel and poker	
Hot cut hardie		
Cold cut hardie		
Twisting wrench		
Treadle/Hand Hammer Tooling	JC Banks	
Set of punches and holder		
Center punch		
Chisel, large		
Chisel, small		
Chisel, hot slit		
Slitting chisel		
Hold Down		
Flat wire brush w/handle		
File, flat bastard cut w/handle		
File, half round w/handle		
Set of monkey tools		
Rivet backing tool		
Rivet setting tool		
Hacksaw		
Bolster plate		
Square		
Dividers/Compass		
Scribe		
Bending forks		
Spring swage (necking down)		
Flux spoon	Reamy	
Metal folding ruler 24" or 72"		
Soapstone		
Ball tool (round blunt nose punch)		
Hook Ruler		
Iron Mountain Flux		
Finishing Wax		
Nail Header		
Dual Caliper		
Total value to date:		

S/C Meeting at Elk City

We had a fair turnout for the S/C regional meeting that was hosted at the Route 66 Blacksmith shop in Elk City this month. We had two coal forges going as well as the propane forge that Bill Davis brought. The forges are set up so that two people can share a forge. We had a lot of people that came to the Museum stop by and watch us as we forged. I chose to make my trade item there and worked until noon making a fire poker and rake.



We had two new members sign up and Max spent some time with one of them at the forge. She had come to the meeting the month before and got hooked on Blacksmithing. Now all she needs is the equipment to set up her own forge at her home.



Bill brought his propane forge and did a demo on how to make the Bob Cat head. There is going to be a animal heads workshop at the museum in June. 2-D animal heads are the subject of the workshop.

We enjoyed a delicious meal and were able to look around the Museum before going back to the blacksmith shop. Everyone there signed a sympathy card (Sid's wife Mary passed away earlier last week from ALS) that was then mailed to Sid Suedmeier on Monday. See everyone at the Picnic.



President's Notes

Gerald Franklin

Well, we've had an election of Board of Directors and there have been some changes. Jim Carothers asked that his name not be placed on the ballot this term and also that he be released from the President's job. Jim has been on the board for quite a few years and has served as President for several years also. He feels that he needs a break from these duties and, though he will be missed from the positions that he has held, we can certainly understand the need to get some things off one's plate and get back to smithing for fun.

So, what changes were made? Board members that were re-elected are Bill Kendall, Byron Doner, and Mike George. Bill Davis decided to come back to the board after taking a few years off and he was elected to the slot left vacant by Jim Carothers. We want to thank all who took the time to send in ballots to help us select the folks who will take care of the club's business for the next year. I personally want to thank those members that agreed to have their names put on the ballot who weren't elected. I can assure that your concern for the club and willingness to serve if elected will not go unnoticed. There are more jobs coming up and, of course, there will be another election next year.

The board of directors election closed on April 10. Once the board members were set for another year, the first order of business was for the board to elect officers. Actually, this turned out to be an "appointment" rather than an election per se. The new president is Gerald Franklin (which explains why I'm writing this column), the vice-president is Bill Davis, and Mike George remains as secretary-treasurer.

Don't expect any changes in the near term. Things are going really well for the club now and there's no use in trying to fix something that isn't broken. We are busy right now putting together the state-wide meeting and picnic on May 16th, so please plan to attend that. We'll see you there.

William Scout Camp Mountain man Rendezvous

My name is Fred Voss and I am a member of the Northwest Region of the Saltfork Craftsmen. I wanted to let you know that I attended the Williams Scout Camp mountain man Rendezvous to the West of Enid. I am still in the beginning of the learning stage but as I was a scout leader myself and done mountain men re-enacting, I figured this would be a good time to go and possibly meet other blacksmiths and learn. The weather was warm but the wind blew on the forge on the 3rd and 4th of April...Around 350 or 400 scouts and scout leaders were in attendance. A scout staff member used the forge fire to heat two branding irons to brand cups for the scouts. So I think every scout was at the forge at one time or another...I made a least a dozen hooks to hold tools or anything else you would want to hang. I was well fed by the staff cooks and all was very good. A good time was had by one and all.

Fred Voss

Saltfork Craftsmen Support the Marshal County Antique Tractor Show

Gerald Franklin

I demonstrated at the 7th Annual Marshall County Antique Iron Show on April 17. The show was again held at their show grounds near Enos, OK. For those of you who may not be familiar with Enos, you go south of Madill, OK until your feet start getting wet in the Red River, and you're in Enos.

The school kids descended upon us about 9AM on Friday. There weren't as many bus loads this year as in the past. Only about a hundred First Graders from Madill showed up so by noon, I was finished. Since I had the forge fired up, I stayed around until mid-afternoon hammering a little and visiting with the tractor show folks. The tractor count was down this year, most likely due to high fuel prices. Come to think of it, that may explain why there weren't many school busses. I didn't go back on Saturday, due mainly to low participation and fuel prices.

As with most public demonstrations, the folks expressed genuine interest in our craft and were very willing to share their favorite "Grandpa was a blacksmith" tale. It was a fun event, only marred by the wind, rain, and low turn out. Maybe next year we'll have better weather and more folks.



Opportunity to Demo at OKC State Fair

The club has been approached by Melinda Parsons to demonstrate at this year's state fair of Okla. This would be a great opportunity to get information to the general public about the club and educate them about blacksmithing yesterday and today.

This would be a major commitment for the club because the fair lasts 10 days and it would be necessary to have one or two demonstrators there on each day from 1:00-6:30 M-F and 11:30-6:30 on Sat and Sunday. There are also a couple of School days where there would need to be someone there as early as 9:30. The Blacksmith would need to be dressed in period clothes.

Melinda Parsons has been invited to the picnic in May to discuss the subject and answer our questions. If you are interested in participating we need to know. Please come to the Picnic to voice your support or non-support for the project because if we do a good job it could turn into a yearly event for the club. Members of the North Texas group have been demonstrating at the Texas State Fair for several years.

One of the questions that Melinda will be able to answer will be if we can sell some of our forgings, she did mention that things demonstrated would need to be correct for the frontier period of our history.

The Picnic is May 16 at the Fairground in Norman. Melinda has been invited to come and talk at 11:00 AM. She has stated that the demonstrator/s each day would be provided with an admission ticket and private parking passes. We need answers about security for the equipment that will need to be left each night. Bring your questions to the picnic.

Museum of the Great Plains School Demo

By: Gerald Franklin

On Friday, April 24, 2009 I demonstrated for the Museum of the Great Plains Spring School Encampment days. The museum is located in Lawton, OK and any of you who haven't seen it need to put it on your list of places to see. It is well worth the time.

I got to the museum shortly after 8AM on Friday 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. 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 nail 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 nails. About mid morning, I looked up and there was Diana Davis taking pictures. The shots you see with this article are hers. Just another fine service of our volunteer newsletter editor.

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.



Here students from the Lawton Public school watch Gerald as he explains the history of Blacksmithing. He is making nails. The students were testing Gerald's knowledge with question concerning how nails are made now as compared to how he was making one.

Too late to classify

Jim Dickey has some equipment that he wish to sell. Below is a brief list:

35 pound Kerrihard hammer (fair condition,) \$600

50 pound little giant (disassembled but complete with extra parts) \$500

Also several post vices, post drills, firepots, blowers and many pair of tongs.

Call Jim for more information: home # 580-871-2324 or Cell # 580-334-5011

For Sale:

Uncle Al Press for sale. Asking \$1500.00. for more information contact John Kellogg from Yukon, Ok. 405-990-8790

The Board of Directors would like to issue an apology to Jim Dickey for the oversight of missing him when recognizing the original 13 members of the club. The list had been misplaced and we were relying on 14 year old memory.

Jim will be receiving the honorary lifetime membership and plaque in recognition to his dedication to the club .

Trail Ride Demo

By; Gerald Franklin

On April 25, 2009 I demonstrated at the Duncan Lake Horse Club's Spring Trail Ride. The club has an extensive trail system laid out around Duncan Lake, which is about 9 miles east of Duncan, OK. Diana Davis showed up bright and early to take a few pictures for our newsletter but I wasn't set up yet. I think she was getting tired of hearing the worn out story about me taking a camera but getting too busy to take pictures. Well, she heard it again. Actually, I thought about taking pictures but at this particular event, there are rarely any crowd shots as folks just sort of drift by at a leisurely pace. So, about the only shots available were of me and most of you have enjoyed about all of that you can stand.

I was asked to come set up by some of the club officers as they thought that a working smith would add to the atmosphere of the camp-out/ trail ride. It turned out that they were right, as these folks were sort of "blacksmith starved". Of course, I had to start out telling folks that I'm not a farrier, so I can't re-set the front shoes on old "Champ" before the ride. I explained that I just didn't know enough to be a farrier but they might be interested in some of the other work on my sales table.

This was a little different type demo that I normally do since many of them had some idea about what smith work was all about, but just didn't think that there were any folks around who did this stuff except for "the guy on RFD-TV". Many were surprised to hear that their own Oklahoma state smithing club has over 240 members. We picked up a couple of new members there, too.

It was a long day, about 10 hours, but I was only about fifteen minutes away from home, so I wasn't faced with a long drive home.

NORTH EAST REGIONAL MEETING DATES

January 10, 2009
Host: Gary Gloden

February 14, 2009
Host: Bill Kendall

March 14, 2009
Host: Dan Cowart

April 11, 2009
Host: Open Easter Weekend
Phone #:

May 16, 2009
Host: *State meeting*
Phone #:

June 13, 2009
Host:
Phone #:
Trade item:

July 11, 2009
Host:
Phone #:

August 8, 2009
Host:
Phone#

Sept. 12, 2009
Host: Dan Cowart
Phone #:
Trade item

October 17-18, 2009
SCABA Conference

November 7, 2009
Host:
Phone #:
Trade item

December 12, 2009
Host:
Phone #:

NORTH WEST REGIONAL MEETING DATES

January 24, 2009
Host:

February 28, 2009
Host: Ron Lehenbauer

March 28, 2009
Host: Bob Kennemar
Phone #:

April 25, 2009
Host: Mike George
Phone #:

May 16, 2009
Host: State meeting –No regional meetings
Phone #:

June 27, 2009
Host:
Phone #:

July 25, 2009
Host:
Phone #:

August 22, 2009
Host:
Phone #:

Sept. 26, 2009
Host: Gary Seigris (Elk city)
Phone #:

October 17-18, 2009
SCABA Conference

November 28, 2009
Host: Mandell Greteman
Phone #: 580-515-1292

December 26, 2009
Host:
Phone #:

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING DATES

January 17, 2009

Host: JC Banks

Phone #

February 21, 2009

Host: Gerald Franklin

Phone #:

March 21, 2009

Host: Terry Jenkins

Phone #

April 18, 2009

Host: Bob Kennemar

Phone #

May 16, 2009

Host: State picnic at Norman

No regional meetings

June 20, 2009

Host: Anelia Hadick

Phone #: 1-405-406-3705

July 18, 2009

Host: Max Scrudder

Phone #: 1-405-226-9951

August 15, 2009

Host: Richard Simpson

Phone #: 1-405-344-7413

Sept. 19, 2009

Host: Dorvan Ivy (Elk City Museum)

Phone #: 1-580-473-2761

October 17-18, 2009

Host: : SCABA Conference Perry, Okla.

November 21, 2009

Host: Bill and Diana Davis

Phone #: 580-549-6824

December 19, 2009

Host: Anelia Hadick

Phone #: 1-405-406-3705

SOUTH EAST REGIONAL MEETING DATES

January 3, 2009

Host: Howard Bost

Phone #:1-903-785-0864

February 7, 2009

Host: Howard Bost

Phone #: 1-903-785-0864

March 7, 2009

Host: James Allcorn

Phone #:

April 4, 2009

Host: Howard Bost

Phone #: 1-903-785-0864

May 16, 2009

Host: State meeting in Norman Ok

June 6, 2009

Host: Mark Hammell

Phone #:

July 4, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

August 1, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

Sept. 5, 2009

Host:

Phone

October 3 2009

Host:

Phone #:

November 7, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

December 5, 2009

Host:

Phone #

Salt Fork Craftsmen

Paid up Members as of March 30, 1995

Jim Omey
Freedom, Ok

Leroy Haight
Alva, Ok

John Burns
Capron, Ok

Richard Guthrie
Kiowa, Ks

Terry Brooks
Alva, Ok

Julius "jude" Wyckoff
Freedom, Ok

Louis Schupbach
Alva, Ok

Ralph Schupbach
Alva, Ok

John Friend
Freedom, Ok

Jim Dickie
Capron, Ok

Levi Rutledge
Woodward, Ok

Kim Dale
Jet, Ok

Mike George
Alva, Ok

This is a copy of the original certificates that were issued to the Charter members of the club on May 22nd 1995. Thanks to Jim Dickey for providing this to us along with a list of the original 13 members.

Be it hereby known on this 22nd day of May, 1995

Jim Dickey

is forever hereafter designated a

Charter Member

of that honorable association of gentlepersons
collectively known as

Saltfork Craftsmen

And by his membership, demonstrates his belief in,
and commitment to, the highest standards and most
noble purpose of art and craftsmanship.

Signed:

Jim Omey
Jim Omey, President

Attest:

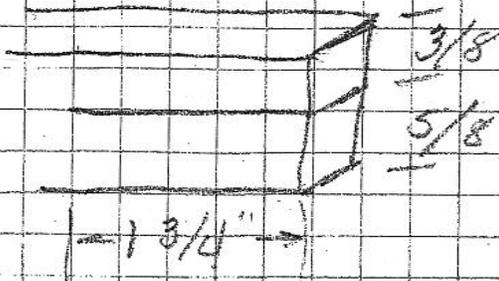
J. Michael George
J. Michael George, Sec/Treas

The following drawing were done by Gerald Franklin during the workshop on animal heads that was presented by Darryl Nelson.

Rearing Horse (11-3-08)

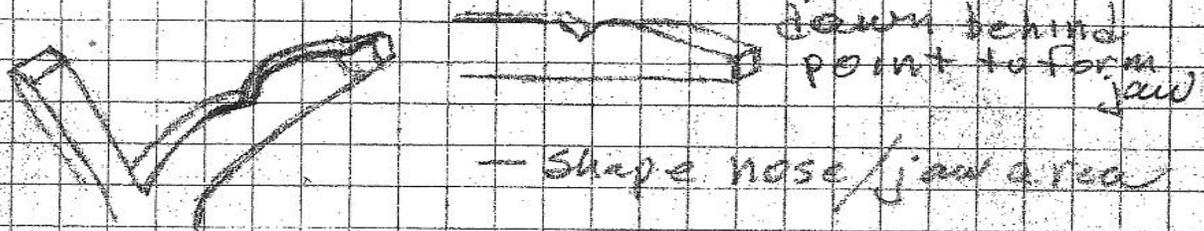
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$\frac{1}{2}$ " x 1" F.S. ($\frac{3}{8}$ " x 1 can also be used)



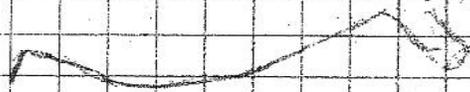
- Set down on 3 sides $\frac{1}{4}$ " back from end of split (w/ $\frac{5}{8}$ side up) (Near edge)

- draw dull point on $\frac{5}{8}$ leg then set



- bend front leg and round up

- set down behind feet to form belly

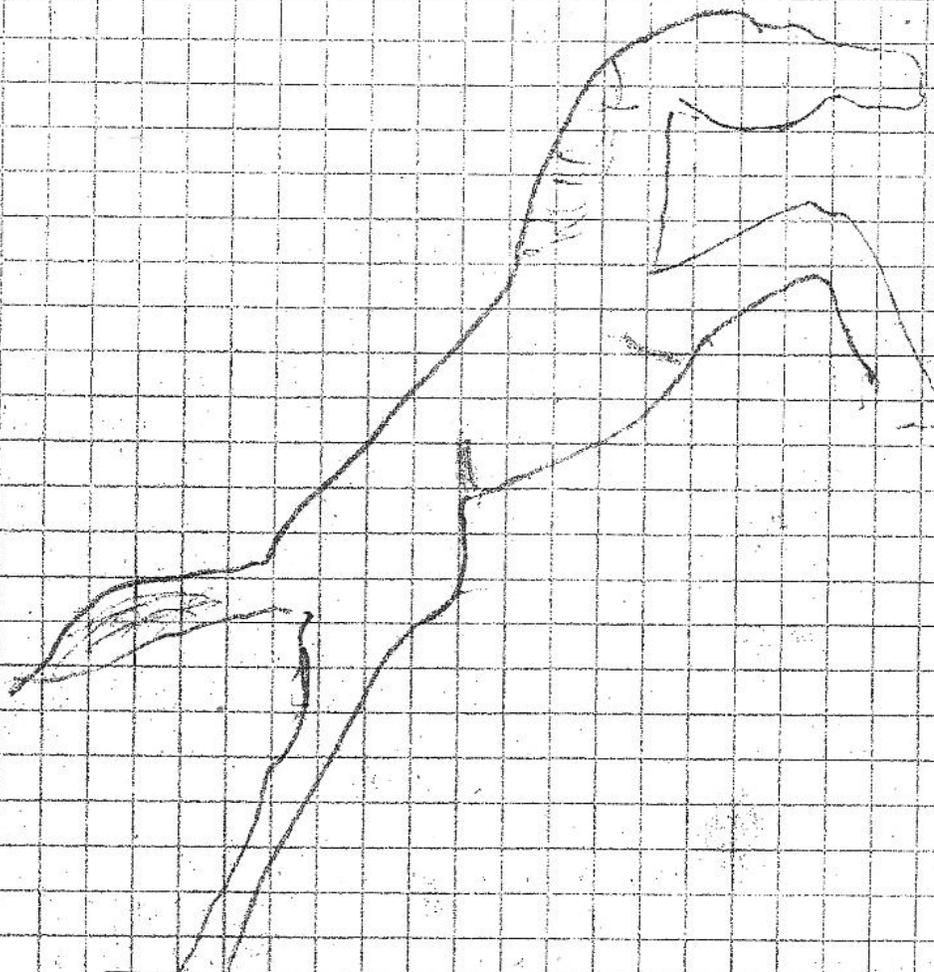


- set down opposite side for top of tail

- draw out / texture tail and cut free from back leg.

- Bend tail up for commence bend to round up and form back leg

- Set down back leg twice over horn to form



Rearing Horse (cont)

the hock joint.

- Set down flank area
- Fuller behind front leg to define front shoulder.
- Cut ears/mouth. Punch eyes

Saltfork Craftsmen

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Membership Application
April 2009 thru March 2010

Please accept my application

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Married? Yes No Spouses Name _____

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