

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting – August 10 at Illiana Shop in Rainsville

Our next Meeting will be August 10th at the Illiana shop starting at 9:00 AM. The Illiana Show is behind us and what a great time we had! So many of you participated, some even took vacations to be there and included your families as well. That was nice.



Saturday's large attendance to the show kept the blacksmith shop volunteers busy most of the day. The sales tables had mixed success, but still brought in several dollars. We were able to make a large deposit after the show.



For our August 10th meeting please bring the post vises and forge blowers you have cleaned and restored. Even if you haven't done anything yet, please bring them in.

We will have an Iron-in-the-Hat drawing, so bring some nice contributions. Let's work toward kicking up the quality of items donated to the drawing.

Lunch for Saturday will be a brown bag of your choosing. I don't know what the water inventory looks like, so bring your own beverage.

Weather looks pleasant, so bring your ideas, be safe and have fun.

See you all Saturday. Ted 765-491-2194

Illiana History Day

History Day at the Illiana Showgrounds is coming up on September 20. This is a great time to demonstrate and explain to area school children the way of the blacksmith and the impact blacksmiths have had on our communities. Mark your calendars and plan on volunteering.

Participants at the Illiana Show

The following people generously volunteered their time the help make the Blacksmith Shop fun and exciting at the Illiana Show 2024: Ted and Carol, Gary Lehman, Michael and Son, Dan M., Gene H., Rusty Miller, Marty M., Jeff R. and Son, Charles and Jennifer K. and their two children, Noan, Kevin, Randy, David and Caleb Dillman, Justin and Greg Prather, Bobby and Jimmy, Matt Haven, Eric Smith, and Derrick.

Coal Available by Order

If you need a bag of coal, please call Marty Mears [765*201*2836], and he will bring a bag to our meeting. He will no longer bring bags unless he is contacted prior to our meeting.

Dates to Remember

Illiana History Day: Friday, September 20, Blacksmith Shop at the Illiana Showgrounds in Rainsville..

[SOFA Quadstate Blacksmith Conference:](#) September 27-29, 2024, Troy, Ohio

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