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FABA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Florida Artist Blacksmith Association

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Spouse's Name _____

Are you interested in procuring:

- Anvil Coal Hand Tools
- Blower Forge Post Vise
- Other

Send this application and membership fee of \$15 (make checks out to FABA) to:

Roger & Carol Stuart, FABA Treasurers
 Start Route 1, Box 207
 Crescent City, FL 32112

FABA membership includes a one year subscription to *The Florida Clinker Breaker*. Membership year begins May 1; new memberships received after Jan. 31 cover the following membership year. Membership includes your entire family. You don't have to be a member of ABANA to join FABA although we encourage membership in both organizations.

ABANA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Artist Blacksmith Association or North America, Inc.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

I, _____, hereby apply for membership in the Artist blacksmith Association of North America, Inc. and enclose _____ as my annual membership dues. Checks must be US funds and made out to ABANA. Membership includes a one year subscription to *The Anvil's Ring*.

- Regular Membership \$35
- Full-time Student (one year only) \$25
- Family Membership (one vote) \$40
- Senior Citizen (over age 65) \$25
- Overseas Membership \$45
- Contributory Member \$100
- Public Library Subscription \$25

Visa / MC: Card #: _____

Expires: _____

Signature: _____

Call (812) 988-6919 to charge your membership to Visa/ MC, or make out a check to ABANA and send to:

ABANA
 PO Box 1181
 Nashville, Indiana 47488

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NOTICE - - - NOTICE - - - NOTICE

July 3 north east meeting change

It will not repeat not be at Fowler's

The meeting will be at BARBERVILLE

I wish to thank;

Sarah McMurray of Lake Worth

for sending me a very interesting item from the May 93 Smithsonian titled "The anvil chorus is ringing loud and clear again"

It is about the authors (Tom Alexander) visit to the Penland School of crafts in North Carolina. Very interesting, wish we had room for it (it is eight pages) in this issue but we dont. However, I shall save it for the future and make some copies to bring with me to various meetings to pass out to those interested.

Thanks again Sarah.

Also I would like to thank Joe Latta of Gainesville for the first note I recieved Thanking me for doing the June issue, my first.

And I must tell everyone that with out the work preformed by Pete Brandenburg there would be no news letter. Pete, Thank you, thank you, thank you.

My wife and I both express our gratitude to Tico and Maggie for the enjoyable day we spent at Barberville at our last meeting and, of course any of you that know Tico will know that he has been extra supportive and helpful to me.

There are many others I should thank but since I am including the updated membership list in this issue and keeping the size down so we can mail for a 29¢ stamp I must close and simply say THANKS TO ALL.

Ralph



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| July 3 | N.E. Reg Meeting | CHANGED TO BARBERVILLE |
| Aug 7 | N.E. Reg Meeting | Walt Anderson |
| Aug 14 | N.W. Reg Meeting | Dr. Ed & Nancy Crane's shop Tallahassee |
| Sept 11 | N.W. Reg Meeting | Jerry & Tycee Grice's shop near Tallahassee |
| Sept 10-12 | Alabama Forge Council Annual Conference | Tanneyhill State Park (West of Birmingham) |
| Oct 9 | FABA State Conference | Barberville |
| Nov 13 | N.W. Reg Meeting | Dr. Skeeter & Lou Prather's shop Tallahassee |
| Dec 11 | N.W. Reg Meeting | No Meeting Planned - MERRY CHRISTMAS |

PLEASE SEND ITEMS FOR THIS AND OTHER PAGES BY THE 15th Each MONTH

The winner of the CAMPBELL CRAFT SCHOOLscholarship donated by CLAY SPENCER and awarded by F.A.B.A. is;

Harland H. Fisher
15671 Glendale Lane
Fort Meyers, Fla.

Dear Fellow Blacksmiths,

This is to let everyone know I am slowly recovering from my "accident" and to say many thanks for your cards, calls, thoughts and visits. All were helpful and appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]
Thurmond

299 Granada Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

June 14, 1993

Ralph Kretzer
4040 South Gate Point
Homosassa, FL 32646

Dear Ralph:

The first thing I want to tell you is how nice your first issue of *The Florida Clinker Breaker* is. Editing the newsletter is a BIG job, and Pete and I are both grateful to you for taking it on.

Next, I need your help finding a book lost at the Madison conference. Pete has been corresponding with a Russian blacksmith, Nikolaj Jemeljanuk, who lives in the West Ukraine. A few months ago, Nikolaj sent Pete a paperback book, in Russian, on blacksmithing, and I urged Pete to take it up to Madison to the Southeastern Regional Blacksmithing Conference for everyone to see. I put it and the letter that accompanied it on the display table myself, but neglected to put Pete's name on it. We weren't in the conference hall when the display was taken down, and the book was misplaced. We couldn't locate it. Could you put a notice in the FABa newsletter asking whoever picked it up for safekeeping to mail it to Pete Brandenburg, 299 Granada Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33401? The book is approximately 7"x8" and is printed on newsprint, with a red and beige cover. Pete is anxious to get it back.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature: Mary Brandenburg]
Mary Brandenburg

3 June 93

Dear Mr. Kretzer

This note is to pass along an anvil source which I developed. Having recently taken Tico's Beginner course, I was looking around for an anvil. In the course of my shopping, I nagged George at the Oldsmar Flea Market (he sells heavy tools) until he promised he would try to order one at a good price. On 9 May, I visited his stand and bought from his stock two new "London" style anvils: 55 lbs for \$72; 165 lbs for \$159 (tax addl). These anvils are made in China. He is ordering more. Mine "ring", and are not brittle - in a nutshell, I think a got a good bargain, and want to pass along the news to others. George Reynold's mailing address is 2106 E. Bougainvillea, Tampa, FL 33612, (813) 971-3744 or 855-0999. For people who live near Tampa, his stand is in a metal building at the NE corner of the Oldsmar Flea Mkt.

[Handwritten signature: John Hargett]
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15227 MANSFIELD RD.
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(504) 735-0049

RALPH KRETZER, EDITOR
4040 SOUTH GATE POINT
HOMOSASSA, FL. 32646

DEAR MR. KRETZER,

ALTHOUGH YOU THINK YOUR EFFORT IS A FEEBLE ONE, IT'S THE EFFORT AFTER ALL THAT COUNTS. AND YOURS IS VERY GOOD. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK FABa FOR TAKING PART IN THE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE PROGRAM. STARTED BY TOM CLARK, PRESIDENT OF BAM. I WISH THAT MORE CHAPTERS WOULD PARTICIPATE.

I WOULD LIKE TO PLACE A "FOR SALE" AD IN THE CLINKER BREAKER IF I CAN: 250 LB. MOLOCH POWER HAMMER, MODEL # E-72, COMPLETE WITH FLAT DIES, OLD LEATHER BELT, AND A 5-H.P. 3-PHASE MOTOR. HAMMER IS IN FAIR TO GOOD CONDITION. \$2,500 FIRM. I HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF 4" X 4" 4340 DIE STOCK, \$40.00 / FOOT. REMEMBER THIS HAMMER WEIGHS NEARLY 7,000 LB. SO BE SURE YOU CAN HAUL IT. A MOLOCH IS ALMOST EXACTLY THE SAME AS A MEYER OR A MURRY.

KEEP UP THE GOOD EFFORT,
DAVID MUDGE, PRESIDENT OF
LOUISIANA METALSMITHS' ASSN.
(LAMA)

The
MAILBAG

The 1993 Madison Conference
by Pete Brandenburg

Over 400 people came to Madison, Georgia, in May for the sixth biennial Southeastern Regional Blacksmiths Conference, and FABA members outnumbered every other chapter's members. Conference registrar **Gloria Corbet** hung up posters for members of each chapter to sign, and FABA's was full. In addition to Floridians, FABA members from as far away as Pennsylvania (**Russell and Barbara Afflerbach**) came to meet old friends, make new ones, and see a wide assortment of blacksmithing demonstrations.

The 1993 conference was the best one ever (I said this in 1991, and 1989. . .). **Willard Smith**, from Blountstown, Florida, chaired the conference, and he put in something for everyone. The program included demonstrations of traditional European methods, toolmaking (by **J. C. Hawkins**, from Morriston), gunsmithing, damascus bladesmithing (by **Al Pendray** of Williston), metal spinning, basic blacksmithing classes for beginners, and a complete family program (including classes led by **Maggi Rubio** of Barberville and **Mary Brandenburg** of West Palm Beach). Willard also invited the famous Jud Nelson, whose wagon-making expertise was documented in *Foxfire 9*, and Emmert Studebaker, who hosts Ohio's Quad State Roundup in Tipp City. My favorite quote came from Ryan Johnson, who answered a question with advice from his own mentor, "If you ever work with Francis Whitaker, don't ask him if something is straight enough: 'If it's straight, it's enough.'"

FABA was started at the 1985 Madison conference by a bunch of avid Florida blacksmiths, led by Willard Smith, who thought that Florida needed its own blacksmithing organization. Since then FABA's expanded to its present 264 members, and we're still growing.

This year five southeastern chapters sponsored the Conference: the Alabama Forge Council, the Appalachian Area Chapter of ABANA, the Florida Artist Blacksmith Association, the North Carolina Chapter of ABANA, and the Tullie-Smith House Blacksmith Guild. After the Conference bills are paid, any leftover money will be divided equally among the sponsoring chapters. Conference Treasurer Claiborne Smith of Marietta, Georgia, is still finishing things up, but says that it looks like this will be the Conference's sixth straight financial success.

The 1993 Conference started with an opening reception at the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center's invitational exhibit, *The Blacksmith's Art, 1993*. The gallery provided lots of beer and munchies, and everyone got a close look at work by some of the best blacksmiths in the United States. Francis Whitaker contributed two pieces, as did FABA members **Lewis Riggleman** and **Jerry Grice**. Both Lewis's and Jerry's sculpture brought admiring comments from the crowd.

ABANA's Executive Secretary, Janelle Gilbert, set up a booth and encouraged Conference attendees to join ABANA. She and her staff also sold T-shirts and back issues of *The Anvil's Ring* and other ABANA publications. Less than half of those at the Conference were ABANA members, so it was the first opportunity that many blacksmiths have had to get acquainted with ABANA.

Auctioneer **Tim Ryan**, with help from **Doyle Conner, Jr.** (both FABA members), forced the crowd to part with \$7378 in exchange for fine knives, sculpture, door knockers, tools, books, etc. Tim also auctioned a cherry chest with wrought iron hardware, made by Jud Nelson, for \$700 to benefit the Jud Nelson Scholarship Fund. Another special auction item was the Appalachian Area Chapter's Humble Hammer Award, created to honor the late Joe Humble, their president for fifteen years, and a past president of ABANA. They picked up Joe's hammer where he had left it on his anvil and mounted it on a plaque. Each year the Chapter will auction the Award to the highest bidder and add the proceeds to the Appalachian Area Chapter's Joe Humble Scholarship Fund. The buyer chooses that year's award recipient, who returns it at the end of the year to be auctioned off again. This year the Humble Hammer Award brought \$1,000 to the scholarship fund, and was given to Bill Manley.

The next Madison conference, chaired by Mike Dowell of Athens, Alabama, is set for May 19-20, 1995. A steering committee composed Mike, Conference treasurer **Pete Brandenburg**, the southeastern chapter presidents, including **Tico Rubio**, and key committee people are already making plans—and the 1995 Madison conference, like all the others, will be the best one yet.

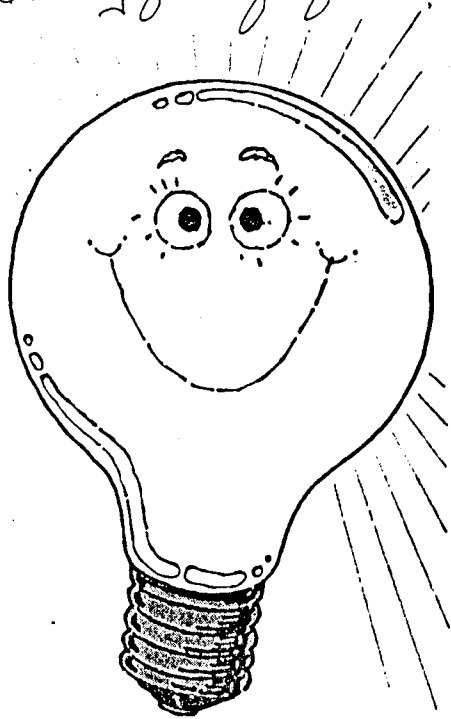
THANKS A WATT!

To FABBA members about your fellow Florida buds who made the Madison conference such a success.

The sign of a great event, is if it is un-event-ful.

It ran smooth with no surprises because it was well run by people who cared to put in hours of prep work and sweat.

Willard Smith brought up a band of roughians to coordinate the many facets of a fine weekend.



Jim Corbit brought his magical bag of tools to work his wonder on the old place to make it run and shine. His bride and her three 4-legged long eared assistants has such a great system working that even the name tags on children would tell us where they were and where they were suppose to be.

The groups who helped are to many to list but I enjoyed the weekend because it was fun.

Thanks to all Fabba People Bill Roberts Magic Rubio + Tico. and Steve Bloomer

Pray + Vote for Pete Brandenburg as he runs for ABANA Board membership.

Thanks you Florida for your Hours, Talent, Money and laughter.

Big Bob Watt



This information sent in by Walt Anderson. (thanks Walt)

Aug 7, 1993 NORTHEAST SECTION MEETING

AT: walt Anderson's EUREKA ! FORGE

located at Sunday Bluff on the Ocklawaha River

The program will be construction of CHEAP gas forges. Walt will have material available for 8 or 10 cylindrical or rectangular forges with ceramic brick or KA-O-WOOL blanket insulation at cost. Call Walt at 904-672 4603 for reservation to make a forge.

Any wishing to camp over the weekend are welcome from Fri afternoon through sunday. Water and electric are available and indoor bathrooms will be shared.

SWIMMING, FISHING, CANOEING ARE AVAILABLE

For those that do not wish to make a gas forge or do not make the list, 2 or 3 coal forge set-ups will be available or bring your own.

Keep in mind the woods and river are very pretty but it will be hot

MAP TO WALT ANDERSON'S EUREKA ! FORGE

TO PALATKA

