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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 29	5th Sat mtg	Lewis Riggleman	map in this issue
Feb 5	N.E. Meeting	J.C. Hawkins host	map in this issue
Feb 12	N.W. Meeting	Ben Ferguson host	map in this issue
Feb 19	S.E. Meeting	?	
Mar 5	N.E. Meeting	Jim Corbett host	map and info in last issue
Mar 12	N.W. Meeting	?	
Apr 2	N.E. Meeting	Barberville	THIS IS A SPECIAL MEETING WITH ANTIQUE TOOL COLLECTERS
			keep this date open more info to follow
Apr 9	Statewide meeting	Clyde & Vi Paytons shop	This is a statewide quarterly meeting
Apr 16	S.E. Meeting	?	
May 7	N.E. Meeting	Steve Bloom host	map later
May 14	N.W. Meeting	?	
May 21	S.E. Meeting	?	
June 4	N.E. Meeting	John Cross	map later
June 11	N.W. Meeting	?	
June 18	S.E. Meeting	?	
July 2	N.E. Meeting	host unknown	
July 9	N.W. Meeting	?	
July 16	S.E. Meeting	?	
Aug 6	N.E. Meeting	host unknown	
Aug 13	N.W. Meeting	?	
Aug 20	S.E. Meeting	?	
Sept 3	N.E. Meeting	host unknown	
Sept 10	N.W. Meeting	?	
Sept 17	S.E. Meeting	?	
Oct 1	Annual Conference	Barberville	
		Steve tells me he has allready signed up;	
		Tim Ryan, Jim Batson and Elizabeth Brim	

THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION I HAVE AS I GO TO PRESS WITH THIS EDITION.
Please use this as a work sheet and send me any corrections and additions
PLEASE SEND ITEMS FOR THIS AND OTHER PAGES BY THE 15th Each MONTH

I CAN'T PRINT IT IF I DONT KNOW ABOUT IT

also don't forget our free want ads.

if you have anything for sale or wish to buy let me know.
some of these other papers have over a page full of want ads
so send me some "want to sell" or "wanted to buy" today

President TICO's message;

TICO told me what a great meeting I missed at Ft. Lauderdale. I was very sorry to have to miss this quarterly meeting due to a previous committment even before I heard what a great time was had by all.

I should comment on the great demonstrations but being a typical blacksmith reporting from a typical blacksmith the first thing I heard was what a fine feed was furnished by Pete and Mary.

Tico also tells me the Davis/Blondet shop was a treat to checkout with its fly press plus 25lb, 50lb, and 250lb power hammers and a shop full of goodies.

Demonstrations included the host on power hammers and Ray Roberts on knife handle making.

I sure am sorry I missed this meeting.

Editors notes;

Christmas is over, a new year has begun and I am trying again to put out a paper. It is my intention to print and send to our membership a first class newsletter free of any mistakes however past experience has told me there will be some errors. When you find these errors bear in mind;

1. Your editor is a "poor soul" trying but not too bright.
2. some times he gets confusing information
3. some times he gets NO information
4. some times he gets wrong information
5. some times he wishes you were doing the paper instead of him

Seriously, I need all the help I can get, any volunteers ???

About the 3rd of Jan I got a call from Fred Oden that he was in my area and would come out to visit if I were available. I am so glad I was home and not involved with one of my committments as he came out and we had a very nice visit and now I have a new friend. Fred is a board member of the Indiana Blacksmiths Asso. and lives in Rochester Indiana. I had expected to see him again at our Jan 8 Barberville meeting but My wife and I both Had the flu very bad that weekend and went nowhere fast. (I am happy to report we are over it now)

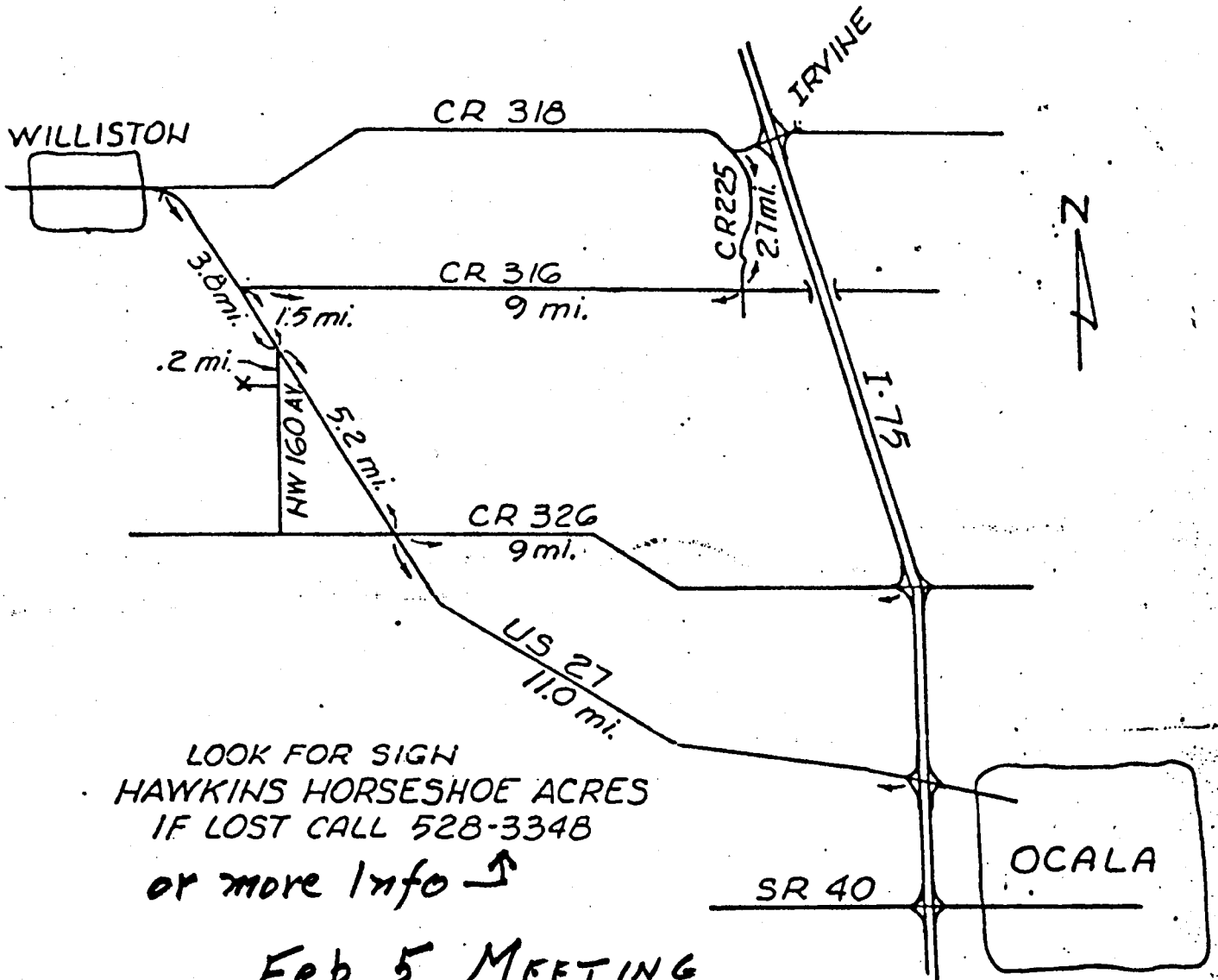
Elsewhere in the paper I have printed the old slate of officers as it was set up and printed (350 sheets) before I recd the official election results.

The official election results are as follows;

president	Tico Rubio
program Chairman	Steve Bloom
Sec - Treas	Patty Draper
trustees	Carl Austin
	Clyde Payton
	Ray Roberts

By next month I hope to get all of the addresses and phone numbers and will plan on doing a new slate. Dont forget, people, to send me this info and anything else you would like in the paper.

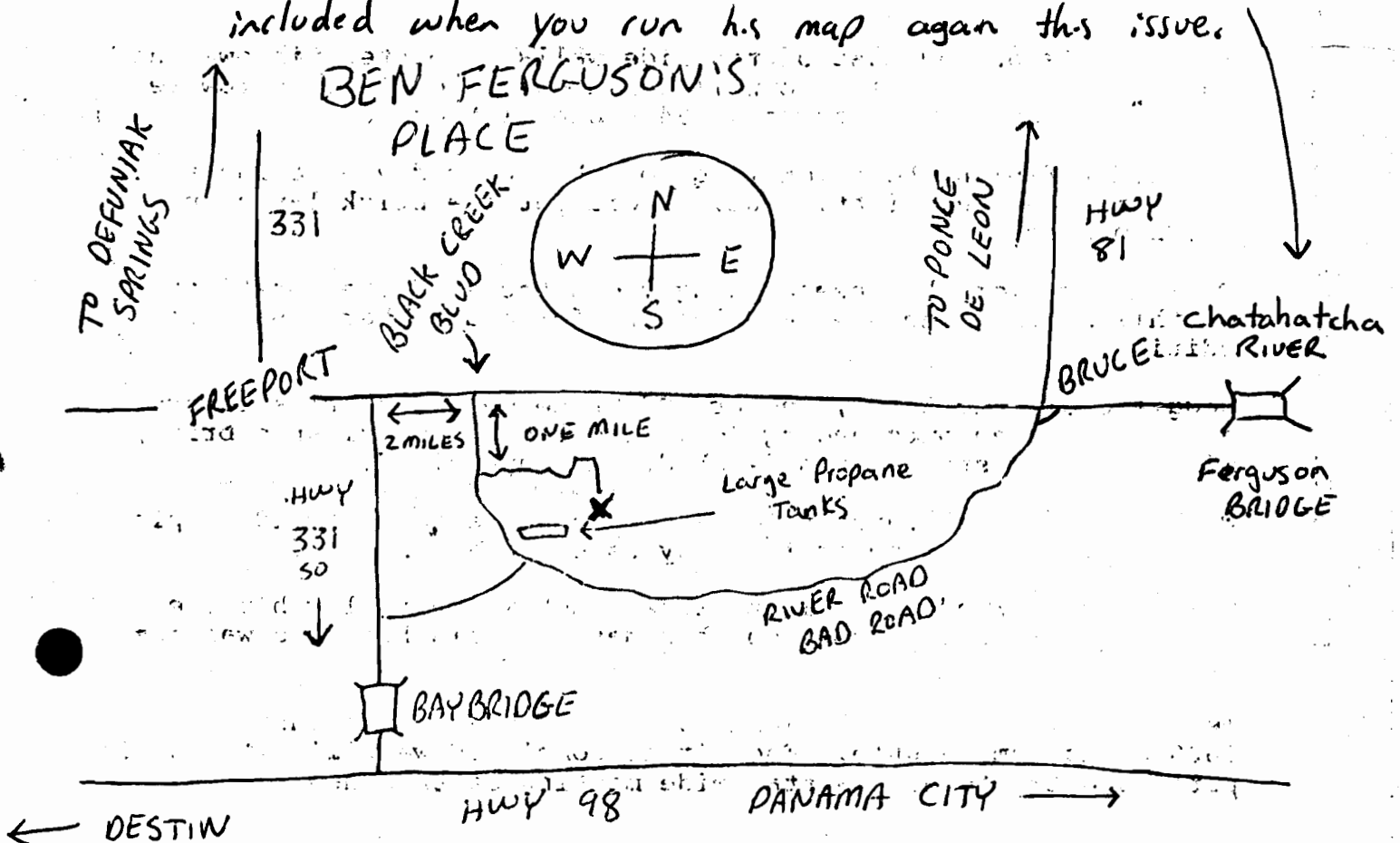
At this moment it looks as though There will be some blanks for lack of news. It is easier for me to print one side of paper only on my copy machine and it also has to do with my printing some things ahead of time creating a predetermined number of pages that will have printing added to the other side as the news comes in. So if you see blanks you did not miss anything.



FEB 12 MEETING

Dear Ralph,

Ben Ferguson wanted a few additional items included when you run his map again this issue.

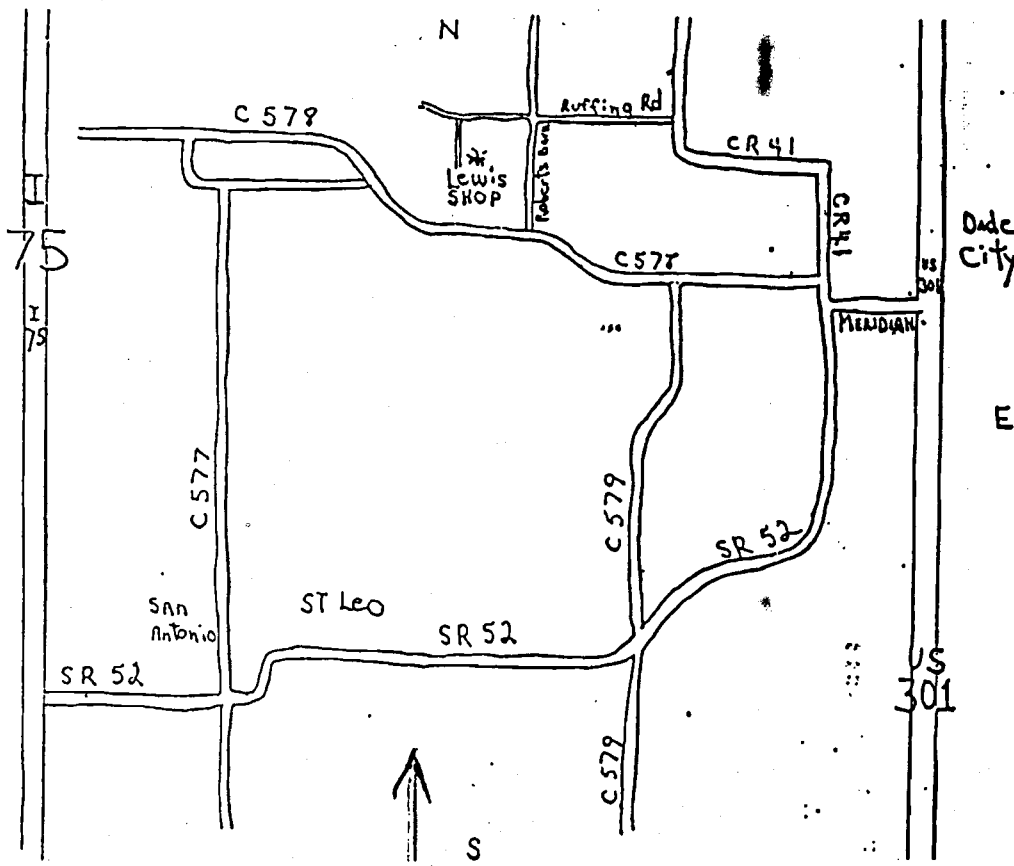
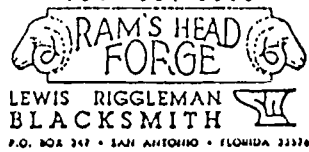


Also if you could include that: the turn off from the main road will be marked with surveyors tape. The turn off from the main dirt road to Ben's shop is a single lane dirt road. He asks that you please stay on the road it's about one mile back.

(MARCH 12th)

Also the March N.W. Regional meeting will be at the Conner's Bar C Ranch in Lloyd FL. Details next issue.

Thanks.
Bill



0 ? FLORIDA ARTIST BLACKSMITH ASSOCIATION

WHAT ? "HANDS ON" WELDING WORKSHOP
TWISTED WIRE HANDLE VARIATIONS

WHEN ? LAST SATURDAY OF JANUARY 29TH

WHERE ? RAMS HEAD FORGE
LEWIS & DIANE RIGGLEMAN'S SHOP
MAP INCLUDED

THINGS TO BRING:
HAND TOOLS

6'3/16" ROUND STOCK OR 7'1/4" ROUND STOCK
STAINLESS STEEL HOSE CLAMP
(TO HOLD STRANDS TOGETHER TO WELD)

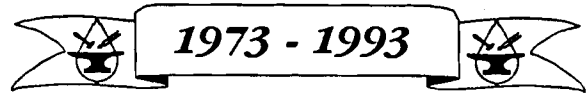
BRING YOUR LUNCH

THINGS PROVIDED
5 FORGING STATIONS
COAL AND BEVERAGES

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ABANA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 1994

Dear ABANA Chapters,

Here it is January, and it's time to make a few New Year's Resolutions! You should make resolutions that are attainable. Well, this is your lucky day -- I have a few suggestions for you that are not only attainable, but downright fun!

- Resolve to go to the 1994 ABANA Conference in St. Louis, Missouri in June
- Resolve to make a ring for the Conference Ring project
- Resolve to donate an item for the conference auction or iron-in-the-hat

Seriously, ABANA depends on the good will donations of its membership and friends for a successful auction at each biennial conference. These fund raising activities help fund ABANA's programs throughout the year, and allow us the flexibility to consider new ways to serve the membership. ABANA truly is the greatest blacksmithing organization on the planet, and it is due in large measure to the support of its membership. Aside from that, you won't find a more inspirational or comprehensive blacksmithing conference anywhere in the world than the 1994 ABANA Conference. So plan today to attend the ABANA Conference in June. Its a resolution you'll be glad you made!

How's this for some good news? The ABANA membership is now over the 3,500 mark for the first time ever! In case you're wondering why it is good news, I will tell you that a strong membership is the foundation of our organization. Consider this: what do you suppose the *Anvil's Ring* would look like if our membership were half that number? ABANA's membership is on the rise, and it is giving us the opportunity to serve the membership in exciting new ways! In the coming year we will have several new and revitalized programs that would not have been possible even a year ago. We are in excellent financial health. It is our hope that the ABANA membership will be very happy with what it sees in the coming year.

With winter weather upon us, and the need to wear warmer clothing, it is important to remind ourselves that nylon jackets are a no-no in the shop! It is unfortunate that the clothing industry has embraced the idea of making practically everything out of nylon or polyester. A sign of the times, perhaps? Whatever the reason, we need to remember that **nylon and polyester clothing is flammable!** That goes for most of the running shoes on the market these days as well. If they catch on fire, you will have a second skin made of molten plastic, and first, second, or third degree burns to keep you company. To add insult to injury, you still have to scrape molten polyester off your body. I can think of lots of things I'd rather do. So, play it safe! Wear cotton clothing and leather shoes or boots. Its one way you can make sure you truly do have a Happy New Year!

Warm Regards,

Clayton Carr
ABANA President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clayton Carr".

Best Wishes for the New Year!
John Pollins, III
Chapter Liaison Chairman.

This just came in from carol Stuart so I will get it in this paper;

Hi. Ralph,

Please advise all correspondence concering memberships
or other matters concering money to contact;

Patty Draper
Applecross Forge
PO Box 125
Tallahassee, Fla. 32302

She also advised that they were audited on Jan 8 1994 (the day the accounts
were turned over to Patty) by Jim Corbet, Gloria Corbet and Thurman Chaffin.
As we all would have expected the audit proved out to the penny.

I certainly wish to thank the Stuarts for their help and encourgements as I
tried to put out the Clinker Breaker each month. As I have stated so many times
I need all the help I can get. I also wish and pray for their newest upcoming
project "Heifer Project International" to be at their place Feb 19. I will always
remember the sunday morning service Roger gave at our conference.

Also recd today was a very interesting letter from Debbie Dixon from the
Crowley Museum which I was just able to get in this issue. Be sure to read it
and keep in mind we are to meet there every 5th sat I believe. It was too late
to get this in the calender (it was already printed) but I shall have it in
next month

EVERY ONE PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED OF DATES AND PLACES OF
MEETINGS AND EVENTS OF GENERAL INTREST.

Well that wraps up this issue, so I'll put it together and get it in the mail.

Thanks again to all that helped (and there were a lot of you)

Ralph

P.S. Tomorrow I start on next months Clinker Breaker, so!

send in those news items and want ads

and any thing you can think of.