



FLORIDA ARTIST BLACKSMITH ASSOCIATION, INC.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

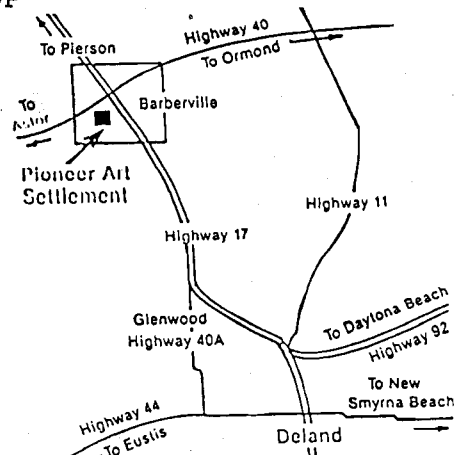
SEPTEMBER 3rd - NORTHEAST - PIONEER ART SETTLEMENT, BARBERVILLE
 SEPTEMBER 10th - NORTHWEST - JERRY and TYCEE GRICE, CRAWFORDVILLE
 SEPTEMBER 17th - SOUTHEAST - MIKE LUCK, FT. LAUDERDALE
 SEPTEMBER 24th - SOUTHWEST - CROWLEY NATURE CENTER, SARASOTA
 OCTOBER 8th and 9th.....CONFERENCE.....BARBERVILLE

MEETINGS

NORTHEAST - SEPTEMBER 3rd
PIONEER ART SETTLEMENT, BLACKSMITH SHOP
 FOR INFO: Tico Rubio (904)749-3327

A general meeting will start at 9:00am. Since this meeting date falls on Labor Day weekend, the meeting has no specific agenda. You will need to bring your own lunch. There are no restaurants close by. However, the Handy Way on the corner serves pizza, chicken, and has a newly opened Subway franchise.

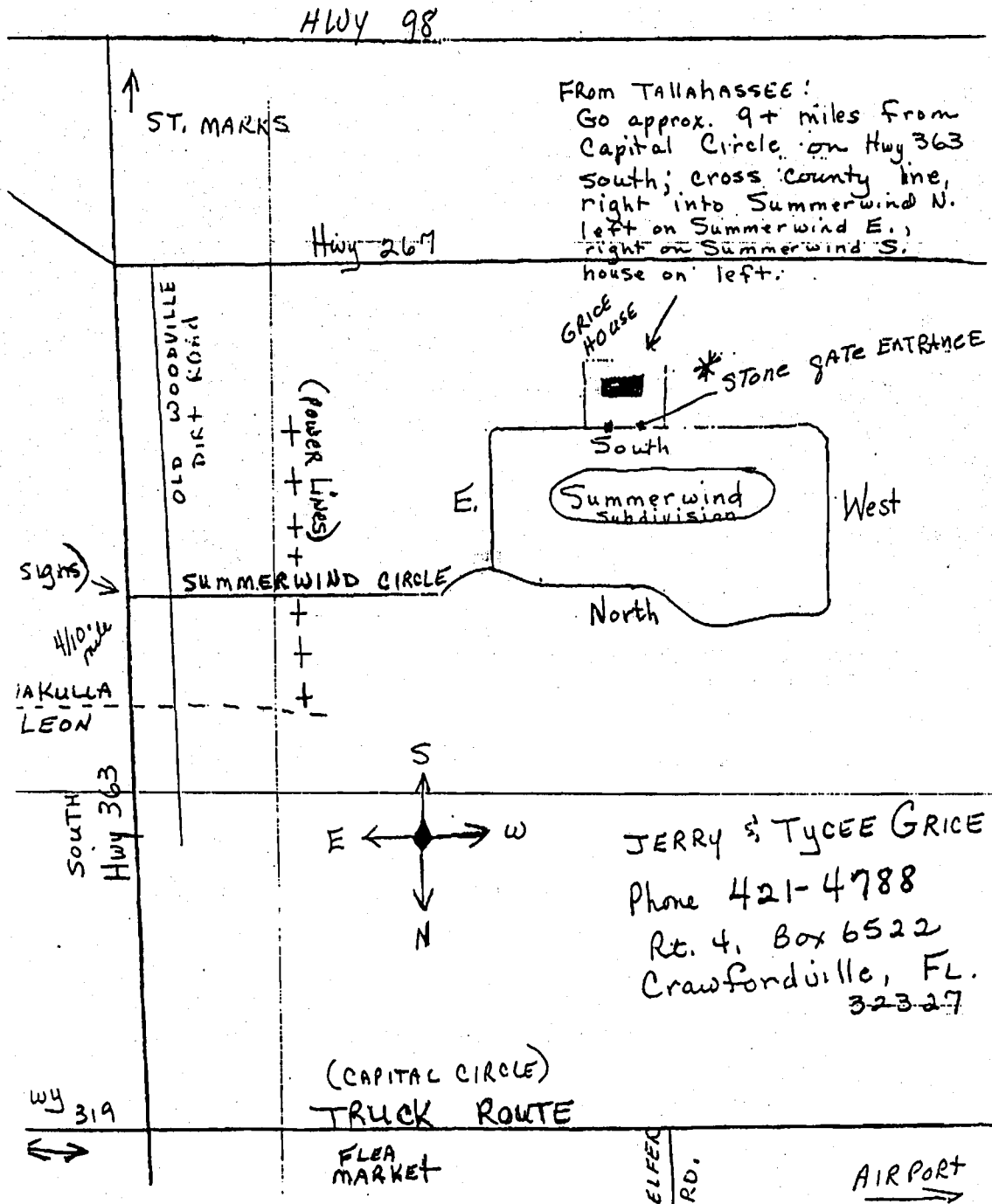
If you've not been to Barberville, this is also our State Conference site. You might find it helpful to come and familiarize yourself with the place. Hope to see you!



NORTHWEST - SEPTEMBER 10th
JERRY and TYCEE GRICE
 RTE. 4, Box 6533
 Crawfordville, FL 32327
 (904)421-4788

The September meeting will be held Saturday the 10th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be hosted by Jerry and Tycee Grice at Jerry's forge in Crawfordville, Fl. Jerry and Tycee have planned a special surprise project for us. Reportedly, the project will involve the fabrication and assembly of a major item for donation to the auction at the annual conference to be held in October at the Pioneer Settlement at Barberville.

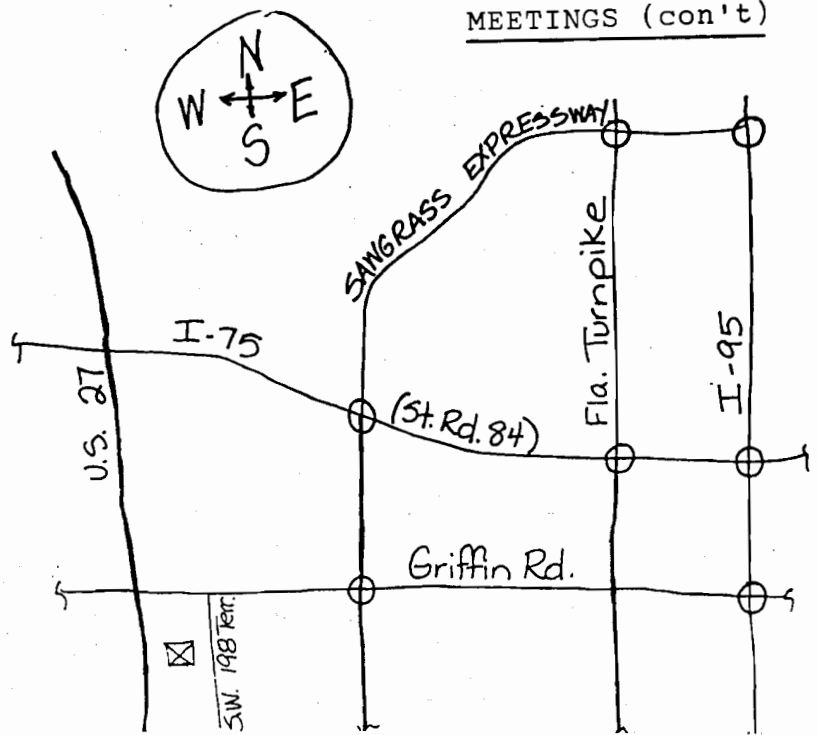
We always have a great time at Jerry's so bring your hammers and be prepared to do some work. Lunch will be provided, including vegetarian fare for those of you who are not of the meat eating persuasion.



SOUTHEAST - SEPTEMBER 17th

MIKE LUCK
 4921 S.W. 198th Terrace
 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33332
 (305)434-0798

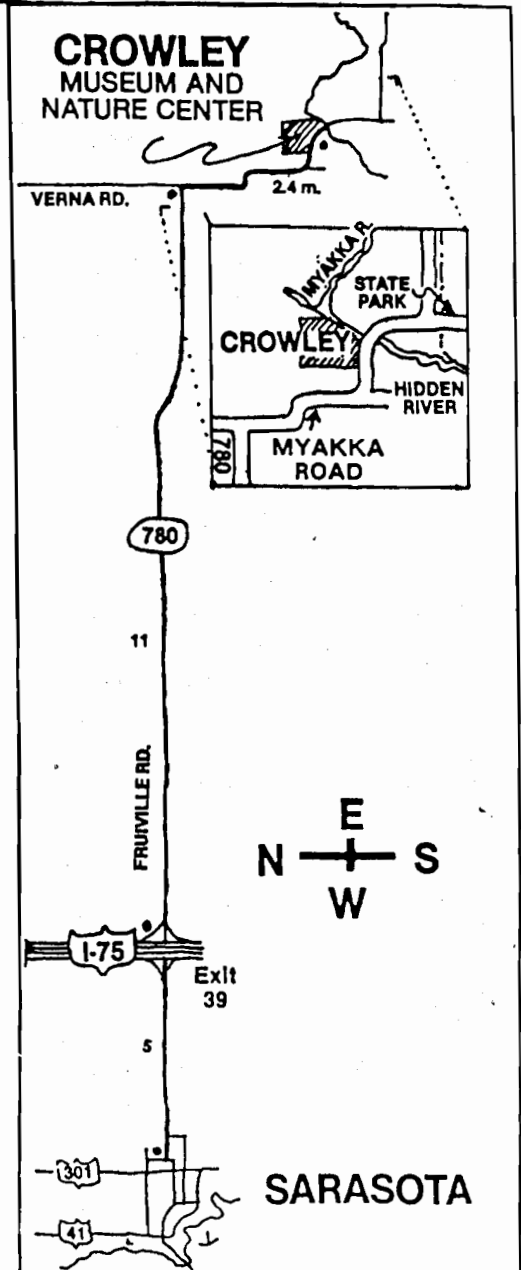
Mike and his wife are providing lunch. Please bring any portable equipment you may have. Mike says he has plenty of room (2-1/2 acres) for campers if anyone is interested in coming early. Please just give him a call to let him know you are coming to camp!



SOUTHWEST - SEPTEMBER 24th

CROWLEY MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER
 16405 Myakka Road
 Sarasota, FL 34231
 (813)322-1000

This meeting usually starts at 10:00am. Crowley is a wonderful place to "smith", located in a truly natural setting. You will need to bring food and drink with you. There are no restaurants for miles. Lewis Riggleman is this area's co-ordinator, if you have any questions about the meeting. (904)521-3515



FLORIDA ARTIST BLACKSMITH ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING--JULY 30, 1994

The board of trustees held its quarterly meeting during the lunch break at the statewide meeting hosted by the southwest region and held at the Crowley Museum and Nature Center in Sarasota. Trustees present: Tico Rubio, President; Patty Draper, Secretary-Treasurer; Ray Roberts, Trustee; Steve Bloom, Program Chair; Carl Austin, Trustee; and Dale Kipp, Trustee. Trustees absent: J.C. Hawkins, Vice-President; Ralph Kretzer, Newsletter Editor; Pat Imbimbo, Trustee; and Clyde Payton, Trustee.

APRIL MINUTES: The board unanimously voted to accept the April board meeting minutes as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The board unanimously voted to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. The report is attached to these minutes. As of June 30, 1994, the report shows: Total assets (cash in bank account): \$16,110.13; Total liabilities: -0-.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET: Patty Draper presented a proposed budget for the current fiscal year. The proposal was to budget an amount equal to last year's actual expenditures and receipts, increased by 5 percent, as previously approved at the board's meeting in Barberville in 1993. The board discussed the proposal at length, adjusting amounts in various categories based on actual experience for the first half of this year and new projects and needs. The board approved the following additional expenditures: 1) spending up to \$1,000 to obtain liability/theft/loss insurance through ABANA to cover FABA events and limited property. Pete Brandenburg will obtain a quote; 2) \$50 toward ongoing maintenance, restoration of the Bealer blacksmith shop at Westville, Georgia, where ABANA was formed 20 years ago; and 3) allocating \$1,000 for food at this year's annual conference, bringing the total budget for the conference to \$6,919.72. Ray Roberts asked for more details on FABA's financial picture and suggested that some funds be placed in an interest bearing account. Patty will work with Mary Brandenburg to develop a statement with this detail and will also obtain necessary forms and information regarding interest bearing account options. With these changes to the proposed document, the board unanimously approved the 1994 budget. A copy is attached to these minutes.

COAL: Tico Rubio reported that 22 tons are on order and will be sold at the annual conference. The Barberville Pioneer Settlement will provide a storage bin; bags and ties will be provided for members to bag their own coal. Patty Draper said that she would like to see several tons transported to Tallahassee to help members in the northwest region who cannot attend the annual conference, or transport it themselves. No action was taken on this item.

LOGO: Tico Rubio reported that the logo committee will select a new logo by next week. Pins and shirts bearing the new logo will be available at the annual conference.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Steve Bloom reported that blacksmith demonstrators at the conference will include Jim Batson, Elizabeth Brim and Jerry Darnell. The family program will include broom making, weaving, jewelry, leather and flute making.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE: Ray Roberts, chair, reported that the committee recommends amending the current bylaws. A proposed revision was submitted for the board to review. Ray asked that board members review the proposal and provide comments to the committee within the next 30 days. The committee will try to have a revision ready for the annual meeting in Barberville. Patty Draper thanked the committee (consisting of Ray Roberts, Clyde Payton and Pete Brandenburg for their work on this much needed project).

ABANA CONFERENCE/FLORIDA COMMITTEE: Tycee Grice, chair, sent a report stating the following: The idea of hosting the 1998 ABANA conference should be abandoned as Canada has already submitted a complete package for a 1998 conference to be held in Calgary, Canada. Planning for hosting such a conference must begin further in advance; Tycee suggest that it would be more reasonable to look toward hosting the conference in the year 2000. She also submitted her resignation as chairman of the conference committee, due to other commitments. Her report will be filed with the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS: Air hammer workshop: Ray Roberts is organizing an air hammer workshop. At this point, it looks like the cost of the hammer will be \$500, not including the cost of the air source. Anyone interested in participating in the workshop should contact Ray Roberts. Postage costs: Ray Roberts suggested that the organization's bulk mail permit be utilized to reduce postage costs, especially for the newsletter. Further discussion indicated that the savings would not be as great right now because membership numbers are down. No action was taken on this item. S.E. Conference: Pete Brandenburg, Treasurer of the S.E. Conference, reported

that planning is underway for the 1995 Madison Conference and that a separate legal entity will be formed to handle the business end of the conference. Past conferences have consisted of an informal partnership between state chapters in the southeast. In order to properly report the income of the last conference, Pete suggested that FABA claim the event for tax purposes. Any accounting expenses or tax liability to FABA would be satisfied from the \$6,700 left in the Madison account from the '93 conference. The board unanimously approved this proposal. Annual FABA elections: Patty Draper reported that the terms of four members/officers (J.C. Hawkins/Vice-President; Pat Imbimbo/Trustee; Dale Kipp/Trustee; and Ralph Kretzer/Newsletter Editor) will expire this year and that the elections process should begin with an announcement in the September newsletter of the openings. The election will be conducted in November. General membership meeting: A meeting of the general membership will be held on Saturday, October 8, 1994, during the annual conference, at the Pioneer Settlement in Barberville. The meeting will begin at 12 noon.

NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: The next board of trustees meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 7.

Submitted by  Secretary-Treasurer

Upcoming FABA Election

Every year a portion of the members of our governing body, the board of trustees, complete their terms and an election is held to select members to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of their terms. Our board is made up of eleven individuals--five officers and six trustees. This year, the terms of four of the ten elected members of the board will expire--vice president, newsletter editor, and two of the five elected trustees (the outgoing president automatically assumes a position as a trustee for two years). According to our bylaws, the election must occur in November for a two-year term beginning in January.

This is a call for nominations for individuals to be candidates for these positions. A candidate must be a member in good standing (paid up dues) and a desire to work to accomplish the purposes of our organization. Board members are expected to attend at least the four quarterly statewide meetings held annually across the state, at their own cost. These meetings are fun to attend since there is always a special project or demonstration going on, but a second reason is that the board holds its meetings at these events. Think about volunteering to run for one of these positions, or suggest someone else. Nominations should be communicated to Patty Draper, our secretary-treasurer, by October 6, 1994, in order for information about the candidates to be circulated, ballots to be prepared and mailed, and the election to be held in November.

The vice president takes over for the president as needed; the newsletter editor edits *The Florida Clinker Breaker*, our monthly newsletter. Trustees have the same voting powers as do officers (such as the vice president and newsletter editor), and they may lend their advice and counsel only to the board, or they may take on other responsibilities such as serving on a special committee. For instance, this year two of the trustees formed a committee and, with the help of a member, they reviewed our bylaws and made a comprehensive proposal for revising them. Maybe in the future a trustee or trustees will form a committee to provide immediate support to new members (tools and materials acquisition, etc.). The sky is the limit--your ideas and energy are what count. Call or write with your questions and nominations: Patty Draper, Secretary-Treasurer, Applecross Forge, Rt. 7 Box 1082 C; Tallahassee, FL 32308; Phone (904) 668-2876 (home) or (904) 487-1137(work). Thanks!

I DO....I DO....I DO...THEY DID....THEY DID....THEY DID....I DOI DO

AND NOW.....I would like to announce the marriage of RONNIE AND DENISE FOWLER, August 5, 1994. Many of us have known Ronnie for years and wish him and Denise years of happiness and joy. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!

Many area members went to Georgia to the wedding of MIKE and CHERIE SHAEFFER, July 16th, 1994. In attendance were PETE and MARY BRANDENBURG, FLOYD DANIELS, and J.C. HAWKINS. We all wish the new couple congratulations and happiness.



I'M OUTTA' HERE.....I'M OUTTA' HERE.....I'm outta' HERE.....

It is with mixed emotions that I end this edition; relief and sadness. It's been great fun having the control and power. It's also fun to get to know what's happening first. HOWEVER, this is a BIG responsibility. I have lots of people to thank who have helped me and supported me in this venture. PATTY DRAPER made sure that I got the mailing labels and checks on time. ANN REYNOLDS, MARY BRANDENBURG, and BILL ROBERTSON provided me with maps and good information. CARL AUSTIN, J.C. HAWKINS, and others encouraged me. And my husband TICO took care of me and told me what was going on when I didn't quite know "what's happening". To all of you THANKS!!!!!! I couldn't have done this alone.

UNTIL WE MEET IN OCTOBER, AT CONFERENCE, I'M OUTTA' HERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Maggi

FABA LOGO CONTEST.....AND THE WINNER IS.....FABA LOGO CONTEST.....
By Walt Anderson

The committee of Walt Anderson, Carl Austin, and Jerry Grice received six entrees to the logo contest. They reviewed the features of each entry for best "fit" to our needs.

Tico Rubio was declared the winner for his design of a round disc with "Florida Artist Blacksmith Association" spelled out around the edge; an anvil in the center and state outline showing a dot in the four regions where we meet.

Congratulations, Tico, and many thanks for the other entrees by David Reddy, B.J. Payton, Mel Wilbur, Ralph Kretzer, and David and Diana Lassiter. Hopefully, pins and tee shirts, etc. can be ready for our annual meeting, October 8th and 9th, 1994 at Barberville.

SARASOTA.....SARASOTA.....SARASOTA.....SARASOTA.....SARASOTA.....

Thanks to the efforts of Lewis Riggleman, the talent of Jeff Mohr, and the support of many FABA members, this was one of the best state quarterly meetings our organization has ever had. Seven couples and two children (the Reynolds') braved the rains and went to Sarasota on Friday night to get together and party. Mike and Kay Schmidt, Bill and Pat Burrige, Bill Robertson and Patty Draper, Ray and Ann Reynolds, Steve and Kimmy Bloom, Pete and Mary Brandenburg, and Tico and Maggi Rubio all met at Knight's Inn to talk and eat. We had a great meal at Paddy's Steak House and it was nice to catch up with old friends and learn about new ones. On Saturday morning we "loaded up" and headed for the meeting. By the time we sixteen arrived, the place was really filled with enthusiastic members. Jeff gave a great demonstration and his humor and talent kept everyone captivated. I think we should make it a policy to meet the night before at all state meetings. It really makes a difference.

NORTHEAST NEWS...NORTHEAST NEWS...NORTHEAST NEWS...NORTHEAST NEWS.....

The Aug. 6th meeting was held in Gainesville at the home of DR. CARL and FLORENCE VAN ARNAM and was co-hosted by AL PENDRY and CARL. Approximately fifty members came to hear AL talk and demonstrate, many from different regions; JOHNNY JOHNSON and CHARLIE OCHS, to name a few. There was standing room only in CARL'S shop. AL demonstrated tempering knife blades ; specifically 52100. When the lunch bell rang, everyone shared in a great lunch prepared and served by FLORENCE VAN ARNAM; tossed salad, two kinds of lasagne, vegetable and meat, garlic bread, different kinds of tea, including citrus tea, and desserts to "die" for.

After lunch, TICO RUBIO held a brief meeting and STEVE BLOOM updated everyone on the state conference in October. Then BOB JACOBY told about Russia and his experiences while he and his family were there.

Then it was back to the shop for more! DR. J.C. HAWKINS demonstrated the art of horseshoe making followed by a question and answer period with AL. Everyone started to leave around 3:30 anxious to try the things they had learned.

NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST

Bill Robertson, Northwest program coordinator

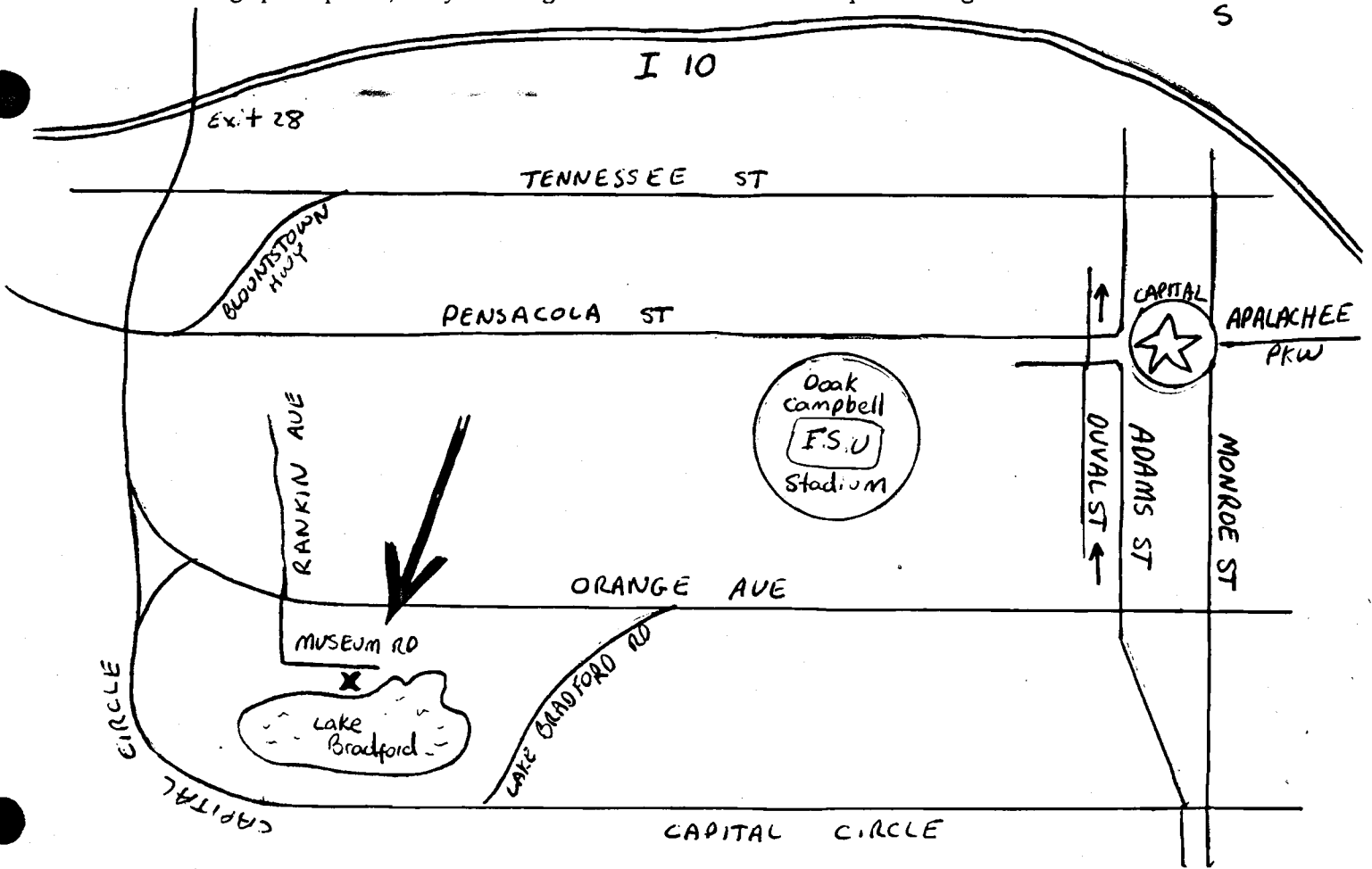
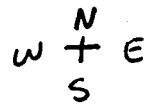
About 20 people braved Tallahassee's August heat to attend the meeting at Dr. Ed and Nancy Crane's shop last month. Bill Robertson spent the morning demonstrating how to forge out a cow skull and a ram head from square stock. This was followed by an impromptu demonstration by Rick Jay of Youngstown, Fl. who showed how to get the best results when using an oxyacetylene cutting torch. It was something most of us non professionals in the field found very informative.

After another lunch to end all lunches, Ben Ferguson demonstrated some of the unusual properties of stainless steel when worked in the forge.

There will be no October meeting in the N.W. Region. Everyone is encouraged to attend the annual conference in Barberville, Fl. If you only go to one event this year this would be the one to go to.

The November meeting has been changed. We will now be meeting at the Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science, formerly known as the Junior Museum. This is an 1880's farm which includes a natural habitat zoo of native Florida wildlife. Entrance is free to those attending this FABA meeting. We will meet Nov. 12 at 9:00 am at the blacksmith shop. See map for directions. A simple country lunch will be provided out of the farm kitchen.

The November meeting will focus on making small holiday gifts. Everyone is encouraged to come up with one or two simple ideas to share with the group. A gift project should not take more than half an hour to forge. If you have a portable forge bring it along. Hopefully, with enough participation, everyone will go home with a much better repertoire of gift ideas.



TALLAHASSEE MUSEUM
OF HISTORY and NATURAL SCIENCE

3945 MUSEUM Rd
576-1636

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 of 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:

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