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NEWSLETTER OF FLORIDA CHAPTER

ARTIST - BLACKSMITH ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

HELLO FLORIDA BLACKSMITHS!!

A giant step forward toward an outstanding organization of Florida Blacksmiths was made at the Southeastern Regional Conference -- ABANA at Madison, Georgia on May 17 and 18, 1985. All the Florida folks met Friday afternoon to discuss getting organized; and then again Saturday noon to get on with the job. Willard Smith of Blountstown, who had spearheaded an organizational meeting in March at Tallahassee, was elected President. Ray Nager of Tampa will serve as Vice President, Tycee Grice of Tallahassee as Secretary-Treasurer and Walt Anderson of Ormond Beach as Newsletter Editor. There was a lot of discussion about the details of getting started and the official paperwork will be developed in an orderly fashion. Both Stan Strickland of Stone Mountain, Georgia; who is President of ABANA and Joe Humble of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who is Chairman of the Chapters Committee of ABANA, spoke and offered encouragement and promised help in getting us on the road to becoming a successful chapter.

It was decided that a membership fee of \$5.00 to join and dues of \$5.00 per year would be appropriate to provide for administrative and newsletter expenses. Everyone agreed that we should have a monthly meeting and newsletter.

FROM PRESIDENT WILLARD

"Now with this news we are appealing to you for support. We need your input by joining us and helping us to build the type of organization we all can be proud of. Whatever interest you have in blacksmithing -- whether it be the history of, the working of, the habits of, or just talking about it -- we want this to be your organization and we intend to encourage you to share this with us."

SO -- HERE WE GO

Our next meeting will be Saturday, June 22, 1985 . . . 9 AM - 3 PM . . . Tallahassee Junior Museum, see map below. Y'all come and help with completing our organizational structure and objectives. Bring your lunch or plan to go to nearby restaurants. Bring friends interested in blacksmithing. Bring an item for a "buck in the bucket" raffle -- a tool, a piece of your work or what have you.

MEETING PLACES NEEDED

We'd like to plan our monthly meetings well ahead so that all will have plenty of time to make their plans to attend. Often you can coordinate blacksmith meetings with business trips or visits to relatives and friends. Consider ride sharing to increase participation and fellowship. Meetings should be held in different parts of our state so travel distances will be as

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SUGGESTIONS NEEDED FOR NEWSLETTER

To be effective, a newsletter must serve the needs of its readers. In addition to news about meetings and members, we want to include items about tools and supplies -- books and articles -- history -- items wanted or for sale or trade -- "how to" hints -- and ??? Please contribute your items and ideas.

THIS NEWSLETTER is being mailed to all Florida resident members of ABANA (about 100) and to some of our Georgia friends as well as to other newsletter editors. There are 17 ABANA area chapters plus other organizations with which we plan to exchange newsletters so items can be "borrcwed" and shared with you.

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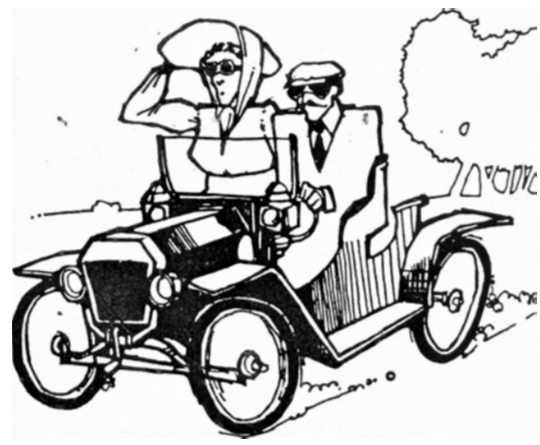
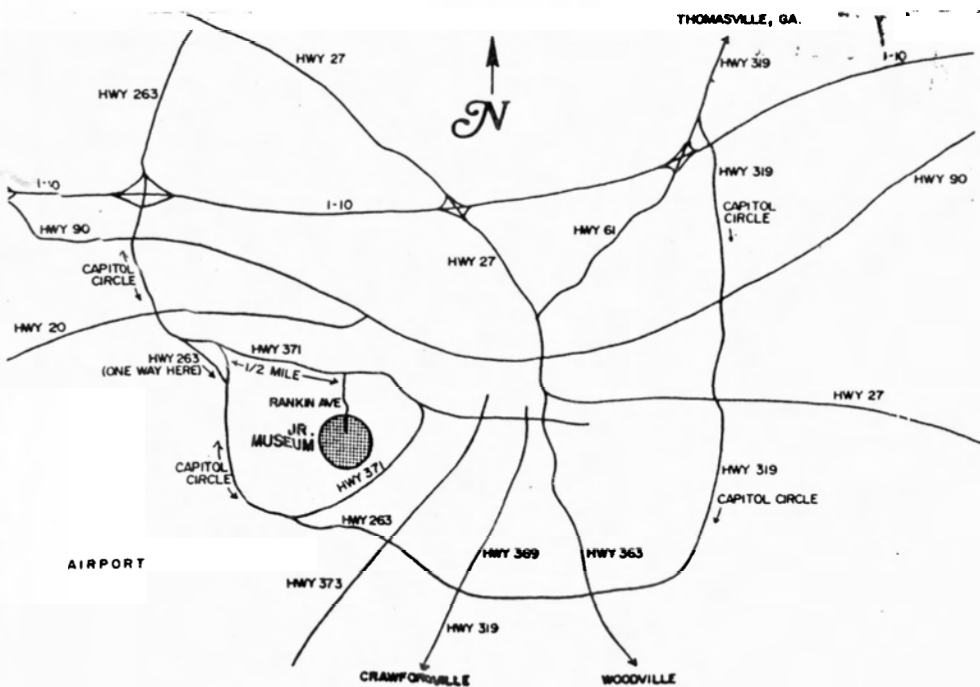
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TALLAHASSEE MAP



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THE METAL AND
PUTT-PUTT ON OVER!

JUNE MEETING

JUNE 22, 1985 9 AM - 4 PM
Junior Museum - Tallahassee

JULY MEETING

JULY 27, 1985 9 AM - 4 PM
Ray Nager's Metalsmith Shop
5712 West Sligh Avenue
Tampa, Florida