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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

JULY 30th - STATE MEETING - CROWLEY MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER  
 AUGUST 6th - NORTHEAST - AL PENDRY AND CARL VAN ARNAM (CO-HOST)  
 AUGUST 13th - NORTHWEST - DR. ED AND NANCY CRANE'S  
 AUGUST 20th - SOUTHEAST - NO MEETING  
 AUGUST 27th - SOUTHWEST - CROWLEY MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER

## MEETINGS

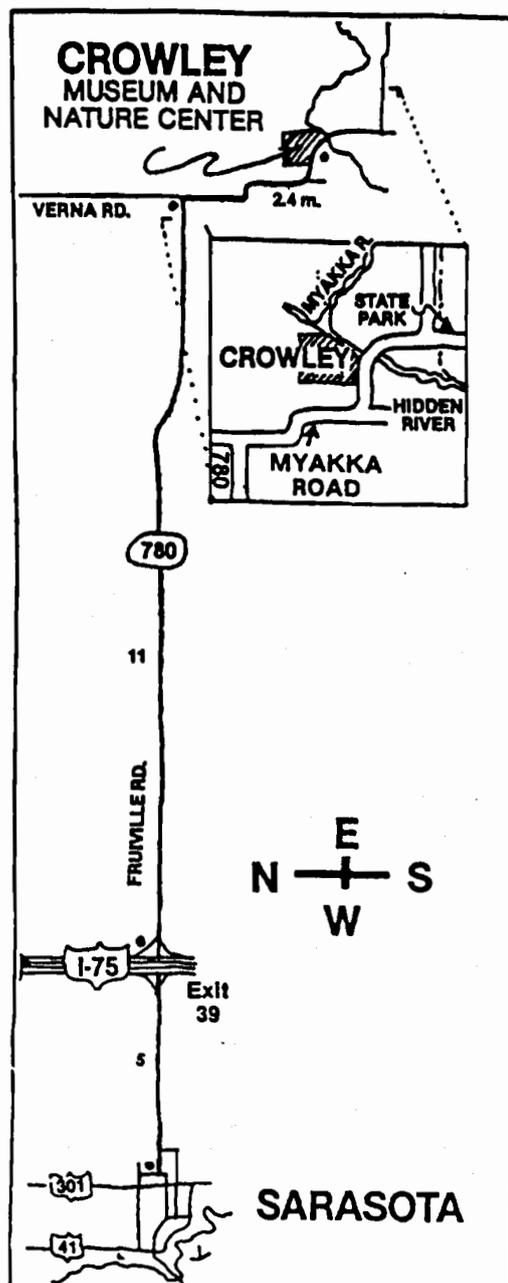
STATE MEETING - July 30th

10:00 - 4:00

CROWLEY MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER

16405 Myakka Road  
Sarasota, FL 34231  
(813)322-1000

Jeff Mohr of Mockingbird Forge (Farmington, GA) will demonstrate Jeff is a full time Blacksmith who works in an old train depot alongside Highway 441 in rural northern Georgia, just north of Madison, GA. Most of his work is commissioned by individual clients in interior and exterior architectural iron. Jeff's been smithing for thirteen years and will demonstrate how to forge oak leaves and acorns. This die will be used here with a striker, treadle hammer or power hammer. These will be turned into a decorative piece. Jeff will also talk with us about how he runs his blacksmith business.



## NOTICE

If you've not been, the Crowley Museum and Nature Center is a protected Park for wildlife. There are usually tour guides available to show this lovely habitat.

ALSO, you will need to bring lunch. Crowley is in a remote area and it's a fairly lengthy drive to any restaurant.

Some of us are thinking about going on Friday night so we don't have to get up so early on Saturday. If you plan on going on Friday and want to get together to eat or party, give Tico, (904)749-3327, a call and he'll let you know where the bulk of the group is staying. Then again, with this group, you may want to avoid us and envelope yourselves in privacy.....



MEETINGS (con't)

SOUTH WEST            AUGUST 27th

CROWLEY MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER  
16405 Myakka Road  
Sarasota, FL 34231

10:00am - 4:00pm

This region always meets at Crowley on the last Saturday of the month unless otherwise noted. For map, please see State meeting on July 30th, this newsletter. For more information, please call Lewis Riggelman, (904)521-3515.

SOUTH EAST -        NO AUGUST MEETING

THIS REGION IS ENJOYING (?) these "dog days of summer" and is taking a break. No meeting in AUGUST!!!!!!

JULY MEETINGS

North East -        JULY 2

This regional meeting was hot, buggy, fun, and very productive. About 30 blacksmiths showed with family and friends to assist with the "Tire Setting". If you've not witnessed a group putting iron tires on SEVEN feet tall wheels, you've missed an amazing display. Luckily, Gene Salzman video taped much of the experience, so it will be available for viewing at the Conference.

Many of the ladies stayed with Maggi in the air conditioning and helped get lunch ready. LYLA KENNEDY brought her famous potato salad and homemade pickles (she should quit nursing and start marketing her food), and JENNY SALZMAN brought a wonderfully delicious cake for dessert. GLENNA SIKES, FRAN JERICO, JENNY CHASE, DIANA and Darlene LASSITER, JENNY SALZMAN, and LYLA KENNEDY helped get the food out. A special thanks to my dear buddy, GUDRUN BENSON who so willingly stood over two gas grills and cooked 80 hamburgers and 80 hot dogs (Jenny Salzman helped) to feed the hungry folks.

After lunch, the guys put the wheels on the logging cart. One man with exceptionally large arms (see video), held the cart up virtually by himself while other smiths put the wheels on.

By about 3:00pm, everyone had had all the "fun" they could handle for one day and the group disbanded.

North West - This group took a "hiatus" in July and had no meeting.

GOOD FOR YOU...CONGRATULATIONS...GOOD FOR YOU...CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CLYDE PAYTON, after 30 years with the state's youth services/Juvenile Delinquency Program, retired June 30th. Clyde's department gave him a super "going away" party with a whole bunch of former and present associates there to wish him well and to show their appreciation for all that Clyde has contributed to the program. In attendance was Skeeter Prather to help him celebrate. Clyde's immediate plans for the future include catching up on some of his blacksmithing. The best thing is now Clyde has no reason not to come to more meetings. Clyde not only is a charter member, but has always worked very hard for FABAs. Clyde is THE reason we are registered "non-profit" and has been instrumental in FABAs' continued success. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU MORE OFTEN, CLYDE. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

On a similar note, next time we see LEWIS RIGGLEMAN, we need to pat him on the back too. LEWIS has finally done something many of us think he should have done long ago. LEWIS has left his job of many years to become a full time blacksmith. There is no doubt he will be very successful in his new venture. I'm sure there were many tears shed from co-workers and the people he assisted every day, even though I'm sure they are happy for him. GO FOR IT LEWIS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CONFERENCE '94.....CONFERENCE '94.....CONFERENCE '94

Dr. Steve Bloom informs me the conference is shaping up nicely. We still need some demonstrators for the Family program though, if anyone would like to teach an art or craft to a bunch of "significant others" at conference, please call Steve SOON!!! (904)528-6508. He is offering this lucrative situation to members first, but if no one responds, he will go outside of FABAs. REMEMBER, if you demonstrate, there is compensation for lodging, meals, mileage, and a fee besides. It is worth the effort.

Still on conference, Maggi Rubio (that's me..(904)749-3328) wants to set up food teams this year so that everybody can enjoy the conference. If you are interested in donating a couple hours of your time to feed these hungry folks either Saturday, Sunday, or both, please call me. A lot of people worked very hard to make the meals last year, but I'd like to see MORE help so I don't feel guilty when I ask last year's helpers to help out again. It's really a lot of fun and you get to eat anything you can get your hands on. Thanks.

RALPH, HURRY HOME.....RALPH, HURRY HOME,,,,,RALPH,HURRY HOME.....

I really enjoy doing this newsletter on a TEMPORARY basis cuz' I get to hear all the "dirt" first. However, if you've never done this sort of job before, you have no idea how time consuming it is. I really believe the Newsletter Editor of any organization has the hardest job of all. There are those deadlines, mistakes for everybody to see, articles omitted unintentionally, and egos bruised. I truly admire the WALT ANDERSONS, JERRY AND TYCEE GRICES, PETER BRANDENBURGS, BOB JACOBY, AND RALPH KRETZERS of these organizations who hold these groups together through their efforts of written words, month after month, after month.....THANK YOU. And Ralph, I accept nothing short of broken bones to extend your hiatus. Miss ya'!!!

AND FINALLY, PRESIDENT'S WORDS AS HE DICTATES FROM HIS RECLINER.....HMMMMM!

A gentle reminder..those who have circles for the gate at Barberville need to keep working on them and finish them so the project can get completed. It would be great if we could get it done and up for conference.

In order for the infamous COL. TIM RYAN to make big bucks for us at the auction this year, we need lots of items to offer. Please let's all make an effort to make items for this great event so TIM can do what he does so very well.

Tico is hoping to have a good turn out at Crowley for this last state meeting before Conference. That old expression is still true..... "the more the merrier.....". And besides, JEFF MOHR has a lot to offer.

THE END.....ONE DOWN, ONE TO GO!

### 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*.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Membership                | \$35  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time Student (one year only) | \$25  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership (one vote)      | \$40  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen (over age 65)      | \$25  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overseas Membership               | \$45  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributory Member               | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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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