



The FLORIDA

CLINKER BREAKER

FLORIDA CHAPTER — ABANA

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MEETINGS

STATE & REGION SCHEDULE--

March 7, 1987 - Northeast Region

Meeting will be at Barberville Pioneer Settlement of the Arts, US 17 and State Road 40, Barberville, Fl. Group will continue planning for blacksmith shop construction and will make craft objects. We expect Fred Caylor to attend to see facility and help plan and furnish shop.

March 14, 1987 - Northwest Region

Jerry Grice's shop, 4400 Shelfer Road, Tallahassee. Telephone (904) 878-1977 or (904) 877-5887. Look for map on other page. You can either bring your lunch or they will furnish Sonnys Bar-B-Que for \$3.50 per person.

The deonstrator will be Mr. Jay Reakirt from Albany, Georgia. Jay runs the Pioneer Forge in Andersonville, Georgia. Jay is a top-notch blacksmith as well as an excellent teacher. Don't miss this opportunity to see a real Master in action. He is also going to bring some items for sale which he has made.

March 14, 1987 -- Southwest Region

Last heard was jimmy Tucker trying to get Fritz Wilder to host meeting in St. Petersburg. However, Fritz was planning to go to Fred Caylor's School, March 8-14th, so---we don't know how this turned out. Call them!!

IMPORTANT!!!

Each region must keep newsletter editor informed of planned meetings - Date, location, activity - and report results of meetings so this information can be shared with all members.

If you have any questions about your region meetings, contact the following coordinators:

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April 4, 1987 - Northeast Region

John Cross's shop at Bryceville, Fl. More details next month.

April 25, 1987 - Northwest Region

Meeting to be held at Panama City Junior Musuem. Details will follow. **This is 4th Saturday, due to their schedule!

STATEWIDE MEETING:

May 9, Clyde Payton's blacksmith shop near Monticello. Route 3, Box 124-D, Payton Road, Monticello, Fl. 32344. Telephone (904) 997-3627. Bring a sack lunch. Cold drinks will be furnished. Please feel free to bring anything you wish to sell or swap. At this meeting we plan to make items for the October auction. Map and directions in the May Clinker Breaker.

BEN ROGERS NEEDS H _ _ E _ _ L _ _ P !!

1988 ABANA CONFERENCE

The Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark and the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) is hosting the 1988 ABANA Conference. Birmingham, the south's legendary center of iron and steel, is not only an appropriate setting for an international blacksmithing conference, but also a dynamic and exciting city for conference delegates and their guests.

On January 10, 1987 at 8:30 A.M. in the conference room at The Sloss Furnaces the first official meeting of planning the 1988 ABANA Conference kicked off.

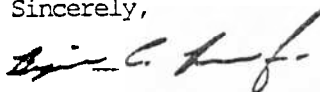
AGENDA:

1. INTRODUCTIONS
2. BRIEFING BY SLOSS FURNACES PERSONNEL
3. TOUR SITE
4. BRIEFING BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM BIRMINGHAM VISITORS AND CONFERENCE BUREAU.
5. SET TIME FOR 1988 CONFERENCE
6. DEVELOP LOGO THEME
7. SET UP PRELIMINARY BUDGET
8. DIVIDE RESPONSIBILITIES AMONG VARIOUS CO - CHAIRMAN AND CHAPTERS
9. QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTING
10. NEXT MEETING

Being co - chairmen to serve on the committee item no. (8) came up --- well I was assigned EXHIBIT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

I'am looking for dependable people to help in the exhibits. Yes, there is a lot of planning to do and a lot of fun too, if you are interested in working in this area, please contact Benjamin C. Rogers Jr., 2211 Lou Drive West, Jacksonville, Fl. 32216, 904/721-1098.

Sincerely,



Benjamin C. Rogers Jr.

MEMBER BEN ROGERS' DAD IS A METAL MAN, TOO!

Bedford Doctor's 'Patient' Has No Deficiency Of Iron

By PEGGY DUGGAN
State News Writer

Shelbyville — One of Dr. Carl Rogers' patients has a bad case of rusty pipes.

But the Bedford County physician isn't worried. His "patient" also has nerves of steel, the heart of a fuel pump and lungs of an oxygen tank.

"This is Sam — Jus' Sam — we call him. I hate for you to see him like this. Right now he's all skeleton, but hope to finish him someday."

With these words Rogers flicked on a garage light and rolled out a life-size model of a man.

"Sam," Rogers explained, "started out as a mailbox, with just legs and arms, but I got so involved, I thought I'd make the whole man and make him a medical oddity."

"He's complete now, except for metal rods I'm going to put on him to give him substance. Oh, I might work on him a little now and then, but I doubt if I'll get around to finishing him before next winter — I've started another project now."

Dr. Rogers' "current" project is building a greenhouse. "I bought the windows for it 15 years ago," he said, then added with a chuckle, "I meant to do it right away, but I'm just now getting around to it."

Rogers, a general practitioner who appears to be always in a hurry, began building "Sam" more than four years ago. He works on the sculpture, he said, in his spare time — between being a gardener, handyman, pilot, boating and skiing enthusiast and, of course, a physician.

"Sam" almost made it to Nashville about two years ago for an art exhibit at the Parthenon, Rogers said, but the doctor got tied up in other projects and didn't finish the sculpture.

Right now the iron man is mostly skeleton, with the organs and limbs of a person simulated by bits and pieces of scrap metal and auto parts from junkyards.

His stomach is a food grinder, his lungs are tops of oxygen tanks, the heart is a car fuel pump and arms and legs are piston rods out of an old truck.

Rogers said he collected the items "anywhere I could find them" and welded them into his iron creation.

Piston pins, spark plugs and nuts comprise "Sam's" hands, feet, fingers and toes; a funnel serves as a bladder and an electrical conduit forms a trachea.

The intestines, liver and appendix were made from scrap metal, a tube represents the esophagus, the spine is a crankshaft, ball bearings are the eyes, washers are the ears and the nose is a piece of angle iron.

"His arms and hands were outstretched to hold a mailbox, so when I decided he would be more than a mailbox, I had to put something in his hands — I decided to make him a juggler and a magician," said Rogers.

"Sam" wears a metal pipe top hat and the hood of a car as a cape to complete his costume.

"Oh, it was just something to do," said Rogers. "It helps me to relax."

Delays in both the iron man and the greenhouse, the doctor said, were caused by his other projects — a swimming pool he built in his back yard in about two years and the antique cars and trucks he restores.

"In here is my pride and joy," he said, opening the garage door, throwing back a canvas cover and proudly pointing to a like-new 1924 Model T Ford.

Restoring the antique touring car took 15 months, he said, and was completed with the help of his son.

"They've all been fun," he said. "But my real hobby — that's growing flowers."



— Staff Photo by Peggy Duggan

Dr. Carl Rogers of Shelbyville poses with "Sam," a medical oddity built from scrap metal and a busy physician's spare time.

FABA CHAPTER MEETING IN SARASOTA

About 20 members, wives and guests met at Jimmy Tucker's shop Saturday, Feb. 14. Ray Nager joined Jimmy in demonstrating.

A local physician, Dr. Piano, gave an interesting talk on back and muscle strain and on nutrition. Enjoyed by all.

After lunch, Jimmy showed how to make an iron rose. Several members formed petals with torch and pliers as a learning experience.

Jimmy has a well equipped small shop for earning his livelihood-- but he's taking a bicycling tour of New Zealand in March to get ready for his next smithing project. Enjoy, Jimmy!

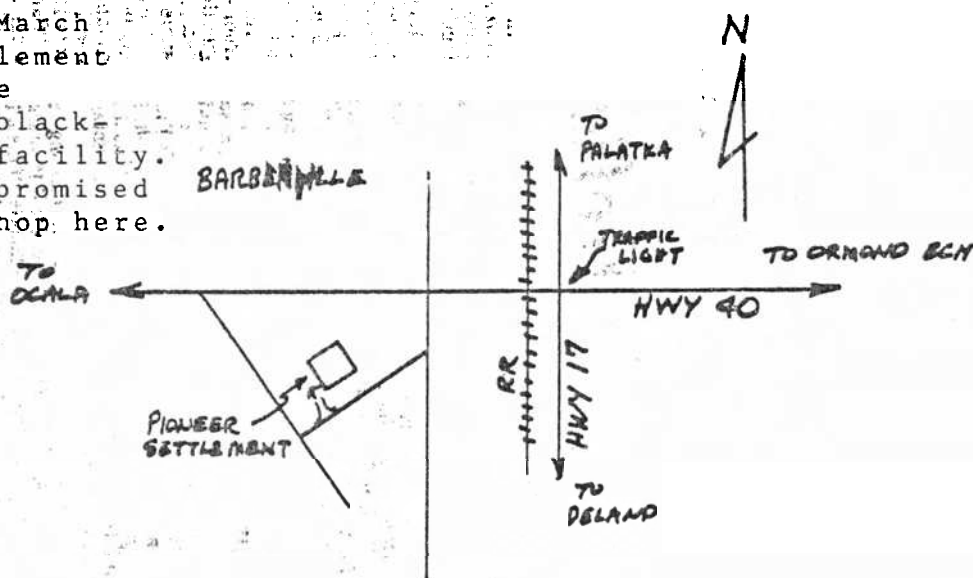
COAL FOR SALE:

PRICE is \$100. per ton or in bags at 12.5¢ per lb. (\$12.50 per 100 lbs.) This is a load it yourself (or bring help!). We have access to scales for those wanting more than 3 or 4 hundred lbs. at a time. The cost is an additional \$3.00. Vehicle is weighed before and again after loading. If you load buckets or bags, we have scales in shop for weighing. If you need to come on a weekend, call ahead and make arrangements with Jerry or Tycee Grice. Call (904) 878-1977 or 877-5887. Shop address is 4400 Shelfer Road, Tallahassee, Fl. Mailing address: P.O. Box 5914, 32314.

1988 ABANA CONFERENCE

Clyde Payton would like some input on the Conference. Please let either Clyde or Ben Rogers know what type of demonstrations, lectures, displays, tours, etc. you might be interested in. The Conference is slated for Sloss Iron Furnace in Birmingham.

The Northeast Region will be meeting Saturday, March 7 at the Pioneer Settlement in Barberville to make items and plan a new blacksmith shop for their facility. Many tools have been promised to equip a fine new shop here.



SHOP HINTS FROM OUR NORTH DAKOTA FRIENDS

(from Modern Blacksmith, Aug.' 86)

QUICK ANNEALING - This is a very simple method that has been used for years, especially by die makers. Heat the steel and hold it in a dark corner allowing steel to cool until red is leaving. Then dip into a bucket of very soapy water. This will make the steel as soft as if it had been buried all night in charcoal. A simple method and a time saver!

EMERGENCY TAP - If you need an emergency tap, take a cap screw the right size, saw two slots at right angles to each other in the threaded end. Then pound the ends together with a lead or soft hammer. Then heat to a red color, using a carbonized flame on your torch. Be careful not to damage the threads. Quench in water and it can be used to clean up some threads.

CUTTING IRON - If you do some rough cutting with old electrodes to save money, try soaking them in water first and then using a high heat. They will cut much faster.

TIPS WITH BROKEN DRILLS - Soak them in copper sulphate overnight, then soak in rust remover, and they will be loose.

NEVER CLEAN the end of a tip with a wire brush; the holes will get put out of shape. Use a fine file and a drill.

A GOOD MARKER is a brazing rod ground to a point. Often leaves a brass line.

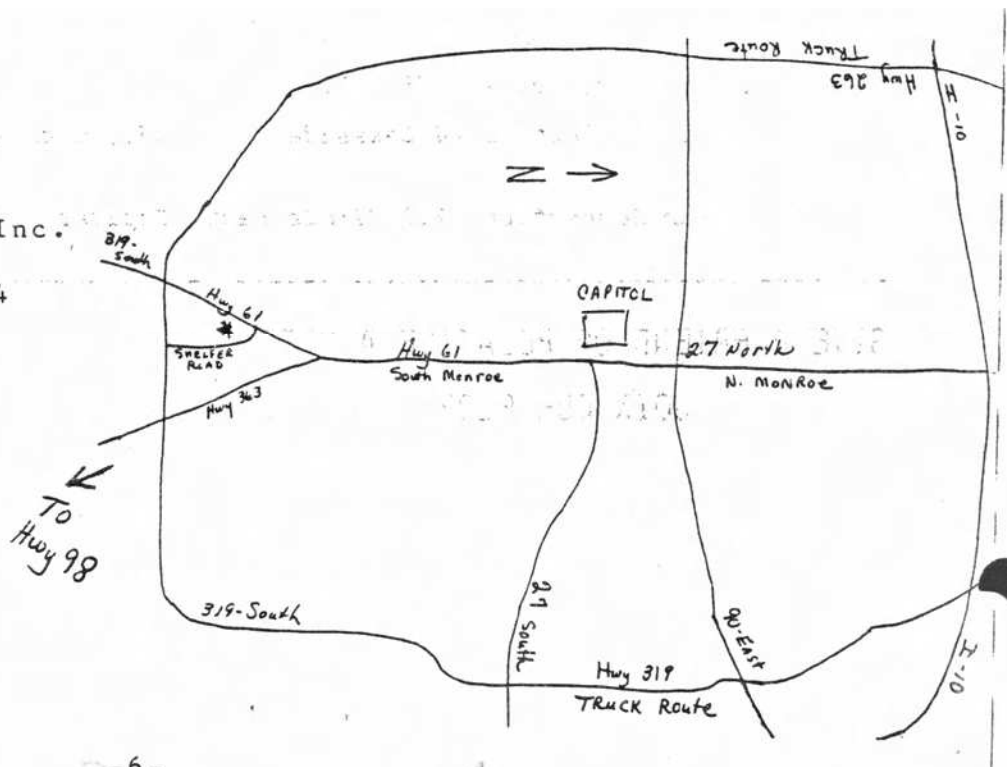
HARD SURFACING - If you have trouble with this chipping off, try putting a layer of stainless first as a bonding agent.

DRILLING THRU CENTER OF A SHAFT - Find a nut the size of the shaft you wish to drill, then drill out the threads so the nut slips over the shaft. Find the center on one side of the nut, drill a hole in it the size you wish to drill, then slip over the shaft and drill through. Will be right through the center of the shaft. Case harden the nut for future use.

A POPPING TORCH - If you have a torch that continually "pops" and you can't tighten the nut enough to make it stop, probably the seat of the torch has a damaged spot on it. Tin the spot with soft solder, wiping it off when still hot. The thin layer of solder will seal up the scored part in your torch.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Address _____ Telephone () _____

home

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

business

Blacksmith Experience: _____

Areas of Interest: _____

Are you interested in procuring () coal () anvil () forge () post vise
() blower () hand tools () other: _____

Membership Fee: \$15.00

Send Membership fee with this application to:

Renew Annual Dues: \$10.00

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