

July 1994

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2	N.E. Meeting	Barberville	see map this issue
July 9	N.W. Meeting	???	no meeting as far as I know
July 16	S.E. Meeting	Ray & Anne Reynolds	West Palm Beach see map & info this issue
July 30	STATEWIDE MEETING	Crowley Nature Center	Sarasota see map & info this issue
Aug 6	N.E. Meeting	Al Pendry & Carl Van Arnam co-hosts at;	Shiloh Forge in Gainesville see map
Aug 13	N.W. Meeting	Dr. Ed Crane Forge	Tallahassee see map & info this issue
Aug 20	S.E. Meeting	?	
Aug 27	S.W. Meeting	Crowley Nature Center	see map & letter
Sept 3	N.E. Meeting	?	
Sept 10	N.W. Meeting	Jerry Grice shop	see map, this issue
Sept 17	S.E. Meeting	?	
Sept 24	S.W. Meeting	Crowley Nature Center	
Oct 8 & 9	Annual Conference	Barberville	
Nov. 12	N.W. Meeting	Dr. Skeeter Prather,	Tallahassee

OUT of STATE items of interest

Sept 9 -11	Alabama Forge Council	Tannenhill, Al.	see info, this issue
Sept 24 25	Quade state roundup	Hammers Blow	Tipp city, Ohio one of largest tool sales

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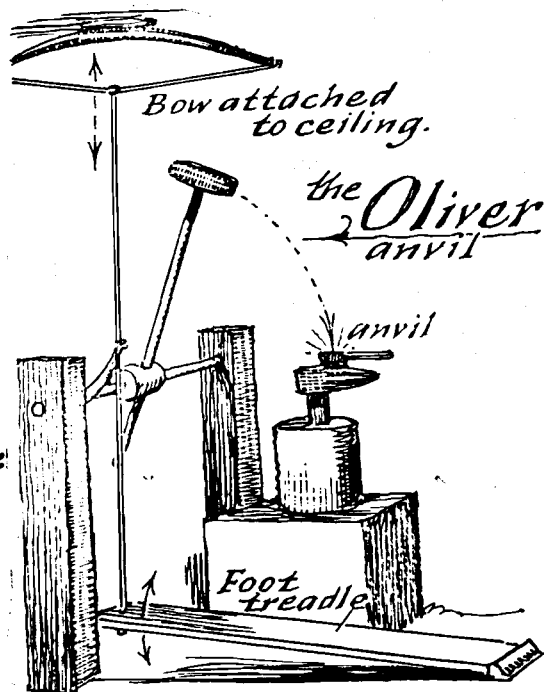
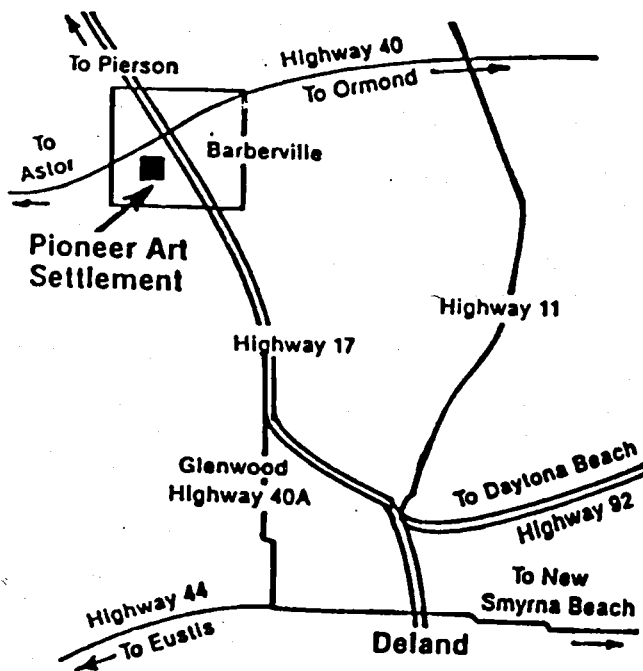
for information on area meetings ect. call;

N.E. call Bill Robertson days (904) 681 0881 eve. 668 2876

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# FROM TICO;

The July 2nd meeting of the FABA Northeast region will be held at The Pioneer Art Settlement in Barberville at 9:00am. In addition to the regular meeting and in staying with the "firework" theme of July 4th, Lester Hollenback and Tico Rubio will be "setting" tires on two SEVEN foot wheels they made for an old logging cart (Big fire). They will need plenty of help, so please come lend a hand. Press releases have gone out through the Settlement, so the public may be there too. Tico and Maggi Rubio will provide lunch for FABA members and guests. Also, Maggi would like to encourage spouses and/or significant others to bring a craft and come along. The ladies can stay inside (air conditioning). Hope to see ya'll there.

Maggi Rubio has volunteered to do ONLY the August and September FABA Newsletter while Ralph is on vacation. He promises to be back to print the October news, so no one will suffer for too long, with the possible exception of Maggi. If you have any items you want published, please send them (print ready would be appreciated, but not necessary) to:

Maggi Rubio  
PO Box 83  
Barberville, FL 32105  
(904)749-3328

Maggi's deadline will be the 10th of each month. Thanks.

Editors notes;

Thanks to all who sent in items this month.

It has been fun putting together this paper since so many of you called or sent me stuff. I do hope you will enjoy this issue.

Special thanks to Patty Draper for developing her idea of the ads with the dues renewals. This has made possible the great variety of want and for sale ads in this issue.

And, as usual, when a problem comes up we all can count on Maggi Rubbio. She has again come to the rescue, this time she has offered to put out papers when I am away this summer. This takes a lot of pressure off me as I proceed to plan our summer. Thanks Maggi.

As of this moment I am still not sure what we will be doing or when, but the chances are good I'll not be gone as long as I thought. As Tico says above, we will work it out and hope you will be patient if the papers are late and other problems that may come up.

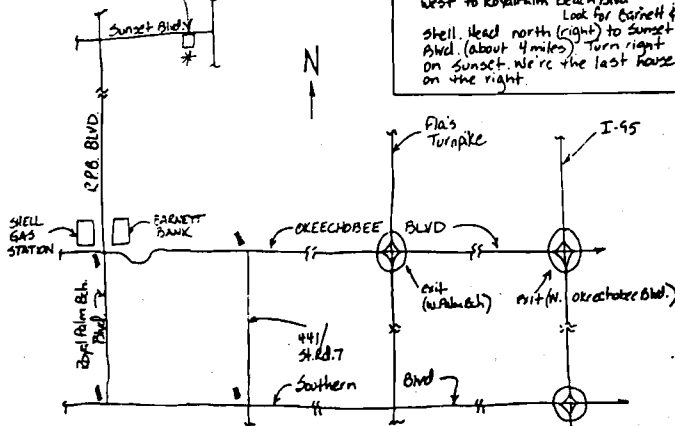
Thanks to all and have a good summer and I'll see you at as many meetings as I can  
Ralph

## S. E. REGION JULY MEETING

July's meeting will be held on **July 16th** at **Ray and Anne Reynolds'** house from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in West Palm Beach. We will provide lunch and drinks. Please bring any portable equipment and tools you may have, any projects for show-and-tell, or projects to work on. Please feel free to come watch or join in the fun and pound! As always, visitors are always welcome.

\* *Keynolds*  
11064 Sunset Blvd. (last house on the right)  
793-2452

Exit I-95 (or Turnpike @ N Palm Bch)  
at Okeechobee Blvd, WEST head  
west to Royal Palm Beach Blvd  
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## **RAY & ANNE REYNOLDS**

11064 Sunset Blvd.  
West Palm Beach, FL 33411  
(407) 793-2452

**July 16, 1994**  
**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

## S. E. REGION FUTURE MEETING DATES

August 20th -

September 17th - Mike Luck, 4921 S.W. 198 Terrace, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33332.

October - Annual FAB A Conference, no regional meeting

November 19th -

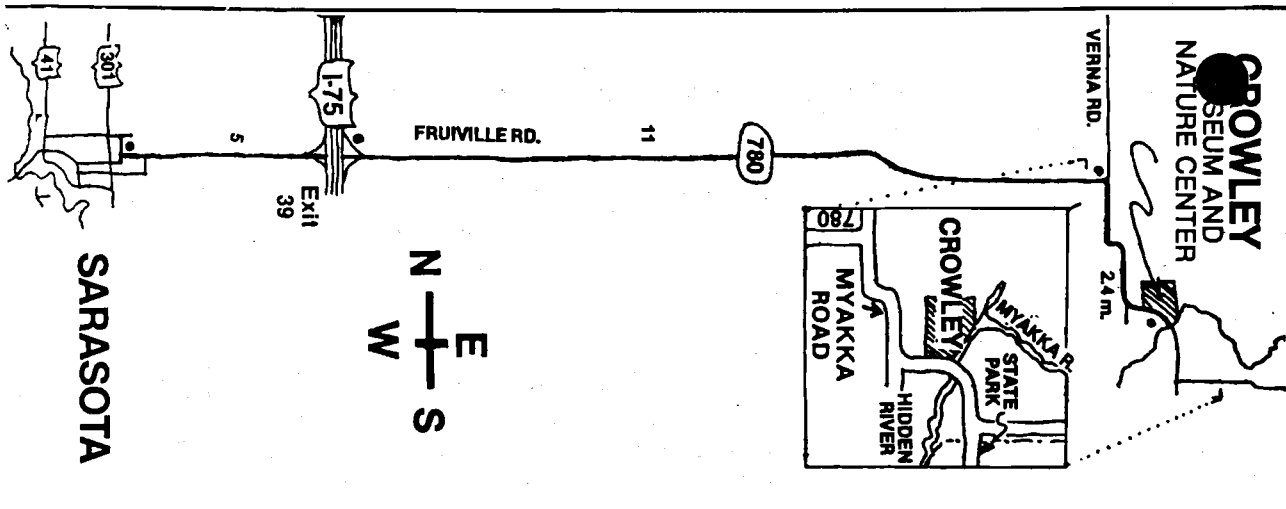
December 17th - Pete & Mary Brandenburg's Annual Family Holiday Party, 299 Granada Rd, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (407) 833-2708

January 21st, 1995 - S. E. REGION HOSTS STATEWIDE MEETING. Bo Davis & Sharon Blondet, 617 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315. (305) 524-1441. **Guest demonstrator will be Nol Putnam!**

February 18th, 1995 -

If you would like to hold a SE region meeting at your home or shop please contact **Anne Reynolds**, 11064 Sunset Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33411, or call home (407) 793-2452 or work (407) 640-0445. Let me know when you would be willing to host and give me a map or directions to your place and I'll see that it gets to **Ralph Kretzer**, F.A.B.A. newsletter editor. If any of these dates suit you give me a call. We usually meet the third Saturday, so any date during 1995 is open too.

On Saturday, July 30, 1994, beginning at 10:00 A.M., Jeff Mohr of Mockingbird Forge in Farmington GA will demonstrate for the Southwestern Regional meeting of FABA at the Crowley Nature Center, Sarasota. Jeff is a full time Smith who works in an old train depot alongside Hwy 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 13 years and will demonstrate how to forge oak leaves and acorns. This die will be used here with a striker <sup>Steele</sup> 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.



Kalph

Please print program information about quarterly meeting program, enclosed.

Please print Crowley meeting dates, we always meet at Crowley nature center unless otherwise noted in newsletter.

Southwest Region meetings last Saturday of the month.

June 25 10:AM to 4:PM

July 30 10:AM to 4:PM

August 27 10:AM to 4:PM

September 24 10:AM to 4PM

October 29 10:AM TO 4PM

Nov 26 10:AM TO 4PM

Dec 31 10AM TO 4PM

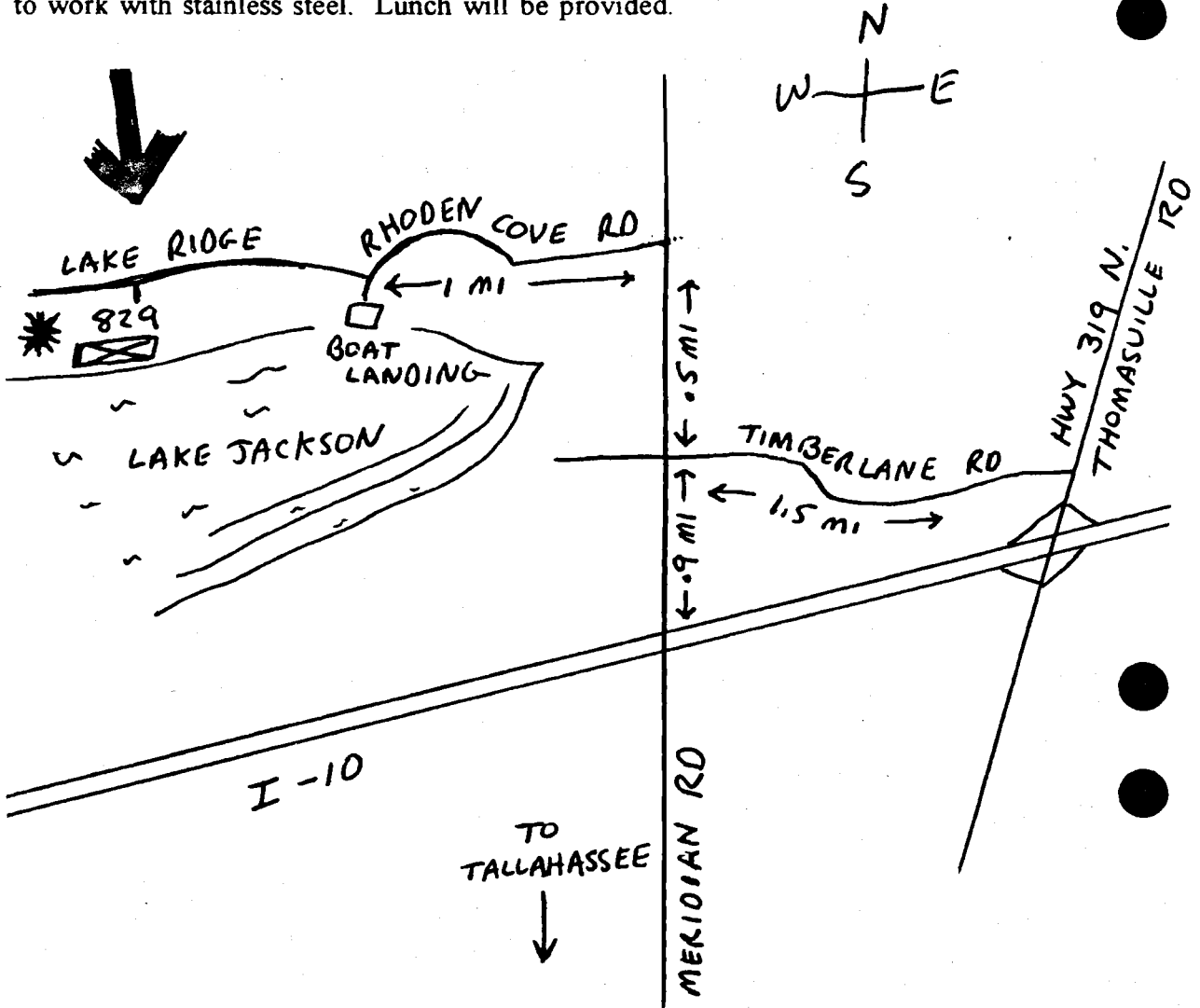
Did we eliminate the past presidents position on the board. I see Jim no longer listed.

Sincerely  
Lewis G. Riggeman

# NORTHWEST AUGUST MEETING

*Bill Robertson, Northwest program coordinator*

The August meeting will be held at Dr. Ed Crane's forge on the thirteenth of the month. (map this issue.) Bill Robertson will demonstrate how to forge a cow skull and other animal heads from 5/8 inch square stock. Also Ben Ferguson will talk about and demonstrate how to work with stainless steel. Lunch will be provided.



**NORTHWEST REGION**  
**Ed & Nancy Crane's forge**  
**904-893-3212**  
**829 Lake Ridge Drive**  
**Tallahassee**

## NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST

*Bill Robertson, Northwest program coordinator*

About 25 folks showed up for the May meeting held at Bill Robertson and Patty Draper's Applecross forge. Three forges were fired up at 9:00 a.m. and a full day of smithing underway. The mission was to show how to make a variety of basic anvil tools. The tools will be donated for the FABA auction at this year's annual October conference in Barberville.

Dr. Skeeter Prather, working on his portable forge with Jim Carty striking, directed a small army of others to produce two wooden-handled hot sets. Each set consists of a hot chisel and a hot set cutter and is unique because Skeeter used *wrought iron*. Clyde Payton, with the assistance of John Butler and Lee Yawn, forged a bending fork out of line pole rigging with a 7/8 inch hardy, a bickern made from a spud wrench and dressed some pickeroons (we learned that a pickeroon is an old tool for pulling timbers and logs around). Bill Robertson, with the assistance of John Dawirs and his wife Debbie, forged a scrolling fork out of a large piece of spring steel. And Willard Smith made two post vise swages out of dogwood for copper work. Those who attended the meeting in March at the Bar-C Forge were fortunate to see Willard demonstrate the utility of these tools.

The group fell like buzzards upon a cartload of coal that Mike Murphy brought in from Jacksonville. Members of the northwest region still are short of coal. What's the word on this?

The June meeting took place at the Pioneer Settlement at the Sam Adkins Park in Mountstown. Under the supervision of Willard Smith a styrofoam shell was constructed and preparations were made to add the remaining bricks to the forge of the blacksmith shop which is being built at the settlement with FABA's help. With Bob Waltz mixing mortar and running and Dr. Crane and Bill Robertson laying bricks and Patty Draper making sure everything was level, about three feet of height was added. Because the flue pipe is terra cotta and very heavy, and the mortar had not yet set, we had to stop there. Debbie Parramore continued her videotape documentary of the construction of this brick forge.

An incredible lunch was served up in the park complements of Linda Smith and other settlement supporters. The seventeen or so who were fortunate to be there didn't put a dent in the feast that was prepared. After which, Jeff Valentine led a hardworking crew consisting of Rick Jay, Willard Smith, and Dr. Crane, among others, to reinforce the headers of the two double door openings on the shop.

A tentative work day has been set for the second Saturday in December to continue where we left off.



## Greetings!

As Program Chairman, I have the unusual opportunity to actually ask you - the FABBA membership - just what you would like at your conference. In other words, I've deluded myself into thinking that the 1994 conference is pretty much under control, and am beginning to think of 1995.

Typically, we schedule two major demonstrators, someone in the knife-making end of things, and someone who does 'normal' blacksmithing. This coming year, we are moving to three demonstrators, so the slots are tentatively reserved for a knifemaker, a traditional smith, and a commercial/artist/miscellaneous metalworker. What I need from you is feedback.

Knifemakers: Do you want to see...

- A. Primitive folders (since we cannot provide the equipment, we can hardly ask someone doing the typical 'modern' folder)
- B. Dagger and medieval weaponry
- C. General fit and finish
- D. Sheaths, scabbards, miscellaneous blade-furniture
- E. 'exotic' materials (Stainless, titanium, 'flint knapped' steel)
- F. and so on....

Traditional smithing: Do you want to see....

- A. Colonial forgings - lighting, hardware, etc.
- B. 'Buckskinning' period - camp cookware, wagon furniture, utility items
- C. Beginning and intermediate forging for new smiths (and for those of us who still haven't got it)
- D. The care and feeding of equipment - rebuilding blowers, refurbishing forges and vises, tool tempering and tong making
- E. and whatever else doesn't pop into my head at this time....

Commercial and artistic smithing (OK - all smithing is artistic, but you know what I mean!):

- A. How to sell and what to make for Craft Fairs, Pow-Wows, Demonstrations...
- B. Business aspects (insurance, accounting, contracts) as well as what makes a viable line of product.
- C. Pushing the envelope in terms of material use, tooling (hydraulic presses...), application of high-tech to forging, combination of materials, e.g. stained glass & ironwork)
- D. Design, layout, and planning of larger items (grills, gates, etc.)
- E. and whatever else you can think of...

There has also been the suggestion that we substitute for the third demonstrator, 4 demonstrator (teams) from each region, i.e., the Northeast would hold down, say Saturday afternoon, and it would be up to the smiths from that region to set up a program.

So... what I need is your thoughts. Buttonhole me and/or jot your ideas down and send them to me. Remember, if you don't put your 2 cents worth in, you don't get to complain!

Steve Bloom (P.O.Box 760, Archer, FL 32618; (904) 528-6508)

# COME TO TANNEHILL

## The Alabama Forge Council 1994 Annual Conference

The AFC Annual Workshop and Conference is the weekend after Labor Day, Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning at Tannehill State Park. Bill Shoemaker is the Resident Blacksmith at Tannehill. The date is **September 9 -11, 1994.**

Bliss Bailey, of the Auburn Forge, is the Chairman and he has lined up a great set of demonstrators. Contact him at 205/844-4813 or P O Box 1067, Auburn, AL36831-1067. Pre-registration is not required.

### DEMONSTRATORS

Bob Ferguson	Sheet Metal Creatures
Paul Hubler	Animal Heads
Nol Putnam	Architectural
Clay Spencer	Treadle Hammer

Bring your latest, greatest ironwork or tools for all the rest of us to see.

### REGISTRATION FEES

Fee for the Conference is \$25.00 per person or \$15.00 a day (spouses & children are free). Pay your registration at the tent to right just inside the fence at the Blacksmith Shop.

We will have T-shirts, back issues of the Bituminous Bits and you can pay your membership dues money.

There is \$1 Park Entrance Fee and a charge for camping. Notice that Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

### GREEN COAL

A four hour class will cost you \$10.

### FAMILY PROGRAM

Jackie Spencer has scheduled Marva Goodman, Patricia Lawless, Alice Linn and Christine Shumock. Small fee will be charged.

### BANQUET

Mike Dowell, President of the Alabama Forge Council, will chair this dinner meeting (Dutch Treat) Friday Night in a reserved section at the

Furnace Master and pass out awards and gifts of appreciation for our workers.

### ANVIL SHOOT

Tim Ryan will shoot the anvil Saturday noon.

### IRON WORK AUCTION

Bring a donation of your ironwork or tools to be auctioned by Col. Ryan to raise money for the AFC Scholarships. The auction will be held Saturday night under one of the picnic pavilions, please bring your money and lawn chairs.

### HANDS - ON WORKSHOP

Nol Putnam will lead a Workshop on Sunday Morning. This will give you a chance to participate in a group project. There will be a \$10 fee.

### TOOL SALES

Bring your tools to sell. There will be lots of blacksmithing tools and equipment to buy. Rich Cross is supposed to bring another load of that cheap Iowa junk and take our money back home with him. No charge for selling. Bill Shoemaker will have coal for sale.

### LOCATION

Blacksmith Shop at Pioneer Farm, Tannehill Historical State Park, McCalla, Alabama. The park is located southwest of Bessemer at Exit 100, Bucksville, from Interstate Highway 20/59. Follow Tannehill Park signs. For more information about Tannehill Historic State Park, contact Vicki Gentry, 205-477-5711, 12632 Confederate Parkway, McCalla, AL 35111.

### EATING AND SLEEPING

The Furnace Master Restaurant has good eats.

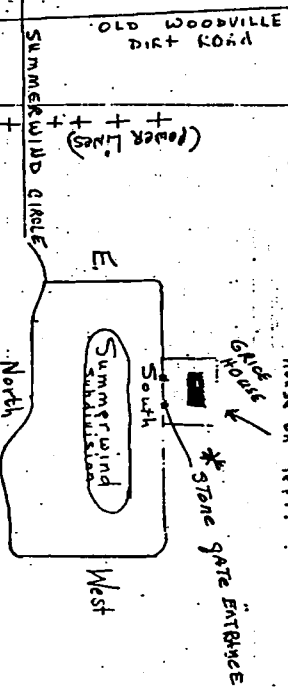
Camping is available in the Park and motels are at Exit 108, I-20/I-59, Bessemer.

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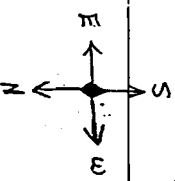
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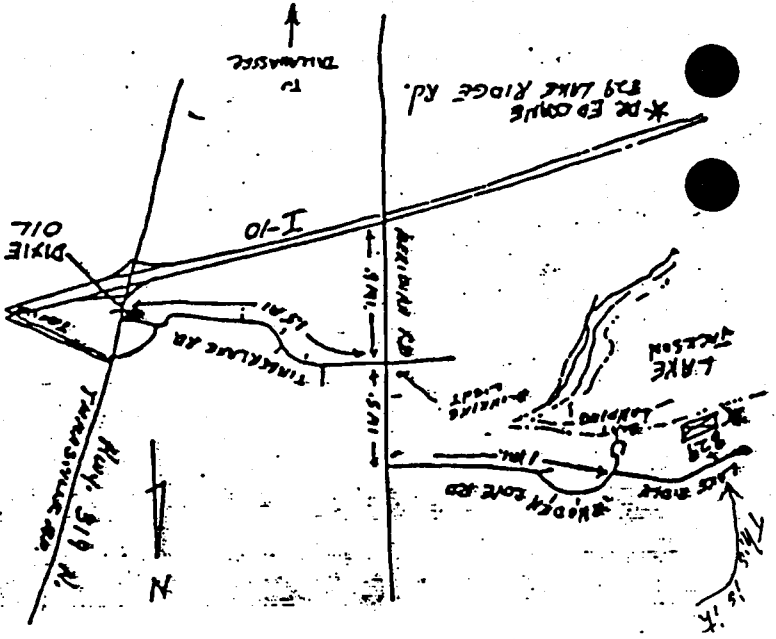
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AIRPORT

Sept 10 Meeting

NORTHWEST REGION  
 Ed & Nancy Crane's shop  
 (904) 893-3212  
 829 Lake Ridge Drive  
 Tallahassee



**WELCOME TO NEW FABRA MEMBERS!**

**Lee Roy & Karen Allemann;** 12542 SE 83rd Terrace; Belleview, FL 34420; H: 245-5808. Interested in knife making.

**Douglas & Sheri Auriemma;** 4041 Azalea Way; Lady Lake, FL 32159; (904)853-9291

**Dennis & Cheryl Nielsen, Sr.;** 3653 Hwy 90; Marianna, FL 32446; H: (904)482-8389; W: (904)482-9533

**Louis & Marilyn Guglielmello;** Iron Art & Fence, Inc.; 731 N. Hwy 17 & 92; Longwood, FL 32750; H: (407)699-0877; W: (407)699-1734. Wants anvil, coal and forge.

**Armand & Lauriel Soucy;** 23810 Marine Blvd.; Dunnellon, FL 34431; H: (904)489-9473; W: (904)489-9473

**Mike and Janie Bettinger;** 3440 Garber Road; Tallahassee, FL 32303; H: (904)893-3359; W: (904)576-8356

**John S. Miller;** 5419 19th Ave. N.; St. Pete, FL 33710; H: (813) 321-4665; W: (813)321-4665

**Michael Barry;** P.O. Box 051421; Ft. Myers, FL 33905; H: (813) 694-8994; W: (813)334-5988. Wants hand tools, coal and post drill.

**Edward & Daisy Kicklighter;** 6085 Oak Leaf Road; Keystone Heights, FL 32656; H: (904)473-0117; W: (904)387-1011. Wants anvil and hand tools.

**Melvin Wilber;** 2728 Parson's Rest; Tallahassee, FL 32308; H: (904)668-0040; W: (904)488-9180. Has anvil; wants everything else.

**Kris & Janice Bancroft;** 2973 Teton Trail; Tallahassee, FL 32303; H: (904)562-5747

**Lawrence & Harriett McManus;** 5826 NE Jacksonville Road; Ocala, FL 34479; H: (904)867-0117. Needs coal.

**Norman J. Taillon;** 50 Eastwood Rd.; Bristol, Conn. 06010-2374; H: (203)583-0481

**Brian & Cindy Kent;** 2018 NE 118 Ave.; Silver Springs, FL 34488; H: (904)625-6425; W: (904)867-7482. Wants anvil, hand tools, blower, coal and forge.

**Kai Angermueller;** 4175 SW 17th Place; Gainesville, FL 32607; H: (904) 335-2597; W: (904)392-3281. Wants just about everything, plus contacts and book titles.

**Michael & Mary Alice Stapleton;** 3705 SW 42nd Ave., Suite 6; Gainesville, FL 32608; H: (904)466-4593; W: (904)336-8447. Wants forge and hand tools.

**Paul & Jackie Florence;** 1740 SW 38th Pl.; Gainesville, FL 32608; H: (904) 3722786; W: (904)378-0003; wants taper mandrel.

**Frank & Linda Cooper;** PO Box 528; Orange Lake, FL 32681; H: 904) 591-2636; W: (904)591-2636

**Mike & Marilyn Luck;** 5921 SW 198th Terrace; Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33332; H: (305)434-0198. Wants hand tools, post vise, forge and copper.

**Rick & Joyce Jay;** PO Box 38; Youngstown, FL 32466; H: (904)722-8181; W: (904)722-1811. Wants anvil, coal, blower, hand tools and forge.

**Don & Kathleen Bryant;** Rt. 2 Box 574; Ft. White, FL 32038; H: (904) 497-1124. Wants anvil, coal, hand tools, blower and forge.

**J.W. & Beth Barber;** 9410 SW 17th Ave.; Gainesville, FL 32607; W: (904)732-1325

**Keith & Elizabeth Ivey;** Rt. 3 Box 2152; Quincy, FL 32351; H: (904)627-8637; W: (904)877-7460. Wants anvil, coal, hand tools and post vise.

**James & Kimmy Cravey;** PO Box 912; Plymouth, FL 32768; H: (407)889-4061; W: (904)357-3936. Wants everything.

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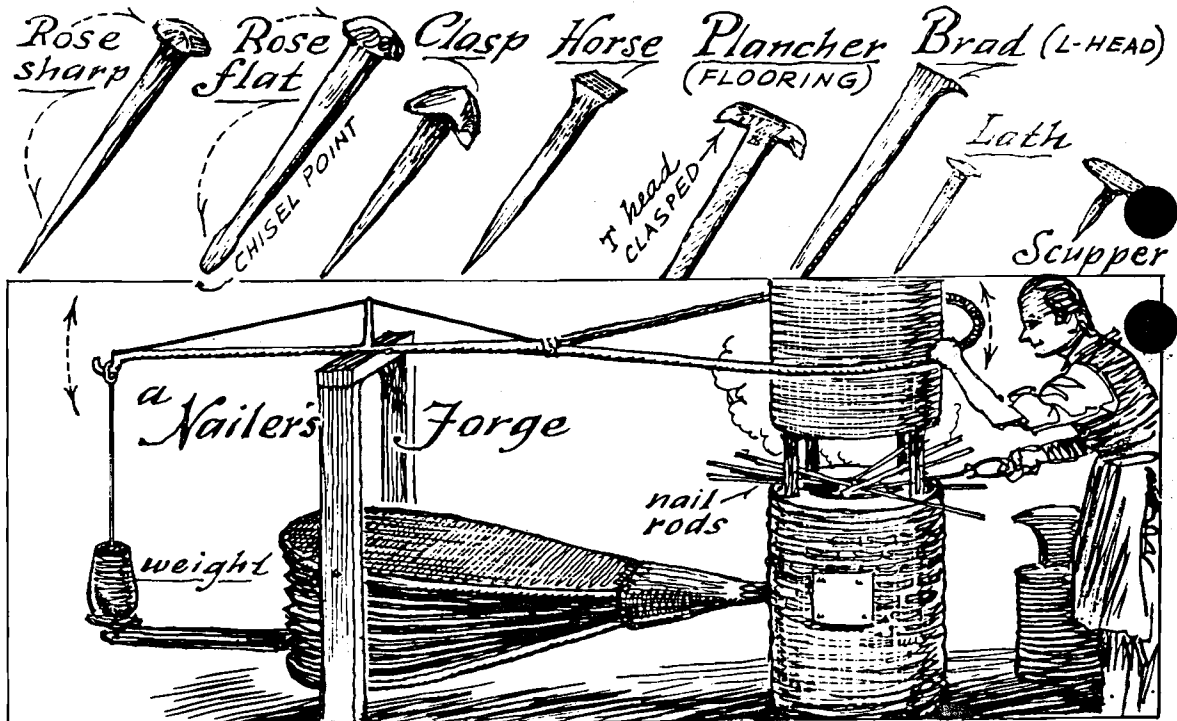
Bill Roberts 542 Silver Crs. Terrace, Ocala Fl. 34472

WANTS: set of swedge blocks in good condition and a Beverly Shear  
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WANTED ! ! ! ! !  
 The recipe for Madeleine Cookies.  
 I have the pan but no recipe.  
 Someone brought these delicious cookies  
 to the meeting at Clyde & Vi Payton's  
 and I would like very much to have the  
 recipe.

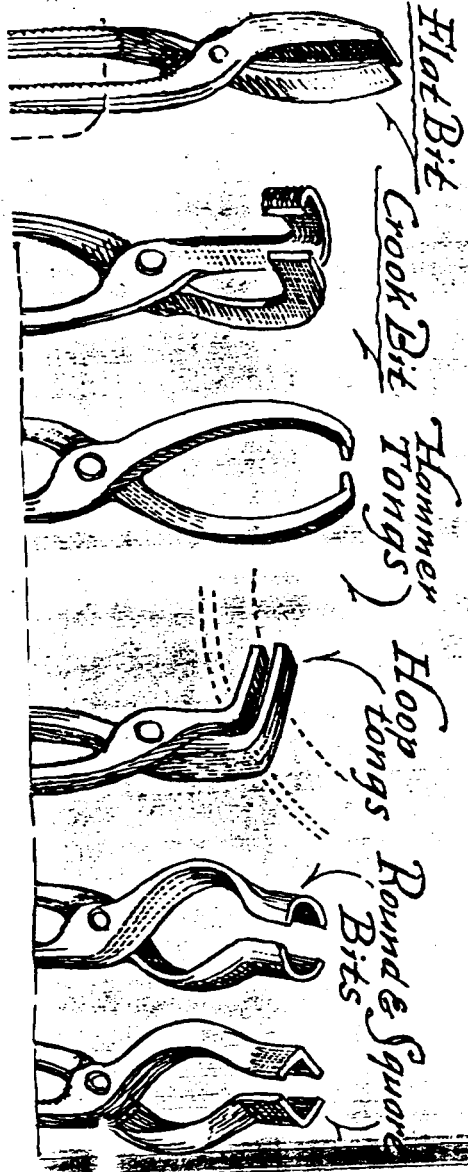
Thanks;  
 Dodie Kretzer  
 4040 S. Gate Pt  
 Homosassa, Fl. 34446

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WANTED \* \* \* \* \*  
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Ralph  
It's very important  
to print this notice in  
the July newsletter.  
Thanks!  
Patty D.

**THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER** unless you have renewed your membership for 1994-95 by paying your \$15 annual dues. The FABA membership year ends April 30. If the label on your newsletter is highlighted in pink, this will be your last *Clinker Breaker* unless you send your dues to Patty Draper, FABA Treasurer; Applecross Forge; Rt. 7 Box 1082-C; Tallahassee, FL 32308. (If you've paid already and the date on your label is wrong, don't worry about it--we're in the process of updating this information).

<b>FAB/ MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</b> Florida Artist Blacksmith Association-Chapter of ABANA, Inc.	
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Send this application and a membership fee of \$15.00 to: Patty Draper FABA Secretary/Treasurer Rt. 7 Box 1082C Tallahassee, FL 32308	
Make check out to FABA. The FABA membership year begins May 1. New memberships received after Jan. 31 also cover the following membership year. Membership is for a family. You don't have to be an ABANA member to join FABA, but many FABA members are, and we encourage membership in both organizations.	