

## Sofa Sounds

Southern Ohio Forge \& Anvil

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Unless, otherwise noted, all meetings will be held at the Studebaker Frontier Homestead on St. Rt. 202 about four miles north of I-70 and two miles south of the intersection of St. Rte 571 and 202. Please do not park in the grass or block access to a production area. Donations of items to support the newsletter are always welcome. Finger food and cold drinks provided on a break even, honor donation basis. The forges at the homestead are available before and after the meeting for individual projects. Bring and wear safety glasses.

Demonstrations are open to the public and are at no charge. Meetings start at 1: PM.

## Upcoming Events

| July 10, 1994 <br> note date change due to the 4th of July weekend. | SOFA MEETING at the Studebaker Homestead. <br> Steve Roth Tongs |
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| Aug 6, 1994 | SOFA MEETING at the Studebaker Homestead. <br> Brian Thompson To be announced |
| QUAD-STATE 94, 23 \& 24 Sept. 1994 | Miami County Fairgrounds at The Blacksmiths' Shop |

## President's Note from Ron Thompson

Three cheers for the good guys, SOFA!!! The groundbreaking for SOFA's new meeting facility has come and gone! This auspices event occurred 24 May 1994. Since I wasn't able to be there, the ceremony was conducted by Steve Roth and organized by Hans Peot. I've been told Steve and Hans did an excellent job of getting this organized. There were about 40 people present including high ranking'dignitaries from the fair board and city. Guests included Peter Jenkins, Mayor of Troy and Carl Shoup, Miami county fair board president. The building should go up quickly and will be ready for the Quad State. Now that the ABANA conference is over let me announce those who will be demonstrators for the conference:

| Hank Steinmetz | Greenville, OH | Basic Blacksmithing |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Walt Scadden | Manchester, CT | Railings and Gates |
| Scott Lankton | Ann Arbor, MI | Knives |
| Mike Saari | Carbondale, IL | Hardware |

Your contact for registering is Richard Kern, P.O. Box 284. Xenia. OH 45385. Early registration ensures no waiting hassles when you come, We have covered area for workshops, enclosed buildings for tool sales and grass areas with restroom facilities for camping. Full and primitive RV hookups are available. Same motels as those used in previous years are available. Come and enjoy the work and friendly atmosphere.



Bob Zeller and Emmert Studebaker planting the seeds for SOFA's future.

As you look at the photos, the building will be where the crowd is now. The rear is right up against the trees. The front of the building faces the parking lot and the lower grass at the rear is the flood plain and drain field for the septic system. The building is facing the covered areas and enclosed buildings. So there is plenty of parking and space available.

## Club News


knite - Scott Murray

Twisted Stock hot twist. combinations of $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}, 3 / 8^{\prime \prime}$. In the last newsletter, we announced a contest. The first person who $3 / 4$ " $5 / 8$ " rods and straps, by Hans Peot could supply the name of the blacksmith in Longfellow's famous embership in SOFA. The winner is Tom Coleman of Portsmouth, poem. "The Village Blacksmith" would win a 1 year membership in SOFA. The winner is Tom Cole than
New Hampshire. Tom lives about $1 / 2$ mile from the actual blacksmith's house in the poem. He went to the blacksmith's house and asked the people there. The Blacksmiths name was Dexter Pratt. Amazingly enough, no one else got the name. Congratulations Tom! Tom is a blacksmith, who used to live in the Dayton area and became a member of SOFA. He says to be sure to tell all how much he misses the meetings and the fellowship. He is still active in smithing and is paid up for some time in SOFA so he put the membership on the raffle table at the next meeting. Chuck Sleppy was the recipient.

As mentioned last month, the famous "spreading chestnut tree" was cut down in 1876. The tree was actually a European Horse Chestnut which has the same leaf configuration as in Detelson's picture. The town fathers had a chair built for the poet Longfellow and this was mentioned in "From My Armchair" That poem is also reprinted for your enjoyment.

## FROM MY ARMCHAIR

## HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

Am I a king, that I should call my own This splendid ebon throne?
Or by what reason, or what right divine, Can I proclaim it mine?
Only perhaps, by right divine of song, It may to be belong;
Only because the spreading chestnut tree Of old was sung by me.
There, by the blacksmith's forge, beside the street, Its blossoms white and sweet
Enticed the bees, until it seemed alive, And murmured like a hive.
And when the winds of autumn, with a shout, Tossed its great arms about,

The shining chestnuts, bursting from the sheath,
Dropped to the ground beneath
And now some fragment of its branches bare,
Shaped as a stately chair,
Have by my hearthstone found a home at last,
And whisper of the past.
And thus, dear children, have ye made for me
This day a jubilee,
And to my more than threescore years and ten
Brought back my youth again
Only your love and your remembrance could
Give life to this dead wood,
And make these branches, leafless now so long,
Blossom again in song.

## May Featured Demonstrator

Invocation Keith Sommers, Steve Roth conducting

## May Demonstration Scott Murray assisted by Ron Turpin --- Teakettle Hanger

Scott saw one of these in an antique shop and took measurements but didn't buy it as it was priced at $\$ 350$. This is an improved model with screws and a hinge that were not on the original. He making and selling these at $\$ 125$ and finds a good response. The whole thing hangs from a trammel over the fire and aliows the pot to be turned and poured without handling it.


Scott Murray ano bevegste maber

He starts with a $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ square rod. any low carbon steel, about 40 long and will cut it to length as we go along. First you upset the end and then draw out the rod just above the upset. No tongs are needed at this point. the heat is well away from you. The upset end allows various treatments such as animal heads. leaf. etc. Cool the upset and heat the other end.

Here we have the famous double strike team. it was duly noted that "the anvil keeps moving in $3 / 4$ time".


Who's keeping time?


Putting the bend in the hook
The hooks are next. Fuller to spread the end for a flat hook and hammer to curved shape. Use the width of the anvil plus some (4+ inches) and hot eyt this section. Scott is using a cutting plate on the anvil with the same chisel used in the split below. Do the same for a second hook


Finishing the split after starting it on the anvıl
Reheat the end of the long bar and hot split. This will become the fork for the hinge. Flatten the end of the hanger and punch for a rivet. Here it was drilled and Scott generally drills his work. Drill holes for the tenon also.

Form tenon for first hook and set aside.
Now the strap for the swivel. This is forge welded. Bring to heat and hit once to set weld.
hot tip--- This is the secret of forge welding - set with a soft blow and then reheat and several more light blows for further setting and then continue with forging blows.


First split to form the hook


Finished Pieces ready for assembly and bending

## June Featured Demonstrator

## Demonstrator - Ken Scharebok French Ornamental design, the Fleur-de-Lis



The smith himself, guess we only caught the backside


First twist before flattening


Measuring and laying out the curves


Drawing end for small curve

Ken pointed out several items to consider when laying out the design: The bottom curves are smaller than the top ones to give a pleasing balance. A clip will be used to join the curves to the main shaft and a twist will be put in the handle.


Forming large curve with hardy tool
The main shaft will taper three inches, the top curves will be 3 " curves and the bottom curves will be 2 " ones. The key point here is that the tapering operation will double the starting length. so we
start with hall the length of each. Start with the twist in the handle to calculate the space required for each element before the twist add the following lengths":
1 $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ for the taper $--2^{\prime \prime}$ space for the band (clip) ---1 $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ for the bottom taper --- 3" space before the twist --which gives a total of


Comparing drawn ends


Matched set of curves
cight inches to where the twist starts
Ken twisted two full turns, squared the stock and untwisted.

Now comes the tapering of the end. Mark 1 1/2" from the end. Draw and taper this section to the three inch length. Measure against a mark on the anvil, table or other convenient spot. Ken's preference is to do the large curve first and then the second. The real trick here and a true test of your skill is to see how close you can get the two sides to match their curves.

Cut a length of rod 4 1/2" long. Draw the fïrst 1 1/2" to a taper like


Three sections ready for a collar


First step in collaring
the main shaft. Form the loop on a found circle tool.

Do not use a cone mandrel here as it will put a bend in the curve. The cone also does not lend itself to repeat work as you can easily move the stock around on it. The solution is to use a stepped round conc. Ken made this one out of successive pipe diameters. Each piece extends to the next level, loose ones are welded in and the square for the hardy hole is welded on. Do this for two pieces of stock.


Finished Fleur-de-lis

Next step is to taper the small end. Mark a one inch section, take heat and draw out to two inches. Use a smaller diameter step on the circle tool. Do the second and get as close a match as you can on the sections.

In his shop, Ken will weld these three sections together. Use a high amp setting on the welder and go for deep penetration. Working on the back of the fluer-de-lis, hold the rod steady at each joint and sink the rod into the puddle. You are looking for minimum buildup here and a flat surface. Grind if necessary. For this demonstration, there was no welding and the pieces were loose when the banding started.

To figure the length of the band add the dimensions across the front, back and sides. We are using $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ stock. ! $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}+11 / 2^{\prime \prime}+1 / 2^{\prime \prime}+$ $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}=4^{\prime \prime}$ plus allowance for the bend. The band or collar is $3 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ thick. The allowance is $1 / 2$ the thickness times the number of corners: $4 \times 1 / 2 \times 3 / 16=3 / 8^{\prime \prime}$.

Ken's preference is to use a 45 degree scarf joint that touches rather than a butt joint when the collar is folded over. This looks better and gives a small allowance for error. Now cut the collar to length, mark the center point and $3 / 4$ " on each side of the center. Do this on the back of the collar.. This gives the $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ across the front.

$X$ TIP rubbing across the marks when heated with the hammer Wave treatment for pointed end pein will show the mark as a dark spot. The small dent holds some debris and is a different temperature.

Heat and bend in vise to get the $U$ shape, heat again and bend hot over the three pieces to close the collar. Finish the end of the poker with a wave rather than a straight point. It's visually interesting and smoothly flows to completion.

## ABANA message

We expect savings of up to $50 \%$ on
individually purchased coverages. It is a
modular package, allowing members and
Chapters to opt into various coverages.
Every Chapter will want Public Liability
(somebody's hurt by a loose hammer head at
a Chapter event) and Medical Pay (pay
anybody's medical expenses who is hurt at a
Chapter event, whether it was anyone's fault
or not).
Chapters who own forges will want to opt in
on Property and Equipment coverage for
theft, fire, etc., including a choice of cash
value or replacement cost. It has an option
for Products Liability and even a
manufacturers policy to protect the vendors
of ABANA members who have big
production operations.
There will be a table with descriptive
materials, rates and someone to answer your
Chapter or private shop questions at the
Conference in St. Louis.
The ABANA Central Office will probably
not have the materials to send out until
after the ABANA Conference. If you don't
have anybody going to St. Louis send your
interest to the ABANA Office for a waiting
list and Janelle will send out the information
when she has it.
Now! Ask me, "What has ABANA done for
me lately?"
ThANK YOU:
Thanks to all the ABANA Chapters who
faithfully reprint these important messages
for the national office. We rely on your
newsletter editors to get the wơd out
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Lou Mueller who has given a year and a Lou Mueller who has given a year and a
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Missouri Chapter (BAM). This is a labor of家

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and for ABANA members' private shops.

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Executive Secreary, Janelle Giber Fratkin
abana president's message
May, 1994

## Dear ABANA Chapters,

Most of you know that I am a big believer in April Fools Day. Last month, I apparently April Fooled myself! In lest month's ABANA President's Message to the Chapters, I told you that the registration packets for the June 15-18 1994 ABANA Conference in St. Louis, Missouri would be mailed out in April, then said that if you didn't receive them by March 1 to call us! - our Conference people said they sory if that one caused you or your members any heartburn with some certainty that the registration packets have been mailed out by event, I can now say

As has become tradition, we will be having a Fresiderit's Meeting at the ABANA Conferexice This meeting allows the Chapter Presidents the oppormuity to cormpare nores, discuss common problems, and just get to know each other. All ABAANA Chapter President's are encouraged to attend. Likewise, there will be a Chapter Editor's Meeting. The Chapter Editors won't want to miss this one - there are always lots of great ideas passed back and forth that can make the Editors life easier AND save the Chapter some money, too! Meeting times will be announced at the Conference.

In case you hadn't noticed it, details about the ABANA Scholarship Program have been included in the latest Anvil's Ring. The Scholarship Program has been expanded! Members of Chapters that have Scholarship Programs already in place may now apply for matching funds from the ABANA Scholarship Program. Other types of scholarships are also described in the Ring, so I won't go into great detail here. Suffice to say you now have more scholarship options than you had before.

Well, I started this message "telling on myself," and I will end it up that way: One of the many' reasons I am adamant about fire extinguishers in the shop, keeping fire lanes open for fire trucks, some welding on a large structural iron, is an experience I had about 10 years ago. I was doing some welding on a large structural iron project next to the large open door of my shop. I would of that, I was pretty much focused on just getting the job done I my welding. After an hour soon smelled the ummistakable smell of buming dry job dons. I had set my hood down again and wooden shop on fire. I ran about 50 feet to the nearest hose, turned it on, and ran back to the shop with the hose. The hose kinked. No water. I ran back, turned it on, and ran back to the back to the shop: I won't keep you in suspense I put the grss fire, and junked, and ran


Warm Regards,
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ABANA PRESIDENT'S MESSACE

Dear ABANA Chapters,
June, 1994

How long have we all been waiting for an ABANA Insurance Program? Wait no more, because several days ago (as of the time of this writing) the ABANA Board approved a group insurance plan that has been seven months in the making! This plan will not cost the ABANA membership one red cent more in membership dues - those who want this cost effective coverage can pay for jus exactly what they need. The plan, which will be available to both the Chapters as well as any individual in ABANA who owis a blacksmith or metalworking shop, will be unveiled at the June ABANA Conference. If you are not going to the conference, make sure that those who are going get all the particulars for your Chapter. Representatives from Aetna, who underwrote the program; and Industrial Covera corporaio, who whe breath of fresh air to our professional members as well, who will benefit greatly from the low group rates.

So why is insurance for Chapters so important? It is simple to understand why the professional members require insurance - it is a matter of survival and protection. The same holds true for the Chapters, and perhaps to an even greater degree. There are more hobbyists and amateurs in the Chapters. There are a wider variety of situations that the Chapters find themselves in, and most of those situations involve exposing more people to hazards than a professional would; although that exposure is for shorter periods of time than a professional is exposed.
Our new ABANA insurance Program is the latest in a series of moves designed to provide our membership with more of the services they need. We have upgraded our Scholarship Program. We added a second publication for our North American members, the Hammers Blow. We had our firs-ever exhibition for ABANA members ouside Endowment Trust for Artistic Blacksmithing which may be used as a safe and effective method for those who wish to make donations or bequests to promote Blacksmithing in the future. Very shortly, we will announce some changes and additions to our ABANA Video Library that I'm sure you will appreciate. How are we doing so far? Let us know at the ABANA Conference, we want to hear it from you!

All this has been possible because ABANA is growing. We very much appreciate the confidence you have shown in your support of our organization. Spread the word! ABANA is already the largest blacksmithing organization on the planet; and with your help and support, you will be amazed at what we can accomplish together.
Insurance does provide you with protection. But our Chapters that are incorporated enjoy an extra measure of protection that those who are not incorporated cannot have. If your Chapter is sued, and you are not incorporated, the complainant can go after your officers, your members, and the family dog. If you are incorporated, they can have information on Ohio incorporation the Conference. Of course, all sates are not the same but it will you an idea of what is involved. Please, consider incorporation for your Chapter. It is a small price to pay for peace of mind.

See you at the Conference!
Clayton Carr
ABANA President

## Alan Bulinasley's Torch Fixture

in responding to ABANA's challenge for riag submissions at the June Conference in St. Louis, Ilin milingalex a member of this Chapter from Chattanooga, decided that a jig around which he could form his siag would be desireable as well as useful for future ring needs in his shop. To make this ing, it was pacessary for him to make a fixture for his cutting torch in order to cut perfect circles out of heavy plate. This plate was then used as the jig to form in ring. The fixture consists of three parts indicated in Figures 1-3 and assembled in Figure 4.


Figure 1

 Figure 2
Vertical Back Holder


Figure 3
Pivot Poin Pivot Point

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Bituminous Bits/Alabama Forge Councll
Tang Chisel
This Tang Chisel was demonstrated by Peter Ross at Hilleboro, OR in March, 1988. Notes and aketches were by Hugh Eddy.


## Scroll Wrenches

## by Paul Quyle

This litile article is for the few masochists who exist in CBA. Scroll wrenches can be made so quick with an arc weider that almost everyone who needs one has a seduced by the forged wrenches shown in the old books and in the COSIRA series. They look so simple that at first glance $!$ thought there is nothing to making ane of these; that was before I tried.
Some suthorties suggest driving a rectangular bar down inno the zecck so foxse the fork tines of the wrench See Figure 1. My tasula have always been imperfect. I
found it very difficult to do $a$ good iob with this method. found it very difficult to do a grod job with this method.
Bob Thomson fourd that only by driving down to the full depoti with the bas before correcting for the upset could he keep dhe tines reasonably parallel. However, rounding thera up becomes very difficult.

After playing with several different approaches, I've concluded that the following method works best for me. Ifourd is converient to make two tools first. See Figure
2. The firse is s scrap piece of $4^{*} \times 4^{4}$ angle iron about $3^{n}$ 2. The firss in a scrup plece of 4" $\times 4$ angle iron about $3^{\prime \prime}$
long with the top edge slighty rounded and a $1 / 4^{\text {p }}$ pad welded inside. This will it into a post vise and give a square pat surface to work an. The second tool is just a piece of $1 / \mathrm{s}^{\times} \times 3^{\prime \prime}$ fiat bar with a stop welded on the back. This will stand vertically in a post vise.

Now for the wreach itself, think about what you ars for size of tht, Yhe probsbly will never hawe
 your tork Staty in tave snough matecial on the
end to draw down to form the end tine, plus an allowance for the gap of the wrench as well as material to bend the tine up. If it is too long you can cut it off. You need enough material between the two notches to generous. If it finishes too long, you can cut it off. Leave this rectangular; it is going to be held in the vise shortly. Next, forge out the handle end of your wrench. This can be drawn to a nice tapered handle to suit your taste. You should have something like Figure 4.

Figure 5 shows the next step. Put the two tools into your vise and clamp your work piece in tight between them. Use a side set to start working the lump of iron down to shape. Draw down to form one tine. The two tools keep things in shape. You can do this without them; however, they do help.

Figure 6 shows the finished upright tine and the nove end drawn out and rounded up. Having everything open like this makes the shaping and rounding of the
two tines very easy and straightorward. Figure 7 shows bending the end tine up straight, using a flat bar for a spacer. I would grind a slight radius on the bar to relieve the sharp edge against the bend.
Figure 8 is my attempt to show something that looks like the finished forged wrench. I find they are fun to do, and you can look down your nose at those practical

Have fun, Paul Quyle ${ }^{\square}$


Figure 4


Figure 5


Figure 6


Figure 7

Figure 8


You may post items for sale on the board, either things you make or have and want to change out. The only qualification is that the items must be related to blacksmithing somehow. This is an unabashed attempt to help you turn your stock and work. I would like to see a long listing of just about everything!!

SOLD! Anvil about 115 lbs mounted on wood stand. Call Jack at ${ }^{* * * * * * * * * * . ~ D a y t o n ~ O H . ~}$
FOR SALE: Mini Log Cabins, Size $8 " \times 1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime}$ all hand crafted and make from 100 year old wood. These are limited to 50 ea.. From $\$ 25$ to $\$ 35$. I also make them from soft pine and treat with wood conditioner and stain.
Dale Woodruff, 15000 Merand Rd., Anna OH 45302, 513-394-7274 current as of 4/14
SOLD!! -- 25 lb Little Giant power hammer, Scott Murray, Wapakoneta, OH 45895.
FOR SALE -- 100 lb . swage blocks for $\$ 110.65 \mathrm{lb}$. portable cones with tong groove for $\$ 75$. Shovel molds for $\$ 30 \mathrm{Ron}$ Thompson at (513) 492-2259 current as of 6/12

FOR SALE -- books: Little Giant Powerhammer, Building the Gas Forge \& Foundry, More. Catalog free. Manuscripts solicited. H\&K Publishing, P.O. Box 284, Xenia, O 45385 current as of $6 / 12$

FOR SALE -- Atmospheric forges, Doug Fink at 513-898-2139. current as of 6/12
FOR SALE - roller conveyor sections, lengths of $5^{\prime}, 6^{\prime}, 8^{\prime}, \& 10^{\prime}$ and corners with legs ( $\$ 6.00$ ) per foot. Magnetic torch panagraph, floor model with torch $\$ 1500$, Enerpac tube/pipe bender - $11 / 4 " t o 2^{\prime \prime}, \$ 350$, mise. steel work benches. John . P.O. Box 396, Clihton, MI, 49236-0396 (517)-456-4494.

## Registrations

## ...............Sofa Registration

Your membership in SOFA is expiring. Since the newsletter editor, Secretary/Treasurer are different people, it would help if you would renew by mail or at the monthly SOFA meeting. Send or bring this with you:

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