



# SOFA SOUNDS

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHERN OHIO FORGE & ANVIL ASSOCIATION  
November 30, 1982  
CHARTER CLUB OF A.B.A.N.A.

## MEETING TIMES

As a result of the meeting of the members on 6 November 1982 it was decided to hold all future meetings on the first Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Studebaker Homestead, unless you receive notification to the contrary.\* Since many members come from some distance it was suggested that car pooling be considered.

## BEGINNERS' BLACKSMITH CLASSES

Classes in beginners' blacksmithing will be offered by Larry Wood and Bob Zeller, starting 30 November 1982 at 7:00 p.m. at the Studebaker Homestead. Classes will be held every Tuesday night for nine weeks. First preference will be given to Club members. Students are asked to bring a pair of safety glasses and their own hammer. There will be eight forges with anvils available for the class. The cost of the course is \$80. with all materials provided. Interested members should contact Larry Wood.

## SMITHING OPPORTUNITIES

Demonstrators are needed at Carriage Hill on weekends and soon demonstrators will be required at George Rogers State Park, off Route 4, just outside Springfield, Ohio. This facility, when completed next Spring, will be equipped with four forges with anvils. This will provide opportunity to practice your craft. For more details contact Dick Franklin for Carriage Hill times and Bob Zeller for the facility at George Rogers Clark.

In addition to the above facilities the Club gets numerous requests for demonstrators at other events. At these events you have to provide your own forge, anvil and tools. Demonstrating at these events promotes the art of blacksmithing and opens the art up to potential members of SOFA and ABANA. Contact Larry Wood or Bob Zeller about these opportunities.

## TAX-FREE STATUS

Thanks to the efforts of our President, Larry Wood, we now have the status of a non-profit organization. The Club does not have to pay taxes on their income and people can make contributions to the Club and claim deductions. We have to work to maintain this status through demonstrations described above or we will lose out tax exempt status. Every time someone provides a demonstration we should report it in the newsletter and in the minutes of the SOFA meetings. Provide information to Larry Wood or Hans Peot, Newsletter editor.

## TOOL MATERIAL FOR THE BEGINNER

For the beginner access to steel for making your own tools (punches, chisels, hardies, hot cut-offs, hammers, etc.) can easily be found at auto junk yards at very inexpensive prices. Some items are:



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- coil springs 1/2" to 3/4" diameter, used for punches, chisels, etc.
- Chrysler products torsion bars, straight bars 3/4" to 7/8" diameter, 3 - 4 ft. long, used for punches, chisels with the large hex ends being used for handled hot cut-off, punches and fullers.
- track and car axles, used for hardies, hammers and handled hot cut-off, punches and fullers.
- leaf springs, used for making wood lathe tools.

Re-bar concrete reinforcing rod - probably not available in auto junk yards but certainly available in other junk yards. Re-bar is very unpredictable in carbon content. It can be readily checked by making a simple center punch, heating to a cherry red, cooling roughly two inches of the end, removing the oxide off the end with emery cloth and then let the residual heat in the rest of the punch temper the end. Temper the end until a file just starts to cut and then cool in water. The center punch should easily mark mild steel without up-setting. An excellent book for the beginner which will provide you insight into the quality of steels is the Edge of the Anvil by Jack Andrews.

## COAL FUMES

In 1306, King Edward I of England, forbade the use of coal under penalty of death, at a time when nobles were sure that the coal's fumes were poisonous. - DAC

1 Attachment

Membership Roster

\*NOTE: The January meeting will be held on January 8 instead of the first Saturday because of the Holiday.

CHECK/MONEY ORDER MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR SOFA

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Practicing Smith      Artist      Teacher      Student

Amateur/Hobbyist      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FEE \$5.00 per year. Payable to Southern Ohio Forge & Anvil.

Mail to: Richard A. Franklin, SOFA Sec-Tres.  
7185 Kylemore Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45424

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership in ABANA includes a subscription to the Anvil's Ring.

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