

## HABA Meeting May 28<sup>th</sup>

In attendance by phone or Webex: Dana Flanders, Pete Farrel, Dave Koenig, Martin Miles Kevyn Schneider.

The meeting was to discuss the October Forge Fest and the possible creation of forges for new members. The designs of both the propane forge and a coal forge was discussed and both will stay with a standardized workable design that has been used previously. The propane forge style will be done by working with a prepaid kit to remove as many possible problems with a makeshift design that may cause possible explosions or other fire hazards to members and reduce the liability of HABA.

The Coal forge design will be primarily based on the forges built by the Lee brothers and will use a drop in fire pot. Contact will be made with the Lee brothers to see what the costs of the sheet metal work are likely to be. This will leave some cutting and welding for the legs up to the October meeting allowing for a single day of work to prepare the forge for use. We are allowing for either a paid drop in firepot or a member purchased brake drum for use in the forge.

Since the October meeting is not just about creating a forge for a set number of individuals we will work with the more experienced members of the group and setup allotted times for blacksmith demonstrations to be done.

Pete will send out an update to find out what the possible interest in building either a propane or coal forge will be from the membership to gauge if we will be doing the October meeting as a forge build-out or if we will be hiring a demonstrator. A cost of the possible build will likely be included so that we know if the members will be able to afford purchasing the parts for the build.

If we do not have enough of an interest in a build your own forge event for October we will likely have some monthly meeting on building forges for the members that are interested.

The meeting will be held again to discuss the additional information that Kevyn has found out about pricing on Monday June 15 at 7pm by phone or Webex. Please let's have most HABA board members attend to have their opinion on the October Forge Fest.