



# N.J.B.A. Newsletter

NJBA Volume 15, Issue 1 05/01/10  
<http://njba.abana-chapter.com>

## Editors Soapbox

Hi, As editor I would appreciate some help in writing up events for the newsletter. You don't have to be a gifted writer just send me something about the event as I can't make all of them or remember everything.

We have some events coming up that are good opportunities for fellowship and to swing a hammer so come out and enjoy. Larry Brown, editor

## We need some more activity from our members!

Recent events in the lives of some of our directors have made it hard for NJBA to be all it can be. We need more people to help out other than the same few doing everything. Please talk to one of the directors to find out what you can do to help!

We are also looking for members who have a pickup and would be interested in helping bring the NJBA trailer to meets. If you are interested in helping please contact one of the board members listed on page 2. Larry Brown, Editor

## Upcoming events for 2008

Get you calendars out and mark these events down. Please bookmark our web site and check for updated meet information. Remember most of our meets have an "Iron in the Hat" drawing, so be sure to bring something. Meet information starts on this page and continues on page 3.

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**—Tuckerton Seaport - More information on this page.

**June 12<sup>th</sup>—13<sup>th</sup>**—Historic Cold Spring Village  
More information on page 3.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>**— Egg Harbor Demonstration. More information on page 3.

**July 17<sup>th</sup>**— Delaware City Day. More information on page 3.

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>—8<sup>th</sup>**— Middlesex County Fair.  
More information on page 3.

**August 21<sup>st</sup>**—Canal Day Wharton NJ  
More information on page 3.

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>**—Walnford Day  
More information on page 3.

## Tuckerton Seaport May 16<sup>th</sup>

On May 18,2008 NJBA will be doing a demo at Tuckerton Seaport ,in Tuckerton NJ . The event starts at 10:00 am . We start setting up around 9:00. Bring your own food or there is a restaurant at the seaport. The contact for this event is Tom Majewski  
732 462-2453 v2e4mab9@verizon.net

**Directions** to the seaport are, from the North take the Garden State Parkway South to Exit 58(Tuckerton/Little Egg Harbor) . Make a left at the end of the ramp onto Rt.539 south. Follow Rt 539( becomes Green Street) to the third traffic light at Rt 9( Main St.) Make a right. the Seaport is on the left across from the lake. for information on the seaport go to [www.tuckertonseaport.org](http://www.tuckertonseaport.org)

## NJBA RENEWAL NOTICE

**The NJBA Renewal is on the Back page of this newsletter. We have not included an envelope and stamp this time due to the cost. Please fill it out and send it back to continue enjoying being a member!**

**If you do not send this in this may be your last newsletter!**

# New Jersey Blacksmiths Newsletter

## **The NJBA Web Site!**

The NJBA Web Site is up  
and running at:

<http://njba.abana-chapter.com/>

The Newsletter is at:

<http://members.bellatlantic.net/~vze25jcc/index.htm>

or use the link on the NJBA web site  
for the newsletter.

## **Official NJBA Address**

**NJBA**  
**P.O. Box 224**  
**Farmingdale, NJ**  
**07727-9998**

**Rather than use room in the newsletter,  
All correspondence between  
ABANA and NJBA is now being posted  
on the NJBA web site.  
If you cannot access it there, contact me  
and I will send you copies.  
ABANA is communicating again so  
check it out**

## **NJBA Board of Directors**

The list of directors is not posted  
on the internet

# New Jersey Blacksmiths Newsletter

---

## Historic Cold Spring Village (HCSV) June 12th - 13th

NJBA is holding a public demonstration/hammer-in at Historic Cold Spring Village (HCSV) in Cape May on June 13 – 14. NJBA has been holding this event at (HCSV) for several years now. Please contact David if you are going, so he knows how much equipment to bring down. If you are interested in demonstrating to the public or just hanging with the Smiths please join us.

Generally we start set up around 9AM and break down by 5PM. Travel time from central NJ is about 2 hours and Cape May is wonderful place to visit with your family.

If you need further information, please contact me at your convenience. The web site for HCSV is: <http://www.hcsv.org/>

Thanks,  
David Macauley

## Delaware City Day, Hammer-In and BBQ July 17th

### Third Annual Hammer in / BBQ

Kerry Rhoades and John Chobrda, along with the New Jersey Blacksmiths Assn. would like to invite all smiths, metal heads, and their families to the 4rd Annual forge in and BBQ on Saturday July 17th at Kerry's shop, "Forged Creations" in Delaware City, Delaware. This event is being held in conjunction with "Delaware City Day" a day of parades, games, and fireworks.

We will be setting up portable forges and tents on the side street. Kerry's shop is located at 124 Clinton Street in Delaware City, try to come early as the parade runs down Clinton Street and it will be closed at 9:00 AM. phone numbers are: 302-832-1631 or 302-757-0733

Come on out on the 19th of July, bring your family, your work, a hammer, your hunger and something (food) to share. Hope to see you then.

## Middlesex County Fair August 2nd through the 8th

We have been invited back to Middlesex County fair which runs from August 3rd through the 9th in East Brunswick. The fair hours are 5 -11 PM Monday through Friday, 11 AM - 11PM on Saturday and 11AM - 7PM on Sunday. We will have the NJBA trailer at the site and we will probably have additional forging stations. We will be under a tent with other crafters. The site has easy access to water and power and we will have tables to display our forged items. All smiths are encouraged to attend. We particularly need some coverage during the week days. A remuneration of \$100/day is available to NJBA which is turn will be available to demonstrators to help defer transportation costs. This is a wonderful fair to attend and is great opportunity for the entire family. In the past we have been assigned certain days, check with David closer to the event or check next newsletter.

### Here are the driving instructions:

The Middlesex County Fair is located on Cranbury Rd. where it intersects Fern Roads in East Brunswick. Take Route 18 into East Brunswick, follow the directions for Cranbury onto Cranbury Road (Rt. 535 South), pass East Brunswick High School on the left, keep left at the fork, and continue on Cranbury Road for about three miles to the fair. 655 Cranbury Road.

**FROM OLD BRIDGE**-Take Route 18 north toward New Brunswick, pass the Colonial Diner and head toward Cranbury over the Route 18 overpass and proceed past the high school and bear left at the fork, as above.

Route from north county (this is the least congested route), take Exit 8A on the New Jersey Turnpike. Turn right on Route 535 North directly to fairgrounds (5 miles

For further information please contact David Macauley, [drmacauley@att.net](mailto:drmacauley@att.net) 732-206-1568

# New Jersey Blacksmiths Newsletter

**BLACKSMITH  
HAMMER-IN &  
TOOL SWAP  
At the Red Mill  
Museum Village  
Sunday, September 26th  
10:00am - 4:00pm**

Details in the next newsletter, so plan on coming out and having some fun!

## **An editorial Blacksmiths' Wordsmith**

The NJBA flourishes through the work of many individuals who take the time and interest to contribute to the success and forward movement of the organization. In order to chronicle these efforts and keep the membership up to date and informed it is most beneficial to have a quality newsletter to serve that end. NJBA is most fortunate to have such a vehicle.

Editor Larry Brown has been able to faithfully put a fine publication in the mail providing members with a calendar of events, articles on events held (often submitted by faithful contributors), articles to enhance our skills and knowledge of the craft, open forge opportunities, sources of material supply, and information regarding activities of sister organizations here in the northeast. All that and more in a nicely organized and professional format. An enthusiastic newsletter does much to maintain the cohesiveness of a group by keeping members informed and involved. Despite the advantages of "desktop publishing", the neatly folded packet with the anvil logo that shows up in our mailbox periodically is still hard work and a labor of dedication.

Many thanks to editor Larry Brown for his continuing work as the NJBA "Wordsmith".

Wm. Ker  
Member – NJBA

Former Blacksmith Guild Master/Editor Historic  
Allaire Village

Thanks for the kind words Bill, Larry.

## **March Membership Meeting Demonstration and Workshop by Jonathan Nedbor**

By Bruce Freeman. Photos by Tom Majewski.

Marshall Bienstock hosted the meeting, which drew about 20 members. Jonathan started the demonstration by making a simple drive-type wall hook



His hooks have a noteworthy feature, however: After bending the point 90° to the stem, he strikes the bend from the side, making the bend somewhat wedge-shaped side-to-side. This does two things – it reduces the angle to less than 90° and it provides a slightly raised point for the hammer to strike. The former means that a weight suspended from the hook will not tend to pull the hook from the wall as well as making the driving of the hook more natural using an overhand swing of the hammer.

Jonathan next demonstrated the forging of a clevis.



# New Jersey Blacksmiths Newsletter

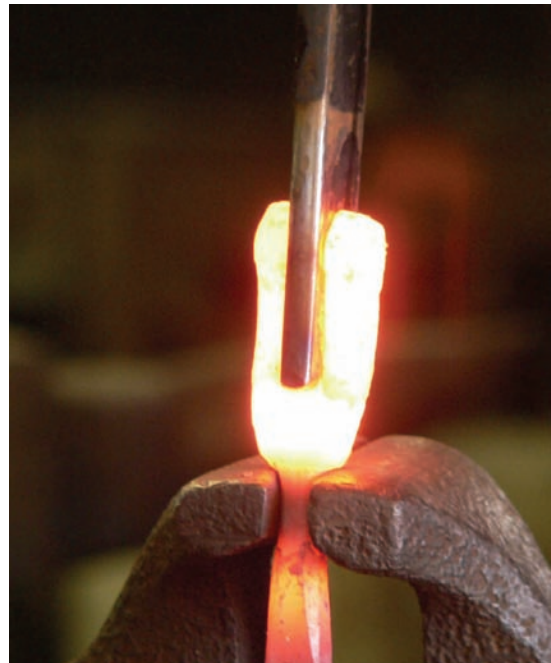
This is a machine component, not a typical household device. He started by upsetting the end of the bar, then splitting it first partway through from the top, and then (in a vise) from the end.



He forged the split end into shape – with enlarged pads at the ends for punching, then spread them for convenience and punched each pad. To better form



the clevis, he closed it over a bar (with the end somewhat rounded) and clamped the clevis in the vise and hammered the bar into the clevis.



Some tweaking was needed to align the holes in the two pads. Finally, he drew out the stem to the desired dimensions, and cut it off for welding to another piece.

# New Jersey Blacksmiths Newsletter

Traditionally, bolt heads are made, not by upsetting the end of a bar, but by welding on additional material. Most texts show wrapping a piece of square stock most way around the end of the bar, then welding. This same technique can be used anytime a mass of metal is needed on the end of a rod. Jonathan, however, demonstrated what he considers an easier way. His method is to draw out the end of the rod after using a half-faced blow to isolate the end. He then bends the end 90° and begins to wrap it around the end of the bar. He continues



this wrapping until he has a coiled mass at the end of the bar, then welds the mass together.



The result is seen the last picture



Jonathan's demonstration included a number of other items as well, including a Hudson Valley style door handle; a thumber for such a handle, with the end bent back and welded to it to provide a prong to keep the thumber in the handle; and a ladle. Marshall assembled these demonstration pieces onto a board for display in his shop. On Sunday, Jonathan taught a workshop on some of what he'd demonstrated on Saturday. Five members participated, using the three coal forges in Marshall's shop.

# New Jersey Blacksmiths Newsletter



Board with Items from Jonathan Nedbors Demo

## Two New Open Forge Locations for NJBA

**Joshua Kuehne** in Southern NJ is looking to open his shop once or twice a month to members who would like to get together to forge. Contact him directly to set up a time.

Joshua Kuehne, 543 Amos Ave.  
Vineland, NJ 08360  
(856) 503-5297 iforgeiron88@yahoo.com

**Kerry Rhoades and John Chobrda** would like to host an open forge night at his shop this year. It would be on Wednesday nights from seven to nine. If people would be coming we would like them to call first to make sure we would be there. Forged Creations, 124 Clinton Street, Delaware City, DE

Kerry (302) 832-1631  
John (302) 838-1960 (609) 610-3501 (cell)