

**Announcements in Lieu of Newsletter  
August 24, 2022**

**Upcoming Events** (More information in the body of this announcement.)

Date	Event	Coordinator	Notes
Sat., Sept. 3, starting at 8:30 am.	Inventorying NJBA Forging Equipment	Bruce Freeman	Bruce F. and Marshall will inventory the NJBA equipment, in lieu of more complete maintenance and repairs (for lack of participants). <b>Anyone interested in assisting should contact Bruce F. or Marshall.</b>
Tue., Oct. 4, 7:30 pm	Virtual NJBA Board Meeting	Larry Brown	To be conducted by telephone. <b>Members may participate</b> by contacting Larry or Bruce Freeman, preferably at least one day before the meeting.
Saturday, Oct. 14 (Time TBD)	Loading equipment for Princeton meet.	Daniel Lapidow	Princeton U. will probably send a van to pick up this equipment the afternoon before the meet. <b>Volunteers may be needed to assist loading the van.</b>
Saturday, Oct. 15 (Probably starting ~10 AM.)	Princeton U. Open Forge Meet	Daniel Lapidow	Daniel Lapidow is now the coordinator for the Princeton U. blacksmith club. Bruce F. has initiate arrangements with Princeton U. <b>At least six persons with experience maintaining coal fires will be needed to assist at this meet. Please contact Daniel or Bruce F. if you are willing to assist.</b> Lunch will probably be provided by Princeton U.
Saturday, Oct. 15 (Probably after 5 PM)	Unloading and equipment from Princeton meet.	Daniel Lapidow	Princeton U. will probably send a van to return the equipment the early evening after the meet. <b>Volunteers may be needed to assist unloading the van and replacing the equipment neatly inside the storage container.</b>
Sunday, Nov. 6	Hammer in at The Blacksmith of Trenton	Daniel Lapidow	Daniel L. will run another tour in the fall. It will be similar to the one this past winter and will include a striking demo, etc. Daniel says that Josh Kavett will attend with a Fisher anvil exhibit. See the announcement in a previous Newsletter for Daniel's similar meet in January, '22, for further information.
TBD	Anvil repair workshop	TBD	This event was Bruce R.'s proposal, but he will not coordinate the meet and nobody else volunteered; no date set. <b>Any person interested in coordinating this event may contact Marshall, Larry, Bruce Ringier or Bruce Freeman.</b>

**Please refer to previous issues of the Newsletter for all contact information.**

## Report on the July 11, 2022, Board Meeting.

In attendance, by phone, were NJBA Directors Marshall Bienstock, Daniel Lapidow, Ben Suhaka, Bob Bozzay, Bruce Freeman and Larry Brown. Past chairman and Director, Ryan Amos, and Scott Kafarski, a member who may be interested in assisting with the Newsletter, were also in attendance. NJBA Director Bruce Ringier did not attend the meeting but had phoned Bruce F. earlier in the day to give input on the agenda.

**Backing up NJBA information.** Bruce F. holds much information and somehow we need to make this information accessible by all Directors. Ryan suggested Google Drive. Bruce F. is amenable to using Google Drive, but has had no time to investigate further. Ryan and Scott have relevant experience and could contribute their knowledge. No conclusions were reached this meeting.

### Anvil repair workshop

Bruce R. has asserted at the last meeting that he estimates he can find 4-6 participants by fall. A volunteer is needed to coordinate. Bruce R. (by phone call to Bruce F) declined to coordinate this meeting due to the press of work.

### Reports on Past Events:

Date	Event	Coordinator	Notes
Sat., May 7, 2022	EJOT Meet	Ryan	Bruce carpooled with Marshall, who brought up the forge, etc., for the demonstration. Jonathan Nedbor gave a good demonstration, despite the cold, rainy weather, and also brought a display of his work. The brown bag lunch, indoors, was well received.
Sat., May 14, 2022	Blade forging demo	Mark	Mark gave a good demo, but the audience was tiny. An auction of the demonstration pieces brought in \$60.
Sun., May 15, 2022	Walnford Day	Marshall	Marshall and Bruce were joined by Dan L. Weather was good.

### Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting was set for Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022, at 7:30 PM, by teleconference only. Larry will chair the next meeting. **Any member interested in attending or in joining the Board should contact Larry** (or Bruce F.)

### Newsletter Report

Bruce F. has resigned as Editor, so will not be creating the next Newsletters. Nobody has yet volunteered to be editor or to take responsibility for the next Newsletter. **Any person interested in editing or co-editing the Newsletter should contact Bruce F.**

### Discussions with ABANA about Electronic Payments and 501.c.3 Status

At the last meeting the question of having a means for members to make electronic payments to NJBA, as a means to encourage membership and participation in workshops. Bruce F. reached out to Leigh Morrell about support from ABANA for receiving electronic payments. Leigh reported that ABANA cannot do this. In the ensuing discussion, Leigh suggested that NJBA should consult Andy Quitner about getting 501.c.3 nonprofit status so as to remove one more obstacle to accepting Internet payments. Bruce pointed out that the NJBA Board had discussed this more than once but nobody had been willing to champion the effort. Leigh had Andy Quitner phone Bruce F., and Andy left a message, but Bruce didn't return the call due to press of other affairs and lack of a volunteer to handle the 501.c.3 paperwork

at the time. Scott says he's worked with 501.c.3's and that he'll seek further info. and report back about 501.c.3's at next Board meeting.]

### **Princeton U. Open Forge Meet**

Daniel Lapidow is now the coordinator for the Princeton U. blacksmith club. He selected the date from one of two offered, and has agreed to take charge of this open forge meet. Bruce F. has initiated arrangements with Princeton U.

### **Maintenance of Forging Stations**

It was noted that tools from the six toolboxes were mixed up across toolboxes. At least one of the canopies has a broken frame. Several buckets and slack tubs have rusted through from exposure to wet coal. A number of the flue pipe sections are in need of repair or replacement. Bruce F. proposed a simpler design with interlocking edges. The toolboxes have since been tidied up, but not inventoried. One broken canopy was fixed by cannibalizing the other. A replacement canopy has been purchased. Buckets and slack tubs have been sorted out and are ready to go. Hood collars have been extended so flues will be stable within them. Three new flue sections have been purchased and, along with some defective ones, are being fitted up with draw latches. A second day of work was cancelled for lack of participants, and has been no luck rescheduling it. Bruce and Marshall will inventory the equipment, in lieu of more complete work, on Saturday, Sept. 3, starting at 8:30 am.

### **Future of the NJBA Membership and Newsletter**

Bruce F. has resigned as Editor after the last issue, so will not be creating the next Newsletters. A communal/collaborative newsletter has been proposed in lieu of an emailed one, but no progress has been made, such as on the Google Drive. Bruce F. reiterated that he could provide technical support and links to software needed to create the Newsletter. Scott says he may be able to work on the newsletter, perhaps 1 hr / day. Scott says he may be able to handle updating the Upcoming Events section of the Newsletter. Marshall, Daniel L. and Ben volunteered to peruse other Affiliates' newsletters for articles to include in ours. Nobody volunteered to be editor or co-editor. Nobody volunteered to mail the newsletter to the subscribers (costs paid by NJBA).

### **Board and Volunteer Growth and Future of NJBA**

Ryan resigned from the Board after the last Board meeting. It has been suggested we could increase membership from Facebook participants, but no specific actions were proposed to accomplish this. The consensus seemed to be that more events are needed to renew interest in NJBA. As reported above, we also need a new editor. Larry has volunteered to chair the October meeting, but doesn't plan to chair additional meetings. Bruce F. pointed out that he considers the best way to encourage a person to volunteer is to ask him. Larry pointed out that all organizations have taken a hit due to COVID. Daniel would like something more than the card to put out at his demos, and Bruce F. forwarded him the old brochure for him to review for suitability.