

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting: Ted's Shop (7/9/11)

The Rocky Forge group will meet at Ted's shop on July 9th. Coffee and doughnuts will be available after 8:30 and we will have a short meeting starting promptly at 9:00. After the meeting the forges can be started and we can forge until noon. There is plenty of metal to play with so just bring your bucket of favorite tools.

Carol will cook hamburgers so if you bring a covered dish to pass we should have a good lunch. After lunch we will load our sign, anvils, forge blowers, etc. and take them to the Illiana Steam and Power show grounds and proceed to begin the setup for the show. The Illiana Antique Power Show will be July 15, 16 and 17th at their show grounds north of Attica on Highway 41 to the Rainsville road, then turn east and go about 1.5 miles to the showground's.

This is an important event for the Rocky Forge group, so I encourage all our members to participate for the weekend show. There will be a free dinner Friday evening with entertainment.

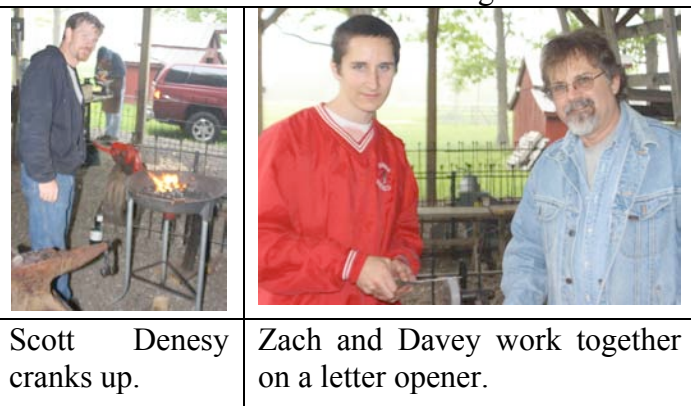
Bring iron in the hat for the July 9th meeting.

See you all then.

Ted

Last Meeting: (5/14/11)

Our May meeting was held at the Show Grounds in Rainsville. Twelve smiths showed up for a hot forge-in on a cool day. The June meeting was cancelled due to excessive scheduling conflicts.

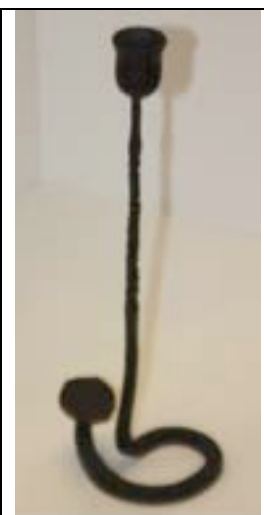


Ted Stout Named IBA Blacksmith of the Year

Our own Ted Stout was named as the 2011 Blacksmith of the Year by the Indiana Blacksmithing Association. This is the highest honor awarded by the IBA. The award recognizes outstanding blacksmithing skills and service to the IBA and the greater blacksmithing community.



IBA President, Gary Phillips, gives Ted prestigious award.



Example of Ted's work

Ted's blacksmithing activities started in 1973, the same year that ABANA was formed. He has blacksmithed for the Illiana Antique Power Association since 1993, and he was instrumental in starting the Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild in February 2002. Rocky Forge has turned into one of the most active groups in the state. In April of 2008, Ted was elected to the Board of Directors of the IBA and has served in that capacity since then.

Ted has supported, taught and spread the word of blacksmithing for many years through his association with the IBA, the Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild, Rural Smiths of Mid America (RSMA) and through the Illiana Antique Power Association.

There is no blacksmith more deserving of this award than Ted.
Dominick

IBA Tipton Conference

The 2011 IBA Conference was a huge success! It was educational, inspirational, inexpensive and fun.



Ernie Dorrill. Fabulous!



Caliper by Peter Ross



Ernie's Work



Peter Ross, extraordinary!

Our New Old Line Shaft

Four Rocky Forgers spent a hot and dirty morning removing an old line shaft from a nearby barn built in 1929. The line shaft is now at our blacksmith shop at the Show Grounds and will be a featured part of that facility when it is installed.



After a hard morning removing the line shaft, KJ, Ted, Dominick and John are tired and a little grimy.

Shop Tip: Glove Repair

Do your gloves always wear out at the same fingers on the same hand? If so, try cutting a finger off from an old glove and gluing it over the damaged finger of the repaired glove.



Life Tip

“I would rather wear out, than rust out”

Iron & Steel Preservation

Dan Michael was recognized for his efforts at preservation of old ironwork.



Nan Jackson, Chair of the Committee for the Iron and Steel Historic Preservation Program Fund, presents a certificate of appreciation to Nucor representatives Dan Michael (Nucor Crawfordsville) and Jackie Stachowski

Dates to Remember

July 15-17, 2011: Illiana Antique Power Exhibition.

July 15-17, 2011: Upper Midwest Regional Blacksmithing Conference, Pontiac, Illinois.

August 13, 2011: Rocky Forge meeting.

Sept. 24-25, 2011: Feast of the Hunter's Moon.

Sept. 23-25, 2011: SOFA QuadState Conference.

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