

# Rocky Forge News

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## Next Meeting Saturday (11/9/2013, Park County FG)

Seems forever since we met as a group to exercise our passion of blacksmithing. Well no need to despair, we will have a good chance this Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 A.M. The Rocky Forge group has been invited to participate in a Hammer-In with the Wabash Valley group at the new blacksmith shop located on the grounds of the Park County Fairgrounds which is on the north side of Rockville on the west side of highway 41. It is easy to find. The shop is situated in the northwest corner of the grounds and was built to support the 4-H blacksmith program for Park County. John Bennett will do a couple of demonstrations and maybe Michael Wollowski will also demonstrate. After those demonstrations it will be open forge time.

There will be a large pot of soup, so we are asked to bring a covered dish to pass that will go with the soup. Also, bring Iron-in-the-Hat items and it might be a good idea to bring a chair. John said there will be 4 coal forges and 4 gas forges with fuel provided, so bring your bucket or bag of favorite tools and metal. Bring some of your work as a “show and tell”. Others are just like us; we like to see what others are making. You guys have some pretty neat stuff that would be good to show.

This will be a fun event and I hope the Rocky Forge members will make a good showing. See you all Saturday.  
Ted

## An Invitation

I would like to invite everyone to a joint meeting of the Rocky Forge Blacksmiths, the Wabash Valley Blacksmiths and the Parke County 4H blacksmith Club. Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am till ? The meeting is open to the public. The meeting will be hosted by the Parke County 4H Blacksmith Shop located at the Parke County 4H Fairgrounds just north of Rockville, IN on highway 41. There will be a pitch in dinner, Iron in the hat, Open Forging and several blacksmithing demonstrations of Christmas related items. Everyone is welcome. If you are a blacksmith or if you've ever wanted to

give it a try now's your chance. We will have 8 forges up and running and everyone is encouraged to swing a hammer. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 812-877-7274.

Hope you can make it.

John Bennett: Forgemaster -Wabash Valley

## Melvin Lytton to Demonstrate at December IBA Meeting

On December 14<sup>th</sup> Melvin Lytton will demonstrate his blacksmithing expertise at the IBA meeting to be held at Ted Stout's Shop in West Point Indiana. Coffee and donuts start at 8:30 AM and there will be Iron-in-the-Hat. Melvin teaches basic and advanced blacksmithing at Conner Prairie.



On August 15, 1967, in Chicago's Daley Center a Picasso sculpture was unveiled. The artist never explained what it was intended to represent. **What do you think?** (This photo by J. Crocker was published in Wikipedia.)



This sliding door latch was made by Dominick using some stainless pump shaft that Gene Hollingsworth provided. Dominick's new mill had no trouble milling this tough material.



A remotely placed and triggered camera can be mounted on the small platform Dominick milled recently. Aluminum cut like butter compared to the harder stainless steel of his previous project.

## Interesting Web Sites

**Editorial: Museum exhibit settles question of Picasso:** <http://www.suntimes.com/opinions/18255801-474/editorial-museum-exhibit-settles-question-of-picasso.html>

## Dates to Remember

**November 9:** Rocky Forge meeting at the Park County Fairgrounds.

**December 14:** Rocky Forge hosts the IBA meeting at Ted's Shop. Melvin Lytton demonstrates.

**June 6-8, 2014:** Indiana Blacksmithing Association Annual Conference in Tipton, IN.

**August 13-16, 2014:** ABANA 2014 Conference, Delaware State Fairgrounds.

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## Punny Things

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.

It's not that the man did not know how to juggle. He just didn't have the balls to do it.



### "Birdman Turtle Dance"

forged and welded iron,  
14"

**Christopher T. Ray**  
sculptor

<http://www.chrisray.com/archive/page03/index.htm>