

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting (7/11/2015)

At the Illiana Show Grounds

There will not be a Rocky Forge meeting in June.

The next meeting of the Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild will be held at the Rainsville Show Grounds on July 11. This will provide us the opportunity to spruce up the blacksmith shop in preparation for the Illiana Show on July 17-19.

The summer is a great time for blacksmithing, so let's have some fun with hammer and anvil!

2015 IBA Conference

Another great IBA Conference! I particularly enjoyed demonstrator Michael Blendele. He made some beautiful and creative items out of steel on Saturday and forged various non-ferrous metals on Sunday. His descriptions on how to forge various alloys of bronze and brass were very helpful. I learned a bunch. I will write an article for the Forge Fire on his demonstration for the July issue. See photos of Nathan Robertson on second page.

Dominick

Last Meeting

May 9, 2015

Our May meeting was held in Rainsville. The day was beautiful, the fellowship was great, the MaryLou donuts were extraordinary, and the Starbucks coffee was delightful. Dominick made crosses by folding copper strips. Dan instructed a youngster on how to make a knife from a railroad spike. It was a fun time.

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Gene with sunflower at last Rocky Forge meeting.









Rob and Gene enjoy lunch together.



Jim and friends.



Dan and Brad.

		
<p>Nathan Robertson with KA75 hammer</p>	<p>Drifting the eye.</p>	<p>Chamfering the hammerhead.</p>
		
<p>Gas forge with hammerhead</p>	<p>Do this before chamfering.</p>	<p>Putting a pattern on the face.</p>

Interesting Web Sites

How it's made: African Blacksmith and foundry in Burkina Faso, West Africa.
<https://vimeo.com/121364393>

Michael Bendele (demonstrator at the 2015 IBA Conference): <http://www.michaelbendele.com>

Improving Your Heat Treating (by Dave Smucker): <http://www.bamsite.org/tips/heat.pdf>

Newsletters of the Blacksmith Association of Missouri (BAM):
<http://www.bamsite.org/Index/Newsletters.html>

Dates to Remember

July 11, 2015: Rocky Forge meeting at Illiana Show Grounds.

Illiana Show: July 17-19, 2015.



Map to Rainsville site (Illiana Show Grounds)