

# Rocky Forge News

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## Next Meeting: 3/11/2017

There is a lot going on in the blacksmith's communities these days. Look at Facebook, the IBA sites, YouTube and the TV programs. Go to an antique shop and try to find blacksmiths tools, they are being scarfed up rapidly. Every time I replenish our mall booths the tools are going fast. Seeing all the young people coming to our meetings is encouraging and exciting. To me, this all means there is indeed a strong resurgence in the metal-smithing craft or hobby. Working metal since 1973 I believe this is absolutely the strongest surge I have witnessed. It's not only great to see, but it is a huge compliment to the future of our craft.



At our last meeting Ted gave an interesting talk about swage blocks, their purpose, variations, and history.

The next Rocky Forge meeting will be held in Ted's shop near West Point on March 11<sup>th</sup>. No special plans. I just want to see people metal-smithing and

having a good time. Bring your tools and ideas for a day of fun.

We will have an Iron-in-the-Hat so bring goodies for the drawing. For lunch, Carol is going to fire up the hot dog roaster so bring a dish to pass around. When you all bring food we seem to have a good spread. We can even fire up the popcorn-popping machine.

Who knows what the weather will be that day, after all we are in Indiana and it is March. I am hoping to see some fires and activity in the breezeway.

There will be coffee and doughnuts ready by 8:30 so Carol and I hope to see a good crowd on March 11.

Ted



## Interesting Web Site

Blacksmith Idioms:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yKjE0JcUJU>

## Last Chance:

## Rocky Forge Address Book

Rocky Forge putting together an address book of our members for our members. There is a web site for you to provide your contact information and it is at the following URL.

<http://www.rockyforge.org/members.shtml>

Please click on this link and give us your contact information. It takes less than 60 seconds.

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## Blacksmith Idioms

(For explanations see the reference)

1. "Strike While the Iron is hot."



2. "Only as strong as the weakest link."  
 3. "Go to pot."  
 4. "Taking strong measure."  
 5. "Hammering out a contract."  
 6. "Caught between hammer and anvil."  
 7. "Neat as a (new) pin."  
 8. "Dead as a doornail."



9. "Don't lose your temper."  
 10. "A long drawn-out process."

11. "Beat the daylight out of it."



12. "To go at something hammer and tongs"-  
 you're really working hard.  
 13. "That's got a nice ring to it"- reference to the  
 bell-like ring of an anvil.  
 14. "A blacksmiths hell is not made of fire and  
 brimstone. It is a world of clinker"  
 15. "Too many irons in the fire."



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