

# ROCKY FORGE NEWS

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## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild will be June 14th at Ted Stouts. The meeting time will be spent at the forge. At this time no demonstrations have been arranged. For anyone wanting to work on their tongs or other projects this will be the time to do so.

One thing we could work on are things to sell at the show in July.

Lunch for the day will be cold meat sandwiches and whatever else you bring.

Don't forget the Iron-In-The-Hat. We have had some real good items for the drawing so lets keep up the good work.

## **ILLIANA STEAM AND POWER SHOW FOR 2003 GETS NATIONAL PUBLICITY**

For those of you who watch the J. Leno show you saw him heckle the flyer for this years show. It seems that even though 1000 eyes looked at the flyer no one caught the typographical error saying this will be our "22st" instead of the "22nd". Also, he was making fun of "Rainsville and Illiana". I wonder who mailed him our flyer? Probably one our fierce competitors!

## **INDIANA BLACKSMITHING DUES**

The rules of the Indiana Blacksmithing guidelines read that you may attend 2 meetings to decide whether you want to join. After two meeting if you continue attending then you must join. This gives you a monthly copy of the "Forge Fire" and access to the IBA library and other amenities. The main reason to join, from the meeting site hosts viewpoint, is the liability insurance coverage. Please check your Forge Fire mailing label and see if you need to renew.

## **JULY MEETING NOTICE:**

Carol and Ted will be out of town for the weekend of the July meeting. We will either cancel or someone step forward for hosting the meeting. Please let me know if you are interested in hosting that meeting.

I will need help everyday day the week of the show to get machines, forges, anvils etc. prepared and moved to the show grounds. Please do your part and volunteer to help.

## **OUR THANKS**

We thank Charley Helton for giving a good day of instruction to the group making "Poz" tongs. It was a good learning experience. Some of the techniques can be used for other applications. He was also very generous to donate \$150 of his tuition money that we all paid back to the club. Thank you Charley.

Also, we owe a thanks to Jeff Kendal of rural Fountain County. He donated a 70# Vulcan anvil to our club and is looking for more items.

These are the kind of friends that help make our club a success and help us grow. Every nonprofit organization depends on the generosity of benefactors, no matter how large or small. Some of the simplest donations can make a big difference.

## **ARTICLES NEEDED FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

Please keep an open eye for items that would be good to share with others in the club. Send them to Ted via email or snail mail. Your help is appreciated.