

Rocky Forge News

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Changes to the Newsletter

I, David Childress (DEC), am the new Secretary for Rocky Forge. I am going to start doing the newsletter and I hope that future issues come more easily than this, my first, is. There are several things that I hope to include that, due to time, will not make this issue. I apologize that it is as late as it is.

This Month's Meeting

From Ted Stout:

The Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild will meet Saturday, September 11, at 9:00, at Ted Stout's. The day will be an open forge time while we have good weather. Lunch will be cold meat sandwiches and covered dishes. So be sure to bring a covered dish to be shared by all. Also, bring your forge, anvil, and tools for a fun day of forging without pressure. Ted has the 100# little giant set up for making any anvil tools you may need. Know your hardy hole size.

See you all next Saturday the 11th,

Ted

Iron in the Hat

"Bring items for the iron in the hat. This may very well be one of the best iron in the hat drawings yet, Ted is still cleaning house (shop)." Ted

I future issues there will be useful info about what some of the "irons in the hat " are and what this junk is good for. DEC

Future Meetings

The October meeting is planned to be a demonstration by Charlie Helton or Billy Merrit.

Note: The Rocky Forge group will be host to the IBA meeting November 20th. We are looking for a guest demonstrator and if you have any ideas please let Ted know. Your help and support for that meeting will be greatly appreciated. Our goal is to make this a memorable time for both the Rocky Forge members and the IBA members. (Ted)

"Help and support could include some labor so that the new shop is ready, Ted needs some more hands" (DEC)

The SOFA Meet is the last weekend of the month and is a fascinating event. Anyone that can make it should, and should bring back a full report for members that could not.

Last Month's Meeting

We have not had a formal meeting in a while. In July we had the Illiana steam and power show, which went very well. We always had at least one smith working and at times had as many as ten. Several people asked about joining and were added to the mailing list.

I provided last minute fill-in smithing demonstration on both Saturday and Sunday for Skinner's Farm Museum & Village Steam and Gas Show outside Perrysville IN. I had never tried to work the forge for so long or so steadily before. I think it was a good show even if I did not get much made.

Important Note:

Rocky Forge is going to host the monthly meeting of the Indiana Blacksmith Association on November 20. We want this meeting to be very professional and memorable. Any help, either creative or physical, is appreciated. We still need a demonstrator and to finish Ted's shop setup. Please lend a hand if you can.

Newsletter:

The rocky Forge News is going to be available by e-mail as well as on our website (<http://www.rockyforge.org/>). If you wish to receive the newsletter via E- Mail sent Dave Childress a note at trollkeep@ccsdana.net.