

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting (3/13/2010)

In January we had a fun meeting where we made nail headers and nails. It seems, however, that we made more nail headers than nails. We started a Nail Post and 5 people contributed nails. We would really like to have more nails from our group on the post, so we will dedicate the March meeting at Ted's shop to getting better at **making nails**, and we will again encourage each member to contribute at least 1 decorative nail for the Nail Post. The Post will travel to the IBA conference, or other satellite groups for individuals to place a nail in the post. We may even take it to SOFA as the IBA nail post and ask others at SOFA to make additions.



Don't forget to bring iron-in-the-hat items as this is our main revenue source. Bring a bag lunch (or eat nails), as we will eat in the shop.

See you all on Saturday, March 13. P.S. Leave some room in your stomach for chocolate covered donuts and gourmet coffee!

Last Meeting (2/13/2010)

Our February meeting was held at **Harley Chandler's Coach Shop** in Petersburg, Kentucky. What an interesting man and fabulous shop! There was an



incredible wood shop, great blacksmith shop and an extraordinary collection of specialized tools useful in making carriages. Harley and his two brothers have a unique shop that is rare in the world. Approximately 27 people attended from across Indiana. Three pages of photographs follow.

Welding Classes Starting

Delta Welding in Attica is starting a number of welding classes. Dennis Nance will be teaching MIG, TIG, stick, and any other process. One class is starting February 27 and continuing for a total of 3 Saturdays. Other classes will follow. Cost is \$350/person, 3 Saturdays from 9am-12pm. They supply absolutely everything needed. Contact Stephanie Davis at Delta Welding (765.762.9353), deltaweldingsales@comcast.net.

Dates to Remember

March 13, 2010: Rocky Forge meeting at Ted's on "Making Lots of Nails."

June 2-5, 2010: ABANA Conf., Memphis, TN.

June 25-27, 2010: IBA Conference, Tipton.

July 16-18, 2010: Illiana Antique Power Association Show, Rainsville, IN.

September 24-26, 2010: SOFA QuadState Conference, Troy, Ohio.

October 2-3, 2010: Feast of the Hunter's Moon, at Historic Fort Ouiatenon Park near West Lafayette.

The Chandler Coach Shop

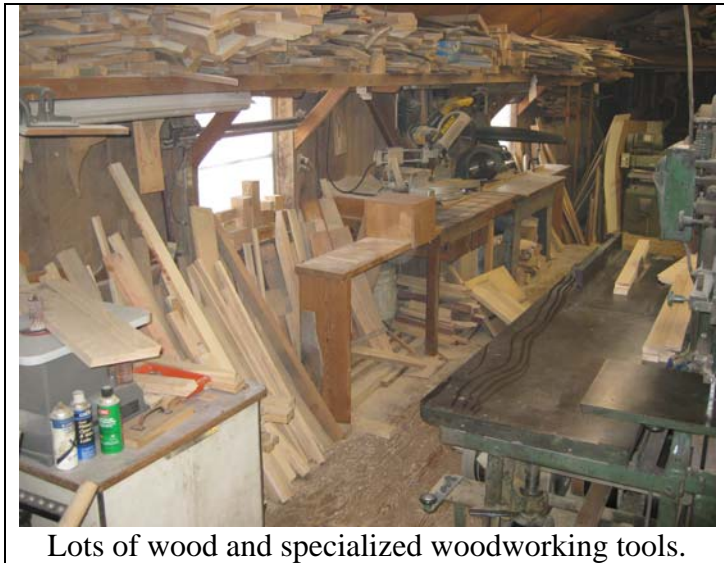
By Dominick Andrisani



The main Coach Shop from the picturesque street.



Adjoining blacksmith shop



Lots of wood and specialized woodworking tools.



Hanging hammers!



Tongs and special tools



Drawer with wood tools.



A few lanterns



Ted makes coal scooper.



Forge from the right side.



A coach in the shop to be reproduced.



This man knows his coaches!



A robust discussion about some obscure tool.



Wheels!



Harley is funny, patient, and articulate.



Wheels!



More wheels!



Larry Whitesell knows a lot about coach making.



Many power tools from the early 20th century.



Harley explains a special saw.

Interesting Web Sites

Silas Seandel, a sculptor and furniture designer, silasseandel.com

ABANA Member's Gallery, abana.org/resources/galleries/members/index.shtml

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Ted asks Harley a question.