

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting – November 10

The next meeting of the Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild will be at Ted's shop on November 10th (8525 W 700 S, West Point), with coffee and doughnuts available at 8:30 AM. The agenda for the day will be making an axe, tomahawk, hawk or throwing axe of your choosing. If you have an example or several examples please bring them for inspection and possible copying. Also if you can, bring your coal, metal and tools for working, I can supply the forges and anvils and some tools. We will have an iron-in-the-hat drawing.

Dan Michael has volunteered to make pulled pork for our lunch. Bring a dish to share that complements the pulled pork.

The Illiana Antique Power Association will be having their November meeting at Stout's on the Monday following the blacksmith meeting. That is November 12th at 6:30 for a pitch in meal followed by a meeting to discuss, among other items, the "Christmas in the Village". All you blacksmiths are invited to attend. In case you did not follow the "Christmas in the Village" last year you really missed a nice event. The show grounds and the blacksmith shop were all decorated with lights and there were events for all ages of visitor. The blacksmiths need to take a more active role in this event, so I am encouraging you to attend the meeting to find out how we can make our shop more "Christmas".



At our October meeting Gary Leman finished an outstanding anvil shaped hardy that also served as a bending fork

Hope to see all of you and some guests at the next meeting. If you have any questions please give me a call at 765-491-2194.

Ted

Last Meeting, October 13

At our last Rocky Forge meeting we had a good time with everyone busy making their own things, Greg Searcy worked on a nice wizard and other items, and Gene Hollingsworth had his planishing hammer, which makes shaping a sheet metal bowl a breeze.

Later in the day several members of the Hoosier Plymouth Club came by to see what we do. The president said they must have enjoyed the visit because they stayed until after 5:00 and do not usually do that. They were an enjoyable group with some really neat old cars. We enjoyed having Jim Johnston and Charley Gruell as guests. Charley spent a lot of time going through a Ted's collection of old tool catalogs from years past.

The month before several of us met at the Illiana Show grounds for that groups "Fun Day". We blacksmithed during the day and Brad McCormick had made a tasty pot of stew on a forge for the noon meal. Poor Brad got called away for a fire call from the Pine Village Volunteer Fire Department right at lunchtime. (We did save him a portion of the stew, but the pot was scraped clean.)

Ted



Gene Hollingsworth at the September 8th meeting raising a copper bowl using a steel ball as a bottom tool.



Deangela (Dannie) Bailey was taught by Gene Hollingsworth how to make a copper bowl.

Photos from our October meeting



Gary Lehman making hardy tool



Paul Robbins making tongs



Greg Searcy making a wizard's head

Dates to Remember

November 10: Rocky Forge meeting at Ted's.

December 8: IBA Meeting at Chaz Kaiser's in Batesville, IN.

No December Rocky Forge meeting.

Interesting Web Sites

Multiplaz 3500 System features two torches that use distilled water for plasma cutting and isopropyl alcohol for creating a plasma vapor; this allows you to weld, solder, braze, heat, harden and cleanse metals without using inert gases. You can work both ferrous and non-ferrous metals (steel, aluminum, copper, cast iron and bronze).

<http://www.multiplaz.com/video>

Facts and Fantasies about File Knives;
<http://pweb.netcom.com/~brlevine/filestory.htm>

Anthony Davis Metalworx (very nice knife site):
https://www.facebook.com/pages/A-Davis-Metalworx/179500425482201?sk=photos_stream

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