

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting Saturday (10/12/2013)

The next meeting of the Rocky Forge group will be October 12th at Ted's shop. Coffee and doughnuts should be ready by 8:30AM and we can start working by a little after 9:00. This will be a workday to prepare machines from the Attica blacksmith shop for transport over to our Rainsville building. The west-end addition has concrete and is ready to accept the machinery (see first photo). The concrete is well cured and has been sealed. The goal on that meeting day will be to actually get some equipment moved to the site and placed approximately where we want it. To do this we need a couple of heavy trailers so let me know if you can accommodate us. Also, I have yet to schedule equipment at both ends for loading and unloading. A lot of what we get accomplished depends on getting those loaders scheduled. If for some reason we cannot, mainly due to the crop harvest going on, then we will spend our time cleaning the equipment. If all else fails we could actually do some blacksmithing.

Once the equipment is moved, then we can start with the roof addition. Future workdays will be scheduled during the week and weekends to get that done. Illiana Antique Power has approved up to \$3000 for us to complete the east-end addition, hopefully before next years show. When completed we will have one of the most complete examples of the early American trades on display during the annual show, 4th grader History day, the Christmas Show and other events. The other events could be our own meeting place, a place for hosting the Indiana Blacksmiths and possibly larger hammer-ins.

Lunch for the next meeting will be a pot of chili, so bring anything you want to pass around that would be good with chili. (Thank you Carol). We will have an iron in the hat that has already grown with donations of stuff from absent members. So bring what you can for that drawing and bring stuff to clean equipment.

One more thing, we have had a good time over the years (since 2002 for some of us) doing blacksmithing and a lot of other fun things. Now is

a time you can help repay the club for all those good times by volunteering to help out during these no blacksmithing efforts. I trust just because we will not be blacksmithing we will have a good turnout at the next meeting and future workdays. Thank you in advance for the support.

Ted

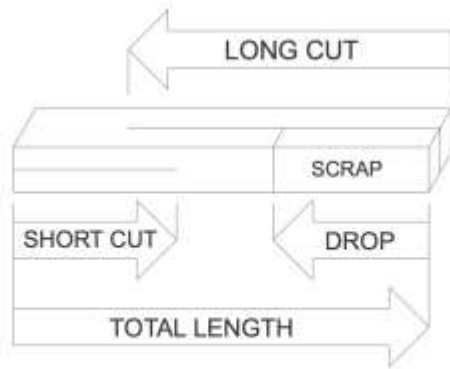


The west-end addition to our building in Rainsville that will house an early 20th century machine shop featuring early American trades.



John Bennett and Brad McCormick chat at Rainsville during our last meeting. John made a bunch of split crosses at the meeting.

SPLIT CROSS LAYOUT					
STOCK SIZE	1/4" X 1/4"	3/8" X 3/8"	1/2" X 1/2"	3/4" X 3/4"	1" X 1"
LONG CUT	2"	2 5/8"	4"	5 1/4"	8"
SHORT CUT	1"	1 3/8"	2"	2 3/4"	4"
DROP	1"	1 3/8"	2"	2 3/4"	4"
TOTAL LENGTH	2 3/4"	3 1/2"	5 3/8"	7"	10 5/8"



Layout of a split cross (provided by John Bennett)

Celtic Cross made by John Bennett

Interesting Web Sites

Appalachian Area Chapter Blacksmith project download page:
<http://www.appalachianblacksmiths.org/downloads/>

Central Virginia Blacksmith Guild, "How to" Tips:
http://www.cvb.org/How_To_Tips.htm

Dates to Remember

October 12, 2013: Rocky Forge meeting at Ted's shop in Westpoint.

October 11-20, 2013: Parke County Covered Bridge Festival, Parke County, IN.

June 6-8, 2014: Indiana Blacksmithing Association Annual Conference in Tipton, IN.

August 13-16, 2014: ABANA 2014 Conference, Delaware State Fairgrounds.

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Punny Things

Broken pencils are pointless.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

Energizer Bunny arrested: Charged with battery!

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.



Dominick Andrisani shows the door knocker he was making at the Feast of the Hunters' Moon