

# Rocky Forge News

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**Next Meeting: 2/8/2014**

## Breakfast in Ted's Basement

For numerous reasons, including the high price of propane gas, we will be having our next Rocky Forge meeting at in Ted's basement starting at 9:00 AM. It will be the first breakfast meeting of the Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild. We will each get to enjoy the company of fellow blacksmiths around the breakfast table. Gene Hollingsworth will show us some sheet metal working tricks and display some of his latest metalwork. Greg Searcy will make his delicious busquits and gravy!

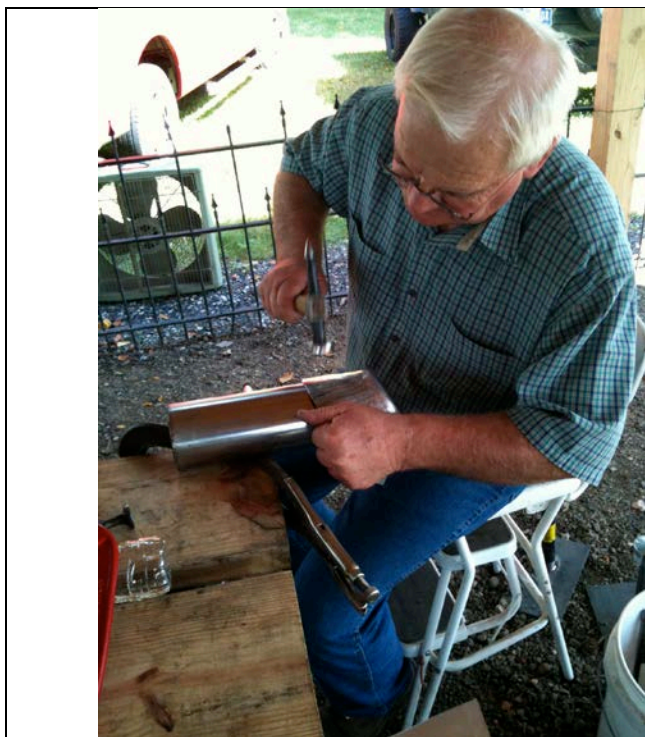
Bring your own work to "show and tell" about.

Bring metal for Iron-in-the-Hat".

We look forward to seeing you at our breakfast meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>.



Meeting Address: 8525 W700S, West Point, IN



Gene making a flat-sided bowl on a cylinder bottom tool. It's all in the bottom tool (plus a million small taps). Here Gene uses a sheet metal hammer as a top tool.



Gene making a round-sided bowl on a spherical bottom tool. Gene often uses a thin bar of lead as a slapping hammer. It deforms to the shape of the work piece as it also shapes the work piece.

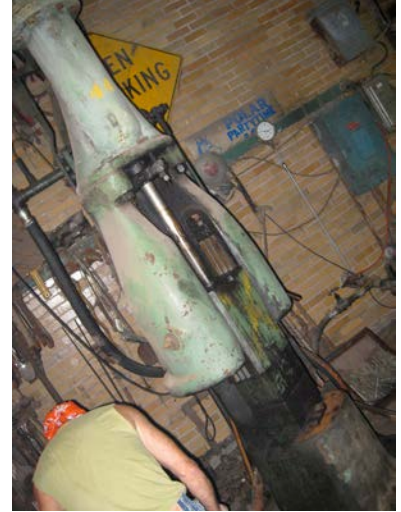
## Jim Claar's Old Power Hammers



Jim Claar, the toolmaking blacksmith from New Lisbon, IN.



Ted and Jim inspect a unique power hammer



Another power hammer!



And another monster!



Many of these hammers are of Jim's design.



And another. Jim had an auction and most of these were sold.

### Interesting Web Sites

How to forge v-bit tongs - and how to avoid common mistakes:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_detailpage&v=1F2JtyXqpVU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=1F2JtyXqpVU)

An article about Jim Claar: <http://www.rose-hulman.edu/~wollowsk/blacksmith/JimClaar.pdf>

### Dates to Remember

**March 8, 2014:** Rocky Forge meeting.

**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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