

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting (12/13/14)

Get ready! We are going to have a dooozey of a meeting come December 13th at Ted's shop in West Point. This month's event will be a combined meeting of **Rocky Forge and the IBA** with an **auction** of donated items to help defray some of the new building addition cost. If you have any tools or blacksmithing items or anything you think the crowd would like please bring it for a donation. Our own Randy Padish will be the auctioneer for the day.

We will also have an **Iron-in-the-Hat** drawing so bring items for the drawing.

Eric Shotwell will demonstrate the making of stone working tools. Then he will demonstrate the use of those tools. Eric is an accomplish blacksmith so this should be an interesting and educational demonstration.

The IBA is providing ham (Carol is preparing it.) so bring a covered dish to pass for the meal. The normal crock pots of chili and soups for the December meetings is also encouraged. We don't want to go hungry.

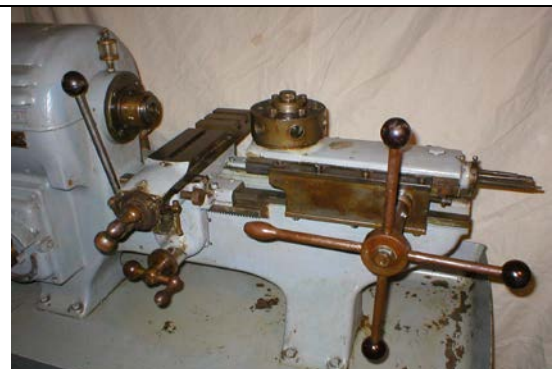
Coffee and doughnuts will be available at 8:30.

The long-range weather report looks good, so we hope to see all of you at the meeting. Ted

Rocky Forge Auction










At this week's meeting we will hold an auction of blacksmith gear. Shown below are photographs of a small selection of the many items that have been donated by our members. There is more to come. The proceeds will go to the Rocky Forge Blacksmith Building Fund. As many of you know, Rocky Forge has expanded its building in Rainsville, IN, to include a machine shop and wood shop in addition to its large blacksmithing shop. There are some fabulous items, so please bring your wallets.

Bardons & Oliver turret lathe: 1" collet capacity with lever closer; 600, 900, 1800, 3600 rpm (motor integral to spindle); spindle brake; 6" travel turret tailstock (6 holes @ 1"); several collets included (B&O pattern; Hardinge will make more); 220V 3--- ph. Bar feeder included (needs stand).



Hydraulic shear: Powered hydraulic shear with an extra blade. 3/4 hp, 120V single phase. Will cut 1/4" x 3" HR steel in 3 seconds, and up to at least 5/8" round steel. Cuts 3/8" x 2", 1/2" x 1", etc. (The lathe and the shear have been donated by Roger Davis).



		
<p>Anvil clock, drawing of Jim Keith, hammer heads, circular bending jig, small anvils, bending fork hardy, Jim Claar lap anvil.</p>	<p>Pencil drawing of Jim Keith. Donated by Jim Keith.</p>	<p>Rivet forge. Donated by Jim Keith</p>
		
<p>Hot cut hardy made by Ted Stout (3/4 in.).</p>	<p>Fantastic Fire Pot made by Jim Claar</p>	<p>Another photo of Fantastic Fire Pot made by Jim Claar</p>
		
<p>2 T-shirts, and tong made by Kenny Dittmer.</p>	<p>MAP Gas torch set</p>	<p>Tools owned by our dearly departed friend, John Haley</p>

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Check out Indiana Blacksmithing Association (IBA) on Facebook.

Dates to Remember

December 25 2014: Christmas.

January 10, 2015: Rocky Forge meeting at Ted's shop.

Interesting Web Sites

Ford Willow Run assembly plant for B-24 Bombers:
<http://www.youtube.com/embed/iKlt6rNciTo?rel=0>

The Merriest Place in Cyberspace:
<http://www.claus.com/index.php>