

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting (3/14/2015)

Spring is in the air, I can smell it, feel it and hope for it. By Saturday all the snow should be gone and the temperature warm enough some of you can work outside in the breezeway.

Some of you know what is going on and for those who do not, I will explain:

Carol went in for her yearly mammogram about two weeks ago. She has gone faithfully for years. Two days later they called and said they needed to do a digital mammogram, then an ultrasound. Following those tests they took a sample from each breast and a lymph node from each side. Monday morning we got the final test results. Breast cancer, "invasive ductal type2" is what they called it. We have a meeting with a surgeon on Wednesday March 11. Hopefully a plan of attack will be decided. Since receiving the news we have been walking zombies, nerve bundles and whatever else can describe the effect of such news on the human body. There have been so many prayers, support from friends and relatives churches and well wishes from so many on Facebook, phone calls and in person. The comfort and spiritual support from all our friends is what keeps us going. It is for that reason we have decided to have the meeting Saturday. We hope to have a good turnout and good time by all.

Jim Keith has offered to bring a pot of chili for lunch, if a couple more could bring a pot of soup or chili that should round out the lunch. Cheese, crackers or other things to go with it would be good. Please do not bring macaroni salad or potato salad, as not many people eat it and when left here we end up throwing it out.

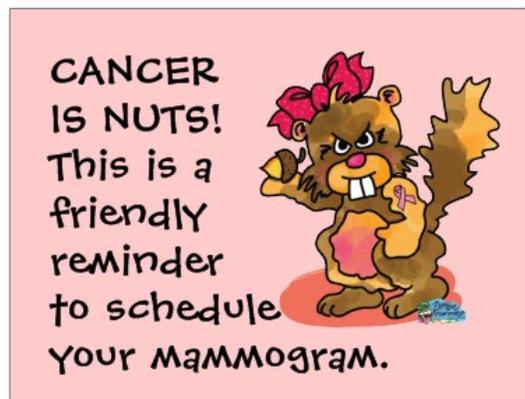
Bring Iron-in-the-Hat items, your favorite hand tools and coal.

Hope to see a lot of you on Saturday. Coffee and doughnuts will be ready by 8:30.

PS: If you have a cold, flu or do not feel good please be respectful and do not attend the meeting. Thank You

PS: If your wife, girl friend and female friends have not had a mammogram, please get one. All of Carol's issue has developed within one year.

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Interesting Web Sites

Forging Bill's 5/8" - 16 mm bolt tongs
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nilS-C7Nc2g>

The Woodwright's Shop: Tempered Steel with Peter Ross: <http://video.pbs.org/video/2365386383/>

Pioneer Axe Making:
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=Qr4VTCwEfko>

Dates to Remember

March 14, 2015: Rocky Forge meeting at Ted's shop.

June 5-7, 2015: IBA Conference, Tipton, IN

Nathan Allen Forges a Hammerhead at Rural Smiths Meeting, February 7, 2015



Forge the rough shape of the straight peen hammer.

Rough shape of the hammerhead.



Punch to start hole. Drift to open hole.

To form eye, start with punch.

Then open eye with drift.



Drift all the way through.



Finish shaping hammerhead, peen and eye.