

Rocky Forge News

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Next Rocky Meeting: July 9

At the Illiana Show Grounds

Our next Rocky Forge meeting will be on July 9 at the Illiana Show Grounds in Rainsville. There will not be a meeting in June. We will use the July meeting time to prepare the blacksmith shop for the Illiana Antique Power Association Annual Show to be held the following weekend (July 13-16). Show information can be found at <http://www.illianaantiquepower.com/showinfo.htm>. Please try to participate in both of these events, as our blacksmith shop is an important component to the Illiana Show and the Show is a lot of fun.

Remember to bring items for Iron-In-The-Hat as this is our primary mechanism for raising funds. Bring a bag lunch and something to share with your fellow blacksmiths. Donuts will be provided and coffee should be hot by 8:30 AM.

Ted Stout In Hospital

Please send your prayers to Ted Stout who is in the hospital recovering from a serious heart attack. He had four stents placed around his heart in procedure performed after midnight on Monday morning. His prognosis is good. He likely will need some months to fully recover and your prayers for his full recovery will be much appreciated.



Lunch together at a recent meeting; a happier time.

Rocky Leadership

With Ted's recent medical difficulty in mind, it is a good time to reflect on the future of the Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild. In case you haven't noticed, we are all getting older. More specifically, the leadership of Rocky Forge is getting older, and they have been serving in a leadership capacity for many years. It is now time for a new generation of blacksmiths to step up and lead the organization. The passing of the leadership reins from the current leadership to the new leadership can be gradual and smooth with the older generation staying involved and mentoring the newer generation. This transition needs to start soon.

So what does the Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild mean to you? How much do you learn from our meetings? How much do you enjoy the camaraderie at our meetings? In what ways are you willing to contribute to the leadership of the organization in order to ensure that it continues to be as effective and as fun as it has been over the years? If Ted's shop were no longer available to Rocky Forge, would that mean the end of the organization? What role can the blacksmith shop in Rainsville play in the future of Rocky Forge? What improvements need to be completed at the Rainsville shop? Are you willing to help improve the Rainsville shop? How can you contribute to Rocky Forge?

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Dates to Remember

July 9, 2016: Rocky Forge Meeting at the Illiana Show Grounds in Rainsville.

July 13-16, 2016: ABANA 2016 Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah

July 15-17, 2016: Illiana Antique Power

Demonstrations at the 2016 IBA Conference



Kim Thomas showed how to make classical scroll shapes.

The right angle is made using angle iron that is forge welded into this piece.

Basic scroll shape made using two forge welds.



Forge welding a faggot weld.

Made from two pieces of angle iron.

Kim giving useful info.



Steve King forges face of hammer head.

Steve King uses a fuller to shape the head. A striker on the left will hit the fuller.

Nathan Allen: to hit hard, lift the hammer high.