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Next Meeting: 1/14/2017

We hope you and your families have a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Fantastic New Year.

This coming Saturday, December 10, the IBA is hosting its December meeting at Don Reitzel's shop in Stilesville, IN about 60 miles from West Lafayette. It is tradition for the IBA to hold its December meeting on the second Saturday of the month instead of the third Saturday. Satellite groups are not supposed to hold conflicting meetings on that date.

We encourage all of our Rocky Forge members to attend that IBA meeting. This week IBA Blacksmith of the Year John Bennett will be demonstrating and he gives good demos. Don Reitzel's shop is one of the more interesting sites for meetings. He has a full blacksmith shop, welding shop, machine shop, and barns full of very large and expensive farm machinery. There will be lots to see and do at this meeting.

Christmas in the Village at the Illiana Show Grounds was a big success. The attendance was large on Saturday evening but somewhat lighter on Friday evening. Many thanks to Marty Mears, Jim Bohlen, Dominick, Brad McCormick, and Ted for participating. The general public is always interested in and appreciative of what we do.

Dominick

Interesting Web Sites

Will Maguire, Artist Blacksmith

https://www.facebook.com/pg/blacksmithwillmaguire/photos/?ref=page_internal

Rachel E. David, Artist Blacksmith:

www.insidenola.org/2015/12/rachel-david-at-barristers.html

OK, This is your last chance:

Rocky Forge Address Book

Rocky Forge putting together an address book of our members for our members. There is a web site for you to provide your contact information and it is at the following URL.

<http://www.rockyforge.org/members.shtml>

Please click on this link and give us your contact information. It takes less than 60 seconds.

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Jim works, Brad chats as Santa watches in the background to see who is naughty and who is nice at Christmas in the Village 2016.

A Christmas bow and wreath hanger.

submitted to the Ocmulgee Blacksmith Guild Newsletter

By David Fink of Westville (Lumpkin), Georgia

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- 1- 1/8" x 1" x 28"
- 2- 5/16" round x 11"

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1- Cut or forge both ends of the 1/8 x 1 to a very steep angle. (See Figure 1)
- 2- Mark the center and fuller or cut a notch 3/8" deep by 1" long. (Fig. 2) leaving a little more than 1/4" of material in the center.
- 3- Measure 8" from notch and add another notch to each end. (See Figure 3)
- 4- Forge the material from the outer notches down to a gradual taper as shown. (in Fig. 4)
- 5- Bend ends down 90 degrees. (See Figure 5)
- 6- Bend over horn so that the 90's overlap & rest over the center notch. (See Figure 6)
- 7- Make collar of the same 1/8 x 1 stock and attach it so that the joint is on the same side as the "ribbons" that were bent down 90 degrees. (The ribbons will hang from the back of the finished piece.) (See Figure 7)
- 8- Push the collar down so that is recessed into the bow and the bow bulges outward to the front as shown. (in Figure 8)
- 9- Adjust the ribbons to a pleasing angle and bend on the horn or with scroll tongs to give them dimension and appearance of real ones.
- 10- Forge a 1 to 1-1/2" hook on the 5/16" round stock and flatten the opposite end. Punch or drill a 5/16" hole in this flattened end to eventually hang it by. (See Figure 10)
- 11- Drill a 5/32" hole through collar & hook. Rivet with 8d nail and apply finish.

