

# Rocky Forge News

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## Next Meeting, 4/14, at Ted's

Will it ever quit... the cold, ice, snow, wind and rain! This has been a spring to forget. On the bright side though I had a good opportunity the past couple of weeks with Steve King (hammer maker and IBA director) in my shop for several evenings working until about 10:00 P.M. We had a great time and made several items of use. We also had visitors (Marty Mears, Dan Sutton and Dominick) and plenty of conversation about blacksmithing and solved many world problems. Steve is a real friend and asset to the blacksmith community. I actually did some real smithing and was the striker on a couple projects. I learned a few things and I think Steve did as well. Now that he is gone I'm all fired up to do some metalsmithing.

Our next meeting will be in my shop Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:30 with coffee, doughnuts and socializing.

I am hoping the weather permits so you can work outside on the forges and get some things done. Please, no knives from railroad spikes, at least until you learn blacksmithing techniques.

I believe having an open forge is our best option, demonstrations are also good, but I feel like you have the winter pent-up ambitions to reshape some metal.

Carol is going to fix chicken and noodles for lunch so bring a covered dish to share. You have been doing really well with your carry in food. We all appreciate a good meal. Thank you. So bring food, your hand tools, and ideas for smithing. Feel free to bring any guests who may have an interest in the metalwork.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on Saturday.

Ted and Carol Stout

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## Dates to Remember

**June 1-3, 2018:** IBA 2018 Conference, Tipton County Fairgrounds, Tipton, Indiana.

**June 27-30:** ABANA 2018 Conference will held in Richmond, Virginia at the Meadow Event Park.

**July 20-22:** Illiana Power Show, Rainsville, IN.

**September 21-23:** SOFA Quad-State, Troy Ohio.

**October 6-7:** Feat of the Hunters' Moon, Fort Ouiatenon, West Lafayette, IN.

## YouTube Videos

**20 mule team wagons (new ones)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S\\_Thvbp0rPo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_Thvbp0rPo)

**Alex Steele Blacksmith: Making a knife with no power tools**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D35JnZHR3YI>

**Mr. Chickadee: Forging Log Dogs**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BusYtVFWCro>

## Meeting Location

At the home of Ted and Carol Stout, 8525 W 700 S, West Point, IN 47992-9258 (765-572-2467 home). Take IN25 two miles south from West Point, IN. Take a right onto West 700 South. Ted's house is the first house on the left.

## 2018 IBA Conference, June 1-3

For the June conference the primary demonstrators are Nathan Allen and Jose "Pep" Gomez. Nathan will be demonstrating traditional blacksmithing techniques. Pep works in unusual Damascus pieces. More information can be found at:

<https://ink361.com/app/users/ig-628057701/lostartsforge/photos>

The Saturday-only demonstration will be power hammer rebuilding led by Bill Conyers, including pouring babbitt bearings.

Nathan Allen will be teaching two one-day classes at Conner Prairie prior to the IBA's June conference. The first class is forge welding on May 30 and the second is tong making on May 31. Details and registration information can be found in the February IBA Forge Fire.

### Kurt Fehrenbach Teaches How to Make a Scroll in His Atlanta, Indiana Shop



Kurt getting the metal how in his coal fired forge. He also uses gas forges when appropriate. He has several large power hammers in his spacious shop.

Kurt showing how to get the scroll started. Once you start, the curvature of the scroll prevents the hammer from getting into the starting point. So the starting point must be correct before wrapping the scroll too far.



Kurt made a teaching piece showing good scroll on the left and bad scroll on the right.



Good scroll! The tip of the scroll looks a little like the tip of your tongue, i.e. rounded in all directions.



Bad scroll! Note straight section at the start of the scroll. This usually indicates that the scroll was machine made. Also the tip is not rounded.