

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting, 6/9, at Ted's

Well many of us are just recovering from a successful Indiana Blacksmith Conference at Tipton, Indiana. It was a very good show with many good demonstrators and lots of tailgate sales. I was pleased at the representation of the Rocky Forge members at the conference.

The Rocky Forge blacksmiths will have their June meeting this Saturday June 9th at Ted's shop. At the last meeting we had planned on having the meeting at the Illiana Show grounds, but due to the predicted weather and other circumstances we will have the meeting at Ted's shop. **Forge welding will be the theme for the meeting** followed by members trying their hand at forge welding. It is such an important part of our trade that all of you need to learn how to do it. Bring your bucket of favorite tools, etc. for your practice of this important process. Open forging will take place after the forge welding session.

Coffee and doughnuts will be available around 8:30 and Carol is cooking hot dogs for lunch and Sandra Glotzbach is bringing coney sauce. You need to bring covered dishes to compliment "hot dogs and coneys".

Thursday of this week if weather permits our mini barn next to the blacksmith shop at the Illiana show grounds will be moved to provide better view and access to the railroad station. It will be moved forward and rotated 90 degrees and sometime before the Illiana show it will be painted barn red with white trim. A walkway constructed of asphalt grindings will be laid from the road and along the blacksmith shop back to the railroad depot. It is my understanding the railroaders will erect a sign near the road pointing to the depot. No flea market setups will be allowed to block the view or path to the depot. The animal barn will be relocated to a new site not yet determined. These changes should make a huge difference in people locating the depot and should also alleviate traffic through the blacksmith shop to the depot. It will be a win-win situation.

Be sure to make the meeting Saturday and learn about forge welding.

Ted and Carol

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Dates to Remember

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.

September 23: Art on the Wabash, Tapawingo Park, West Lafayette.

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

Interesting Web Sites

José "Pep" Gómez Interview on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syaEb2NG34U>

<https://www.instagram.com/lostartsforge/?hl=en>

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.



John Bennett and 2018 IBA Blacksmith of the Year, Steve King, make a rose from a 2" thick steel cylinder.

“Pep” Gomez Gives IBA Demonstration on Making Objects from Pattern Welded Steel



Pep’s dynamic speaking style.



5-6 inches of dragon’s breath.



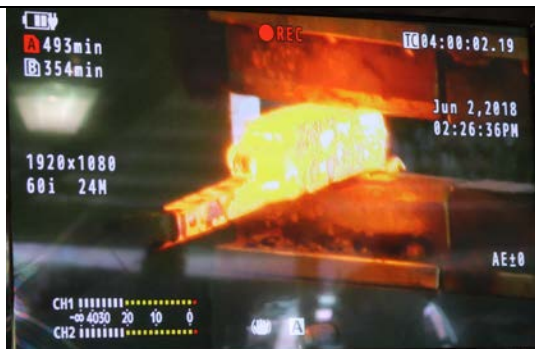
Dark region is bad weld.



Start is layered steel tack welded with a stem.



Metal forge welded and being worked on anvil.



White/yellow metal squeezed in hyd. Press.



Finished produce, Damascus knife.