

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting, September 8

What a great bunch of members we have in the Rocky Forge group! You really stepped up to the plate during the Illiana show.

On Saturday we had 18 metal workers and one accomplished

cooper. As you could tell by the crowds we were a pretty popular place. That is a good feeling! Thanks to all of you and to your families for allowing you the time. I did get my time in which was a goal to make my 25 years blacksmithing at the Illiana Show, it meant a lot.



I hope you all got a chance to see the show, the new assembly hall, eat some pie and ice cream and see Tom and Carolyn Swanson's log cabin. I want to thank Roy Wallace. He made a very nice reed holder (rush lamp) and gave it to Carolyn for the log cabin. I also heard some toilet paper holders for the new assembly hall were made, but I do not know who made them. You all are the best.

We had several things happen during our three days with visitors. Did you notice the number of young people (such as Kyle, pictured at right) who hung around with enthusiasm for our craft, and the number of old gentlemen full of stories of their fascination with their local blacksmiths when they were youngsters? Interestingly, many women are taking an interest. Just look at our meetings.



As a result of some members going to blacksmith at the Indiana State Fair on Monday and Tuesday, the potential for August heat, and my need to reduce stress and recover, ***I have cancelled the August meeting.*** We will regroup in my shop for the September meeting. This might be a good time for you to visit another Satellite group meeting.

For those who may not have known, prior to the show Ted had a blood infection and spent four days in the hospital and Carol had her hip replaced with a new procedure that really worked well and required no pain medication.

Thanks to all of you for the well wishes to both Carol and I. We are both doing well.

Ted and Carol

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Dates to Remember

August 3-19: Indiana State Fair

September 8: Next Rocky Forge meeting.

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.



Rod gets historical at Illiana Show!

Scenes from the Blacksmith Shop at the 2018 Show of the Illiana Antique Power Association in Rainsville, IN



Peter is a Cooper.



Marty is having a good time.



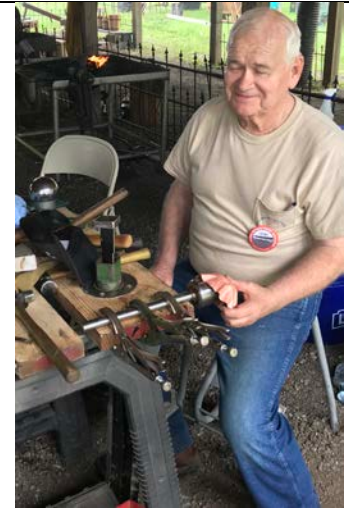
Randy bends some metal.



Gary heats it up.



Dan explains something.



Hear the tap, tap, tap of Gene's hammer.



Dan pumps up.



Brad thinks seriously.



Jim forges and cooks good food.