

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting, November 10

At Ted's Shop

The next metalworking/blacksmithing meeting will be November 10th at Ted's shop. Coffee and doughnuts will begin at 8:30 AM followed by a short business meeting. **Greg Searcy will demonstrate how to make wizard heads.**

After the demo we will have open forging. Bring your bucket of tools and items for Iron-in-the-Hat.

The Charles Kemble family has volunteered to provide the main dish for our meal. It will be a stock pot of chicken noodle soup. Please bring a covered dish to pass around that would compliment chicken and noodle soup. (Carol and I really appreciate their gesture.)

See you all on the 10th.

Ted and Carol



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Dates to Remember

November 10: Rocky Forge meeting at Ted's Shop.

December 1: Rural Smiths meeting, site TBD.

December 7-8: Illiana Christmas in the Village, Show Grounds in Rainsville, IN.

December 8: IBA Meeting at Don Reitzel's Shop in Stilesville, IN (second Saturday).

December 8: NO ROCKY FORGE MEETING

Metal Stores

Metal Supermarket-Indianapolis (East): 3250 N Post Rd #102, Indianapolis, IN 46226, (hot and cold rolled steel, silicon bronze, copper, brass, aluminum, stainless steel, in various forms: sheet, plate, rod, bar, tubing and drill rod), <https://www.metalsupermarkets.com>

Atlas Metal Sales: Good source for metal (including silicon bronze, copper, brass, aluminum, stainless steel, tin, lead and zinc in various forms: sheet, plate, rod, bar, tubing and welding rod), <http://atlasmetal.com>

Online Metals: Good source for metal and plastic (including aluminum, brass, bronze, copper, steel, stainless steel) <http://onlinemetals.com>

Liquid Rust Removers

(Ref: Popular Mechanics, mostly)

Evapo-Rust (\$23 for a gallon) best soak, effective and quick (5* rating).



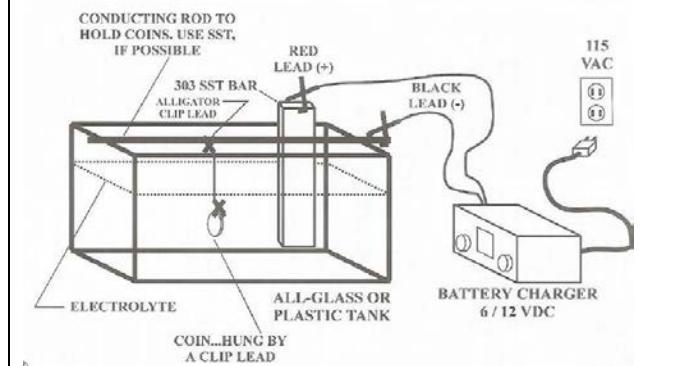
Bull Frog Rust Remover (\$11 for 16 oz.), best brush on, thick honey-like consistency (5*)

Workshop Hero Metal Rescue (\$25 for 1 gallon), leave it on for 24 hours, (4.5*).

Unrust Rust Remover (\$20 for 16 oz.), dissolve product in water, apply and wait 24 hours (3.5*).

White Vinegar (\$2 for 1 gallon) (ref: Ted).

Reverse Electrolysis (ref: Ted), really inexpensive.



Unusual Ironwork in the Church of Santa Caterina

By Dominick Andrisani

The Church of Santa Caterina in Taormina, Sicily, Italy, was built in the first half of the seventeenth century in the Baroque style. It was built on the ruins of a small Roman theater, the Odeon, partially destroying the orchestra pit and part of the southern colonnade of a even more primitive Greek temple dedicated to Aphrodite. Some of the ancient theater/temple has been preserved and is visible through openings in the floor of the present-day church. Those openings in the floor are surrounded by some very old looking ironwork, the subject of this article. I do not know how old that ironwork is, but it could date back to the construction on the church in the early 1600s.



One section of the ironwork is on the right as you enter the church (pictured at right) and forms a U-shaped barrier to prevent people from falling into the Greco-roman ruins that are several feet below the floor level of the present-day church. The other U-shaped barrier is smaller and is on the left as you enter on the front wall. The construction of both barriers look to be made by the same blacksmith and of the same era.



What is unique about this ironwork is that some of the metal joinery is done by dovetail joints. I have never seen this before and am amazed at the workmanship.

