

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting, February 9, At Ted's Shop

Again, we can report that ole Mother Nature has thrown us a curve ball this winter. It's a good thing we cancelled last month's meeting. My drive had around 8" of snow. One brave soul did not get the cancellation and got stuck in the ditch across from my drive. Whenever we experience bad weather my philosophy is the safety of our members, so there is no reason to take chances.

Let's give it a go on this coming Saturday, February 9th. As usual we will start around 8:30AM with coffee, tea and crumpets, followed by a short meeting, then lighting the forges. Bring your tool buckets and anything to accomplish your chosen project. We will have some very experienced members attending this meeting if you need help or guidance.

Lunch will be ham and bean soup, so bring food to pass around that will compliment ham and beans.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9th which conflicts with a memorial to Clifton Ralph. Carol and I plan to attend that memorial so we need to decide what to do about that meeting. Many of you probably never heard of Clifton, but I can bring you up to date on his history. As I see it, we have a couple of options for March: cancel the meeting or have it somewhere else (maybe our shop at the Illiana Show grounds). Be thinking about it.

Also, Carol is having surgery March 18th, so we need volunteers to handle the food for the April and May meetings.

Hope to see a good turnout on Saturday. We always have a good time socially while honing our metalworking skills. Besides that, it's fun.

Ted and Carol

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Dates to Remember

February 14: Valentine's Day.

February 16: IBA Meeting at Kenny Dettmer's in Stilesville, IN (second Saturday).

March 9: Celebration of the Life of Clifton Ralph, K of C Hall 1400 S Broad Street Griffith, Indiana

June 3-6, 2020: ABANA Conference, Washington County Fairgrounds, Greenwich, NY (east of Saratoga Springs and north of Albany).



Interesting Web Sites

Jesse Savage, Blacksmith (see page 2):

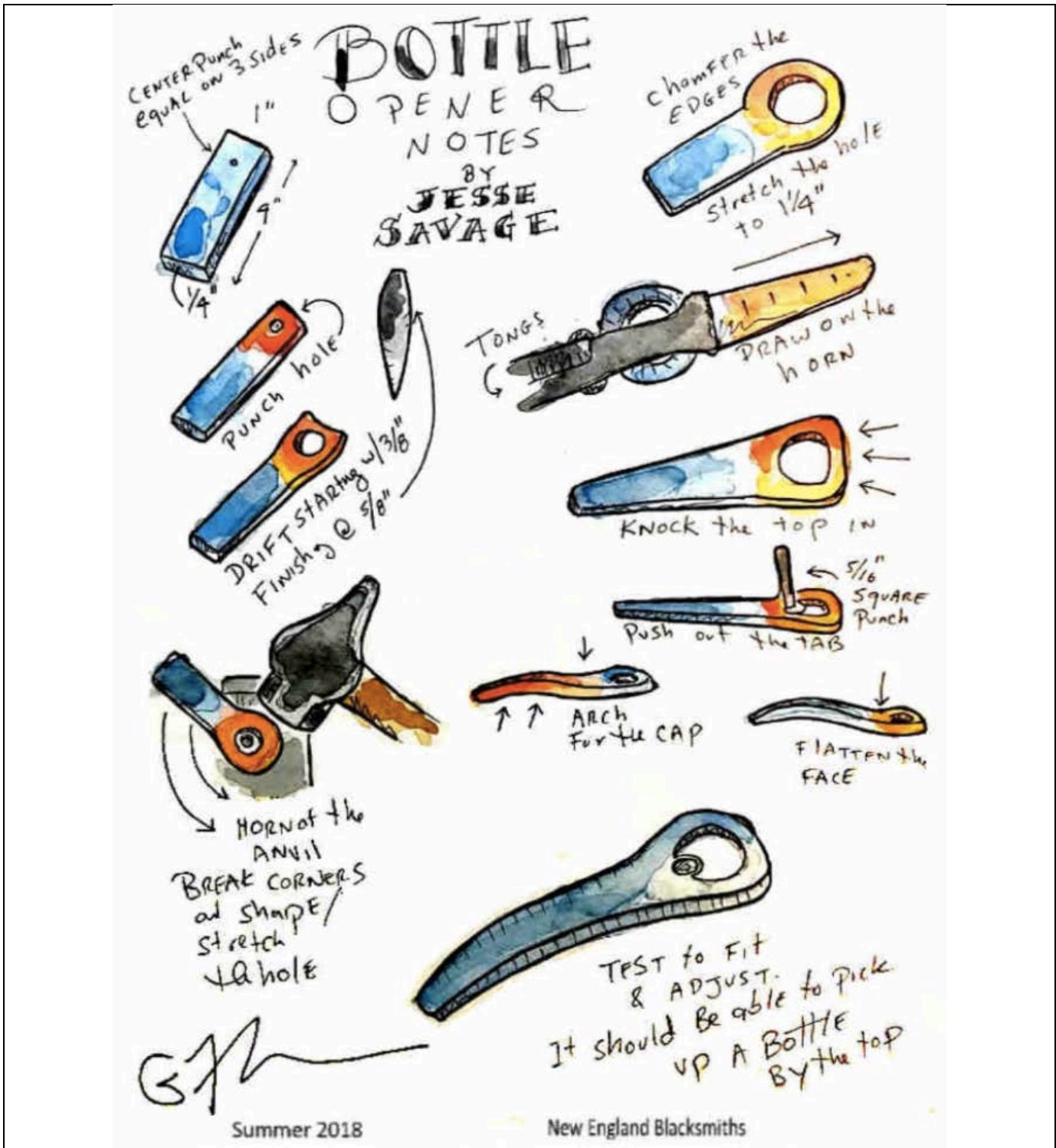
<https://jessesavageblacksmith.com/index.html>

Joel Sanderson Shop:

<http://www.michiganradio.org/post/artisans-michigan-forging-iron-19th-century-tech>



Back in April 2018, the IBA visited the shop of Joel Sanderson in Quincy, MI. Check him out.



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