

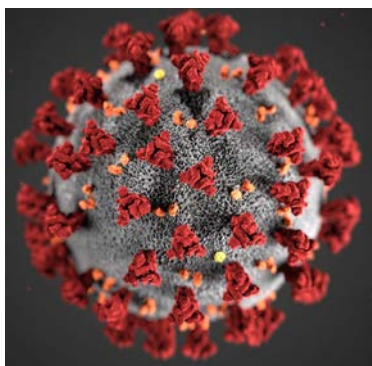
Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting, March 14 At Ted's Shop

Our past history has been some pretty bad weather for the second Saturday of the month, but spring is on the way and it looks like this coming Saturday will be acceptable. Our only liability will be the dreaded Coronavirus. **We will have a meeting this Saturday, but if you have any of these symptoms please stay home: fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue, cold or flu.** That also holds true if any of your immediate family has been or is sick. The rest of us would really appreciate your concern for our health.

The meeting will start at 8:30AM with our usual coffee and doughnuts with a 30-minute social time. Then a short meeting will follow that so we can start to work at 9:30.



The work will be a few experienced members to start cutting the propane tank openings. We have had a couple of work days with some workers who were able to prepare 25 tanks. They removed paint, removed the top and bottom rings making the tanks ready for cutting the openings. The metal for 30 gas forges was cut to size including the legs, shelf and both openings. This was all done by the new METAL Supermarkets on the west side of Indianapolis. What they did will save us a tremendous amount of work, making assembly so much easier and at less cost than the raw metal from their competitors. I urge all of you to consider their store for your metal needs. We can discuss them in more detail at the meeting.

Building 25 gas forges for the members has been a real undertaking with lots of frustration.

The design has changed several times and I trust what we will have now is a forge that will attain 2500 degrees plus or minus 50. The forges we are building would easily sell for \$600 to \$700 each. We think our cost will be in the \$125 range.

While the forge team is working this Saturday, the remainder of you will be able to enjoy and open forge time. We should have some senior members willing to lead the newer people in their projects.

Lunch will be chicken and noodles so please bring a dish to share and that will complement the chicken and noodles. Don't forget Iron-in-the-Hat items. That drawing and donations are our only way to pay expenses and support improvements to the building at Rainsville.

See you all this Saturday!

Ted and Carol Stout

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Dates to Remember

March 14: Rocky Forge Meeting at Ted's.

June 5-7: IBA Conference, Tipton, IN.

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

September 18-20: SOFA Quad-state, Troy, Ohio.

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Work Proceeds on 25 Gas Forges for our Members



Dan and Randy roll rings.



Marty sands off paint.



Ted works on a ring.



Dominick sands. Notice the use of eye and lung protection.



25 propane tanks cleaned up



First one almost finished!



Rear view.

First tank welded (no insulation or burner yet)