

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting TBD

Rocky forgers: we sure miss having our regular meetings, but I am sure you all understand. The COVID-19 virus is raising havoc with every one's lives. Some are affected in more extreme ways than others. At this time, I do not know of anyone in our group who has tested positive and I pray to God no one does. It is a horrible pandemic and will go down in history as such. It's been 100 years since the last serious pandemic in this country and I hope it never happens again. That's enough on the virus let's try and think of positive things going on among ourselves and the group.

Although Carol and I really miss hosting the monthly meetings it has certainly given us a reprieve from the hectic planning like the meal, the agenda, the newsletter, prep for Iron-in-the-Hat, moving things around, putting away my current projects only to drag them out after the meeting, etc. Yes, we miss you guys and gals, it's always a good time.

During this time, I trust some of you have been able to work in your shops and practice metal working. For me, I work out there almost every day, 7 days a week. There have been a lot of restoration projects and market place sales. Pretty amazing how much has left my shop over the past two months. I will continue to do so because, as you know, there is so much, I could make a career out of disposing of "stuff". There have been a lot of "yes dear" projects as well. Don't laugh, you all have them.

The gas forge project sure got put on hold. Some of us got together a couple of times before the virus hit and did metal cleaning and finalizing the methods for measuring and templates made for the holes to be cut. Dominick has some good photos of one that is all welded and assembled except for the burner and the insulation. I sure will be glad to get back to that project.

I have no idea of when we may be able to reconvene. As you know the ABANA conference was cancelled plus many, many more major events. The IBA conference and the Illiana Show will probably follow, time will tell. It would be interesting if we could hear from many of you as to what you are doing and any photos of projects you're working on or have completed. Remember we have Facebook page where you can report what you're doing.



Please stay safe, wash your hands, continue the social distancing and wear your personal protective equipment if you have to go into public places.

Ted and Carol Stout

Dates to Remember

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

June 3-6, 2020: ABANA Conference
CANCELLED.

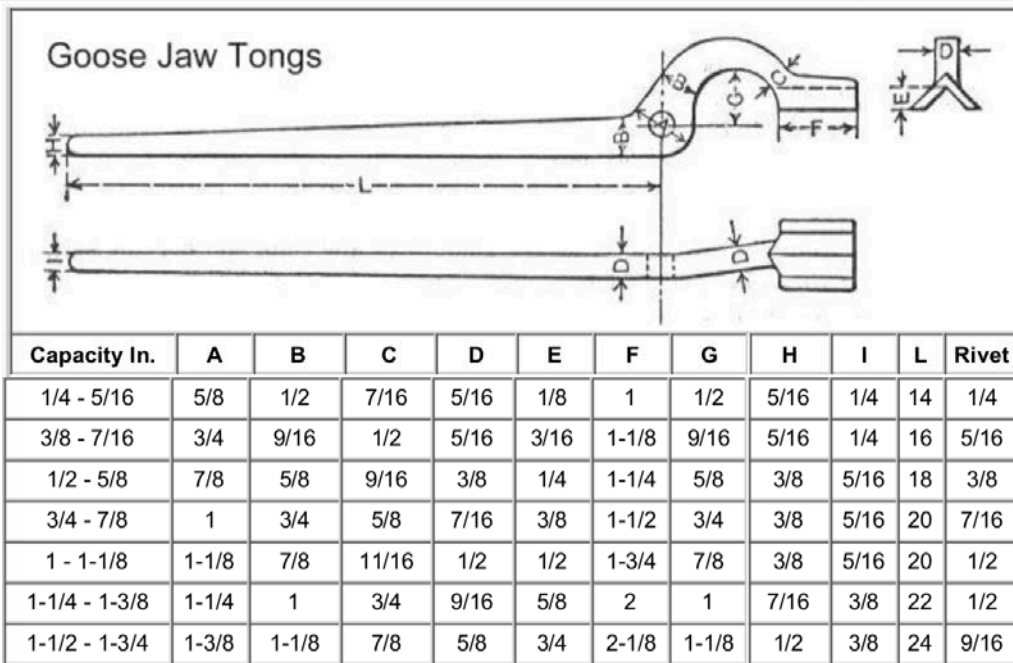
September 18-20: SOFA Quad-state, Troy, Ohio.

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