

# Rocky Forge News

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## Next Meeting, August 14 At Ted's Shop

The Delta variant of the virus that causes Covid-19 seems to be hitting our country with a vengeance. After a bit of soul searching we have decided to hold an August meeting this coming Saturday, August 14, at the usual time of 8:30AM for coffee, doughnuts and socializing. We will then have short meeting about the gas forge project and upcoming events.

Jim Claar, formerly the head blacksmith for the Chrysler plant in New Castle, IN is planning to attend our meeting. He is the craftsman who made those fancy anvils and swage blocks on display in Ted's shop and are pictured at right.

Bring your tool bucket and be prepared to forge for the day.

Also, bring items for Iron-in-the-Hat.

Carol is cooking a pot of farmers stew (green beans, potatoes and smoked sausage). Any covered dish you bring would be appreciated.

Hope to see a lot of you on Saturday.

Ted and Carol Stout



Jim Claar lap anvil laying on an unusual anvil.



Jim Claar anvil with integrated swage block.



Claar rotating swage block.

## IBA Regional Conferences

This year the IBA is planning three smaller regional conferences, one in the middle of the state, one in the south, and one in the north. Each will be modeled after the Tipton conference schedule of a Friday night short demo, Saturday demo's, perhaps a gallery, etc. These plans are evolving rapidly so stay tuned.

The third of these regional conferences will put on by the Covered Bridge Blacksmith Guild and will be take place on September 3-5 at the Parke County Fairgrounds (1472 N US Highway 41 Rockville, IN). Details should be posted in the IBA Facebook page and in the Forge Fire newsletter.

## Dates to Remember

**September 3-5:** 3<sup>rd</sup> IBA Regional Conference, Covered Bridge Blacksmith Guild, Parke County 4-H Fairgrounds, Rockville, IN.

**September 24-26:** SOFA Quad-state, Troy, OH.

**October 9-10:** Feast of the Hunters' Moon

**May 11-14, 2022:** ABANA Biennial Conference, North Fort Worth, Texas.

## Coal Available

Marty Mears has 50-pound bags of coal available for \$20 a bag. To buy this coal call or text Marty at 765-201-2836.

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**Rocky Forgers at the Indiana State Fair**



Gene with his copper and aluminum bowls and cups.



Pioneer Village Blacksmith Shop.



Wil Fuller makes a cross for his father.



Dominick talks up a storm.



Gene at his copper raising bench.



Miss Indiana State Fair and blacksmith Justin.