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Next Meeting, January 8, At Ted's Shop

As I write this news today it is Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941. That was 80 years ago, I was born a little over two months later. My family endured the difficulty of war years as many others did. We all survived and came out much stronger because everyone pulled together. My thanks to any of you who have served the military.

The gas forges are finished, and we have already dispersed several. At this point we have several to go, but still unable to get the gas hose. Apparently, they are stuck on a container ship waiting to be in unloaded. We're hoping within the next week or so. The cost is \$265 and if you so desire an additional donation to the guild would be greatly appreciated.

I want to thank all those who helped clean up the leaves in preparation for the "Christmas in the Village" at Rainsville. It's an annoying chore that has to be done. We had good weather and a good camaraderie.

Also, a huge thank you for those who decorated and participated in the event. We donate time, gas, metal, coal, etc. to make children and parents happy. This year was no exception. We got lots of compliments and happy children.

Not only that, but those of us participating had a good time. Next year will be even better.

Due to an IBA meeting the second Saturday of December, we will not meet until January 8.

Have Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

See you all in January.

Ted and Carol (765-491-2194)

Illiana Antique Power Assoc. Christmas in the Village, December 5th and 6th

By David Dillman

What a fun and exciting time to be a part of the Illiana Antique Power Association. For many years Caleb and I have been attending the Christmas Village but now that we are members of the Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild we are participants in the event. Of course with any big event it must start with clean up. Pictured here with Eric, Gary and myself burning leaves.



The event itself kicked off with us finishing up the decorations as we decided not to put them up early so they would not have to go thru the bad weather.



We had lights hanging on the building along with lanterns. And a huge wreath. But of course the star of the show was the cross that Ted built.

We had quite the crowd of Rocky Forge members.
Eric and Chuck



Domick and in his hand the cross he was making for people. Brad (on the right) was the only one not fighting coal using his propane forge.



David (myself) and Caleb making J and S hooks.
Eric (on right) keeping warm in his short sleeves!



Ted, Carol, Caleb and myself taking a little break
on Saturday night after the crowds died down.



And lastly Ted looking pleased as punch at how well we represented the Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild at the Illiana Antique Power Association's Christmas in the Village.



Dates to Remember

- December 11:** IBA Hammer-In, at Don Reitzel's shop in Stilesville.
- January 8, 2022:** Rocky Forge meeting at Ted's shop in West Point.
- May 11-14, 2022:** ABANA Biennial Conference, North Fort Worth, Texas.

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