

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting, September 10, At Ted's Shop

The next meeting for the Rocky Forge Blacksmiths will be Saturday, September 10th, at Ted's shop.

We will have **Bill Cory of the Indiana Blacksmith Association giving a hands-on demonstration of making tongs.** He is known for his useful tong making ability. The metal of choice is 3/8" by 1" if you have any bring it along or know of a local source let me know ASAP.

This is a meeting all of you should try to attend. Hopefully, each of you will go home with a nice set of tongs.

We will have roasted chicken so bring a covered dish to accompany the chicken.

Also bring your tool bucket and items for Iron-in-the-Hat drawing.

Sounds like a fun day of doing what we like to do.

See you all on Saturday.

Ted and Carol, 765-491-2194

Special Iron-In-The-Hat

For this September 10 meeting Ted and Dominick have donated an unusually large number of metal items for Iron-in-the-Hat. As a result, this event should be exceptionally rich in "blacksmith gold". Don't miss this opportunity to bring home useful metal for your blacksmithing projects. Don't forget to bring whatever metal you can spare to add to this fun event.

Interesting Web Site

Illiana Antique Power Association:
<https://illianaantiquepower.com>

The Importance of the Illiana History Day (September 23)

For many years Illiana has entertained fourth graders from several local schools (350–425 kids). The program for the kids is a number of educational demonstrations (~30) to enlighten the kids understanding of our early American life in this part of Indiana. There are many, many volunteers who spend a lot of time preparing for the event. The kids in turn write letters of appreciation and that's the payoff for us volunteers. It's always so satisfying to see their faces when a blacksmith shapes, bends or twists a red-hot piece of metal.

It is for that reason that many of you would enjoy demonstrating and explaining some history of the blacksmiths.

I have done this for many years, and Dominick and others have joined me the last several years. This year Dominick and I would like to bow.

I trust some of you will volunteer to help with this import event. We need your help with this.

Ted

Dates to Remember

Illiana Fall Festival/Craft Fair/Swap Meet:

Saturday, September 17.

History Day #2 at Rainsville: Friday, Sept. 23

Christmas in the Village: Friday and Saturday, December 2-3.

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Photographs from our August Meeting

