

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting November 11 (at Illiana Shop in Rainsville)

Next Saturday, November 11, will be our next Rocky Forge meeting date. It's also a day to honor our veterans. I'm sure we have some veterans in our group and we thank you for your service and sacrifices.

The meeting will be at the Illiana shop, and the temperature may be in the 50's. Be sure to bring your tools, Iron-in-the-Hat items and a sack lunch. Also, the water to the shop will be off so bring your own or use the outside hydrant up by the club house. The agenda will be to learn the different ways of tapering and led by Charles Kemble. Ted will provide 18" pieces of 1/2" round stock for practicing your skills. This is all part of the [ABANA National Curriculum](#).

At our meetings you will not be required to participate in this program. If you have other projects to pursue you're welcome to do so. However, I believe this program can help sharpen our skills and improve our ability to effectively move hot metal.

We will discuss some old business followed by new business as outlined below:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Any sign of rodents
- Metal storage cabinets
- Randy P. tank to trade for an argon tank.
- Fabrication of 4 more forges
- Restore vises and blowers
- Tables at each forging station
- Gas heat for colder weather?

NEW BUSINESS:

- Christmas in the Village (December 1-2, 5-8 PM)
- Christmas decorations for the building
- Brainstorm items to make during Christmas in the Village
- Sucker rod

- Set up shelves from Eric for the sheet metal tools.
- Dominick, the realtor key box

We will try to quickly whizz through the agenda.

See you all on Saturday at 9:00 AM.

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Dates to Remember

[Christmas in the Village](#), Illiana Showgrounds, December 1-2, 5-8 PM.

[ABANA Conference](#): June 6•9, 2024, Johnstown, PA (Note: this date conflicts with the traditional date for our 2024 IBA Conference).



At our last meeting the wooden forge on the right was added to the east side of the blacksmith shop. That means there are now six functional forges on the east side. (There are two functional forges on the west side of the shop.) Dan prepares to forge on the left.