

# Rocky Forge News

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## Next Meeting

**Might Be January 13  
(Perhaps at Illiana Shop in  
Rainsville)**

Weather predictions for Saturday, January 13, are not looking very good. The high temperature looks to be 22 to 25 and that is during the afternoon. The morning will be very cold in a building with no heat. The other problem is the wind and snow, maybe even ice. So, our January meeting looks questionable but not yet cancelled.

**If the weather man is wrong and it's safe to travel and is above freezing, we will issue an update on the meeting by Thursday afternoon. Keep an eye out for a Thursday email update.**

Meanwhile, we still have several projects awaiting completion:

1. Four coal forges to be completed and attached to their respective vents. (Charles Kemble has that assignment.)
2. Provide two forging stations dedicated to training and equip them with two anvils for young students.
  - a. (Ted has two railroad rail anvils for this.)
  - b. Purchase two 8' Lifetime tables. (Ted)
  - c. Build some work benches for the dual forging stations.
3. Restore forge blowers and post vises.
4. Find a way to keep the rodents out of the building.
5. Add a board or boards to the step down into the concrete area.

6. Try to sell some of the heavy machinery.
7. A cabinet for shop tools and MIG welding accessories.
8. Continue to develop our building, blacksmithing and other metal working skills.
9. Others....

I still have sucker rod available if any of you are interested. Please be safe during these winter periods of cold and slick conditions.

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## Dates to Remember

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

