

ROCKY FORGE NEWSLETTER

Notes from the Forgemaster

Cooler weather is upon us. Hopefully, the cooler air will inspire more participation and creativity at the forge. Looking forward to fun and fruitful gathering of our members on September 13.

We can enjoy coffee and doughnuts around 8:30-9:00 followed by our business meeting. Then light the forges.

Be sure to bring whatever tools you will need and items for iron in the hat. Let's try to upgrade the quality of our drawing.

Dan M. will be grilling hamburgers for lunch, so the rest of us need to bring covered dishes to pass. (Note: The covered dish must be full.)

Looking forward to a good day with "like thinking friends".

Ted

Notes from AnvilDan

I recently made a new stand for my anvil. I learned this technique from John Bennet. I took 2x12 cut too length. The stand height is based on the blacksmith and the anvil. I need an anvil to be about 30" high and my anvil is 12", so I made the boards 18" long. I then staggered the boards for stability and provide a place for tooling. Once I screwed them altogether, I then cut a piece of 1" x 1/8" flat stock to create the tool place. I then took a weed burner torch and burnt the boards to give it some pizazz. Finally, to mount the anvil, I used construction adhesive. This takes the ring out and makes it incredibly quiet. I'm very happy with the stand and look.

Another thing I learned from John Wooten at the Solomon Farms Blacksmith Shop in Fort Wayne. He has a sifter, about 1/4" square mesh. He uses it on his firepot ash to sort out clinkers, coke and unburnt coal. I used it on my forge and was amazed how much easier it is to sort and there was quite a bit of useful fuel. I now have a bucket of clinkers for Elliot 😊. I also used it for sifting through coal from my bin. There was a lot of dust and it made for a cleaner fire I think.

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Upcoming events

9/13/2025 RFBG meeting at Illiana

9/27-29 Quad State

10/11 & 12 Feast of Hunters Moon

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