

Rocky Forge News

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This Month's Meeting

January Meeting: Demonstration of Patterned knife-making by Billy Merritt; Weather - permitting, Billy works for the highway department and if a storm is expected there will have to be some alternant. At Ted's at 9:30 am. Bring Iron in the hat of interest to knife makers; Ted would like to get back as much of the demonstration fee as possible.

Upcoming Meetings

February: Joint meeting with Rural Smiths, demonstration by Shane Stegmeier. I think it will be on historical hinge making. This meeting is also at Ted's but on the first Saturday of the month, February 5, NOT our normal second Saturday.

Newsletter

Several things that I have been asked about that I would like to see in the newsletter:

Equipment or tools to buy, sell or trade; especially things for the beginner and the poor.

Projects- Things you have done, would like to do, or learn to do. Maybe even something you need help on or want to teach others.

Help wanted- for instance I have a disassembled round metal grain bin that will house my shop someday. I could use some more hands to bring someday closer.

Input from you- Articles, pictures, advise, anything that I don't have to create. I would like to make up a calendar with us as pictures and art.

I have not heard from anyone about the items in the previous section that I included again. I have come up with a few things in my travels that may interest you.

Announcements

The Wabash Valley Blacksmithing Club has tools that they bought to equip their hopefully soon finished, new shop at Fowler Park, Terre Haute. They had a sale of the excess and all went well. Now they have a few tools left that they would like to clear out. They have mostly bolt tongs, flat stock tongs, cutoff hammerheads and a small amount of miscellaneous left. These are the leftovers and are not nice, but they only want \$3 each and I think I got all of the unserviceable or in need of repair tongs. There were 50-100 pieces left last I heard. I thought I had Max's phone #, but can't find it. I do have his email: Max E. Hoopengartner E-mail Address: commeh@uhhg.org

The IBA has money earmarked for scholarships and a lack of applicants. I have not checked much on this. I do not know who to contact with the IBA or definitely what these will cover, but the board of directors would like to see this money used. I would like to see someone get this money also. The only mandatory condition that I have heard is that the recipient demonstrate/ teach others what they have learned. I would like to find out what the application process is and what it will cover along with some suggestions as to available courses and what people who have taken the courses thought of them.

Mike Frasier, (765) 548-0604, is looking for a 75 to 100 lbs anvil. He is not a collector and wants a decent anvil for use with decent edges and a ring.

I have 3 or 4 leg vices beyond what I need: 4" to 5" jaw width most have springs and mounts. I also have a hand made wrought iron leg part of a leg vise that I would like to use or see used, but I doubt that I can make the missing part but would like to try, any suggestions? David Childress (765) 492-4904.

Now I have included some items of interest it is time for some input from members. I never have enough time to include everything I had

hoped to include. Anything YOU want to have seen will be included, call it my motivation.

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