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9:30 AM is the regular meeting time for IBA Hammer-Ins
with beginner training available at 9:00 AM.
PLEASE MAKE SURE TO ASK FOR HELP!

**If you would like an IBA membership application form,
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BULK LOTS ARE AVAILABLE TO DEMONSTRATORS,
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More nearby resources and organizations for blacksmiths:

Rural Smiths of Mid-America:
Meetings are on the first Saturday of each month
Call Ron Gill
317-374-8323 for details

IBA MEETING SCHEDULE

Check the latest *Forge Fire* for monthly IBA revisions.

Sept 20
2014

**WHITEWATER VALLEY
BLACKSMITHS
(SHOP OF JIMMY DEAN)**

Oct 18
2014

TBD

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Editors Message

This months IBA hammer in will be hosted by the Whitewater Valley Blacksmiths at the shop of Jimmy Dean. I believe lunch will be a pitch in, so bring something to share. Hope to see you there.

This months edition of the Forge Fire includes a couple of new publications that may be of interest to you.

First, Jerry Darnell has completed a book on forging colonial ironwork. Copies can be ordered directly from Jerry. Details are on page 4.

Second, Randy McDaniel has published a book on hydraulic press forging. I have seen hydraulic press demonstrations at both St Joe Valley and Bunkum Valley hammer ins, so I know there are IBA members who may want a copy of this book. Details about the book and order information is listed on page 6.

The 2014 Indiana State Fair wrapped up last month. All accounts indicate it was another big hit. Fall Creek included a number of photographs in their satellite news on page 5. Bill Newman was able to instruct State Fair Queen, Alyssa Garnett, on page 8. Bill also shared some additional photos posted on page 9. Please thank Bill for coordinating the IBA participation. As a side note, I believe Bill may be thinking of forming an IBA satellite located at the Pioneer Village blacksmith shop. If you have an interest in seeing this satellite being formed, please contact Bill.

On several occasions we have included information about a memorial tree for Clifton and Joann Ralph's grandson. The tree was completed a few months ago and was dedicated at the cemetery last month. Jim Johnston shared some photographs of the event on page 7.

Jim Johnston and Jeff Farmer took a recent trip to the ABANA conference in Delaware and to a PAABA (Pittsburgh) conference. A few photographs from the trip are shown on pages 10 and 11. There are many examples of fine artistic and architectural iron-work.

Many of you will be heading to SOFA for the Quad State Conference. The conference is the last weekend of September. Further details can be found at:

<http://sofablacksmiths.org/quadstate/2014/quadstate2014.html>

Finally, Ted Stout shared some information about a metal sculptor named John Lopez. It was not clear to me whether the photographs were copyright protected, so I am not publishing them. I would direct you the following internet address:
<http://twistedsifter.com/2014/05/scrap-metal-animal-sculptures-by-john-lopez/>

IBA Satellite Groups and News

Sutton-Terock Memorial Blacksmith Shop

Meet: 2nd Saturday at 9 AM
 Contacts: Fred Oden (574) 223-3508
 Dennis Todd (574) 542-4886

Wabash Valley Blacksmith Shop

Meet: 2nd Saturday at 9 AM
 Contacts: Doug Moreland (217) 284-3457
 Max Hoopengarner (812) 249-8303

Maumee Valley Blacksmiths

Meet: 2nd and 4th Saturday
 Contact: Clint Casey (260) 627-6270
 John Schamber (260) 579-7303

Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild

Meet: 2nd Saturday at 9 AM
 Contacts: Ted Stout (765) 572-2467

Whitewater Valley Blacksmiths

Meet: 2nd Saturday
 Contact: Keith Hicks (765) 914-6584

Bunkum Valley Metalsmiths

Meet: 1st Saturday
 Contacts: Doug Neukam (812) 259-4430
 Steve Stoll (812) 486-9668
 Kathy Malone (812) 725-3310

Jennings County Historical Society Blacksmith Shop

Meet: 2nd Saturday at 9 AM
 Contact: Ray Sease (812) 522-7722

Fall Creek Blacksmith Shop

Meet: 4th Saturday at 9 AM
 Contacts: John Zile: (765) 533-4153
 Larry Singer (765) 643-5953
 Farrel Wells (765) 768-6235

St. Joe Valley Forgers

Meet: 4th Saturday at 9 AM
 Contacts: Bill Conyers (574) 277-8729
 John Latowski (574) 344-1730

The Southern Indiana Meteorite Mashers

Contacts: Billy Merritt (812) 338-2876
 Steve King (812) 797-0059
 Jeff Reinhardt 812-949-7163

One Armed Blacksmith's Shop

Meet: 1st Saturday
 Contact: Tim Metz (812) 447-2606

"Doc" Ramseyer Blacksmith Shop

Location: 6032W 550N, Sharpsville, IN 46060
 Meet: 3rd Sunday at 2 PM
 Contacts: Mike Kelley
 Charles Gruell (765) 513-5390

Jennings County Historical Society Blacksmith Shop

The Jennings County Historical Society Blacksmiths began with Moe Handy showing us how to straighten a coil spring with an invention of his own making. It worked rather well. Ray Dean began a pair of tongs and a nail header. Charlie Helton did a retake of the spring straitening. It was so fast and easy with Moe's tool that many missed it and asked for a "redo". Charlie then worked his magic by brazing in a "jar cock"? I may have the wrong terminology but it was still neat to watch. Brad Weaver made a beautiful leaf and ended with a nice off-the-wall hook (which I got from the Iron-in-the-hat). Brad then made a "Colts" style horseshoe from rebar. Ray continued to work on his tongs while Leelynn Dean worked in making a snake from a horseshoe nail. Diana Dean had a "leaf-101" instruction lesson. We had 19 to attend. We will help support Haden blacksmith shop on Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Paul Bray

The Southern Indiana Meteorite Mashers

We met this month at Dave Kunkler's in Branchville. Several of our members were unable to attend due to having to work the holiday weekend. They were missed. Donna Kunkler presented us with a great chicken soup, much relished by this writer! Mike Mills forged a Viking belt hook, Butch Sparks made a flint striker and so did Jeff Reinhardt. Several leaves were made, including several by Pete Riddle. He finished one into a coat hook. Jeff Reinhardt reforged a hammer head into a double diagonal peen hammer for Pete. Pete gets the fun of grinding it. Our Sept meeting will be Sept 20th in Mill town demo'ing for the festival.

IBA Satellite Groups and News (continued)

Bunkum Valley Metalsmiths

The Bunkum Valley Metalsmiths met at the White River Valley Antique Association show over the weekend of the 4th through the 7th. The weather was really hot on Friday, kind of damp on Saturday and just beautiful on Sunday. Several of our club members came, around 20, and took turns working in the blacksmith shop. I know some of them were making leaves not sure what else was made. I do know that the senior smiths make a lot of replacement parts and do repairs for some of the engine exhibitors. Thursday was special needs kids day. Friday was school kids day, and there were a lot of them. They were very interested and curious. Some of the ladies gather and make things at the show also. I didn't take pictures at the show but I did get someone to send me a picture. We had 3 generations of blacksmiths in the shop this weekend. On Sunday some people wanted to see a demonstration of triple hammering also known as the blacksmith waltz. We got the 3 generations in the shop and they did the blacksmith waltz together. This is CJ Sauer, Joe Sauer and Endora Sauer. Not something you see every day, not to mention the youngest of the generations is a 15 year old girl. It was great!! We had a great time visiting together and seeing all the interest in what we do.

Until next time...Kathy Malone secretary.



Forging Colonial Ironwork

By Jerry Darnell

* Taken from Jerry Darnell's Web site: " My new book Forging Colonial Ironwork is finally here. It is a compilation of over 22 years of teaching notes at the folk school and various conferences thru out the US. It has about 120 pages both sides, divided into 4 chapters Colonial Lighting, 18th Century Hearth Equipment, Early American Hardware and Hooks and Hangers. There is a mix of projects from simple to advanced. If it is well received I'll have the next two volumes of notes printed. The cost is \$20.00 plus 6.75% tax and \$10.00 for shipping and handling. Send a check to me or visa/master by phone.

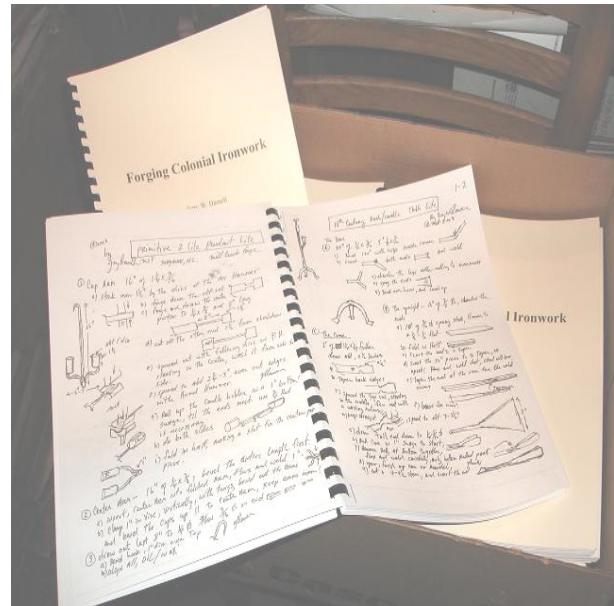
May be ordered by phone or e-mail or you may visit the salesroom weekly from 10 to 5 and on Sat. 9:30-5:00

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IBA Satellite Groups and News (continued)

Fall Creek Blacksmith Shop



Fall Creek Blacksmith Shop: 5 members of our satellite group demonstrated the last two days of the fair. We had some rain early Sunday but the day ended up nice and a good crowd.

Don Reitzel and Ron Gill helped us out both days. If you didn't make it to the fair, Don Reitzel had a nice display inside the pioneer barn. Also pictured is a candle lighted music stand that Don made. Also pictured is a adjustable pot holder Wesley made for the first time with Ron providing guidance. Everybody did a good job taking turns at the forge and talking to the public. I made a few nails and things. Making some special requests from the public. Garry even got up to the forge for a spell. Bill Newman filled in when some went to eat. Dave Kline hammered away all day long as usual. (I wish I had his energy.)--When you see Bill Newman the next time, tell him he's doing a great job.

Reported by Dave Wells



Hydraulic Forging Press for the Blacksmith

by Randy McDaniel.

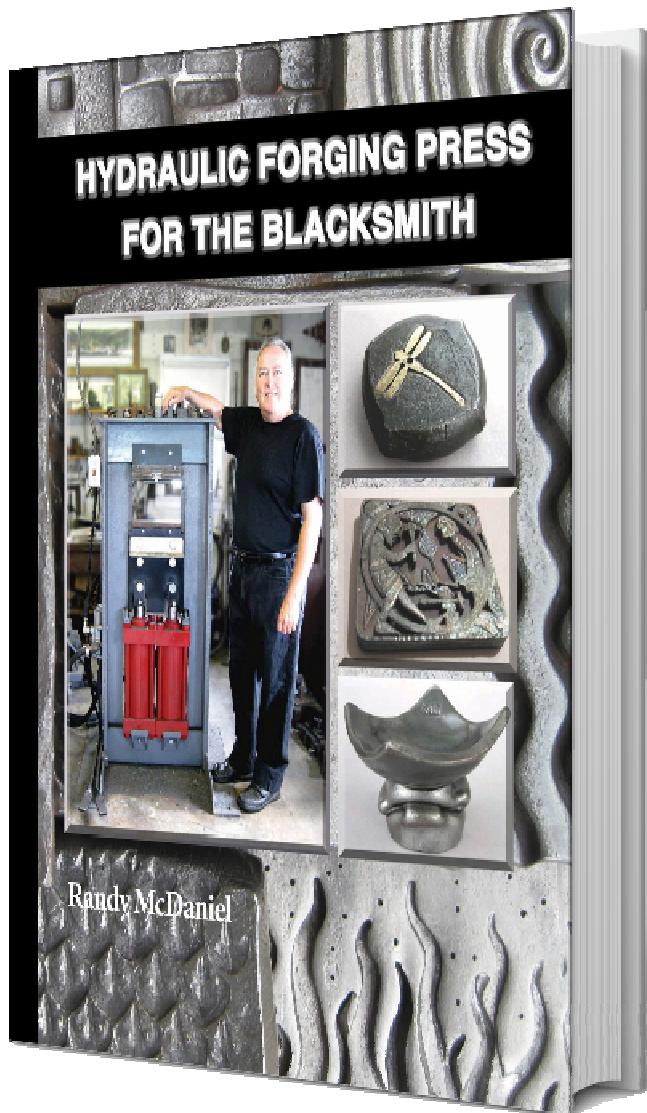
Award-winning author and blacksmith, McDaniel has brought together an international group of collaborators to assemble Hydraulic Forging Press for the Blacksmith, a useful and inspirational resource for anyone forging hot metal. McDaniel addresses the comparison between a Power Hammer and a Hydraulic Forging Press, and focuses on the full potential of the Hydraulic Press.

The Hydraulic Forging Press is becoming an increasingly important resource to blacksmith shops across the globe. It allows more creativity and detailed work when melding hot metals, which is perfect for blacksmiths, knife-makers, and even jewelers.

Hydraulic Forging Press for the Blacksmith documents the journey of McDaniel's passion for blacksmithing, which lead him to the Hydraulic Forging Press. McDaniel walks his readers through the history, usability and versatility of the press for the blacksmith. A contributing group of artists provided their work for a gallery that is featured within the book in full color.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: McDaniel has been a blacksmith since 1972 and gained recognition for writing and illustrating A Blacksmithing Primer, A Course in Basic and Intermediate Blacksmithing. Blacksmiths, blacksmithing organizations, and schools around the globe are using this book to teach basic to intermediate forging. He has written articles for Fabricator Magazine and The Anvils Ring Magazine. Randy now creates all of his own tooling and dies which he uses to produce a line of unique items.

Hydraulic Forging Press for the Blacksmith was officially released on August 14, 2014 and is available through on-line and local booksellers, www.astragalpress.com or by calling SkipJack Press at 866-543-3045.





Dedication of Memorial Tree

Photos and Article from Jim Johnston

I spent Sat. in Hindsboro IL. at the dedication of Timmys Tree. As you know Timmy was Clifton and Joans grandson who died in an accident some years ago. There were about 65 people in attendance including Clay Spencer and his wife Jackie, Roger and Janet Lorraine, Doc and Tom Shirtz and Jeff Farmer, Ted and Carol Stout. I wish I could remember everyone who attended but the mind doesn't seem to work that way. We went to the site and listened as the family shared memories and then went back to the house and had a small celebration of life and a fine meal. Jim



Pictures from 2014 Indiana State Fair

Indiana State Fair Queen, Alyssa Garnett, hammers with Bill Newman
Photos courtesy of Glenda Whitesell



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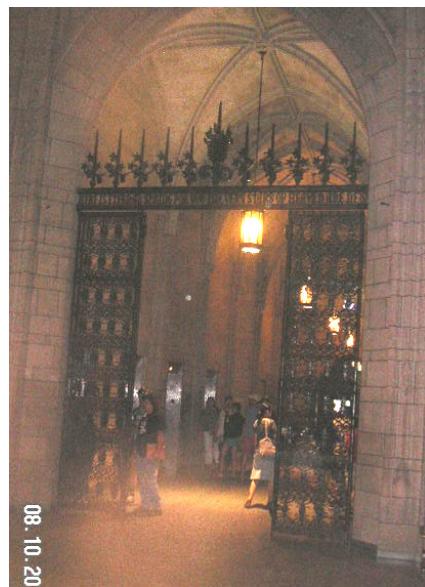
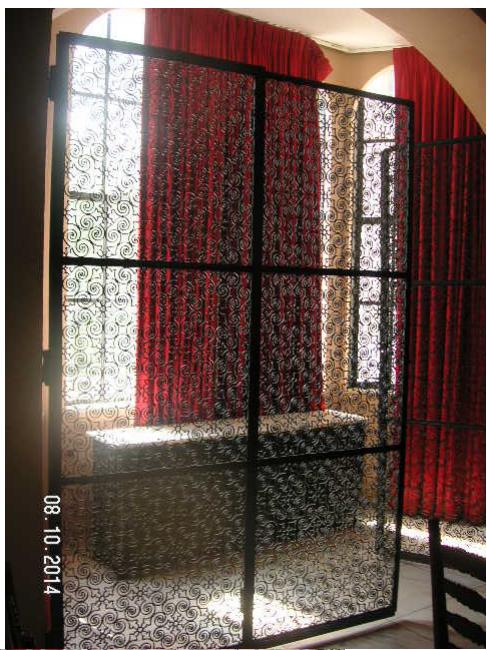


Images from ABANA courtesy of Jim Johnston



Jeff Farmer and Jim Johnston Visit PAABA (Pittsburg Area Artist-Blacksmiths Association)

Photos by Jim Johnston





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Whitewater Valley Blacksmiths**

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For more info call Keith Hicks at 765-914-6584.

Directions: Coming from the west on I-74, exit 164. Turn Left (north) onto Indiana state road 1 toward St. Leon about 6 miles turn Right onto U.S. Hwy 52 4.1 mi. turn left onto Elkhorn Rd. 1.8 mi. turn Right onto Mueller Rd. 0.1 mi. road changes to Seeley road 0.8mi. arrive at 3104 Seeley road.