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10:00 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,
please contact Farrel Wells, Membership Secretary
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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 Moe Handy
(317) 862-5647 for details.

IBA MEETING SCHEDULE

Check the latest *Forge Fire* for monthly IBA revisions.
Contact **John Wendel** (812) 343-1969 if you are
willing to host or demonstrate for IBA

July 17 2010	SOUTHERN INDIANA METEORITE MASHERS, PAOLI
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BIRTHDAY
BASH
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Editors Message

This edition of the Forge Fire is dedicated to this years IBA Conference.

Hats of to Jim Johnston. He organized a wonderful conference. Turn out was the largest I can remember with about 260 registered attendees. We had three demonstration areas full of spectators throughout the weekend. The spouse and beginner areas were packed as well. We had plenty of tail-gate sales, including some larger suppliers.

The Saturday only demonstration started with John Zile showing off a number of techniques including his treadle hammer. John was followed by Charlie Helton teaching a variety elements and joinery tips that could be used in many different projects.

Jack Brubaker demonstrated forging with an artistic flare. Jack forged both iron and copper. Throughout the demonstration, Jack relayed information about European blacksmithing using water powered hammers.

The largest draw was the trio of Clifton Ralph, Kurt Fehrenbach and Steve Parker. They forged out a post vise on a good sized steam hammer. Larry Mereck of Illinois furnished the hammer and boiler. The steam hammer was very interesting to see in action. It was a 2-person operation with one to position the work piece and one to operate the steam control levers.

The done at home projects were very well done. The judges needed quite a bit of time to decide the order of completion. The top table project went to the Vernon group for a tea cart that met a very good reserve bid in the auction.

Three key awards were presented. Blacksmith of the Year was awarded to Jim Johnston who was very deserving for his tireless efforts. Rookie of the Year was given to Kevin Welsh of the Vernon group. The new Paul Moffett Service Award was given to Don Neuenschwander.

JJ has already lined up some top demonstrators for next year with Clay Spencer and Peter Ross.

State Fair is just around the corner. After the fantastic conference the IBA will be on a high note going in front of the general public.

Visit the IBA website at: www.indianablacksmithing.org

Fall Creek Blacksmith Shop**East Central Region****Henry County**

Meetings of the Fall Creek Blacksmith Shop are held on the fourth Saturday of the month starting at 10 a.m., with open forge at 9 a.m. at the residence of John Zile in Middletown. For more information contact John at (765) 533-4153 or Larry Singer at (765) 643-5953. Or Farrel Wells at 765-768-6235, flwells@verizon.net

Maumee Valley Blacksmiths**Northeast Region****Allen County**

The Maumee Valley Blacksmiths and Blue River Blacksmith Guild are a merger of two of our satellite groups. They Meet on the first Saturday of the month at the Maumee Valley Steam Association Grounds in New Haven, Indiana. Call Clint Casey at 1-260-627-6270 for more information.

St. Joe Valley Forgers**North Central Region****St. Joseph County**

Meetings of the St. Joe Valley Forgers are held on the 4th Saturday of the month starting at 9 a.m. at the residence of Bill Conyers in South Bend. For more information contact John Latowski at (574) 255-6209 or Bill Conyers at (574) 277-8729.

The Southern Indiana Meteorite Mashers**Southern Region****Orange County**

Forgemaster Billy Merritt (812)338-2876, Treasurer Steve King (812)797-0059, Secretary Shawn Gilley(812)-486-9113

One Armed Blacksmith's Shop**Johnson County**

Meetings of the One Armed Blacksmith's Shop are held on the 1st Saturday of the month starting at 9am. For more information contact Tim Metz at (812)447-2606 or tim.metz@cummins.com.

Wabash Valley Blacksmith Shop**West Central Region****Vigo County**

Meetings of the Wabash Valley Blacksmith Shop are held on the second Saturday of the month starting at 9 a.m. Meetings are held at the blacksmith shop in Fowler Park, approximately 7 miles south of Terre Haute. For detailed information contact Max Hoopengartner at (812) 249-8303 or Rick Helton at (812) 894-3172

About 13 people showed up for our May meeting. We kept the forges busy with several of us working on a variety of projects. Rick Helton helped Aaron Parker make a triangular dinner bell for his school. Tex Ritter was reworking horse-shoes into heart-shaped hooks. Michael Wollowski was working on a set of tongs he had seen in a German metal smithing magazine.

Our June meeting took place on a warm day and as such, most folks enjoyed the shady outdoors and the delicious ice cream Max Hoopengartner brought over. Michael Wollowski forge welded an octopus for the conference auction.

Sutton-Terock Memorial Blacksmith Shop**North Central Region****Fulton County**

Meetings of the Sutton-Terock Memorial Blacksmith Shop are held on the second Saturday of the month starting at 9 a.m. at the Fulton County Historical Society Museum. The museum is located four miles north of Rochester on US 31. For information, call Fred Oden, Forgemaster & Treasurer, at (574) 223-3508, or Dennis Todd Secretary/Reporter at (574) 542-4886.

shop opened at 9am

Paul Fleischman forged a wizard head

Dan Neidig Forged a door pull

Tim Pearson forged a poker

Jeff Hasse made alot of B.S. and griped he also forged a wizard head

Shop closed at 2 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Dennis (Bear) Todd

Secretary/Reporter

Jennings County Historical Society Blacksmith Shop**Southeast Region****Jennings County**

Meetings of the Jennings County Historical Society Blacksmith Shop are held on the second Saturday of the month starting at 9 am in downtown Vernon. For more information contact Ray Sease at (812) 522-7722.

The Vernon blacksmith shop was opened at 6:00am by Matt Jones, Kevin Welsh and Trey Wingham. Kenny Dettmer tested a length of high-strength reinforcing cables for its workability. It didn't take long to discover that it doesn't like high heat--r it tends to crumble. After reforming the end, it was drawn to a point and curled after making a basket of the rest. This would make a nice handle for something. Ray Sease then volunteered to make a concho for our conference cart. Also making conchos were: Matt Jones, Bill Kendrick, John Wendel, and Gerald Williams. Winding down, Trever Fogg (a newcomer) spent some anvil time working on a home project. A work day was set to meet at Kenny Dettmer's to work on the cart, which (thanks to Kenny's generosity) turned out to be real successful. One more day should make us conference ready. I hope you are too. See ya there!

Paul Bray

Whitewater Valley Blacksmiths

Meetings of the Whitewater Valley Blacksmiths are held on the second Saturday of the month starting at 4:00 p.m. They meet at Big Cedar Forge, the residence of Joyce Roell & Bobby Hoff, east of Brookville on SR 252. For more info call Keith Hicks at 765-647-0019.

The weather was horrible for the June meeting. After Tom Poole showed us a new forge design he had made, we quickly retreated to the air-conditioned shop. We were able to put the finishing touches on our table project. Later that night we were hit by some fierce storms and lots of rain.

The conference at Tipton was a great time. Hot weather, cold drinks. Old friends, new friends. Good people and bad jokes. We were intrigued by the boiler and steam hammer, learned plenty of new things from the wonderful demonstrators, and we all brought home some goodies. The conference just gets better every year! .

Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild**Northwest Region****Tippecanoe County**

Meetings of the Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild are held on the second Saturday of the month starting at 9 a.m. Meetings are held at the home of Ted and Carol Stout, approximately 8 miles south of Lafayette. For more information contact Ted Stout at (765) 572-2467.

July Meeting at Illiana Showgrounds (7/10/10)

Our next meeting will be July 10th at the Illiana Show grounds in Rainsville. The coffee pot and treats should be ready by 9:00 so bring your forges, metal, coal, tools and ideas so we can set up for the show which starts on Friday. There will Illiana members there most of the week so I am planning to leaving most of my stuff there after the meeting. The IBA conference is behind us now and we can concentrate on the Illiana Show coming up July 16th, 17th and 18th. I am getting excited about the show because it is a good time to do some blacksmithing and visit with friends.

Some time will be spent cleaning our building, setting the iron fence and just getting ready for the show. I sure hope to see a lot of you guys set up for show this year, we make such an impression and have a good time over that three day period. It gives us a chance to get in some real blacksmithing time.

For the meeting please bring your iron in the hat and lunch. Don't forget lunch because there will be no other alternative unless you drive to Attica or Boswell. For those who plan to camp or RV remember to call for reservations.

See you all on July 10th to make some smoke noise and iron goodies.

Ted Stout, Forgemaster

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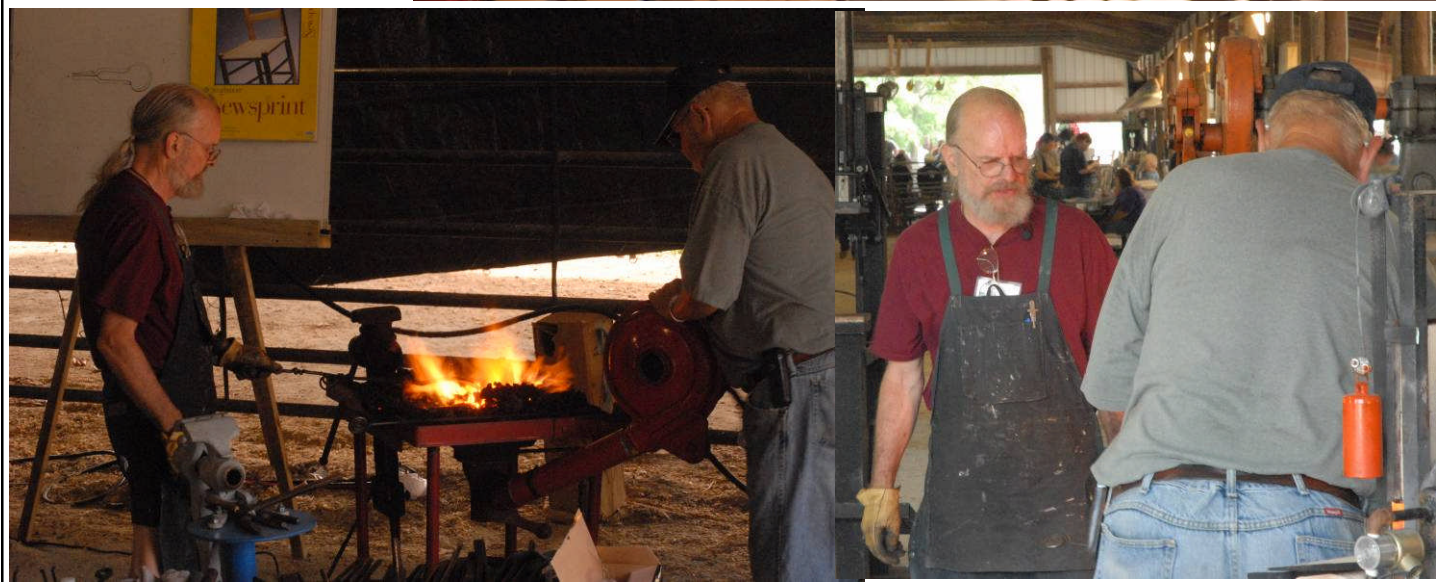
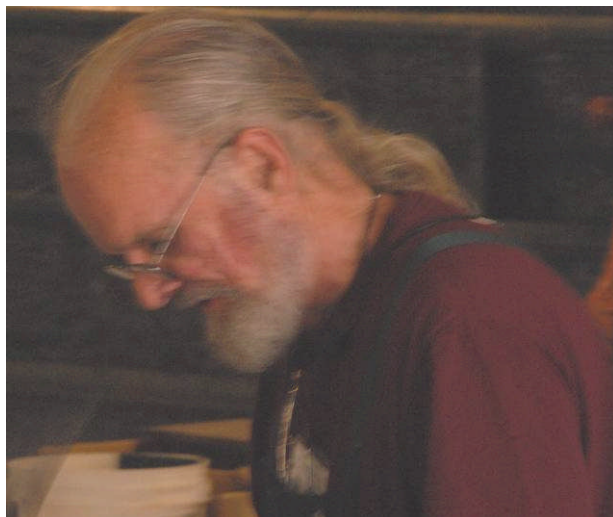
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Clifton Ralph, Kurt Fehrenbach & Steve Parker make a post vise
with Larry Mereck's steam hammer and boiler



2010 IBA Conference Photos

Jack Brubaker demonstrates with Joe Goebel assisting

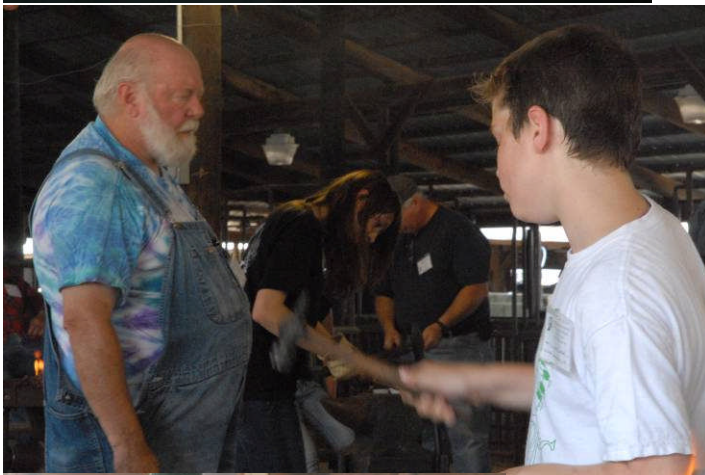


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John Zile & Charlie Helton with Brad Weaver

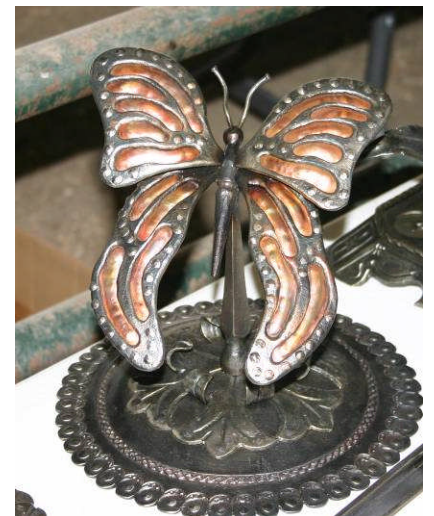
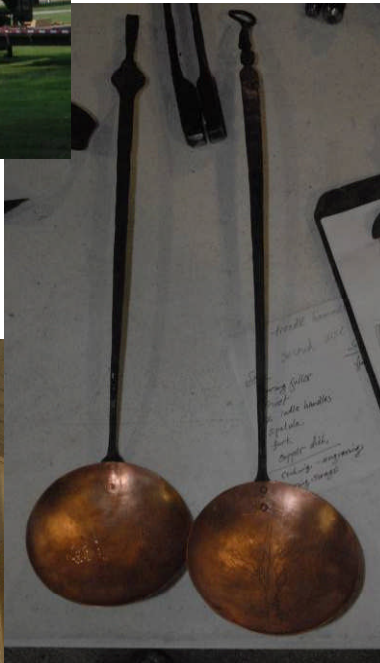


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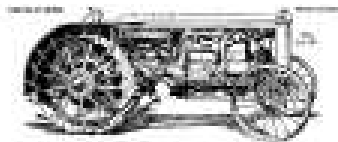
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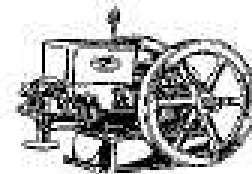
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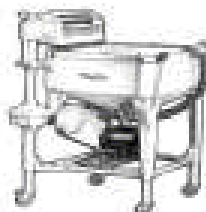
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Fees subject to change prior to June 1, 2010

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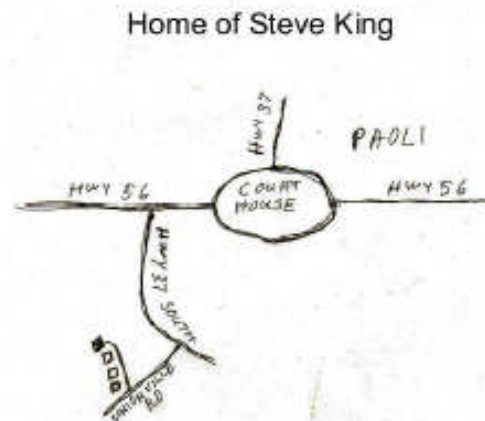
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**July 17
Paoli, IN
Steve Kings Shop**

**Southern Indiana
Meteorite Mashers
(look for signs off SR37
south of Paoli)**



August 21

Jennings County Blacksmiths

Vernon, IN

(take SR 3 & SR7 to Vernon and turn at the Courthouse)