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# THE FORGE FIRE

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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,  
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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

Aug 21 2010	<b>JENNINGS COUNTY BLACKSMITHS VERNON</b>	
Sept 18 2010	<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>WABASH VALLEY (BOARD MEETING)</b>
Oct 16 2010		<b>ROCKY FORGE TED &amp; CAROL STOUT'S</b>
Nov 20 2010	<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>ST. JOE VALLEY BILL CONYERS</b>



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**INDIANA STATE FAIR AUG 6-22**

**SOFA QUAD STATE SEPT 24-26**

**IBA 30TH BIRTHDAY BASH OCT 16**

## Editors Message

### Notice!! Schedule Change:

As I set out this edition of the Forge Fire, we have a tentative schedule change. The September hammer in and board meeting has been moved. Tentatively we are planning on meeting at Wabash Valley in Fowler Park. The November hammer in will be at St Joe Valley.

Be sure to check the expiration date on your Forge Fire mailing label. IBA dues run June to June. Any one who has not renewed their membership by September will be removed from the mailing list. For your convenience an IBA membership form is included inside the back cover of this issue.

August brings us the Indiana State Fair. The IBA is filling the blacksmith shop in the Pioneer Village again this year. Stop in and see what is going on. Please send in your photos and stories to share with those who could not attend.

Speaking of sharing, this months satellite group input was a little sparse. I know it is tough to get out forge in the mid-summer heat. However fall is coming. The cool weather and fall color will make it a treat to get out and forge with others. Let us know what is going on. If your group has a special project or festival, others around the state may want to join in.

As mentioned many times in previous issues, 2010 marks the 30th anniversary of the IBA as an organization. Ted and Carol Stout will be hosting a special week-end long hammer in October 15-17. We have two fund raisers to help cover expenses. A comforter made from various blacksmith shirts will be raffled for \$1 per chance or 6 chances for \$5. Commemorative anvils can be purchased for \$10 each. Contact Ted or Carol Stout at ([stout8525@tds.net](mailto:stout8525@tds.net)) or phone 765-491-2194 more details.



Visit the IBA website at: [www.indianablacksmithing.org](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month starting at 9am. For more information contact Tim Metz at (812)447-2606 or tim.metz@cummins.com.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 5:54am. Charlie Helton used a broken horseshoe rasp to start a tomahawk . After forming the eye on a drift and forge welding it, he decided to finish it as a home project. Bob Bynam donated 2 photo albums to the shop and distributed CDs with pictures of the cart, both during construction and at the conference, and photos of the forge rebuild. Bill Newman made a handle for a vintage drill press to match the other handle. Kevin Welsh used 1" square tubing to make rosebuds. Jim Jessie Made a pineapple twist for a newcomer. After iron-in-the-hat and other drawings, many went to eat and some left. Bill Newman worked on his forge welding assisted by Charlie Helton. Bill then proceeded to form a fire-poker approximately 4' long with a "T" handle on the end. While letting the fire cool down, a lot of wars were won, lots of girls kissed and many of the same old tales retold. Everyone had a great time.      P. Bray

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

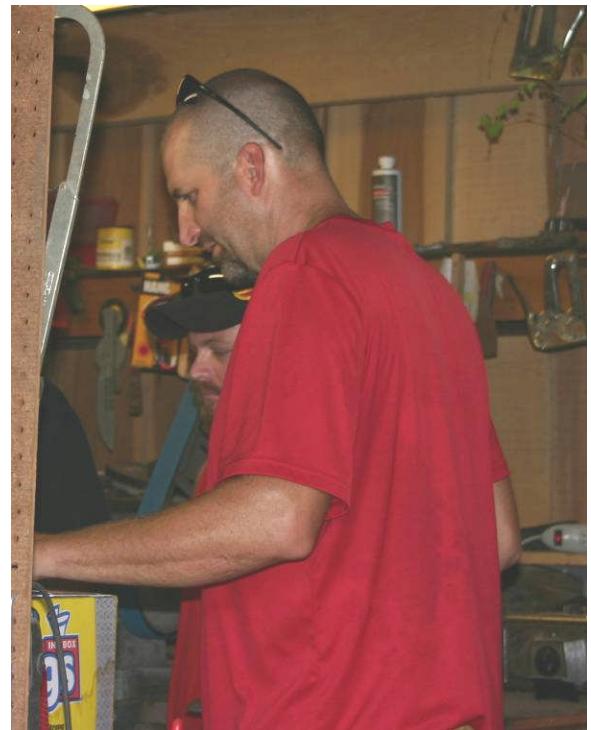
Meetings of the Wabash Valley Blacksmith Shop are held on the second Saturday of the month starting at 9 a.m. Meetings are held at the blacksmith shop in Fowler Park, approximately 7 miles south of Terre Haute. For detailed information contact Max Hoopengarner at (812) 249-8303 or Rick Helton at (812)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

Our July meeting saw us banter and talk more than forge. Eric worked on a heart shaped hook made from a horse shoe and Michael tried to use the power hammer to work the shank of a hardy tool but could not get a good grip so abandoned that project. Tex brought a beautiful dream catcher he had made. Below, you see the dream catcher and its proud owner. The photo is courtesy of Jim Doyle.

**Looking for horse powered logger!**

Ryan Martin has a sister who lives outside of Martinsville on a heavily wooded home site. Many trees need to be removed. Oak, hickory and a few walnut. We were hoping some farrier might know of a logger using horses in Indiana. If no one knows of a logger using horses to haul out trees, does anyone know how to go about finding someone who does? Thanks, Marian Martin      Please respond to: [grnwdmom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grnwdmom@sbcglobal.net)

## July Hammer In At Southern Indiana Meteorite Mashers



## IBA REACHES A MILESTONE

The Indiana Blacksmith Association celebrates our 30th anniversary this year. The organization was formed in 1980 after several meetings at Conner Prairie. So what do we do when we have a milestone..... we celebrate. Ted and Carol Stout would like to invite all of the IBA members, past and present, to a fun fest party starting Friday afternoon October 15<sup>th</sup> and continuing through Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup>. Saturday will be the main day of events. Food, demonstrations, socializing and maybe some entertainment will be on the agenda.

Campers, motor homes, vans, pickup trucks, motels, encampments or just sleeping under the stars are welcome. Limited power will be available and the only bathroom facilities will be porta-johns.

We hope to see you bring your forges, anvils, tools, fuel and plan on having a good ole time blacksmithing. Some members have said they will be doing copper and sheet metal work. There will be some forges and anvil setups on site for use. A hefty amount of scrap metal will also be on hand for your use. Tailgate sales are encouraged. Bring your extra tools, supplies and metal for sale so others may benefit. On Saturday we will have an iron in the hat drawing so bring items for that event.

I know some of you have musical instruments you like to play and we all like to hear the music, please bring your instruments for a good old fashion hoedown.

Plans are still being made for food service, demonstrations, women's activities and lodging. We hope to see a large turnout and already have commitments from some of the IBA blacksmith friends from Ohio, Illinois and possibly Alabama.

If you have any ideas or suggestions to make this event a great time, please call Ted on 765-491-2194. So that we may better prepare for the event we would appreciate a note or phone call telling us if you plan to attend.

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## Business Meeting of the IBA

Held at the Big Cedar Forge (home of Joyce Roell and Boby Hoff).

Meeting brought to order at 10:00am by President Gary Phillips

### Roll call of officers

All present except Dominic Andrisani.

### Treasurers Report:

Presented by Farrel Wells. Checking account 4600.00 Savings...2915.89 CD 21,399.97

Jim Johnston said that Paul Moffet's widow Susie will pay for the storage of the electronic equipment until June 2010

**Motion** by Keith Hicks seconded by Jim Johnston to approve the treasurer's report as read.

Motion passed.

### Conference committee report. Presented by Jim Johnston:

- Jim says the the IBA needs to borrow a gas forge to use during the conference. Jim also said he would like to buy 10 hand hammers for use in the conference. Ted Stout agree to donate them if we don't have enough suitable ones.
- Bill Kendrick volunteered to run the sound system .
- Jim Johnston to get list of vendors.
- Farrel wells sent conference brochures to all ABANA affiliates.
- Cliffton Ralph wants a video monitor for use during the conference so people can see the demonstrations better.
- Jim Johnston is looking into making a DVD of the conference for to sell.

### Election:

Garry Phillips and Michael Wollowski both elected to the board of directors.

Garry Phillips nominated for the office of President. He was elected by acclimation.

Dave Childress was nominated for vice President by Keith Hicks, seconded by Ray Sease.

Elected by acclimation.

Keith Hicks was nominated by Ted Stout seconded by Michael Wollowski for the office of Secretary.

Elected by acclimation.

Ted stout nominated, Farrel Wells for the office of Treasurer. Ray Sease seconded.

Elected by unanimous consent of the Board.

### President Garry Phillips appointments.

Editor: Bill Kendrick

Membership secretary: Farrel Wells

Conference committee and education chair: James Johnston.

Hammer In Scheduling: John Wendel.

Budget Committee: Ted Stout and Dominic Andrisani.

Librarian: Larry Rosentrader.

Web Master: Michael Wollowski

## (IBA Business Meeting Minutes, continued )

**OTHER BUISNESS:**

Charley Helton moved to start a PAUL MOFFIT service award for worthy members, awarded on a bi annual basis. To be administered by the Vernon Group. The award will be a plaque or certificate of appreciation. Seconded by Jim Johnston. Motion passed.

Charley Helton presented a 150.00 donation on behalf of the Vernon Group in the name of Paul Moffet.

Jim Johnston reported that the 50# power hammer will be sent to Kenny Dettmer's shop for reworking the head. The hammer will then be moved to the Vernon Group's shop for testing. The stipulation being that the IBA is responsible for transporting the hammer. Report on the progress to be at the next meeting.

Jim Johnston moved and Michael Willowski seconded to cancel the June meeting because of the conflict with the conference. Motion passed.

Keith Hicks moved to move the next meeting to the fourth weekend in July seconded by Ted Stout. Location to be determined by conference time. Motion passed

**Library Report:**

Larry Rosentrauer discussed the possibility of online registering for the borrowing of library materials. Ted Stout moved to give 500.00 to the library fund for operating expenses. Michael Wollowski seconded. Motion passed.

Ted Stout reported that the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the IBA will be at his place, on the third weekend of October 2010. Money for the party will be raised from quilt ticket and mini anvil sales.

Ted Stout to look into a place to store a pod for the possible saving of storage costs for IBA equipment.

Secretary Keith Hicks to search records to confirm if Board members conference fees are to be paid.

Each Forge master to send a membership list to Farrel Wells

Ted stout moved to raise membership dues to 35.00 per year (all memberships will be family memberships for anybody living at the address of the application) Michael Willowski seconded. Motion passed.

Farrel Wells to send notification of dues increase.

Ted Stout moved to adjourn meeting Jim Johnston seconded. Motion passed.  
President Phillips adjourned meeting at 2 pm.

# THE MAD DWARF WORKSHOP

## 2010 OPEN WORKSHOP & SWORDSMITHING HAMMERIN EVENT



SATURDAY AUGUST 28TH  
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The days events will include:

- 5+ open forges and all shop tools for anyone to use.
- Live music from bluegrass band "the Peach Pickers"
- Hands on display of all of our past MDW swords.
- Awesome food and a delicious sheep roast.
- Plenty of demo's, including bladesmith Adlai Stien, Knifemaker Dave Stephens from Alaska, and world renown swordsmith Rick Barrett.
- And an all day iron smelting demo by Jared Stier.

*Cost is \$15 a person to cover expenses for the days food and materials for hands on work, children attend free.*

Please RSVP by emailing us at:  
[MadDwarfWorkshop@hotmail.com](mailto:MadDwarfWorkshop@hotmail.com)  
or call us at:  
765 702-4876

Hope to see you there!  
- Andy Davis & David DelaGardelle

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Pontiac, Illinois



**Upper Midwest Regional  
Blacksmith Conference**

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**I n c l u d i n g :**

Garden Gates

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Trellis

Whimsical Garden Objects

Gardening Tools

And Things Only You Can Think Of

# **July 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

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Membership in the Indiana Blacksmithing Association is open to all persons. We welcome you. Membership dues are paid at the time of application and are renewed on June 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

**Make Checks payable to: Indiana Blacksmithing Association, Inc.**

- New       \$35.00 All Family Membership (All family members living in your household)  
Please include name(s).  
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- Check here if you would consider hosting a meeting.  
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**Please read and complete the following release form. Form must be signed and dated by each member.**

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Signature	Date	Witness (if not mailed)
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**August 21**

**Jennings County Blacksmiths**

**Vernon, IN**

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

**September 18**

**Wabash Valley Blacksmiths**

Fowler Park Terre Haute

from I-70 take US-41 south five miles

Turn left on East Oregon Church Rd. and travel one mile to Fowler Park