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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
(765) 768-6235.

BULK LOTS ARE AVAILABLE TO DEMONSTRATORS,
SHOPS, SHOWS AND OTHERS WILLING TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP.

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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

October 15-17	30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TED & CAROL STOUTS
Nov 20 2010	WABASH VALLEY FOWLER PARK
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**October 15-17
30th Anniversary**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

OCTOBER 2010

STOP THE PRESSES!

Our conference chairperson J J (James Johnston) saw Clay Spencer at the SOFA conference last month. Clay had been scheduled to be one of our 2011 conference demonstrators. However he had discovered he had a conflict with the date of our conference, June 3-5, 2011). Clay introduced JJ to Ernie Dorrill of Canton, Mississippi. JJ saw his work and signed him up to be a demonstrator at next year's conference. You can do a goggle search online to see a sample of his work. We will have top notch demonstrators next year. Plan now to attend next year's conference.

While JJ was at SOFA he also signed Elmer Roush to be a demonstrator at our 2012 conference. WOW, Good job JJ.

STOP THE PRESSES, ONE MORE TIME!

In a few weeks, Oct. 15-17, we will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the IBA at Ted Stouts home and shop. There will be a special dinner at noon on Sat., Oct. 16. You may camp in Ted and Carol's woods. There will be at least 10 forges set up through-out the woods. There will be tailgate sales. Several well known smiths from out of state are coming. There will be an iron-in-the-hat, so bring your best treasures to put in the hat. The IBA store will be there. There will be someone on site to make specially embroidered tee shirts to purchase. There are other plans being made to make this a very special time. Come, bring your hammer and tongs and have a great time at Ted Stout's from Oct. 15-17.

It is getting close to the time for people to be nominated for election to the board. Put your thinking caps on to think of who you think would do a good job as a board member. Ray Sease has decided that he will not run for the board this year. I want to thank him for the excellent work he has done for the IBA over the years. It has been an enjoyable experience to work with Ray. When you see Ray, tell him thank you for his service. This is what makes the IBA successful, people volunteering their time and energy to help lead us.

See you at Ted's. Keep your fire hot and clean.

Gary Phillips, President IBA

Visit the IBA website at: www.indianablacksmithing.org

30TH ANNIVERSARY IBA HAMMER IN OCTOBER 15-17, 2010

Location:

The Home of Ted and Carol Stout

8525 West 700 South
West Point, Indiana 47992

What to bring:

Tools
Snacks
Portable forge, anvil, coal
Excess for tailgate sale
Iron-in-the-Hat items
New Ideas

Primitive camping, encampments, motor homes,
and vans are all welcome!

Friday:

Setup and Blacksmithing
Evening meal of chili and
hot dogs
6 to 8 coal forges available!

Saturday:

Wake up to donuts and
fresh coffee by the
campfire
Blacksmithing all day with
special projects
Catered lunch
Drawing for Quilt
Ham and beans for dinner

Sunday:

Continue with blacksmithing
Donuts and coffee
Sandwiches for lunch

We would like to see as many blacksmiths as we can squeeze
into our seventeen acres for a great weekend!

RSVP:

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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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

October Meeting at Ted's Shop

During our meeting on October 9th we will have a work-day to prepare for the IBA 30th Anniversary Party on the 15, 16, and 17th. I have a list of things our members can help accomplish. One important item is getting the forges and anvils ready. Some forges need minor repairs and we need to match anvils to stands or stumps. The forge at the show grounds needs to come home and coal buckets will need filling. (We need 5 gallon buckets to fill with coal.) Signs need to be made. Just a number of tasks that our members can do to prepare.

Coffee and sweets will be ready at the usual 8:30 AM time and we will have a short meeting to outline the coming event, plan the work-day, and to chat. Also, we will have an Iron-in-the-Hat drawing so bring some valuable junk. Carol is going to fix a pot of soup so if you can bring something to go with that it would be nice.

Carol and I would appreciate all the help we can get to prepare for this large event. We hope to see many Rocky Forge members at the IBA Party, after all it is the "Rocky Forge" hosting their 30 year anniversary. And remember we have a special project for a very special friend that weekend. There will be some famous blacksmiths at the Party and you may be able to work with them on various projects. Two examples are Lorelei Sims, author the "The Backyard Blacksmith" (Bring your book for her signature.) Another person of fame is Clay Spencer, very well known for his ingenuity to fabricating blacksmithing tools. One of more recent innovations is the tire-driven power hammer. There will be others in attendance that you will enjoy meeting.

Thank You. See you on the 9th and on the 16th.

Ted Stout, Forgemaster

Sources for Coal

Brazil Coal Yard does not carry blacksmith coal any longer. As far as we know, you have two options for obtaining blacksmith coal in Indiana.

- John Steppe (blacksmith at coolcreekforge.com, 317-495-2727) purchased some coal from SOFA that he is selling. If sufficient demand, he will pick up more in December. He burned a good quantity of this coal and found it to produce small amounts of clinker and little ash. It's a smaller size than City Coal used to carry but it's burning hot.
- Dennis and Aaron Watson (812-655-0235 or 0616) near Moores Hill, IN sell blacksmithing coal. John Cummins got a chance to sample an initial batch of coal and liked it. It apparently produces a very small amount of ash.

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

We met at Jerry's shop on sat. Was a perfect day for fellowship and forging. We had six people turn out for the day. And we did as all should do, shared knowledge and taught another new blacksmith how to start out. Alan and Shawn made some large strap hinges for Steve Stall's new shop. Cut out some designs and gave them a good look. Steve made a great lunch of ham and beans and grilled turkey strips. Excellent. Then he jumped right in and started learning his new craft. He did very well. Visited his shop site. Good design and will be nice to see when set up. Next meeting will be at Steve King's shop last sat of oct.30th.see you there. Please bring a covered dish and item for iron in the hat. Hammer on!



SOFA Update from Jim Johnston

A quick report on SOFA, The weather was horrible. It run the gamut wind, heat, rain and cold. All in all a great time. Had a bit of bad news, due to a scheduling conflict Clay Spenser had to opt out of the 2011 conference. Some good news also Clay introduced me to Ernie Dorrill of Canton, Ms. Ernie agreed to come see us next June. He works in classical design of the European Gothic, Renaissance and Rococo periods, circa 13th to 18 century. I am including his handout with some photos. The lantern pictured on the second page won the best of show at SOFA this weekend.

Clay Spencer has attended one of Ernie's workshops and had to candle stands on display at the IBA conference in June. They really are quite impressive. I believe there are photos of them on the web site. I have included Ernie's flyer with photos of his work.

More good news. I met Elmer Roush and being quite impressed I hired him for our 2012 conference. If you are unfamiliar with Elmer he has quite a web presence and you should look him up.

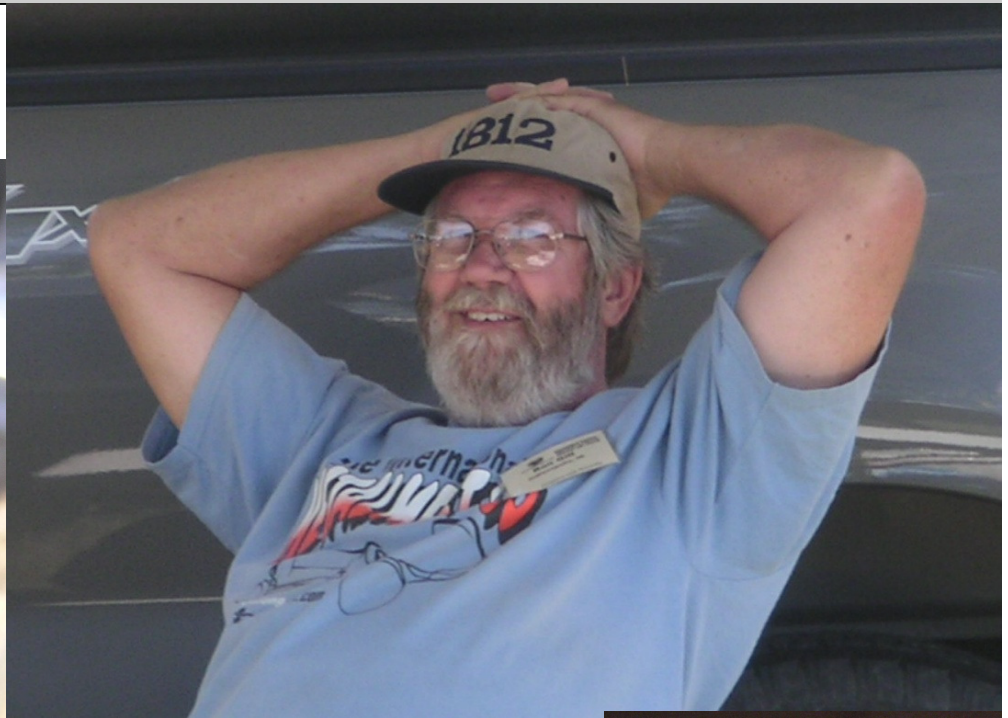
Back to SOFA. I thought the attendance was down a little this year but tailgating was extraordinary. A huge amount of equipment and brisk sales. I loved every minute of it.

Hope to see all of you at the party in October

Jim



More Photos from SOFA



Feature Demonstrator for 2011 IBA Conference

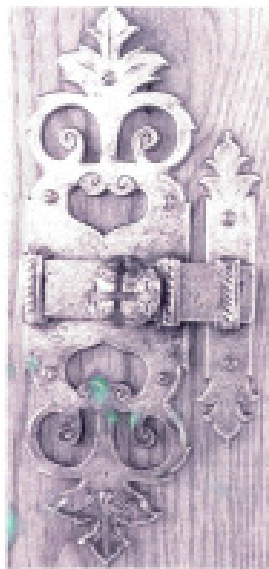
Ernie E. Dorrill III Hammersmith

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Iron artistry of Ernie E. Dorrill III, is reminiscent of the classical design of early *European Gothic, Renaissance and Rococo* periods, circa 13th to 18th Centuries. Graceful lines, subtle textures, repousse', chased and pierced open work and hand forging bring back a time when design and craftsmanship were king and clients settled for nothing less.

Hammersmith Studios specializes in *investment quality* interior furnishings, door knockers, grills, heirloom-quality lighting and small decorative personal items.

- A. Chased & pierced lamp with mica shade, 24" H
- B. Late Renaissance door bolt, 10" H
- C. Pad Lock, 16th Century, 3" H
- D. Candlestick, forged mild steel, 13" H



"I Believe", Mark Pelt

Passing of Roy Westcott

I came home last night, "Sunday, Oct. 3," and called Charles Gruel to see if he was OK. He told me that it was announced at a Rural Smiths meeting that Roy Westcott had passed away. I called Roy's son and was told Roy was found beside his bed, on the floor. He had prepared for bed and appeared as if he had simply laid down on his back and went to sleep. Sept. 26 he could not be contacted by phone. The family found his car in the garage, doors locked and the dog inside barking. The sheriff was called and found Roy. No trauma. He went peacefully. His son said they had been looking for assisted living for Roy, and he said if they found a place that would allow him his work shop and dog he was ready. I will miss Roy very much, as I think many others will. He was an educator. There are teachers and then there are educators. The difference in the two is a teacher looks at everyone as a pupil, and treats them as such. Roy was an educator in that he had the knowledge, and was eager to share it, but lived to be one of the group unless someone ask of his vast knowledge in metallurgy and machining. Many did not even know of this fountain of knowledge sitting there soaking up the comradely, just one of the guys. I was sorry that word was not received in time to say goodbye. We will miss you Roy Westcott. Thanks for being a friend.

John Zile

Our IBA Board hard at work



A **draft** of the minuets of the IBA Board meeting

July 24 2010

Meeting was held at Conner Prairie Blacksmith shop museum

Board members present: President: Gary Phillips, Vice President: Dave Childress, Education Chairman Jim Johnston, Secretary: Keith Hicks, Ted Stout, Michael Wollowski.

Meeting called to order at 9:25 am by President Gary Phillips.

A **motion** was made by Michael Wollowski, to approve the minutes of the March 2010 Board meeting, seconded by Dave Childress. **Motion Passed.**

A **Motion** was made by Michael Wollowski, to allow some members that help with the conference to be exempt from paying conference fees (at the discretion of the conference Chairman), seconded by Ted Stout. **Motion passed.**

A **Motion** was made by Michael Wollowski, to present Larry Whitesell with the hit-miss engine that was donated to the IBA by Susi Moffet to show our appreciation for his tireless services and expense to the IBA and Seconded by Ted Stout. **Motion passed.**

A **Motion** was made by Jim Johnston to financially support the IBA 30th anniversary party, seconded by Keith Hicks, **Motion passed.** The party will be held at the home of Ted Stout on October 15-16-17 2010.

A **Motion** was made by Jim Johnston to approve the treasurer's report as read, and seconded by Michael Wollowski. **Motion passed.**

Other things discussed:

The next Board meeting will be held September 18th. Location will be determined latter. Anybody that attends a maximum of two meetings must join the IBA.

Dave Childress agreed to ask all ABANA affiliates to provide e-mail addresses. And to receive THE FORGE FIRE by e-mail only instead of hard copy, (It cost 10.00 per member to publish and mail). Dave will report at the next Board meeting.

Michael Wollowski agreed to write a draft of the contest rules and guidelines. It will be voted on at the next meeting.

The 2011 contest item will be a gate or panel.

J.J. will contact the food vendors to negotiate their attendance at the conference next year. They claimed to suffer a loss this year

J. J. will work out details for better mapping and scheduling at the next conference.

Bill Kendrick is to put together the 2011 conference brochure. It needs to be ready for printing by January if possible.

The Vernon group will write guidelines for the PAUL MOFFET award.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.



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October 15-17 30'th Anniversary Bash

Ted Stout's Shop

8525 West 700 South, West Point, In.

From I-74, exit at Waynetown (9 miles west of Crawfordville). Take highway 25 north thru Wingate. Proceed north to the flashing light where highway 28 intersects with 25 at Odel. (The sign reads Odel on both sides). Continue north for 2.5 miles to county road 700 South, turn west (left) on 700 south, Ted's shop is the first building on the left.

From Lafayette follow highway 25 west to West Point. Proceed on 25 for 2.0 miles to road 700 south, turn west (right).

November 20 Hammer In

Wabash Valley Blacksmiths

Fowler Park, Terre Haute

From I-70 exit, take US-41 South 5 miles.
Turn left on East Oregon Church Rd and travel 1 mile to Fowler Park