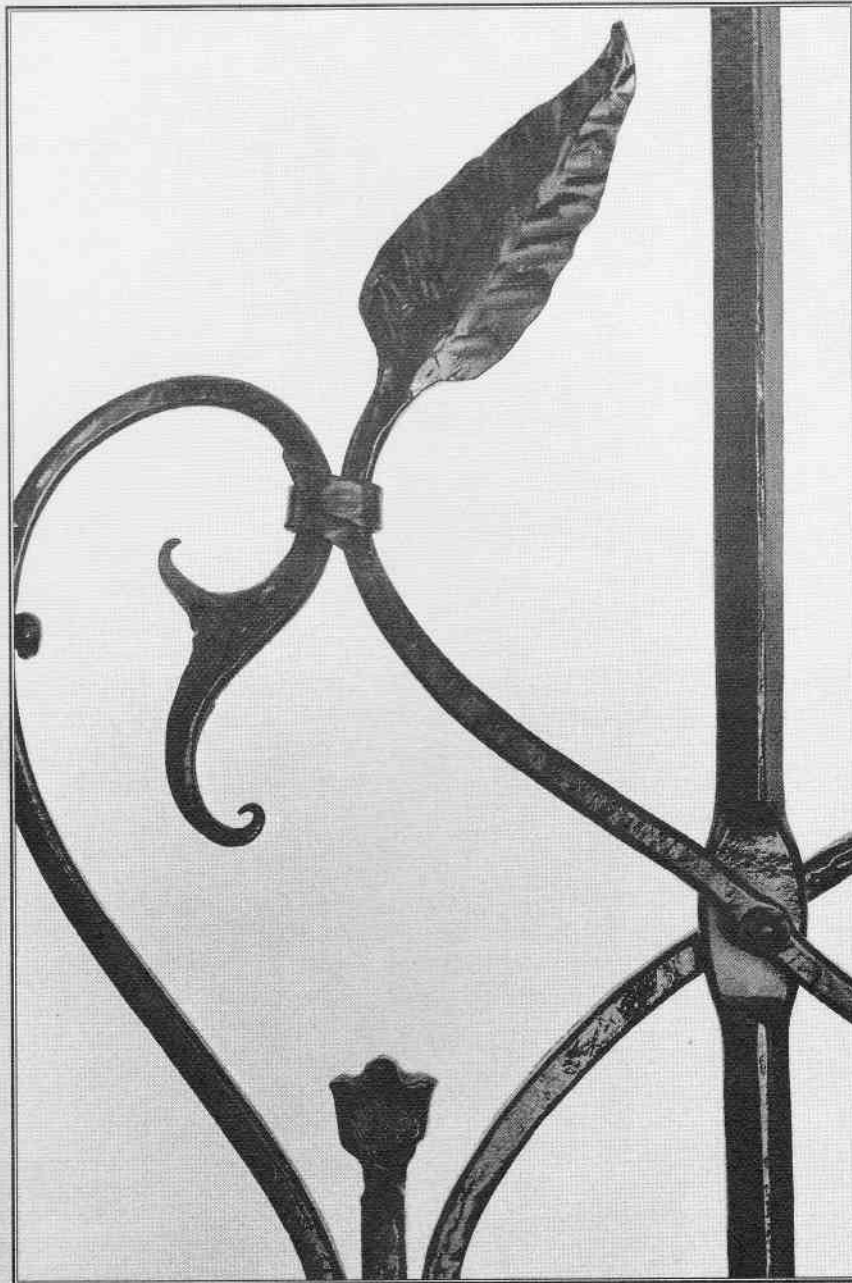


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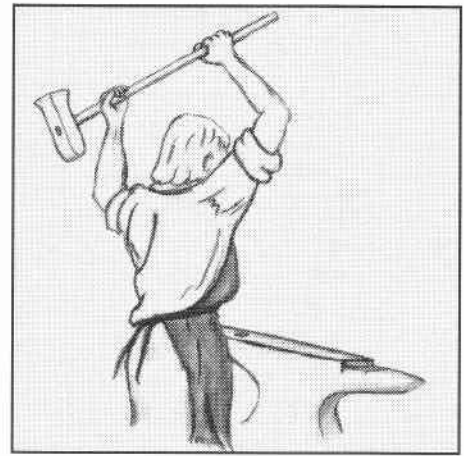
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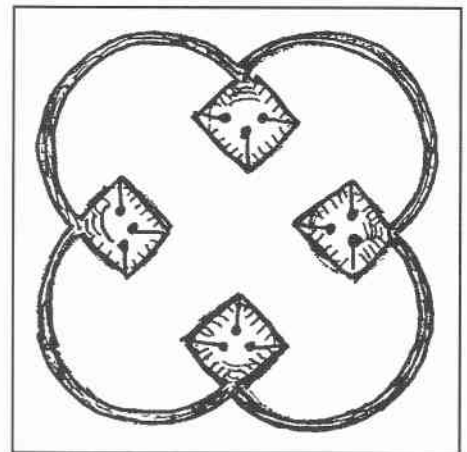
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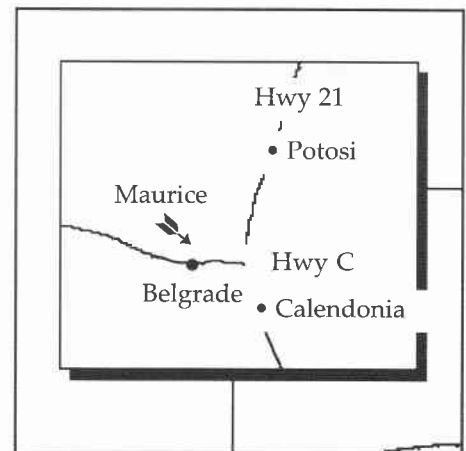
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 City: _____ State: _____
 Phone: () _____ Zip: _____
 E-mail: _____

New Member Renewal

How did you learn about BAM? _____

Memberships are for one year from receipt of dues. Dues are \$20, which includes a subscription to the bimonthly BAM newsletter. Please make checks payable to Blacksmith Association of Missouri.

ABANA Membership Application

Primary ABANA Chapter Affiliation: _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Phone: () _____ Zip: _____

New Member Renewing Member

Includes a Subscription to the Anvil's Ring and The Hammers' Blow magazines

- Regular Member\$45 yr.
- Senior Citizen (Age 65+).....\$40 yr.
- Fulltime student\$35 yr.
- Overseas airmail\$80 yr.
- Overseas surface mail\$60 yr.
- Contributory\$100 yr.
- Full time student\$35 yr.
- Public library.....\$35 yr.

See reverse

Editor's Anvil

Are you on-line? If so join a handful of other BAMers (is that a word? John Murray thinks so) in a little evening chat.

Ed Harper took the time to set up a BAM e-mail chat group on the Yahoo site called "Around the Anvil". Last time I looked there were half a dozen or so folks lurking around asking questions and sharing work.

And they're not just nerds like me and Ed -- some of these folks are real guys like Roy Warden. Already we have set Roy straight on how not to build a pole barn and discussed how to get started actually selling the stuff you make. The consensus was you should learn how to make something first (knew I was forgetting something...).

Ed's purpose was to create a forum where questions could be answered and also to get out of doing any housework. Since Mara never reads the newsletter I can safely mention this without getting Ed into any trouble.

Here's Ed's invitation to join: "This site is for BAM members to get together to ask questions about blacksmithing, trade ideas, solve problems, to post items for sale and just to gossip. To join, send a blank message to: Around_the_Anvil-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. To post a message:

Around_the_anvil@yahoogroups.com.

"So far I got Bob Ehrenberger to join and I'll let a few guys know about it. Join up and ask a question and if I don't know the answer Bob will !!!!!!"

Thanks Ed for setting that up. While we're on the subject of the Internet, check out BAM's new and improved web site at www.bamsite.org. Yep, we now have our own domain name. It was real current for about five minutes, so when I get this news out I need to get back on and tackle this again.

I moved the site from Advertisnet because the files kept disappearing and folks would e-mail to say it wasn't working. I really appreciate the folks at Advertisnet hosting us for all these years. BAM had the first chapter site

on the Internet way back when Enrique Vega set up Artmetal. You can still find the remnants of that site on the Washington University archives. The current site is a vestigial reminder (look it up!) of one George Dixon sent to chapter editors as a fill-in-the-blank template. That was back before there were programs that designed web sites for you. Life is much simpler now.

Jock Dempsey of Junkyard Hammer fame is hosting the new site on his Anvilfire.com site. If you haven't been here before check it out, Jock does some neat stuff including live virtual hammer-ins featuring Bill Epps and others. This is pretty neat stuff, wish we had some BAM folks who know enough to do this.

We can do a lot with this web site. I envision a list of folks who do this thing for a living, with links to your own web site and a list of what you do. I get calls and e-mails all the time from folks who are looking for a blacksmith to make them something.

There is already a gallery section, would be nice to update this with some contact info. I can also use a lot more photos for the gallery section. What's there now is just some stuff I shot at meetings and things I picked up along the way.

If you've got a nice image to share send it to me at jimmac@socket.net. I need jpeg images at 72 dpi, sized to about 5x7 inches. Try to keep the file size fairly small, say 400 kb or less. You can also do it the old fashioned way, mail me a picture and I will scan it.

If you have a blacksmith-related web site send me the url and I will add a link.

My address has changed. It is now P.O. Box 104718, Jefferson City, MO 65110. I got the big box so it won't get full when you all send me some stuff (that's a big hint).

What else is going on? I missed Lou's workshop and the January meeting, sure wish someone would cover that stuff when the editor can't make it. I know most of you take notes on that stuff; send them to me and I will share it with the rest of the folks.

Don't miss the next BAM meeting, lots of fun and a broomtyeing class too. We need more broomtiers.

Also now's the time to get started on your conference auction donation. It will be here before you know it.

Take care,

— Jim McCarty



Can anyone guess who this properly attired, up and coming blacksmith caught here forging at the State Fair is? I'll give you two hints: her grandfather is a blacksmith and her father makes pretty flowers.

BAM

JANUARY MEETING

Minutes

- Thanks to the Bass Pro Shops guys for hosting us again.
- Motion to approve minutes of last meeting (approved).
- Bob Alexander and Maurice Ellis spoke on new membership forms for BAM, also on a membership list for ABANA.
- Bob showed an application for a show of work called "Women Do Iron," by the artisan center of Virginia. See Bob for details.
- Bruce Herzog spoke on the gas forge workshop, also on the BAM library.
- Bob mentioned the Blacksmithing Festival in Faust Park, Sept. 29-30. More info to come at March meeting.
- Kirk Sullens introduced Christine Shilling who spoke on a sculpture competition in Springfield, Mo. She encouraged BAM members to enter work in this show, which features monetary

rewards as recognition. Works accepted will be on display for a year. Also some work will be bought for permanent display. More info to come.

- Tom Clark spoke on Kirk Sullen's fine buffalo skull displayed at the ABANA Conference. Great job, Kirk!

- Peggy Williamson spoke on the State Fair at Sedalia, Mo. Folks needed at the blacksmiths tent both to demo and answer questions. Demonstrators receive free admission and parking.

- Several new BAM members introduced themselves.

- Bob spoke on BAM's 2001 Conference, 4, 5, & 6 May at Warrenton, MO.

- Maurice also spoke on arrangements for the 2001 Conference.

- Bob mentioned the auction at the conference and encouraged members to donate.

- Bess Ellis spoke on the auction as well, and emphasized its importance to BAM's annual finances.

- Don Nichols spoke on a rosette grill to be auctioned at the conference. More to come.

- Tom Clark spoke on Pat McCarty's fine BAM Box donations to the ABANA Conference. Way to go Pat!

- Tom also spoke on ABANA's scholarship program and encouraged its use.

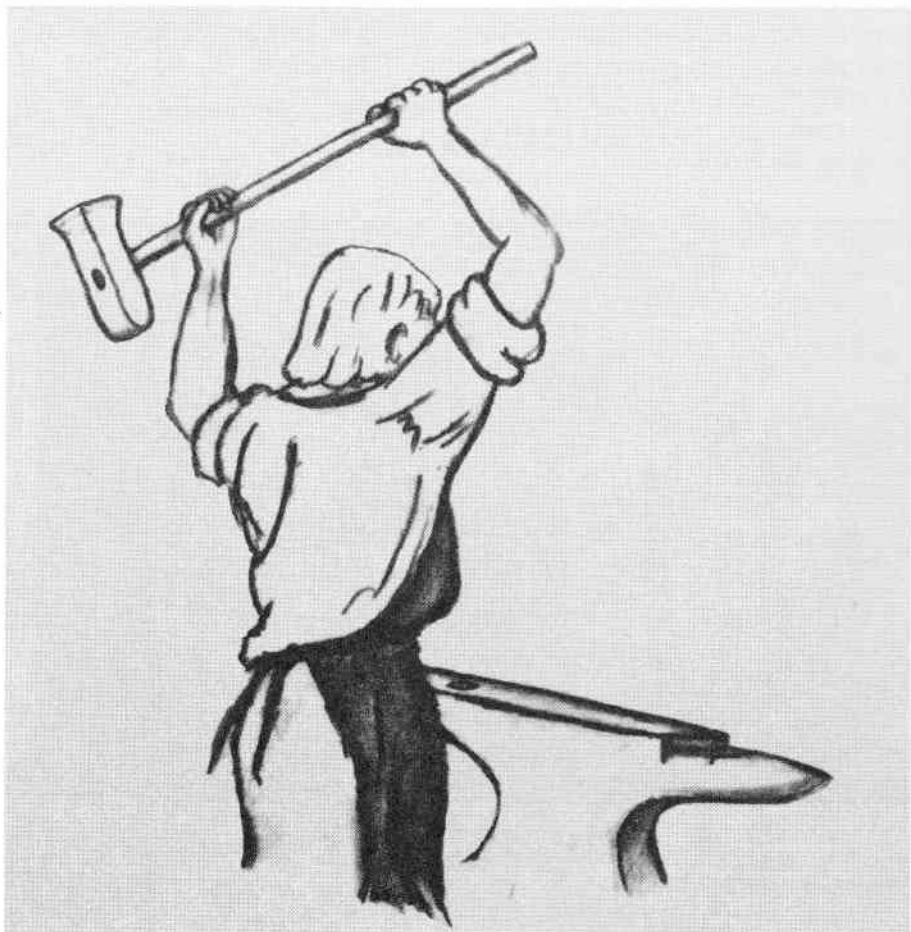
- Bob spoke on BAM scholarships.

Motion to adjourn approved.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murray, secretary

Artists's conception of BAM members forging at the January meeting.



Bob's Business

Well, we are starting the year with the first issue of our newsletter on time and maybe if we all contribute we can keep it that way. The newsletter should not be left for just the editor to do, it is each and everyone's responsibility. Please send notes on projects, pictures of iron-work, articles of interest, even jot down points of views on club activities. I would like to also see a question and answer page added. Frequently I receive calls from members asking how to do this or that, or about finishes and not always do I have the best answer. With B.A.M's diverse membership I'm sure someone could help.

In January our meeting was hosted by Kirk Sullens with the help of the Bass Pro Shops In Nixa, Mo. Thanks again for this opportunity to visit their shop. At the January meeting, during our business meeting, I was informed that I wasn't doing all of my duties as your president. For this I applaud this person. If I am not doing my duties let me know, for that is part of your obligation as a member. It is one of the president's duties to keep a watchful eye on the activities of the club and to make sure that those activities are sanctioned by the membership. For failing to do this, I apologize.

On the other hand, if membership sees some problems let's not wait

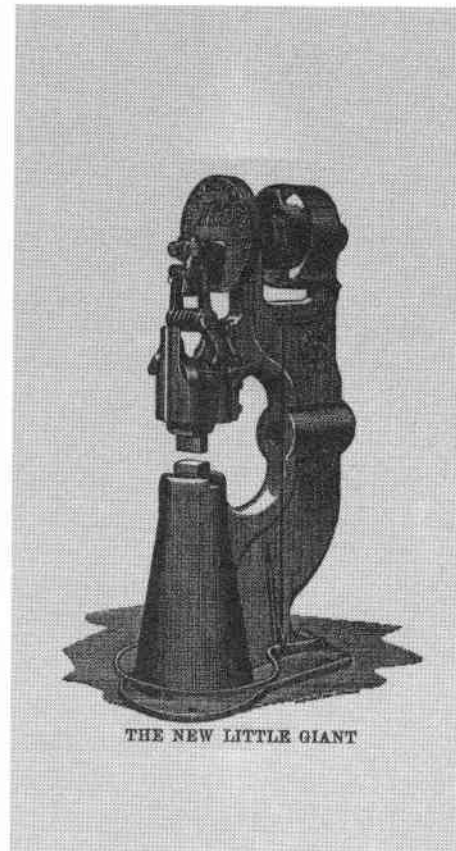
years to bring it to the attention of the board.

In March we have a meeting hosted by Maurice Ellis in Belgrade, Mo. At the meeting we will disclose all of the conference details and discuss equipment needs, work committees, BAM Auction and the BAM Boutique. A note about the BAM Boutique, for those unfamiliar with it. At the conference we will have an area set aside with items for sale. These items are donated by members and are items generally too small to warrant putting them in the auction: hooks, letter openers, etc. In the past we have relied on individual donations of items, and will gladly accept the same this year but I propose a one-day workshop to make items for the Boutique, more details at the meeting.

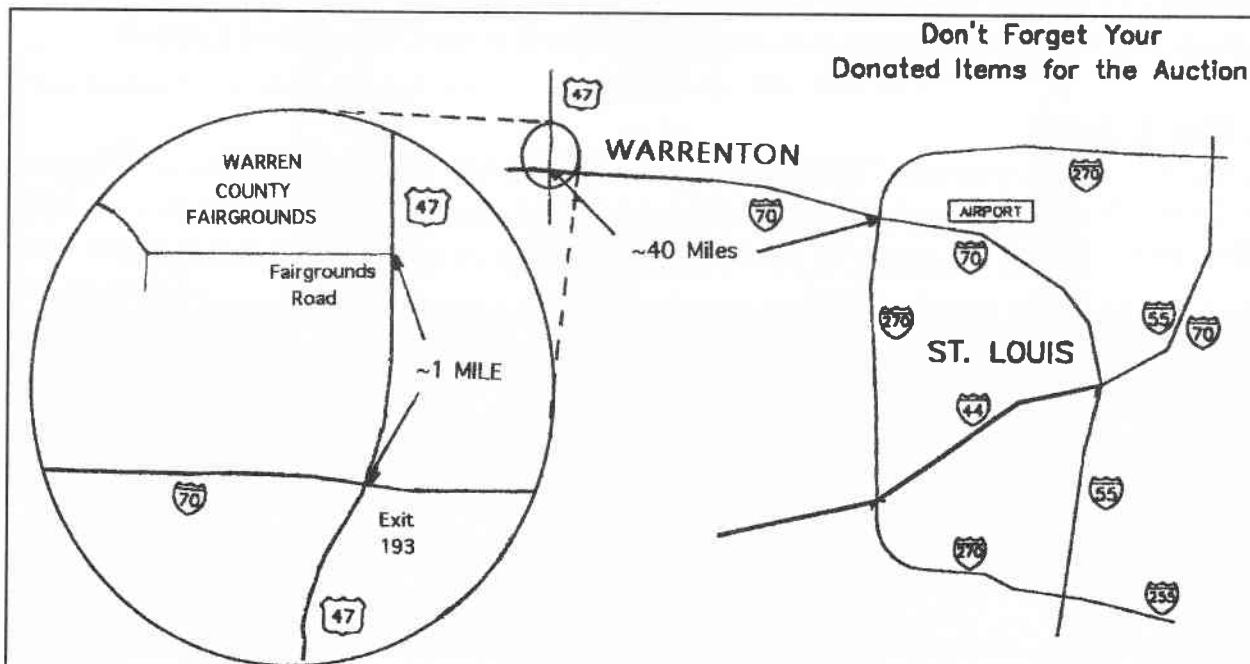
A few reminders about the upcoming conference, one is that the auction plays a big part in our future treasury so please support by making something to auction off, by buying something, or both. Second is that conference time is when we announce BAM'S Scholarship winners so please apply now.

Keep On Hammering

— Bob Alexander



THE NEW LITTLE GIANT



2001 Conference Map



Same Location!

Conference 2001

**Warren County Fairgrounds,
Warrenton, Missouri
May 4-6, 2001**

**Demonstrations Sat. & Sun.
featuring Bob Patrick, Susan
Hutchison and Kevin Cashen**

Friday Evening, May 4, 2001

6:30 - 7:30 **Ruben Funk:** Metallurgy for Blacksmiths Lecture
8:00-? **Dan Siglar:** Forging contest

Saturday, May 5, 2001

8:30-11:30 **Bob Patrick:** Traditional grill
 Susan Hutchison: Making a project, from design to assembly
 Kevin Cashen: Multi-bar pattern welded (composite) sword
 Family programs

11:30-1:00 pm Lunch break

1:00-4:30 pm **Bob Patrick:** Traditional grill continued
 Susan Hutchison: Making a project continued
 Kevin Cashen: Sword continued, plus salt bath treating
 Family programs continued

5 pm-6:30 pm Dinner banquet on the fairgrounds (Ticket must be purchased with registration)
6:30 pm-? Award presentations, auction with esteemed **Col. David Cornett**

Sunday, May 6, 2001

8:30 am-Noon **Bob Patrick:** Traditional grill continued
 Susan Hutchison: Making a project continued
 Kevin Cashen: Answer questions, demo requested techniques
11:30-? **BAM Members:** Tear down and clean up conference site

Additional Conference Activities:

- Large tailgating site free to registered participants
- Jeff Bruce will be photographing your work for \$10/shot on Saturday
- Free camping on site w/lots of modern toilets (sorry, no showers)
- Book and tool sales

Questions???? Call Bob Alexander at (636) 586-6938 (home) or (636) 586-5350 (shop)

Pre-register by Wednesday, April 25, 2001

You must pre-register to reserve Saturday Evening Dinner and Family Program.

Conference registration will also be available on site at \$40 for weekend/\$30 for Saturday only/\$15 Sunday only. Send pre-registration to: Maurice Ellis, Rt. 1 Box 1442, Belgrade, MO 63622-9709.

Phone: (573) 766-5346; e-mail: mbellis@misn.com

	Cost	Qty	Total
Pre-registration: Fri/Sat/Sun (\$40 at the door)	\$35		
Pre-registration: Saturday only (\$20 at the door)	\$25		
Pre-registration: Sunday only (\$15 at the door)	\$10		
Spouse and Children Registration	FREE		
Saturday Evening Dinner Banquet w/dessert	\$7.50		
Family Program: Brooms for blacksmiths(Sat. am)	\$5		
Family Program: Brooms for blacksmiths(Sat. pm)	\$5		
Family Program: Stained glass project (Sat. am)	\$5		
Family Program: Informal jewelrymaking (Sat. pm)	\$5		
Extra Family Program: Cross stitch/Needlepoint (Sat. pm)	\$5		

Total Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to: Blacksmiths Association of Missouri or BAM

Name: _____

Attending Family Names: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Lodging

Amerihost Inn, Warrenton (636) 456-6000

Appears to be the best quality in Warrenton. It's new and has an indoor pool, sauna and spa. Amerihost has offered BAM a special rate of \$57 plus tax/room which is \$10 off their regular price. If you choose to reserve a room at the Amerihost, tell them that you are with the Blacksmiths Association of Missouri and ask for the special rate.

Super 8, Warrenton (636) 456-5157 or 1-800-800-8000

This is a new motel but does not have a pool or spa and charges \$57.10 plus tax for a room. Call the toll-free number and get a Super 8 card for a discount & check cashing privileges for tailgate sales!

Super 7 Inn 7 miles east of Warrenton-Wright City (636) 745-8016

Collier Hospitality Inn (4 miles west of Warrenton) (636) 456-7272

Days Inn, Warrenton (636) 456-4301

Motel 6, Warrenton (636) 456-4301

Camping available free on site (Flush toilets, no showers in honor of Bob Patrick)



ABANA

Chapter Liaison Newsletter — January 2001

To All Blacksmiths—Greetings

This letter is my second communication to you. It will have two purposes. (1) To tell you who is on the Member Services Committee, (2) to report the latest activities of the committee. The Member Services Committee consists of two ABANA Board members and five members at large from the ABANA membership. The local at large members will allow the committee to meet face to face at monthly meetings. The committee members are:

Bob Fredell, Chair, ABANA Board member, retired school social worker and hobbyist blacksmith.

bfredell@qwest.net

Andy Quittner, ABANA Board member, attorney and hobbyist blacksmith.

andrewq@ci.corpus-christi.tx.us

Charlie Bateman, retired engineer in manufacturing materials and processes and hobbyist blacksmith.

charlie.bateman@prodigy.net
Dave Feterl, contract design engineer and prototype builder, fabrication business owner and hobbyist blacksmith.

dfeterlorfds@worldnet.att.net

Mary Fredell, 2002 ABANA conference registrar and hobbyist blacksmith. bfredell@qwest.net

Dave Mariette, full time artist-blacksmith, dmariette@aol.com

John Moriarty, mechanical engineer designing lighting and hobbyist jeweler and blacksmith. John.moriarty@ci.stpaul.mn.us

This first meeting of the committee discussed ABANA's communication problems by reviewing communications from interested blacksmiths. A summary of the many items discussed are as follows:

1. Respond to member's communications.
2. Disconnection between the ABANA board and the chapters.
3. Do not issue pronouncements to the chapters-make use of two way communication.
4. ABANA's communication on copyright and anvil shoots was discussed.
5. Give the chapters more help in finding insurance.
6. The frequently updated chapter list given to the chapters is useful.
7. There is a feeling of "us" and "them."
8. Eliminate negative letters to the editor in The Anvil's Ring.
9. Clearly communicate the rules, obligations and benefits of being a chapter of ABANA.
10. Create aids for recruitment for the chapters.
11. Deal with rumors.
12. Provide clear minutes of ABANA board meetings to the chapters.
13. Communicate clearly and timely.
14. Survey the chapter newsletter editors and the general membership.
15. In general we discussed how this committee might avoid communication pitfalls.
16. We don't like the name of this committee but we are not

sure what it should be called. One of our clowns suggested, "Edict Pronouncement From On High Committee." At least we have a sense of humor.

One of our correspondents said it so clearly, "Repeatedly I must defend ABANA from those who believe that ABANA is some distant, expensive, high toned outfit so why belong to it. I know why and I think you do too, (why belong to ABANA, ed) but perception is everything and you have a major need to change that perception... Then DO communicate." Well spoken, my friend.

The Member Services Committee is committed to doing something about our communication. We will work on these issues, one at a time. Over time you will see changes. Let us know what you think.

*Bob Fredell, Chairman
Member Services Committee
3500 45 Ave. So.
Minneapolis MN 55406
(621) 721-2298
bfredell@qwest.net*

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Bulletin Board

For sale: Gas forge with regulator. Peerless power hacksaw 6x6 single speed capable of cutting 6" square stock. Contact Gary Kobermann at (314) 892-2527 or send e-mail to GMKobermann@aol.com.

Smithin' Magicians — as featured in the Blacksmith's Journal. Includes mild steel tool blank, \$275. Call Bob Woodard at (618) 692-6508.

Ray Chaffin has a new computer operated plasma cutting system that can cut anything out of metal. Mail, call or e-mail your design for a price quote. Also hardwood blocks 2-2 1/2" x 12-14" are \$5 each in curly maple, straight maple, English walnut, birch laminated in brown and white and blue and white. Ray Chaffin, (660) 438-6720 or Ray's Welding, RR 3, Box 279, Warsaw, MO 65355.

Heavy duty frying pan blanks: Steel, approximately 9 inch in diameter with 2 inch sides. 12 gauge thickness. Available with or without two 3/16 inch holes for handles. Now tumbled clean. 1-4 \$9 each; 5-9 \$8 each; 10 or more \$7 each. Shipping \$2.50 plus \$.50 for each pan. Contact: Bob Tuftee, 3855 Aspen Hills Dr., Bettendorf, IA 52722.

If you don't already subscribe to Jerry Hoffmann's Blacksmith's Journal consider doing so. If you haven't seen it, call or write for a free sample. Cost is \$32 per year. Call 1-800-944-

6134 for credit card orders or write to: Blacksmith's Journal, PO Box 193, Washington, MO 63090.

Custom-built air hammers. 6-pound table top model \$1,300; 20-pound table top model \$1,900; 20-pound floor model \$2,200; 40-pound floor model \$2,600. Some modifications to the basic hammers can be made to your specifications. Also custom metal spinning in copper, brass, pewter, and steel. Contact Maurice L. Ellis, Route 1, Box 1442, Belgrade, MO 63622-9709. Phone: (573) 766-5346. E-mail: mbellis@misn.com.

BAM members, I have a CNC plasma cutting system in my shop in Columbia and will offer my services to BAM members at a 10 percent discount. From art to parts I do it all. Call (573) 474-8749 and ask for William Irvin.

Kayne and Son Custom Hardware, 100 Daniel Ridge Road, Candler, NC 28715. (828) 667-8868 fax (828) 665-8303, email: kaynehdwe@ioa.com, website: www.kayneandson.com. Offering Big Blue 100 ram air hammers, Peddinghaus 2 horn anvils, Offcenter tongs and swages, etc, hammers, tongs, the Blu Crusher hammers, tongs, the Blu Crusher rolling mill and Forgemaster gas forges. We ship and accept Visa and Mastercard.

Tom Clark has expanded his line of hand forged Hofi style hammers to include a nice rounding hammer and punches, drifts, tongs etc. He's also importing a new line of air hammer, the Sayha from Turkey and just got a shipment of punches, shears and gas forges. For more info on the tools and his Ozark School of Blacksmithing contact him at (573) 438-4725.

Power hammer history! *Pounding out the Profits — A Century of American Invention* by Douglas Freund (hardbound, 317 pages, profusely illustrated) is available for \$32.50 plus \$4.50 shipping and handling through Minus Mountain Machine Works, PO Box 532, Jerome, AZ 86331.

For blacksmithing books contact

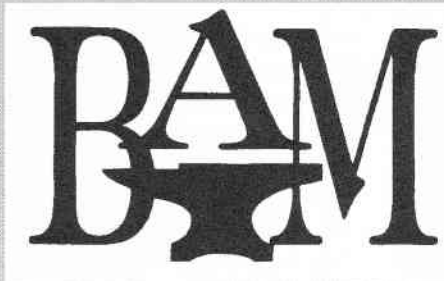
Norm Larson, 5426 E. Hwy. 246, Lompoc, CA 93436 or call (805) 735-2095. Ask for his catalog.

George Dixon is starting a new blacksmithing publication called "The Traditional Metalsmith". For \$28 you will get four issues of how-to information. Contact him at 1229 Bee Tree Lake Road, Swannanoa, NC 28778.

For sale or trade: in ground type car lift \$250; 43" power sheet metal shear \$450; lg flatbelt drill press \$200; industrial ice crusher \$250; flatbelt metal planer \$350; three punch presses \$250 each: old gas station type 50 gal. square fuel oil or oil tanks with handpump; old AC sparkplug cleaner \$200; 650 Honda motorcycle \$300; roofing tar kettle with pump \$50; 1,000 lb. platform lift \$250; large flatbelt pedestal grinder \$100; treadle leather sewing machine \$100; small 7" metal shaper \$350; small horizontal mill \$100; large horizontal band-saw frame \$50; two 6 cyl gas air compressors needs work \$250 each; pallet of new clay roof tiles \$250; 350 amp tig welder needs work \$50; 50 lb Mayer Brothers triphammer poor condition \$350; carbide tool grinder \$50; Hardinge collet lathe \$750; Coats 20/20 air tire changer \$750; floor metal hand shear \$150; Steve Combs, (636) 797-9093, e-mail bigsmoke@jcn1.com

Wanted: the down feed lever (handle) off a Champion post or floor drill press, this is the hand lever that feeds the drill bit into the work, it has a ratchet device where it connects to the drill press. Steve Combs, 636 797-9093, or e-Mail at : bigsmoke@jcn1.com.

Wanted: 25-pound Little Giant, any condition; 3-foot cone mandrel; hand-crank post drill. Allen Ray Cromwell, Arc Forge, PO Box 179, Grand Chain, IL 62941.



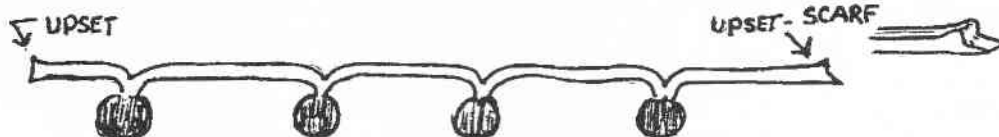
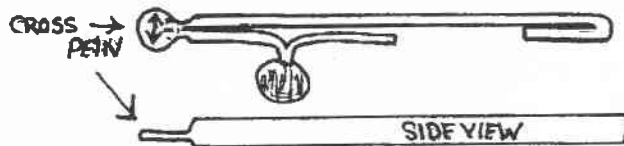
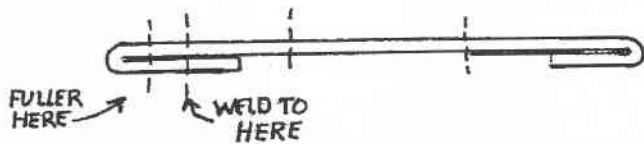
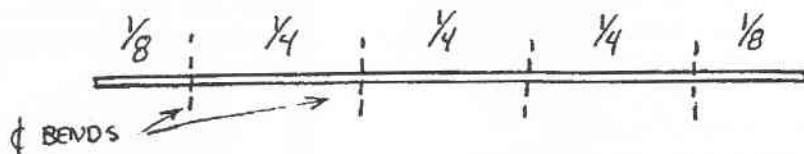
Scholarship time!

As long as we are talking about the Ozark Conference, don't forget to send in your application for one of the BAM Scholarships presented at the conference. Todd Kinnikin is again the chairman of the scholarship committee. To apply send name, address, course you want to take, cost of the course and why you want to take this course to:

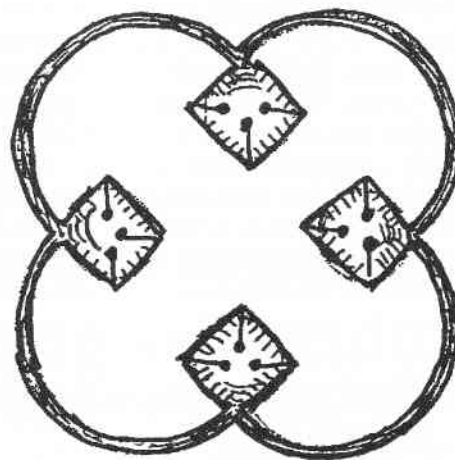
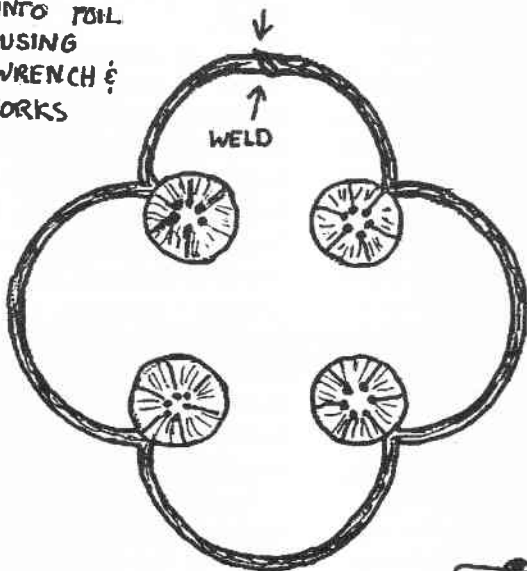
Todd Kinnikin,
8356 John McKeever Rd.,
House Springs, MO 63051.

All scholarship winners must write an article on something they learned for the newsletter and demonstrate at a BAM meeting or the Conference in return for their scholarship.

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BAM NEWS

Website update

BAM's website is back on line and at a location all our own. The new URL is www.bamsite.org. Log on and see what you think. It's been updated and you might even find the information somewhat current if you get on real quick.

The new site is being hosted by anvilfire.com, a real nice commercial blacksmithing website set up by Jock Dempsey, who is best known for his junkyard hammers.

Perhaps the most useful feature of the site is the map to the next meeting. In the event the news is late you can always log on and print out the map. Most of the 2001 meetings are on the site already. Also if you send in something for sale and have an e-mail address I'll put the hyperlinks in when it goes on the website.

New Salem Hammer In

Birds, Bees, Bugs, Buffalo Skulls And Pine Cones: What, you may ask yourself does this have to do with blacksmithing? Come to the Nineteenth Annual New Salem Hammer In at Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site on April 7 & 8, 2001 and find out. The demo will run from 10 to 4 each day with an hour break for lunch.

BAM's own Kirk Sullens of Springfield, MO will be the demonstrator.

\$10/day advance registration, \$15/day after March 20. Eye protection must be worn in the demonstration area! Tailgaters welcome, but you must register. Free coffee and doughnuts each morning and a free chicken dinner for each paid registrant Satur-

day night. Extra meals for guests (non-registered wives, children, etc.) are \$5 each.

Contact: Jim Patton - Blacksmith Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Route 1, Box 244 A, Petersburg, IL 62675; (217) 632-4000; newsalem@fgi.net or jwpatton3@worldnet.att.net

Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site is located 20 miles northwest of Springfield, IL or 2 miles south of Petersburg, IL on State Route 97. The closest motels are in Springfield, however, New Salem has a campground with electric and non-electric sites and showerhouses, for those who are so inclined.

Lou Mueller demo

This year's Joint meeting begins at 9 AM on 24 March 2001 with Lou Mueller using tools and jigs described in Streeter's book "Professional Smithing". Lunch will occur at roughly 12 noon with Iron in the Hat to follow. The demonstration will continue into the afternoon. Items made by Lou will be auctioned after the demo has finished for the day. A catered supper will be held at Bay & Beyond (maps will be available) in Snow Hill. There will be a slide presentation after supper.

The workshop will be held on Sunday the 25th of March. Lou will be leading the participants in the construction of four of the jigs described in Streeter's book. Pre-registration is encouraged and a registration form is available from either Ray Noble or Mark Williams. Furnace Town is located just outside Snow Hill, Maryland. The cost of the day is \$15 if your registration is received by 28 February 2001. The cost is \$20 if your registration is received after the 28th. The day includes: Coffee and doughnuts in the morning, All-day demo, Lunch, Iron in the Hat (please bring something), Auction, and the flashy wit of Ray Noble and David Hutchison. We will have a table of Norm Larson's books for order/sale. Representatives of Miller Welding will be demonstrating, too. Tailgate sales are encouraged. Contact: Ray Noble - (410) 651-0987 (H) 1-800-220-3015 (W) or

NOBLER511@aol.com and Mark Williams - (410) 632-0914 (H) (410) 651-6431 (W) or email m_and_mwilliams@juno.com OR mewilliams@mail.umes.edu.

Batson knife symposium

The Thirteenth Annual Batson Bladesmithing Symposium & Knife Show is set for April 6-8, 2001 at Tannehill Ironworks at Exit 100 off I-20, 11 miles West of Bessemer, AL. Featuring:

Powder Damascus Steel, Steve Schwarzer

Basic Bladesmithing & Silver Wire Inlay, Jay Hendrickson

Knife Grinding, Finishing, Fittings & Lock Backs, Alex Daniels

Guards, Bolsters, Pommels & Handles, Keith Kilby

Hand Forged 18Th & 19Th Century Knives, Tim Ridge

Knife Making Kinks & Jigs, Tommy McNabb

Liner Locks & Automatics, Melvin Pardue

Belt Axes & Tomahawks, Chuck Patrick

Open Cutting Competition, Jerry Fisk

Knife Making By Hand, Don Fogg

ABS Knife Judging Criteria, Billy Ray Hughes & Jerry Fisk

Engraving, Billy Bates & Jesse Houser

Hands-on Bladesmithing, John Wayne Taylor

Learn To Scrimshaw, Mary Bailey

Rendezvous Sheaths, Tom Sterns

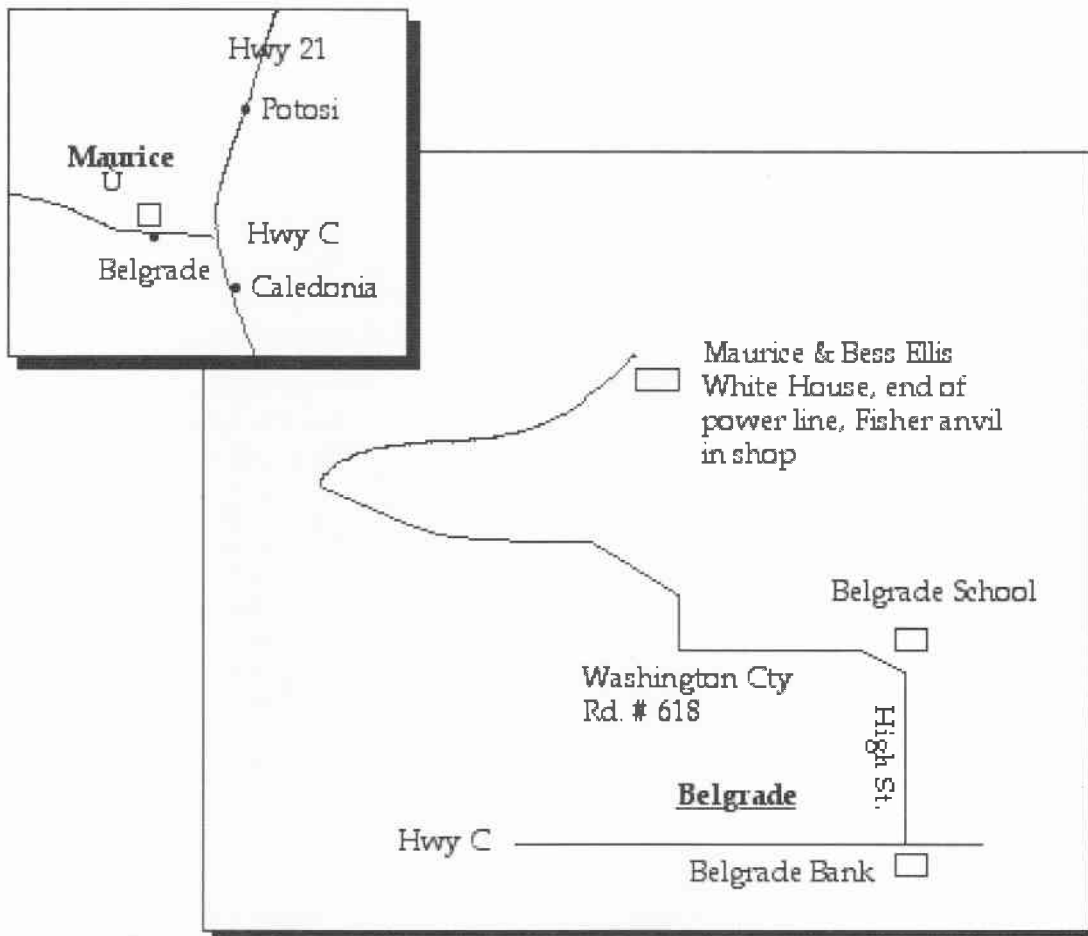
Krydex Sheaths, Ray Kirk

Leather Sheaths, Kenny Rowe

Bader Grinders, Dan Johnson

Auction, Colonels Tim Ryan & Anthony Goodrum

The Symposium entrance fee is \$125 per person. Please pre-register. Send registration and entrance fee to Robby Armstrong, 189 Broad-Armstrong Dr., Brownsboro, AL 35741; (256) 539-3975. The entrance fee to Tannehill, a Historical State Park, is included. The knife show is free to the public. Your knife show table exhibit fee is included in the \$125 Symposium registration fee. Everyone is encouraged to show and sell their knives.



Take Highway 21 to Highway C just north of Caledonia. Take C to Belgrade. In Belgrade turn right on High Street until it turns into County Road 618 at Belgrade School. Follow County Road 618 for about 2 miles. You will cross 3 cattleguards and come to a gate at the top of the hill. The gate will be open. Go through it and follow the road to the end of the electric line. The white house on the right is Maurice and Bess. Phone (573) 766-5346 if you get lost.

Maurice Ellis is the host for the next BAM meeting. He says Joe Wilkinson and Ed Harper will put on a show for us and if it's warm enough Maurice will demo metal spinning. Also Walt Hull will demo scrolls.

Starting at 8 am, donuts and coffee

will be served and lunch will be chili and all the fixins or your can get lunch at a restaraunt in Belgrade or Caledonia. Bess says anyone who is interested in learning to tie brooms should bring a handle or forge one at the meeting. Trade item is a scroll.

Don't forget something for iron in the hat, or some cash to buy tickets!

Belgrade is about an hour from St. Louis. There are antique shops in the area and the highest point in Missouri, Taum Sauk, is nearby. See you there March 24.



2001 Meeting schedule

March 2001 Meeting

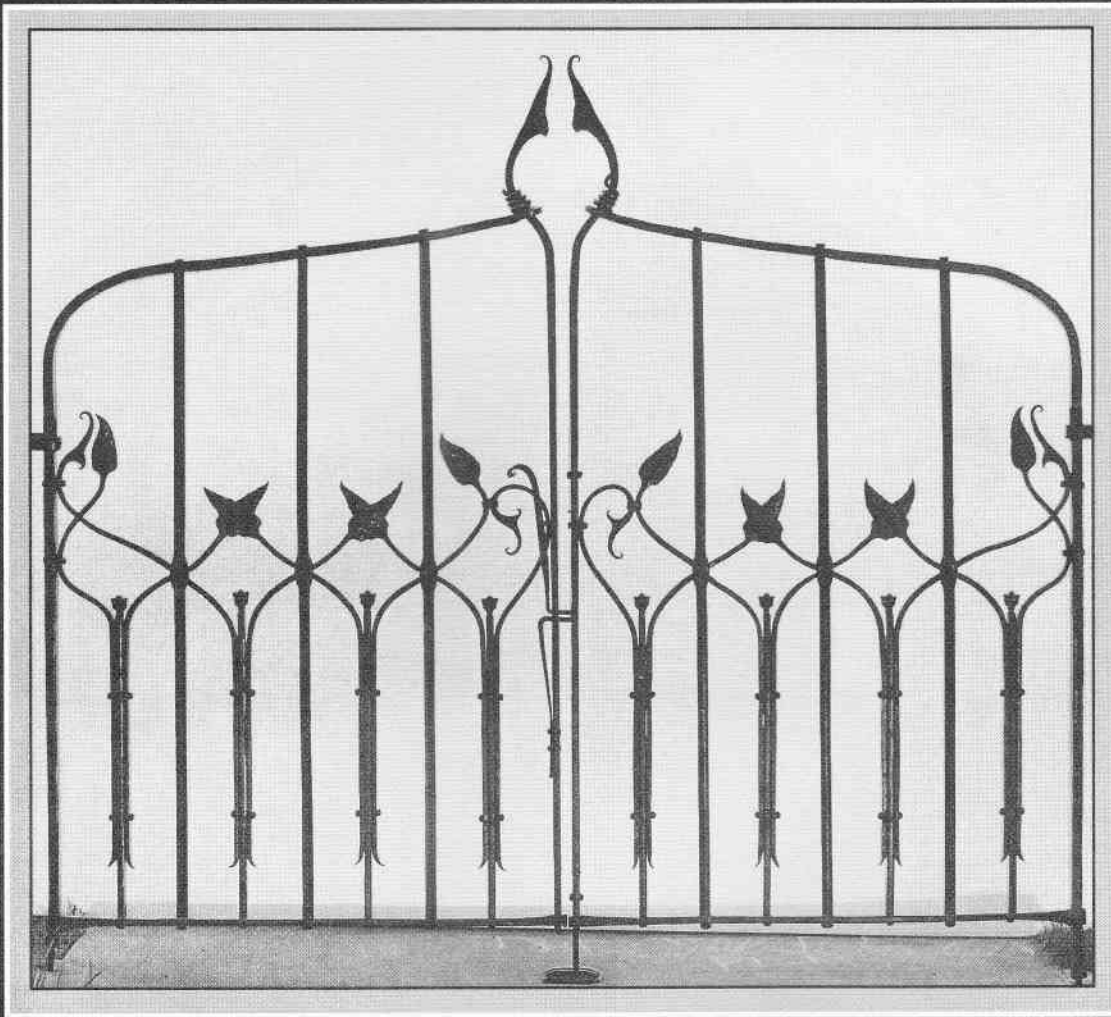
Maurice Ellis
Belgrade, MO
March 24
Trade item: Scroll

May Meeting

Don Nichols
Sedalia, MO
May 19
Trade item: Long fork

July Meeting

Doug Hendrickson
Lesterville, MO
July 21
Trade item: TBA



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