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**Our cover:** *The blacksmithing world mourned the passing of another great, this time Fred Caylor, shown here dispensing power hammer wisdom at the 2001 BAM Conference. Photo by Jim McCarty.*

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New Member     Renewal     ABANA member?

How did you learn about BAM? \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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New Member     Renewing Member

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

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Overseas surface mail .....\$60 yr.

Contributory .....\$100 yr.

Full time student .....\$35 yr.

Public library.....\$35 yr.

*See reverse*



## Editor's anvil

**G**reetings BAM members and welcome to the latest issue, still on schedule if I can get it done today. This is the biggest issue of the BAM newsletter ever, 28 pages, made necessary by the large number of additions to the roster. At last count we were approaching 600 members, quite a growth spurt. Scanning the list as I laid it out, it appears that most of our new members are from Missouri and they are spread out all over the place. We have a bunch of new members from the southwest corner and that has to have a lot to do with Kurt Sullens and the meetings he has hosted there. Also north Missouri is well represented now, could it be Ed Harper started something when he got run out of Wright City?

Haven't been able to make many meetings lately, my boys have basketball games every weekend and around here parents work the games. If anyone has mastered the art of being in two places at once let me know how you do it.

I have managed some forge time, enough so that my coal supply is just about gone. Got to follow the map on page 6 and get me some more. Joe tells me there may be some other locations coming especially in the Kansas City area.

There's a lot happening in the coming months, check the News section for details on a beginner's workshop, a knife workshop and the annual demo at Lincoln's New Salem, this year featuring brother Pat.

I got a thoughtful letter from Tom Clark and not much room left for it elsewhere so I'll get out of the way and let Tom wrap things up. Tom was quite outspoken at the last business meeting on the subject of selling coal to non-members of BAM. He did the right thing and followed up with a letter explaining his feelings. We will take this matter up again at the next meeting. Tom makes some valid points. There are also some good points on the other side of the issue. Let's all take a good look at both sides and reach a good consensus in March.

I will point out one more thing in favor of Tom's argument. This month I

ordered some seeds from the Seed Savers Exchange, a group based in Iowa that keeps alive the world's supply of open-pollinated (as opposed to hybrid) seeds. That group lives on membership dues but has recently made its catalog available to non-members like me. They include a form for joining with the order form but membership isn't required to get seeds. Maybe we should set the price for the coal so that it would be a wash to join and encourage (but not require) membership. Best of both world's? Maybe.

Keep the fires burning till next month,

— Jim McCarty

**Dear BAM,**

**A**t 4 am Saturday morning Jan. 19 I awoke anticipating a 5 o'clock departure for the BAM meeting only to find a heavy layer of snow and more falling. This provided me with an hour and a half more Zs waiting for daylight so I could plow our driveway and hill. By daylight it had quit snowing and there was 5 inches of heavy snow to deal with.

I finished loading my truck and started the 3-1/2 hour drive to Salisbury, Mo., anticipating meeting our new area blacksmiths Japheth Howard and Alice James. I was also anxious to make this meeting because my travels to other blacksmith conferences have caused me to miss a couple of BAM meetings. I also had 4,000 pounds of scrap iron in the form of a 40-pound Bradley beam hammer for Phil Cox that I wanted to get off my truck and onto his. I arrived in time to see people having dessert. While they were finishing their meal I had a tour of the shop which was well equipped.

The business meeting that followed lunch provided an unpleasant experience for me. When I heard it stated that it was BAM's new policy to sell coal only to members of BAM, it brought back memories of the distant past and the story of one old Missouri

blacksmith who was told he could not get coal unless he belonged to BAM. From that point on the word BAM was not allowed in his shop. There was an elderly man who came to this meeting with the intention of joining BAM and buying some coal because he thought he would be interested in blacksmithing. Hearing this discussion, he left the building stating he had no desire to be part of this organization.

There was once an ample supply of coal in all communities in Missouri. But since the demise of blacksmithing that supply line has dried up. Over the years BAM has put together a program for purchasing coal, making it available to the membership for one price and a small premium for people who are not members.

Our new policy that would not allow us to make this material available to non-members defies one of the principles which has helped to bring blacksmithing back to our society both as a hobby and a profession.

In my opinion, there are several reasons why this is bad policy. First, if a person buys 10 bags of coal at a \$2 premium, that equals a year's membership. Second, there are several hundred farriers in Missouri who have the occasional need for coal. Three, there are people who simply do not like to belong to organizations. All of the above and maybe more are reasons why we should share our good fortunes with others.

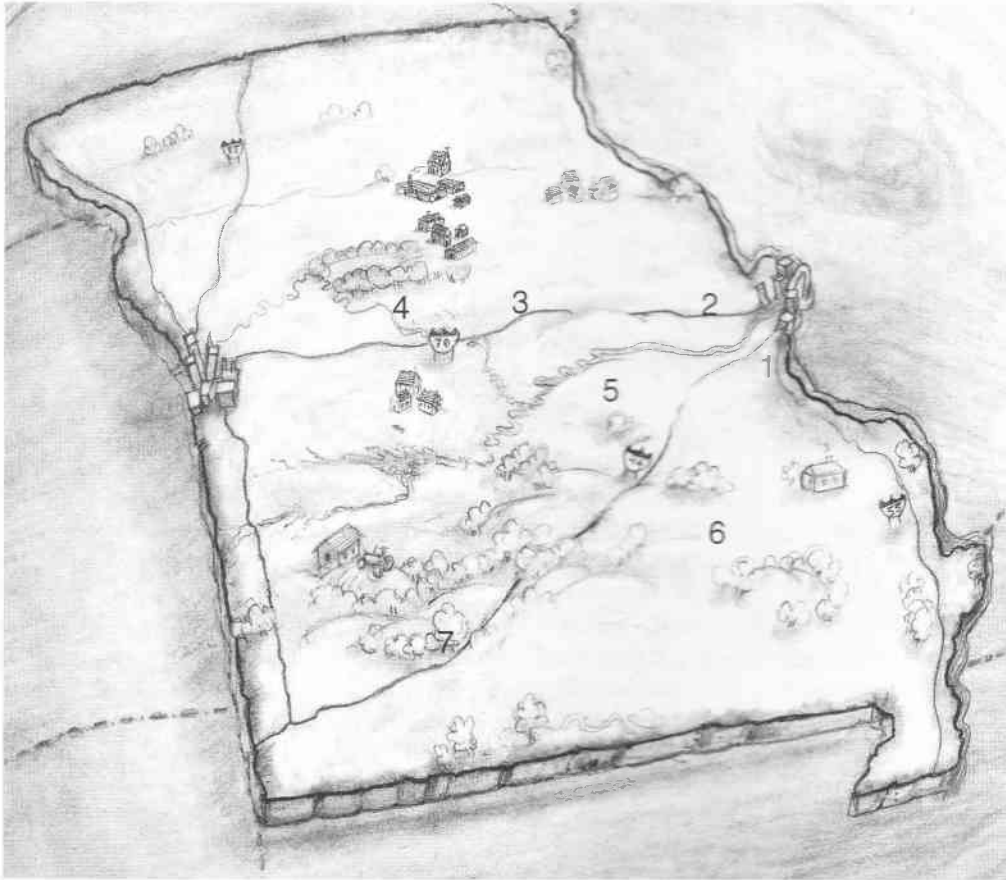
I made a motion that we sell coal to non-members for \$2 a bag extra. This motion was seconded and good discussion followed, which resulted in the motion being tabled for further investigation of our present policies of selling coal. If we are not careful, this will stir up a big bucket of worms, bringing attention to matters that we would rather not air publicly.

I would encourage the management of BAM to withdraw the new policy and let's share our knowledge and good fortunes with any and every one wishing to participate in any level of blacksmithing.

Tom Clark  
Potosi, Mo.

# Coal Stash

## Coal Captain: Bob Maes



1. Bob Alexander, DeSoto, MO  
(636) 586-6938 Lotsa bags

2. Ken Jansen, Moscow Mill (636) 366-4353  
100 bags

3. Ruben Funk, Columbia (573) 445-8340  
30 bags

4. Doug Clemons, Malta Bend (660) 595-2257  
100 bags

5. Jerry Rehagen, Rich Fountain  
(573) 744-5454 100 bags

6. Doug Hendrickson, Lesterville  
(573) 637-2576 60 bags

7. Jeff Willard, Willard (417) 742-4569  
100 bags

Price \$7.50 per bag

Coal keepers earn 50 cents a bag

Bob has 1/3 of his bunker still full

More to come!

## Joe's jive

I might as well confess, first thing. After years of resisting, I broke down, drew a long breath and bought a computer. Printer, scanner, the whole nine yards of electrical wizardry. It sits in my house and stares at me with its green eye until I accept its challenge and I power up and we do battle.

So far the score is green-eyed monster about 10, Joe about 2, but I have every hope that with the patience of my friends and the help of my son I will someday be its master. My e-mail address is [jpwilkin@osagecon.missouri.org](mailto:jpwilkin@osagecon.missouri.org).

Nasty weather for our last meeting at Japheth Howard and Alice James in Prairie Hill, Mo., but surprise, surprise, the turnout was better than usual. No question Japheth and Alice

are very talented smiths, thanks to both of you for hosting.

For those who couldn't make it I'll cover some of the items we discussed.

1. Fred Caylor died Jan. 7. BAM sent flowers for his funeral. Fred has been a loyal and helpful friend to BAM and the blacksmith community. He was one of the instructors at my first beginner's class at Lou Mueller's old shop. I and many others will miss him.

2. Beginner's class Feb. 23 & 24, call Lou Mueller if interested. I think there is no better way to get started.

3. I congratulate Randy Barringhaus on winning 1st prize at St. Peter's Art Fair and 3rd prize at the O'Fallon Art Fair with his iron sculptures. Way to go Randy.

4. We bought a chapter flag. Gena

Briggs is having it made.

5. Member Charles Comstock has a 50-pound Little Giant for sale for \$3,500. Completely rebuilt by Sid Suedmeier.

6. Motion made and passed for appointed committee members to end their term when the club president changes. This will permit new people to share the workload of an organization such as ours.

7. We decided to investigate buying a new sound system like the ones auctioneers use. This will be primarily for demos, as the biggest complaint is not being able to hear the demonstrator. Bryan Appleton is going to look into this for us.

All is well.

— Joe Wilkinson

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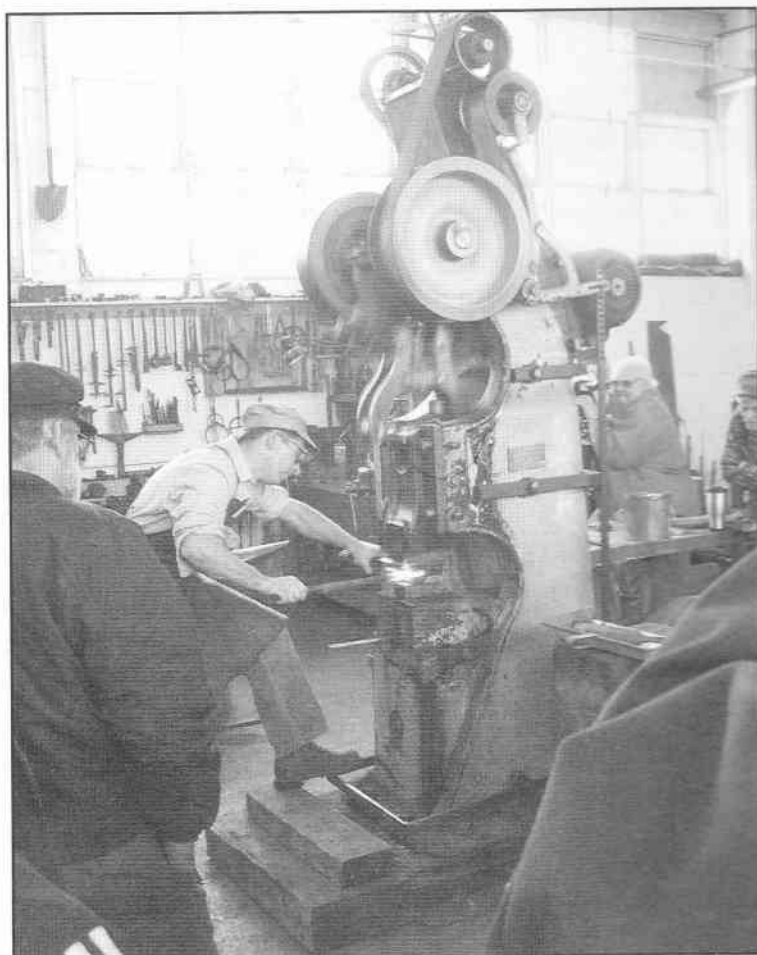
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# BAM

## January MEETING



**B**AM's January meeting was held at the shop of Alice James and Japheth Howard near Prairie Hill in north Missouri. The shop is located in an old school which had more than one BAM member thinking that is a good idea — all those rooms, and each one with a chalkboard on the wall! Also lots of space for your friends to crash.

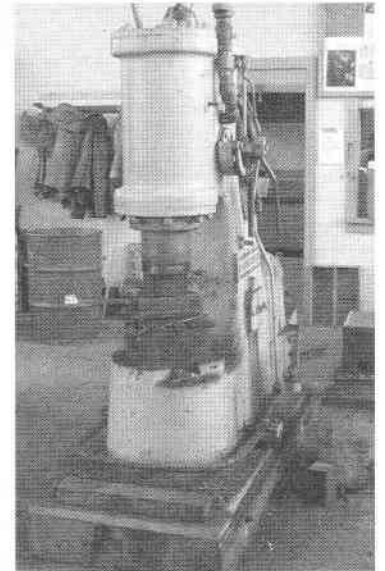
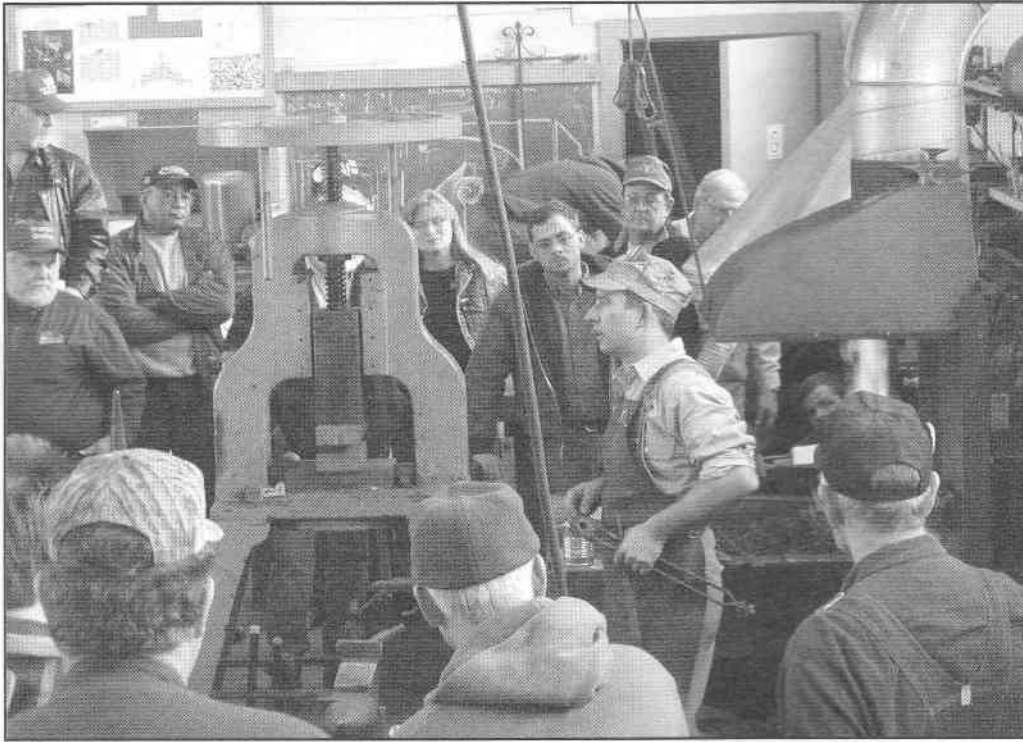
Details of the meeting are sketchy as most of the old reliable note takers couldn't make the meeting including our secretary John Murray so we don't have any meeting minutes.

Most of the demos were done by host Japheth who worked under the big hammers, at the anvil and under a big forging press. At right is one of his projects, a nice handle. I think Alice also put on a show demoing the making of a ram's head.

From all accounts the meeting was well attended despite the snowy weather.

At the business meeting the coal situation was debated at length, including whether BAM should sell coal to non-members or not. That issue was tabled to let the membership give it some more thought. Also



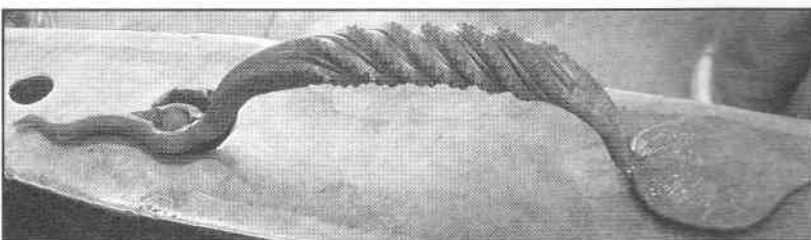
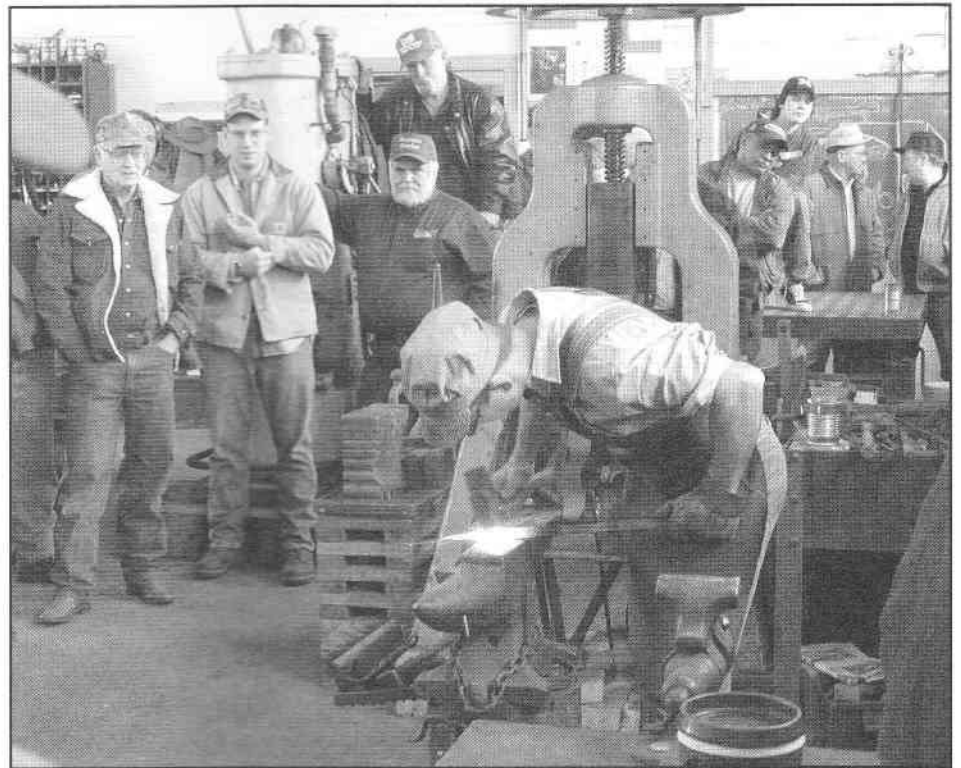


**Photos by Bob Stormer**

President Joe Wilkinson recommended that all committees be disbanded when the president's term ends. This will let the new prez set up new committees as they see fit.

Thanks to Japh and Alice for putting this one on. Let's hope we can all come back sometime in the not-too-distant future.

Thanks to Bob Stormer for the digital images of the meeting.





# ABANA

## ABANA Chapter Liaison Letter

January 2002

The change in chapter affiliation (Article III-A), as addressed in the minutes of the November ABANA Board meeting posted on the website at: [http://abana.org/downloads/board\\_meeting\\_seattle.pdf](http://abana.org/downloads/board_meeting_seattle.pdf) requires a change in the ABANA bylaws, thus a vote of the ABANA membership (Article XI). The bylaws are being revised to address changes in the Georgia laws of incorporation and address areas to reflect how we as an organization do business now. Once the changes are made, the revised bylaws will be mailed to all ABANA members for a vote to accept the revised bylaws. After that vote has been recorded and verified, the changes will be official, including the change in chapter status. We anticipate this process to be completed by the end of April. Until that time the chapter status remains as it is now.

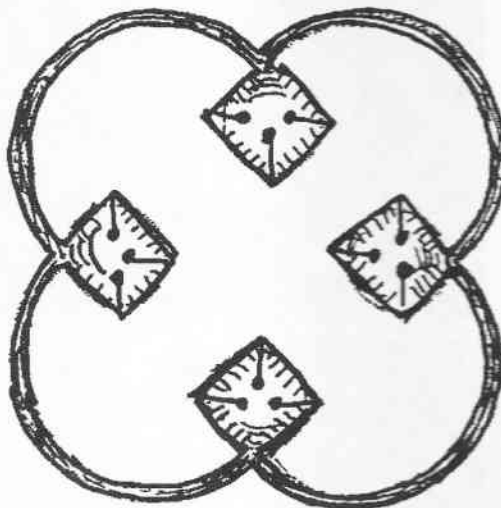
Once the by-laws are accepted (assuming the vote is in the positive), as noted in the proposed wording (section 1), all current chapters and former chapters (those involved in the SERBC anvil shoot) shall be as affiliates (as noted in Section 2). As noted in Section 3, all of the former chapters will be deemed to be affiliates without the need for further vote by the ABANA Board, thus requiring no actions for that designation and recognition. Changes may be required in individual chapter bylaws to address this change in rela-

tionship and other changes may be necessary in newsletters, letterhead or other related documents.

Please feel free to contact either Jerry Kagele, Bob Jacoby or myself for further explanation or clarification. Our contact information is listed on the web site at: [http://abana.org/business/the\\_abana\\_board.html](http://abana.org/business/the_abana_board.html)

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# BAM

## Bulletin Board

For sale: 7.5 hp Baldor 3 phase motor, new, \$300. 573-442-6955.

For sale: Stake plate and three large stakes, \$600. Pexto ring and circle shear, will cut circles from 2 inch to 44 inch diameter, \$900. Guy McConnell, (660) 332-7354.

For sale: Beverly shear B2, \$300. Angle iron shear, will cut up to 2" x 5/16", \$150. Jim McCarty, (573) 395-3304 or e-mail to jimmac@socket.net.

Wanted: Big vise, 200 pound, 8-inch range. Also need handled punches and drifts. Mike Kellersprass (417) 890-9174.

Wanted: 50 to 100 pound Little Giant. Buy or trade for larger anvil above 300 pounds. Bill Bench, 5626 S. Farm Road 205, Rogersville, MO 65742; (417) 883-9145.

Pat McCarty has for sale a like-new upholstery sewing machine. It's a Juki brand model # LU-563. Call (636) 239-3814.

Coke for sale, \$10 per hundred pounds loose or \$9 per bag sacked. Bags hold 60-70 pounds. Call Japheth Howard for more info, (660) 777-3508.

For sale: 5" leg vise, \$100; 3-1/2" bench vise, small anvil on rear, 40 lbs., \$50. 3 bags BAM coal, \$21. Champion No.3 blower, hand crank, on stand \$200; Buffalo electric blower, 200 silent 14", \$140; #400 whirlwind fire pot with tuyere

assembly 12x14" heavy duty, no burn out, set in steel table 24x24" on wheels, has hood and stack, \$300; Gas forge, new, never used by BAM complete with regulator, hose, fittings, etc. \$350; Canedy-Otto post drill, hand crank, automatic, has original chuck and Craftsman 1/2" chuck, mounted on steel post with feet, 5'5", \$130; Di-Acro Spartan roller Model #4, 24", \$150. Emil Bubash, 3151 Lin-Tel Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125; (314) 892-4086.

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 (2.5 lb.) or 14 gauge (1.75 lb.) 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 \$4 plus \$.50 for each pan. Contact: Bob Tuftee, 3855 Aspen Hills Dr., Bettendorf, IA 52722; bobforge@hotmail.com; (563) 332-4800.

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. Now offering: 12" x 18" BAM logo signs plasma cut from 1/8"

A36 steel plate, \$25 BAM members, \$35 non-members. 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 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 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 Mingus 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.



*Same Location!*

# Conference 2002

**Warren County Fairgrounds,  
Warrenton, Missouri  
May 3-5, 2002**

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

**Friday Evening, May 3, 2001**

6:30 - 7:30      **Ruben Funk:** Steel manufacturing and properties  
8:00-?          **Doug Hendrickson:** Forging contest

**Saturday, May 4, 2001**

8:30-11:30      **Terrence Clark:** Blacksmithing  
                     **Neil Poort :** Horse Shoeing  
**Family programs:**  
Pat Perry, Woven Basket; Leigh Funk, Mosaic Stepping Stones

11:30-1:00 pm    Lunch break  
1:00-4:30 pm    **Terrence Clark** Continued  
                     **Neil Poort** Continued  
**Family programs:** Woven Basket Continued; Decorative Paint-  
ing w/ Leigh Funk

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

**Sunday, May 5, 2001**

8:30 am-11:30 am **Terrence Clark** Continued  
                     **Neil Poort** Continued

11:30-?          **BAM Members:** Tear down and clean up conference site

Additional Conference Activities:

- Large tailgating site free to registered participants
- Free camping on site w/lots of modern toilets (sorry, no showers)
- Book and tool sales
- Lunch and snacks available on site

**Questions???? Call Pat McCarty at (636) 239-3814 or e-mail [budden51@netscape.net](mailto:budden51@netscape.net)**

**Pre-register by Wednesday, April 24, 2002**

*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: Bruce Herzog, 2212 Aileswick Dr., St. Louis, MO 63129

	Cost	Qty	Total
Pre-registration: Fri/Sat/Sun (\$40 at the door)	\$35		
Pre-registration: Saturday only (\$30 at the door)	\$25		
Pre-registration: Sunday only (\$15 at the door)	\$10		
Spouse and Children Registration	FREE		
Saturday Evening Dinner Banquet w/dessert	\$8		
Family Program: Pat Perry woven basket (Sat. am)	\$30		
Family Program: Leigh Funk Stepping stones(Sat. am)	\$10		
Family Program: Decorative painting (Sat. pm)	\$10		
Extra Family Program: (Sat. pm)	FREE		

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Blacksmiths Association of Missouri or BAM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Family Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 \$58 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 \$52-54 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

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



# Conference Map

## LODGING

AmeriHost Inn, Warrenton 636-456-6000

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

Super 7 Inn (7 mi E of Warrenton-Wright City) 636-745-8016

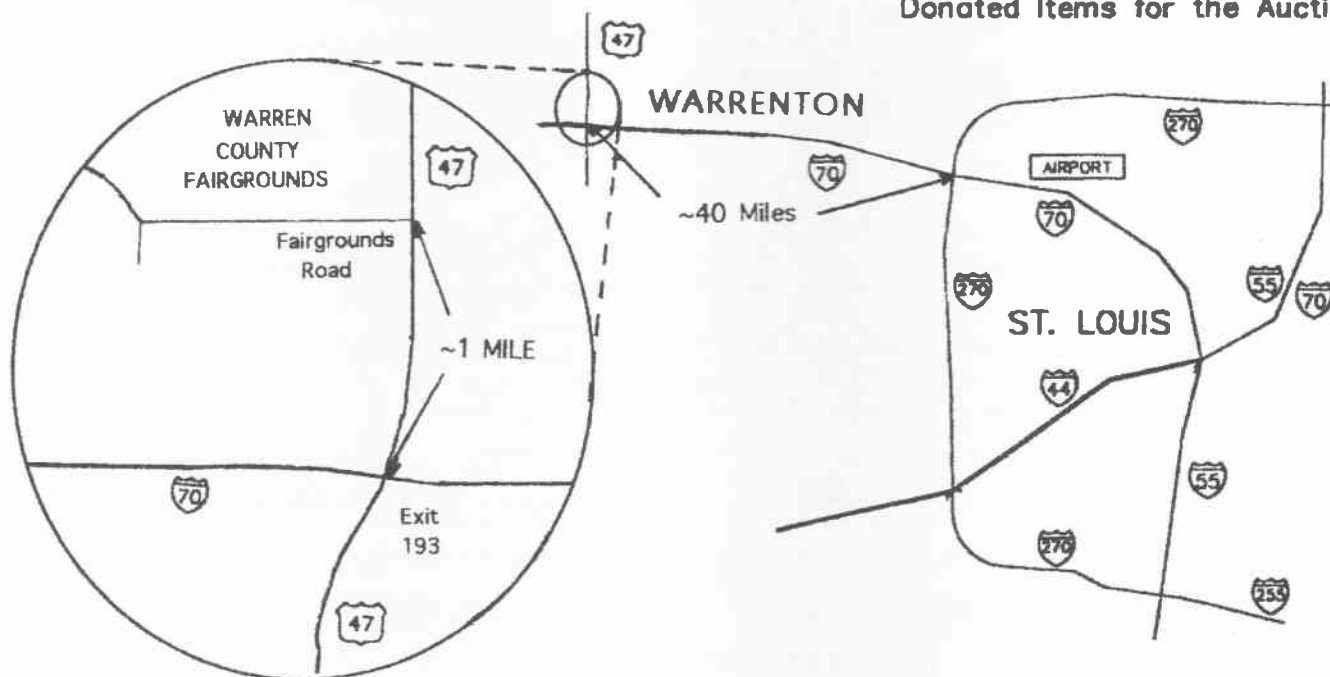
Collier Hospitality Inn (4 mi w of Warrenton) 636-456-7272

Motel 6, Warrenton 636-456-2522

Days Inn, Warrenton 636-456-4301

CAMPING AVAILABLE FREE ON SITE  
(Flush Toilets--No Showers)

Don't Forget Your  
Donated Items for the Auction



## Family program details:

### Basketmaking with Pat Perry

Make a Pineridge Carrier, woven basket featuring hand-forged iron handle by Pat McCarty. Cost is \$30 per person with a maximum of 20 students.

### Stepping stone mosaic with Leigh Funk

Decorate a concrete stepping stone with stained glass. \$10 per person with a maximum of 15 students.

### Mary Englebright-style decorative painting

\$10 per student with a maximum of 10 students.

### Extra family activity

Free! Bring a comfortable chair, relax, socialize, read, sew, or bring any favorite projects to work on.

*Register early to ensure you get into the class you want. See conference registration form on previous page.*



# FORGING CONTEST

# BAM

## 2002 Conference

The goal of this contest is to forge a dipper from 1/2" square iron.

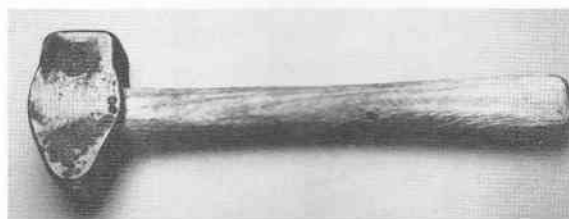
Contestants may only use one hammer of their choice and the anvil, coal, borax, forge and 1/2" iron provided by BAM. This is no beauty contest folks, it's all about volume.

The dipper which holds the most water wins, not the coolest object.

The time limit begins with the first hammer blow, and ends 7 minutes later.

Sign up at the registration desk.

The prizes are a choice of John Murray and Tom Clark hammers.



# BAM NEWS

## Knife workshop

The Jefferson County Historical Society will host a bladesmithing workshop from 9 am – 4 pm March 9 and 10, 2002 at the historic village on North 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Cost - \$20 both days; \$10 one day with proceeds to benefit the blacksmith shop and village.

Ken Markley and Chuck Hawes will lead this knifemaking workshop. Ken is a professional blacksmith and bladesmith and holds a journeyman certification in knifemaking. Chuck is also a professional bladesmith specializing in wholesaling Damascus billets.

Topics demonstrated and discussed will include steel selection, fire management, forging, grinding, heat treatment, installing handles, and finishing, starting and running a blacksmithing business.

Lunch will be available at a small additional fee. Tailgate sales welcome and encouraged. Please pre-register by Feb. 1, although walk-ins welcome.

Make checks payable to: Jefferson County Historical Society. Mail to: Wilbur Haley, 19 Rushton Dr., Mt. Vernon, IL. 62864. Any questions: call John Lovin (618) 756-2331 or Wilbur at (618) 242-1365. E-mail johnlovin at anvilmans@hamiltoncom.net.

## Best of the Bits II

The Alabama Forge Council just received Volume 2 of "Best of the Bits" edited by Clay Spencer from our

printer. For more information on the contents please go to the AFC Website at: <http://www.afc.abana-chapter.com> and click on "Best of the Bits now available" in the center of the page (it's the picture of the books).

Volume 1 or Volume 2 are available post paid at \$14 each or both shipped post paid for \$26. The AFC is set up to take Master Card or Visa or we will gladly accept a check or money order. If you are paying by credit card, be sure to include your card number, expiration date, and the name as it appears on the card. Don't forget your mailing address.

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## Demonstrator needed

BAM member Ed Wieberg is looking for a couple of demonstrators for the Martinsburg, Mo. 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary picnic to be held Aug. 17. He says the picnic draws a huge crowd and would be a good outlet for sales and to find new BAM members. For more information contact Ed at (573) 492-6551 or write him at PO Box 4, Martinsburg, MO 65264.

## Beginner's workshop

Lou Mueller is hosting a beginner's workshop at his shop in Fenton on Feb. 23 and 24. It's been awhile since BAM had an event like this but rest assured, it will be a well organized and productive weekend. Lou has a bunch of gas forges and plenty of anvils. Experience is not necessary – just bring an open mind and your favorite hammer if you have one. For more information call Lou at (636) 343-4223.

## BAM Box Builder to demo

Pat McCarty is the demonstrator for the 20th annual New Salem Hammer In to be held April 12-13 from 10 am to 4 am each day. Pat's demo will focus on building the coveted BAM Box, including instruction of the intricacies of producing hinges, handles and latches. He plans to construct a complete BAM box and donate it for the auction. Pat was recently featured in the Taunton Press book "Treasure Chests." To our knowledge this is the first time he has parted with the knowledge to construct an actual BAM box.

Besides the demo the event will feature a gallery of work by those attending, so bring a piece to display. Also bring your tools for tailgating.

Cost is \$10 per day in advance or \$15 per day at the door. Make checks payable to New Salem Lincoln League. For more information contact Jim Patton, Blacksmith, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Rt. 1 Box 244 A, Petersburg, IL 62675 or call (217) 632-4000.



Artist's conception of Pat McCarty demonstrating at Lincoln's New Salem.





*Could this be the first meeting of the Salt Fork Craftsmen? The caption says it's the first blacksmith shop in Guthrie, Oklahoma.*

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