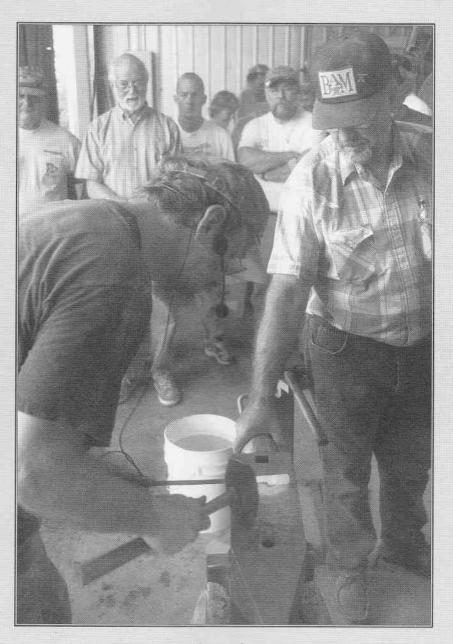


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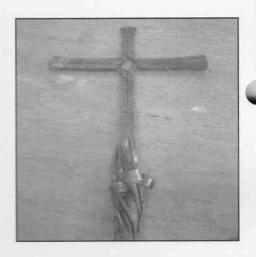
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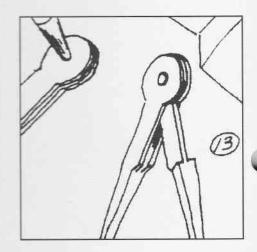
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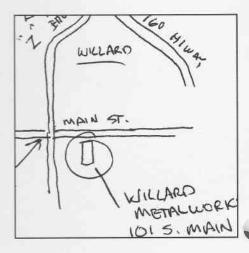
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Editor's anvil

¬ eek! Look at the calendar! ★ Another meeting is sneaking up. ✓and the News needs to go out. I sure am glad for the generosity of the other blacksmith chapters who allow us to borrow material for these short deadlines.

Finally got to attend a meeting and it was so nice of our President Joe Wilkinson to introduce me as a new member. There sure were a lot of new faces there. I guess it has been a long time. The September meeting location was a great one. Haslag Steel is a good place to shop for stock. I would like to spend some time in their scrap bins.

One event I didn't make was the annual Faust Park Oktoberfaust, Lou Mueller has been organizing this for 5 or so years and it keeps getting better. I think this event has done more for blacksmithing than all the others we do because it is directed at the public who we need to educate before they will spend a little extra for our wares.

If we don't tell them why forged is better than fabricated who will? I know from watching the crowd that seeing blacksmiths swinging hammers at hot iron makes a deep and lasting impression on those who come and watch. Thanks Lou for your efforts.

At the meeting someone reminded me that I haven't been picking on brother Pat much anymore. I checked the last couple of issues and that is true. So this month I'm going to announce a new contest. This idea came from my sister Mary who couldn't remember the name of Pat's

He calls it "Washington Forge" which is really boring and isn't really accurate because he doesn't really live in Washington. So let's see if we can come up with a better name for Pat's forge. Some ideas that have already been suggested:

- •Nose Hairs Forge
- ·Painful Itch Forge
- Uncle Stinky's Smithy
- Lo-Bucs Forge
- •Jim's Brother's Forge

I kinda like that last one. I'm sure

you guys will come forward and help Pat rename his forge. It's for a good

From what I am hearing from you guys October has ben a busy month for demos. Seems like everyone is doing something somewhere. Bob Alexander called and told me he was at Big Oak Tree State Park in the Bootheel again. That is a nice spot to be in as long as the mosquitoes are away. Bob reports selling most of his stock with little time to prepare for the big Old Ironwork Days at St. James.

Pat sold most of his stuff at Faust Park and the demo he did for Shaw's Garden. He also did a demo at Montauk State Park, another neat place to go demo. Coming up he has Luxenhaus, guess he'll be burning the midnight coal getting ready for that one.

Don Nichols and I will be demonstrating at the Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival. This will be my first year with a partner and I am looking forward to Don's shop which won't have to be loaded into my truck and brought back the next day. These enclosed trailers are the way to go as long as you have the truck to pull them.

I read in one of the other newsletters that Albert Paley got hurt pretty bad while working on a giant sculpture. The story I heard was his

propane torch line got severed filling a bucket with gas. The gas ignited and burnt hm pretty seriously. He was lucky to have some help around to get him off the scaffold.

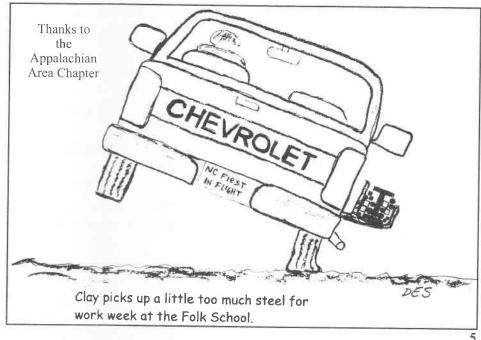
My feeling is if it can happen to a guy who does this day in and day out it can sure sneak up on those of us who are part timers. Do be careful in the shop. With winter coming on it's a good time to take a look at your operation and see what needs to be repaired or replaced. Pay close attention to wiring and also to those hoses on your welding outfit.

In November we get to visit a new shop, Jeff Willard's in southwest Missouri. Thanks Jeff for taking us in. It's always good to see a new shop and take a look at their approach to solving common problems.

If I don't make this one how about someone writing a report for the newsletter? Bob Stormer has been kind enough to take photos for me and he is doing great work. All we need is a short story and the meeting coverage will improve a lot. Someone with a sketchbook would be even better but I won't push the luck.

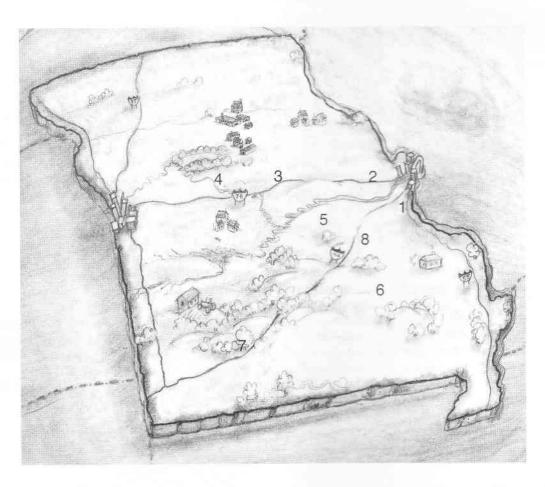
Hope to see you all in November.

— Jim McCarty



Coal Stash

Coal Captain: Bob Maes



- 1. Bob Alexander, DeSoto, MO (636) 586-6938 Lotsa bags
- 2. Ken Jansen, Moscow Mill (636) 366-4353
- 3. Ruben Funk, Columbia (573) 445-8340
- 4. Doug Clemons, Malta Bend (660) 595-2257
- 5. Jerry Rehagen, Rich Fountain (573) 744-5454

- 6. Doug Hendrickson, Lesterville (573) 637-2576
- 7. Jeff Willard, Willard (417) 742-4569
- 8. Keith Barrick, Cuba (573) 269-4290

Price \$7.50 per bag

Coal keepers earn 50 cents a bag

Bob's bunker has just been restocked so we have plenty of coal.

Joe's jive

ad a nice meeting in September at Haslag's Steel Supply in Krakow, Mo. My thanks to Jerry and Janelle Hoffmann for hosting at an innovative site.

July and September were very quiet months for our association. We had very little business to discuss, but I can bring you up to date on a few things.

By the time you read this we should have a fresh supply of coal in the bunker at Bob Alexander's. So, substation managers who are running low call Bob to coordinate bagging and pick-up times. Please bear in mind that Bob is working out of town a lot,

so pick-up times will have to be on weekends most of the time.

I should also mention we will have a new sub-station in Cuba, Mo., managed by Keith Barrick, phone (573) 269-4290. Thanks Keith for volunteering.

I demo'd Sat. 28th September at Faust Park. This was my first time at this park, I was very favorably impressed. We all had separate tents and a steady stream of visitors that lasted all day. My thanks to Lou Mueller for arranging for all accommodations. For those of you who haven't been there, I can heartily recommend it. It's a beautiful park and I learned that the restored

carousel from the old Highlands Park is housed there. (I rode on this as a boy.) It is reported that this is the only hand carved carousel left in existence. All in all a good place to acquaint the public with your skill and your craft.

Next meeting at Jeff Willard's shop in Willard (Springfield), Mo. This will be Jeff's first time at hosting a meeting. Those of you who attended the Nixa meeting know that Jeff is a pretty handy fellow with a hammer and an anvil. I'm looking forward to his meeting. Until then,

Happy Hammering Joe Wilkinson

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September Meeting

Aslag Steel in
Krakow was the
site for BAM's
September meeting hosted
by Jerry Hoffmann. It
proved to be an excellent
place to have a meeting,
even one that featured
good weather. It's also a
great place to buy some
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cleaned them out of 3/8
square.

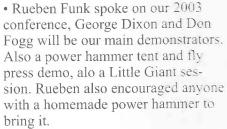
Jerry did the demo program, forging a nice pair of tongs. For some reason they didn't get into the iron in the hat for the editor to win.

We had about 80 people show up. Thanks to Jerry and Janelle for putting this together and for the Haslag folks who opened their doors to us.

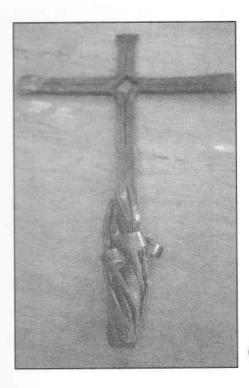
Minutes

- Thanks to Jerry, Jannelle and Haslag Steel for hosting us.
- Joe mentioned an exhibit of work by Elizabeth Brim and others at Craft Alliance in St. Louis.
- Faust Park next weekend, Frank Turley and several Bammers will demo.
- Joe spoke on 501(c) status for BAM, it is mostly a bummer.
- Bruce Herzog spoke on our treasury. We have thousands and thousands of dollars.
- 523 members!





- · Make those auction items.
- Lou spoke on the BAM teaching station, which will also be set up at the conference.
- Rueben spoke on the Missouri River Valley Steam Engine Associaton, they are going to remodel a



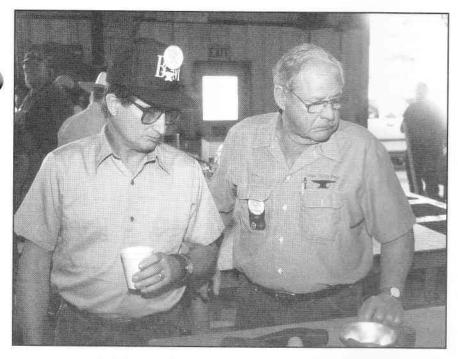
Left: Jerry Hoffmann wowed us with his tong demo on a nice new anvil. Above: Doug Clemons' trade item was this nice Journal inspired cross.

building for smithing and related use. Call Rueben if you want to help.

- Bruce spoke on e-mail for those with computer-machines. Bruce needs the <u>right</u> addresses for the magic to work right.
- Lou spoke on the trailer for BAM's teaching equipment. Possible workshop to fit it up this winter.

Respectfully submitted, John Murray, secretary

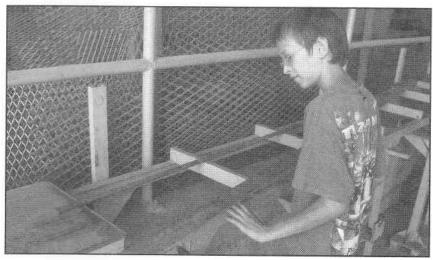
Trade items were made by: Bob Ehrenberger, Maurice Ellis, Don Nichols, James Rumbo, Doug



Left: Joe Wilkinson and Don Birdsall check out the trade items and iron in the hat. Below: The editor's son James takes a look at one of the many jigs and fixtures set up at Haslag Steel.

Clemons, Bruce Herzog, Neal Poort, Daniel Ehreneberger, Dennis Yates, Ed Harper, Mike Gentzsch.

Iron in the hat donated by: Mike Gentzsch, Jim Thomas, John Murray, Blacksmith's Journal, Tony Parra, Harold Webber, David Smith, Daniel Ehrenberger, Don Birdsall, Bill Bench, Don Nichols, Randy Barringhaus, Mike Kellestler, Maurice Ellis, Bess Ellis, Bob Ehrenberger, Jeff Willard.



Left: A crowd of about 80 BAMers found Krakow on the map and made the meeting.

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ABANA

Chapter Liaison Letter

September 2002

special announcement to affiliate editors and webmasters from LeeAnn Mitchell, Central Office Administrator. Please remember to send to LeeAnn (abana@abana.org) announcements of your upcoming events to be posted on the calendar section of the ABANA website. Send the electronic announcements as far in advance of your event as possible. Place "Affiliate Event" in the subject line of your email. Include any links to your website and state where we can direct people to get a flyer. To speed up posting of your event, please use the following headings when listing information:

Dates: Info: Location: Contact:

Speak with LeeAnn for details on submitting stories

and photographs of your recent events. We need more content for the Affiliate Section of the ABANA website. Remember-get out those digital cameras and submit!

Two New Programs

ABANA is pleased to announce two new programs. An announcement of these programs is being sent to all affiliates at the same time as this ABANA Affiliate Letter. Inquire about these programs with your affiliate president and ask the president to discuss them with your board of directors. These documents are posted on the Affiliate Section of the ABANA

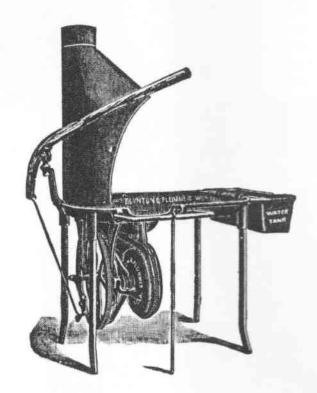
website http://abana.org/affiliates/affiliates.html

A Program To Share Successful Affiliate Activities. This program asks for participating affiliates to describe an aspect of their program that is working well. This statement is sent to Bob Fredell, then rewritten in a form consistent with other write-ups and finally sent to all affiliates. The nice thing about this program is that all affiliates may benefit from the successful experience of other affiliates. Idea sharing can be one of the most valuable services provided by ABANA.

A Program To Enhance ABANA-Affiliate Communication. This program establishes a structure of two-way

communication between ABANA members and the ABANA Board. Affiliates are asked to contact Bob Jacoby, via US Mail or e-mail (bobjacoby@abana.org), to participate. The path of two-way communication is another valuable service provided by ABANA.

Bob Fredell 9360-281 Avenue NW Zimmerman, MN 55398-9535 (763) 389-5119 bobfredell@abana.org (Note new email address!)



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Bulletin Board

For sale: A-366 deep drawn ultra low carbon steel sheet for repoussé work. Only .005% carbon. 14 gauge cold rolled. Call John Murray, (636) 398-4640.

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: 3-1/2" bench vise, small anvil on rear, 40 lbs., \$50. Champion No.3 blower, hand crank, on stand \$200; Canedy-Otto post drill, hand crank, automatic, has original chuck and Craftsman 1/2" chuck, mounted on steel post with feet, 5'5", \$130. Emil Bubash, 3151 LinTel Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125; (314) 892-4086.

Wanted: B-2 or B-3 Beverly throatless shear. Please call with price and condition. Bob Woodard (618) 692-6508.

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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.

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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 Inven-

tion 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 edits a 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.

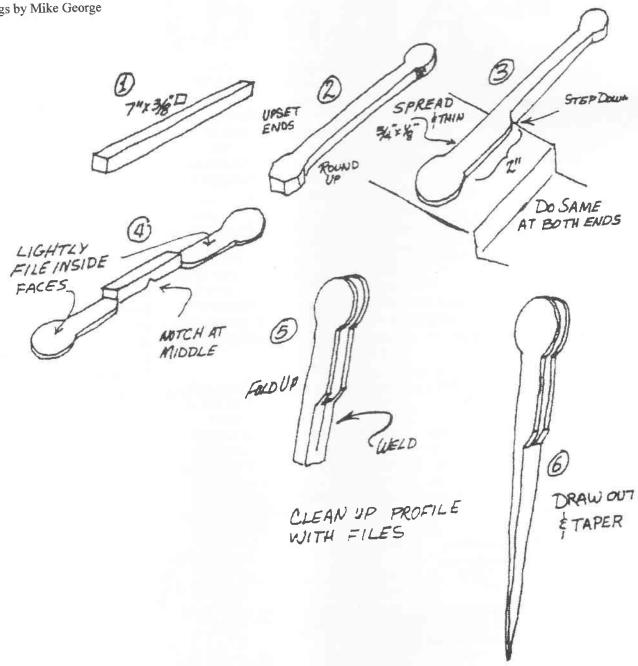
Irony is a new publication by BAM member Stephen McGehee. It's full of metalworking projects as well as his own brand of wit. Subscriptions are \$35 a year or \$65 for 2 years. Send checks to P.O. Box 925, Corydon, IN 47112.

L Brand Forge coke now packaged in 50 pound bags, 1,000 pound bulk sacks on pallets and 2,000 pound bulk sacks on pallets. Send your zip code for a quote on price including delivery. 1-800-441-0616 or LBrandForgeCoke@aol.com.

Peter Ross Demonstration of **Three Leaf Friction Dividers**

Courtesy of Saltfork Craftsman of Oklahoma And the Guild of Metalsmiths from Minnesota

All drawings by Mike George



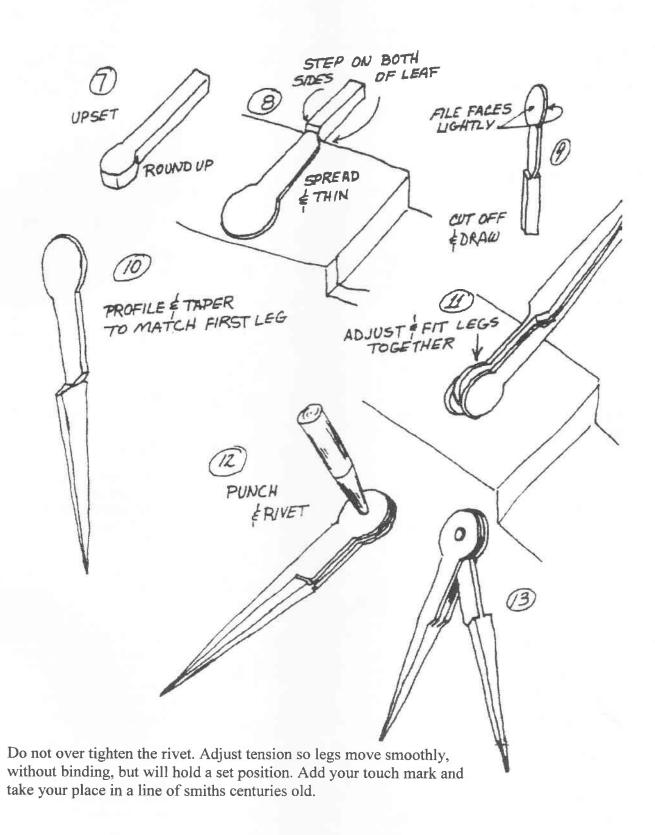
Most of the measurements shown are "about".

The round part of each leaf is "about" one inch in diameter.

The straight part below that is "about" 2 inches long and 3/4 inch wide.

All the leaf parts are "about" 1/8 inch thick. The second leg of the dividers has a single leaf and should fit smoothly between the leaves of the first leg.

As you continue, work each step as if it were the last. (That is maintain symmetry and good finish) Do not work scale into the piece, you are making an instrument!



BAM NEWS

item: weathervane May 2003:

Don Asbee, Hartsburg

If anyone would like to host a meeting in 2003 please let Raoul know. Likewise, if you are scheduled to host one and need to change the date or anything else please make sure our meeting coordinator knows. If anyone sees a conflict with any of the scheduled dates please share that as well. He can be reached at work (417) 725-6665, or at home (417) 863-8628.

Belated congrats to Bruce

t the 2002 BAM Conference Bruce Herzog joined a distinguished group of BAM members when he was presented the 2002 Bob Patrick Founder's Award. Sorry Bruce for just getting the word out. Bruce has been BAM's treasurer for many years and the professionalism he brought to that office alone makes him worthy of the honor. He's also been the catalyst behind many BAM workshops and has been more than willing to handle all the details for these events like announcing the workshop location, handling deposits and making sure materials are paid for in advance. We need a lot more Bruce's in BAM! Congratulations to Bruce on the big honor. (PS: We're still looking fo a list of the contest winners from the conference).

Future meetings

Our meeting coordinator Kirk (Raoul) Sullens has been hard at work setting up a meeting schedule. He's got 2002 in place and is even looking ahead to next year. Here's what he's got so far:

November 2:

Jeff Willard, Willard. Trade item: Nutcracker

January 11, 2003:

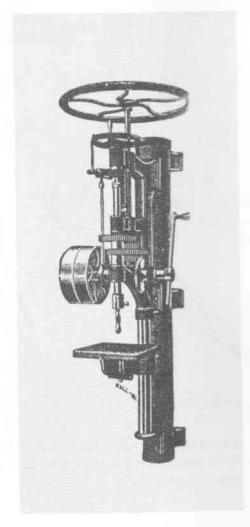
John Lovin, Belle Rive, IL. Trade item: Set of 4 napkin rings

March 29, 2003:

Maurice Ellis, Belgrade, Mo. Trade

Faust Park a success

This year's Octoberfaust event was again a big success with a large crowd being exposed to black-smithing perhaps for the first time. This year's event featured Frank Turley, who is known throughout the country as a fine tool maker. Before the event ended he had a lot of young-



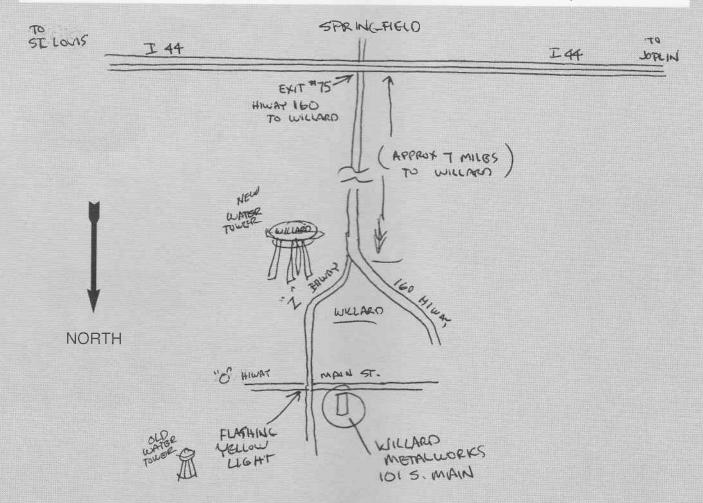
sters at the anvil hammering their first piece of hot iron. Those who demonstrated and had stuff for sale reported brisk sales. No doubt a lot of nice iron is gracing the walls of those St. Louis subdivisons today. Oktoberfaust was started by Lou Mueller many years ago when he was ABANA president. The idea was to educate the public about backsmithing. It is a take on the European events which are orga nized for the public benefit instead of to educate blacksmiths. The event never fails to draw a big crowd. Perhaps it's time someone launched one on the western side of the state? Thanks to Lou and Frank and all the others involved in putting on this event.

Conference '03 update

The 2003 BAM Conference Committee has been hard at work lining up demonstrators and other details of the next big event. Here's some of what they have planned so far:

- Main demonstrators will be George Dixon and Don Fogg. George specializes in traditional blacksmithnig and he is a master at the treadle hammer. Don is a world-class bladesmith. We'll also have a basic blade forging workshop.
- All-around blacksmith contest.
- Sid Seudmeir will offer a Little Giant tune-up seminar and his power hammer collection.
- There will be a power hammer tent featuring Tom Clark, Phil Cox, Sid and others. The BAM teaching station trailer will be complete and set up so that beginners can learn some skills in an all-day Friday workshop.
- There will also be a fly press demonstration.
- The auction needs your items! It's a little-known fact that the auction brings in most of our spending money for the rest of the year. Also make something for the BAM Boutique.
- BAM gallery will be set up so bring your good work.
- The committee needs ideas for the family program.
- •We'll get you more information in coming issues.
- Dates are May 2,3,4.

Next meeting: Nov. 2, Willard, Mo.



The next meeting will be Nov. 2 at Jeff Willard's Willard Metalworks in Willard, Mo. which is near Springfield. Jeff's a relative newcomer to BAM but no novice at the forge as anyone who atended the last Bass Promeeting can attest.

We should expect good things from someone who has his own town! Jeff's business card shows he does some pretty technical welding besides the blacksmithing. Should be a great place to visit.

Jeff says he will be serving

lunch so come hungry. Trade item is a nutcracker. As usual, don't forget to bring something for the iron in the hat and if you can't do that, at least buy a bunch of tickets. We'll see you in Willard Nov. 2. If you get lost call (417) 742-2572.



2002 Meeting schedule

November Meeting

January 2003 Meeting

March 2003 Meeting

Maurice Ellis

Jeff Willard Willard, MO Nov. 2 Trade item: Nutcracker

John Lovin Belle Rive, IL Jan.11, 2003

Belgrade, MO March 29, 2003 Trade item: Weathervane

Trade item: 4 napkin rings



One of the treats at the September BAM meeting was getting to browse the back issues of Jerry Hoffmann's Blacksmiths Journal.

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