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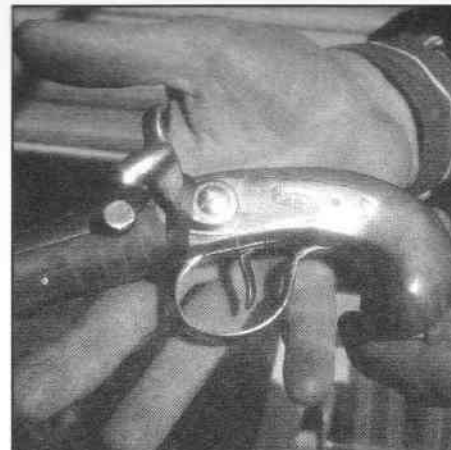
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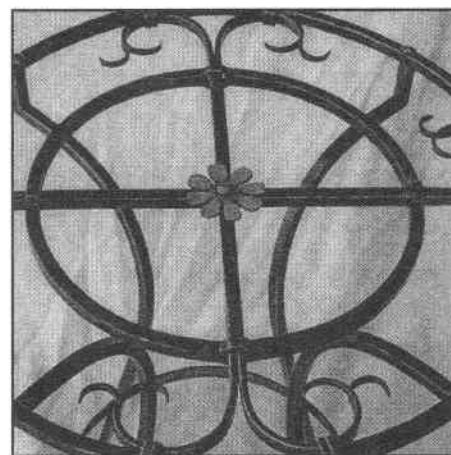
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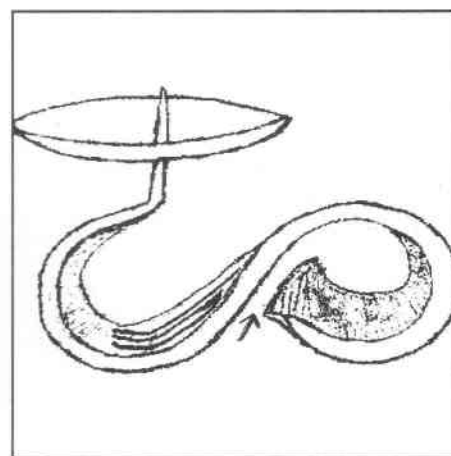
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# Newsletter of the Blacksmiths Association of Missouri

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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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*See reverse*



# Editor's anvil

**G**reetings! If all goes as planned this will be my last issue as editor of the BAM News. I have been editor for more than 10 years. I know that because one of those early issues had a note about my son Daniel being born and he is 10 now. My how time flies!

I sure have enjoyed this stint as editor. It's not without some perks. For example, you get all the other chapter newsletters. I always planned to box those up when I was done with them and share them at the meetings. Problem is I was never done with them. There was always something else that might fill a hole down the road. And in the old days stuff got cut out and pasted into our pages so when I really was done with them there wasn't much left. You could say they were read to shreds...

A lot has changed since I took over. For one thing BAM has at least twice as many members and a lot more dollars in the bank. We have done several workshops, building coal forges, gas forges, treadle hammers and more. We've added numerous workshops, made a huge anvil buy and started stockpiling coal in a big way. I will always believe the coal supply is the best part of belonging to BAM.

We have an established presence at the Missouri State Fair. And the new teaching trailer, something ABANA should be doing, will do a lot to train the next generation of smiths.

As editor I have had the privilege of getting to know most of the membership. I've also had the pleasure of joining other editors from chapters around the country at various conferences.

If there was always one frustration it was being chained to a computer when all I wanted to do is go build a fire. Putting together the newsletter always inspired me to go make something, but duty called and I had to put my own desires aside. There have been many a night I stayed up till the wee hours because for some reason all of my deadlines seemed to come at once.

Somehow it has managed to get out on a more or less reasonable timetable,

except for that one issue that got lost in the shuffle between Walt Hull and me. You didn't notice that did you? What we did was rename the issues so they end with November-December. That actually makes a little more sense.

The new guy who is taking over with the May-June issue is Ned Digh. He is a real ambitious fellow who has one thing that is in short supply around my place -- time. Ned will do a fine job. He is now well equipped and should have no trouble getting things rolling again. Let's all help him out by sending some material his way. The address is PO Box 765, Fulton, MO 65251-0765. His e-mail is bameditor@ktis.net. Phone is (573) 642-9502.

I will offer Ned one little tip that is my secret to getting a newsletter done. The rest of you can apply it where it fits in your life. Are you ready? here goes: "It's never too late to do a bad job." I have followed that philosophy religiously and it really works.

I know I will miss putting this publication out. It has given me a chance to experiment with page design, scanning and digital photography and a lot of other stuff I never would have done otherwise. But it is time for me to move on. My heart is just not in it anymore and I really have to focus on raising these boys.

Last issue I had an old photo of a blacksmith from southeast Missouri on the back cover. Since then I have learned a little about this man. I don't know his name but a family from La Forge, Mo., which is where the photo was shot, tells me he was brought in by the FHA to be part of a cooperative farm set up there in the 1930s. The area didn't have a blacksmith so they talked him into moving from Arkansas to a new shop built on the project.

Later a hammer mill threw one of its hammers which hit him in the head and killed him. Guess he should have stayed in Arkansas.

The 2003 BAM Conference is history and it has to go down as one of

the best ever. Chairman Rueben Funk says the committee's goal was for everyone to leave saying they weren't able to take it all in. I think the mission was accomplished.

Wish I could have stayed longer, at least for the auction. I understand bidders were in short supply but somehow we brought in \$6,000-plus. It was good to have Tim Ryan back. Tim is one of my favorite people. I put him right up there with David Cornett in terms of class. The two of them have made BAM a lot of money. Sometime we should forge a statue of them taking our money away from us.

Coming up, BAM has a Clay Spencer workshop and some great meetings on the horizon. Don't miss the next one at the Ag Hall of Fame just over the border in Kansas. They have the world's largest collection of worn out anvils.

Here's hoping I run into you guys at a bunch more meetings. And thanks for the opportunity to be editor for so many years.

— 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

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(Note corrected phone number)

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

Spring is in the air and a young man's heart turns to blacksmithing. After long cold months of unheated shops and frozen slack tubs, we now can work in our shirt sleeves. The dogwoods are blooming and the crocuses are up, God is good.

Don't forget to make something for the Conference Auction. This is our main source of income and we can only do well if many members make something to sell. Try it, you'll like it!!!!

Maurice and Bess Ellis always have good BAM meetings and March 29th was no exception. If you didn't make it you missed seeing Fred Weisenborne, Jr (Big Fred's son) make a double bit axe head and Maurice demonstrate making power hammer tooling.

If you missed it, I'm sorry for your loss.

At the meeting we learned Daniel Ehrenberger has only one more test to complete to be certified as a master bladesmith. Congratulations to you Daniel, quite an achievement for a man of your young age. Just shows what perseverance and dedication can do. BAM is proud of you.

Also at the meeting the Board of Directors (Club Officers) established some regulations for scholarships, something that has been needed for some time.

They are as follows:

1. Limit in scholarship amount is \$500, applicable to tuition and/or expenses.

2. Annual scholarship budget is \$5000.

3. Annual number of scholarships is 10.

Application forms will appear in the newsletter.

Another Beginner's Class was completed at Lou Mueller's shop April 12th. I understand all went well. Just think, one or more of these beginners may someday be another Bob Patrick. I couldn't attend. I was at another Boy Scout meeting in Jefferson City planning the Lewis and Clark Celebration for 2004

Hope to see everyone at the BAM Conference.

*Happy Hammerin'*  
— Joe Wilkinson

## Scholarship Time

Scholarship time is here again. BAM has lots of money and would like to give some of it to you to further your development as a blacksmith. Please contact committee chairman Walt Hull if you have any questions or suggestions: (785) 865-5771. Send form to Walt Hull, 2043 Massachusetts, Lawrence, KS 66046.

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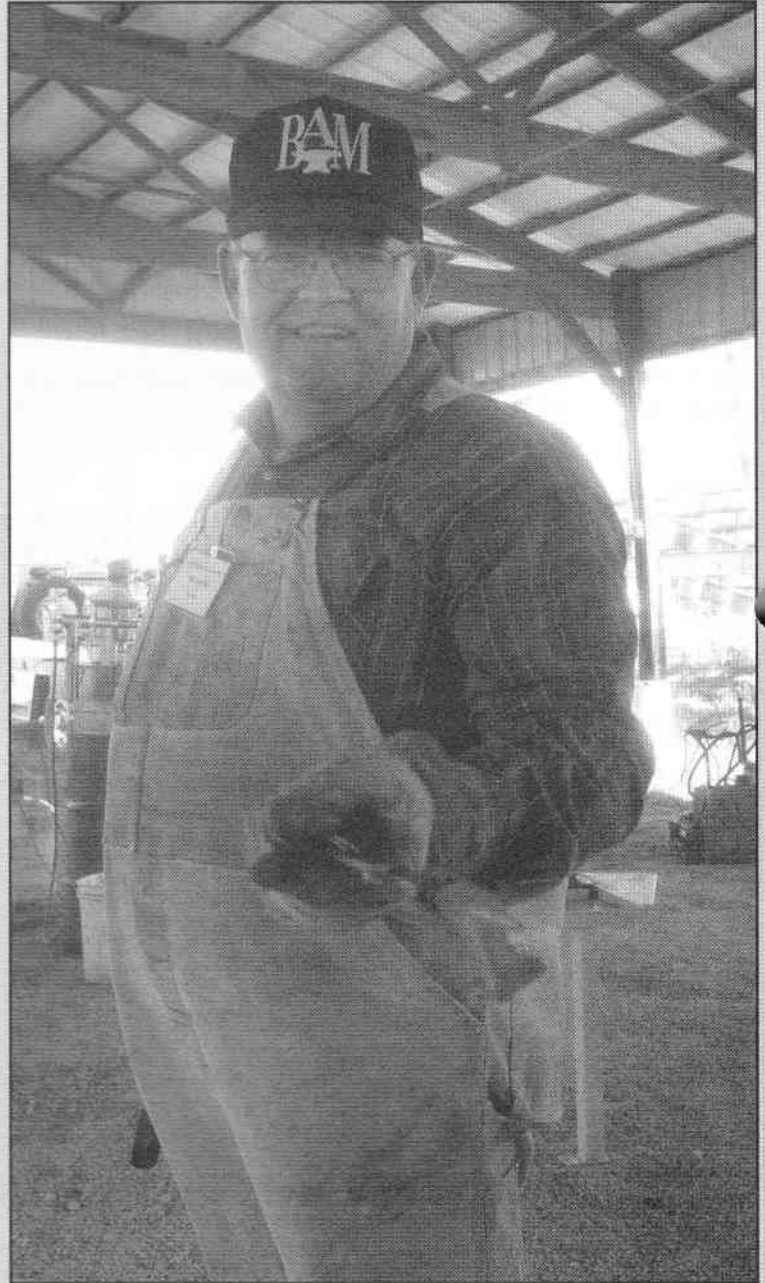


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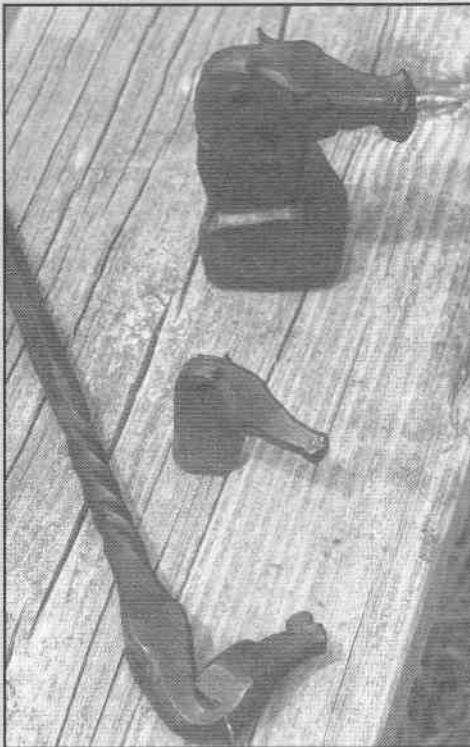
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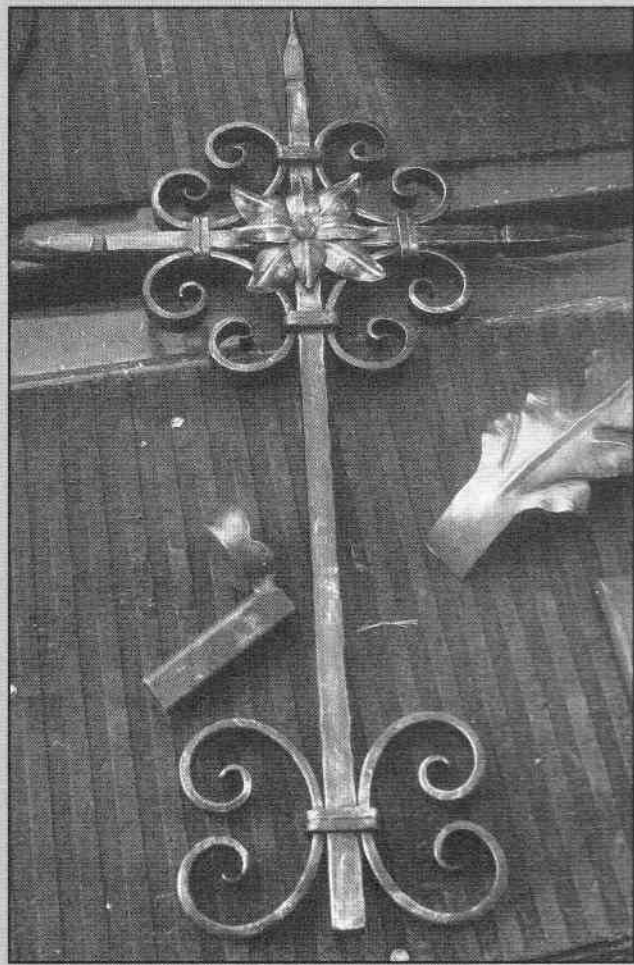
Above: Phil Cox's mini anvil cooks in the gas forge. Left: The man himself shows off one of the steps required to produce one of the little anvils. Phil was part of a large contingent of power hammer specialists who demonstrated at the conference.



Left: Horse heads made under one of Tom Clark's air hammers at the Ozark School power hammer station.



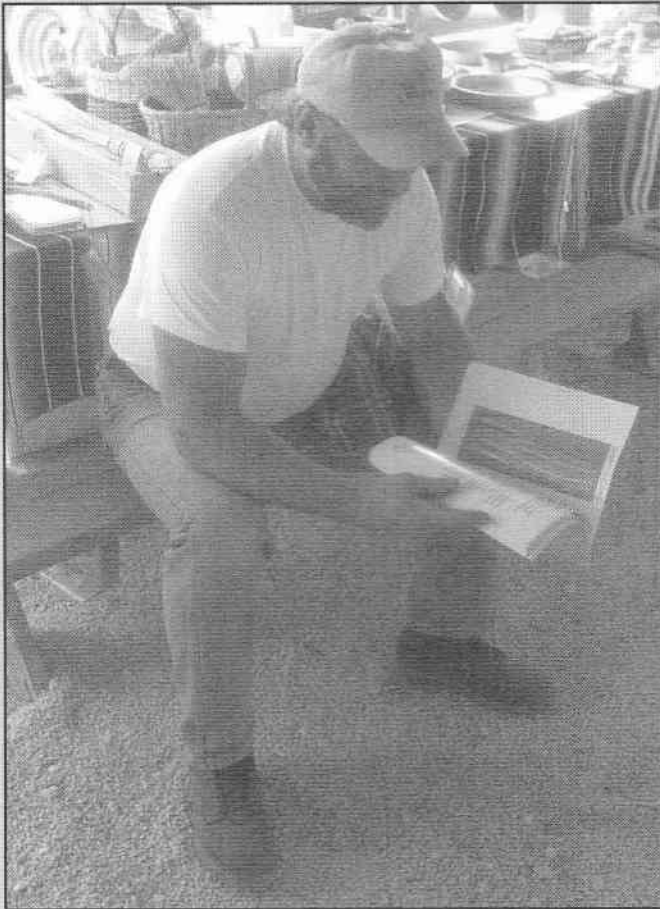




Left: Nice cross came all the way from Tennessee. Below: Pat McCarty's latest rendition of the BAM box was a bargain in the auction.



Left: Part of the big crowd that watched George Dixon work.



Left: Bob Alexander couldn't wait to read his new book. Below: Guy McConnell has been at it again forging some nice stuff from the Damascus he makes. This little shooter was one of two he brought to the conference.

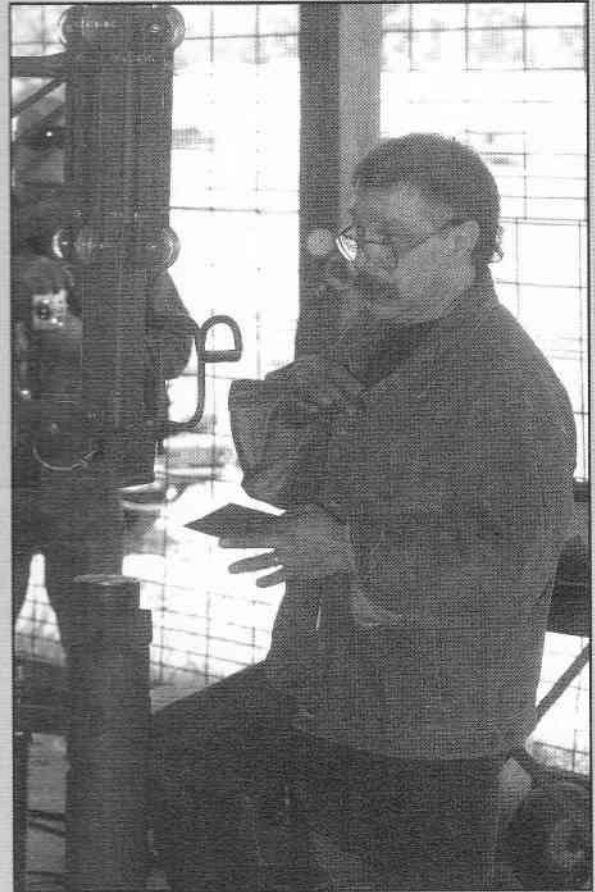


Right: That's Don Fogg teaching how to make a blade.



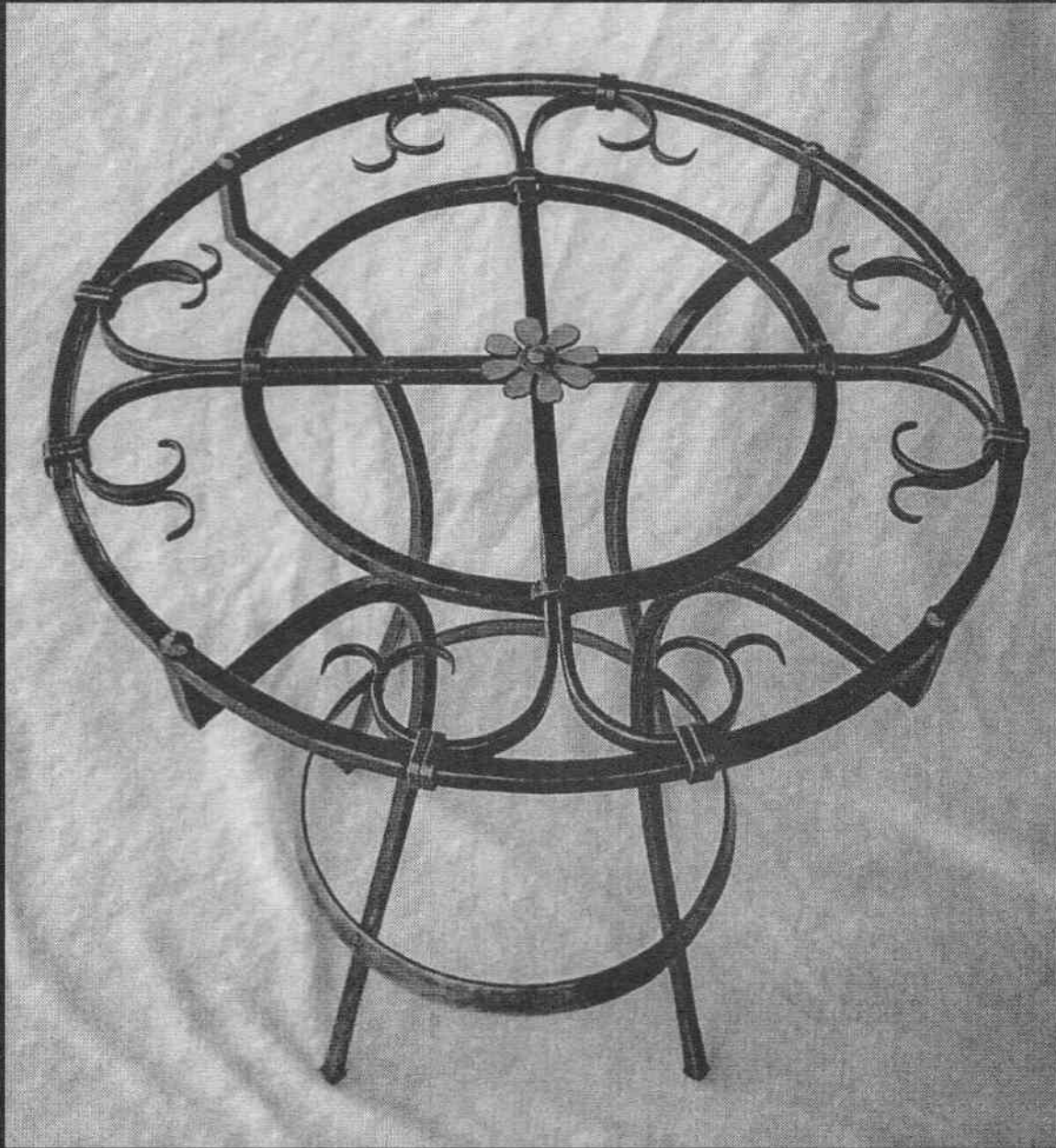


# BAM Conference 2003



Above: Sample of ironwork George Dixon brought with him. Right: A big crowd gathers around Roger Lowrance's wares in tailgate row. Top right: George Dixon works at the treadle hammer.

# *Clay Spencer Workshop*



*June 21-22, Fenton, MO*



**O**n June 21-22 Clay Spencer will lead a hands on workshop at Lou Mueller's shop in Fenton, Mo., just west of St. Louis. This workshop is free to all BAm members.

Here is how Clay sees the workshop happening:

In this hands-on workshop we will build a small table using traditional joinery techniques as taught by Francis Whitaker. It will have rings with slit, upset and drifted holes and forge welds. Among other things it has a tapered hoop, cross pieces with welded and split end scrolls, half-lapped at the center and legs with tenons, upset square corners, curved sections and upset feet. I will bring the layout, jigs and tools. A treadle ham-

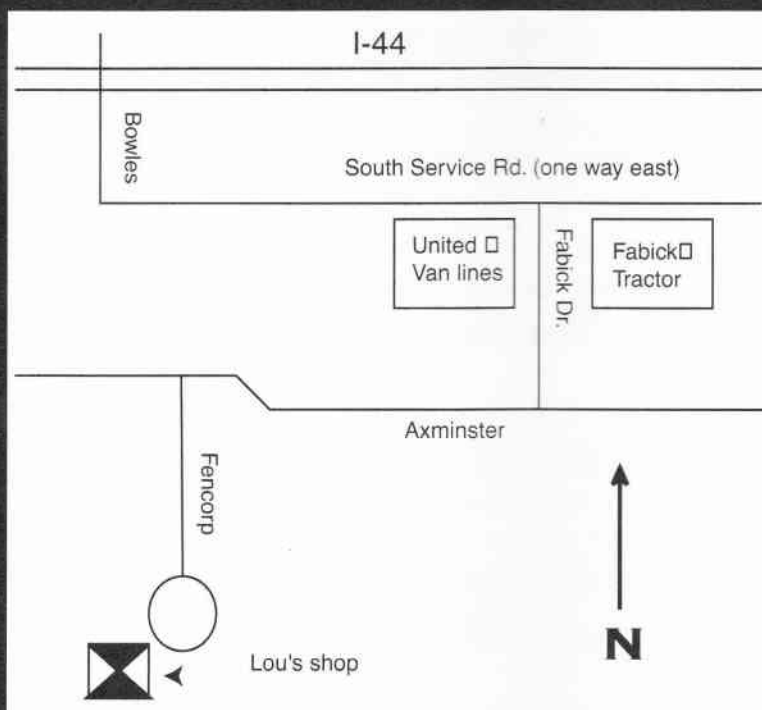
mer will be used to make some of the parts. See the photo and all these techniques will come together for you. Several teams will lay out the parts, make the

three rings, two cross pieces with welded scrolls and four legs on the first day. On the second day we will assemble the table using collars, rivets and tenons. To top it off we will make a small steel decorative element for the center and enamel it with a torch. Bring your safety glasses and work clothes. We will learn something and have some fun making this table.

Come prepared to work, help, take notes and photographs or just watch. The workshop will start at 9 am on Saturday and finish on Sunday at noon. Bring lawn chairs and call ahead for a motel room. There are also many restaurants in the area.

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

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## Slavic Candle Holder, By Monty Bygd

While we were at the Catalan Blacksmithing Conference in France in the fall of 2001, my wife purchased this candle holder made by a blacksmith from the Czech Republic. I have made a few of them and always get questions on how to make them.

### Making the Jig

When making jigs, use angle iron so they can be clamped in a vice. Start with about a 5" long piece of 2" angle iron; one  $\frac{3}{4}$ " pipe, 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " long; and one 1" pipe 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " long. Weld the pipes to the angle iron, keeping a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " gap between them. (NOTE: The pipe is measured I.D. The outside of the  $\frac{3}{4}$ " will be about 1" O.D., 1" will be 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " O.D.)

### Making the Candle Holder

Start with a piece of flat bar that is  $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ " long. Draw out with a double taper to 8  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", trying to keep the last  $\frac{3}{4}$ " of the point somewhat square. Also taper the edge from  $\frac{1}{4}$ " down to about  $\frac{1}{8}$ ". Now put a fish tail on the wide end. The total length should be about 9" long.

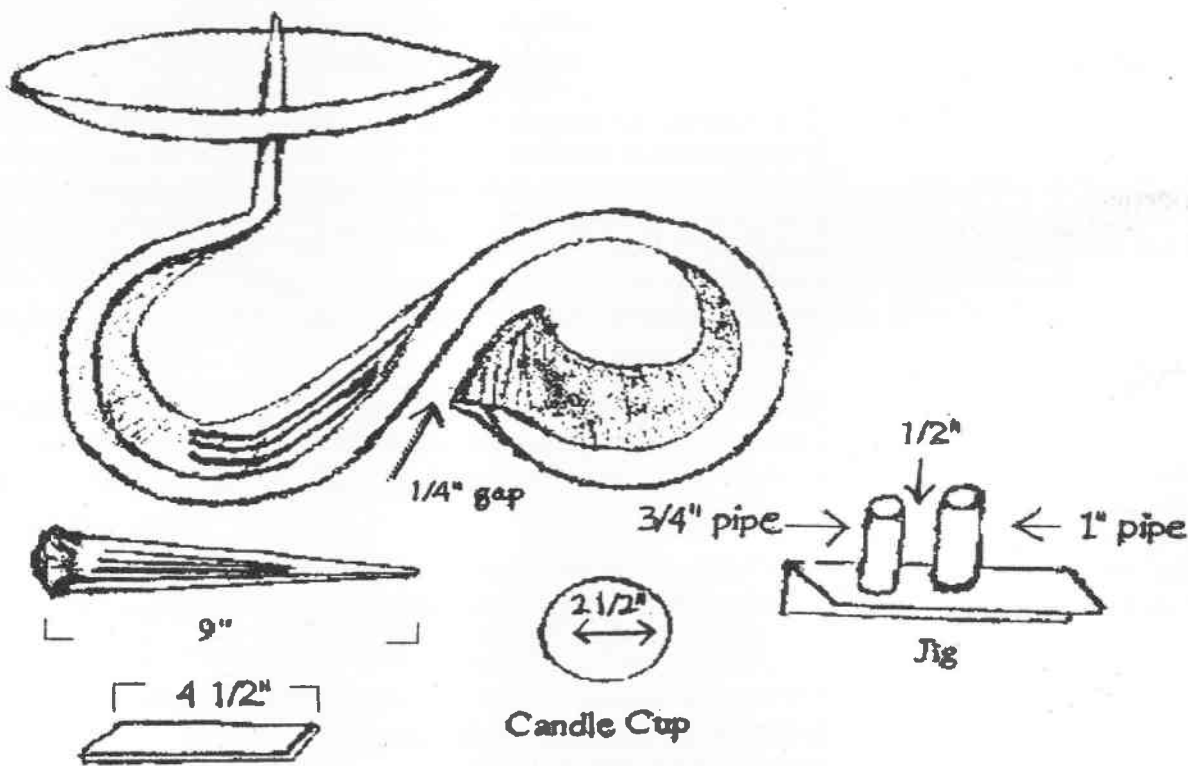
Fuller 3 lines starting 1" from the end of the fish tail to about 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " or 3" from the point. Try to keep the lines about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edges, with one in the center. Start to scroll the fish tail end, keep the fullered lines on the outside. When you get a good curl, you can start using the previously made jig.

Take a good heat and clamp the scroll over the  $\frac{3}{4}$ " pipe with a pair of vice grips and bend the material around until there is about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " gap at the fish tail. Reheat and bend the rest the opposite way around the 1" pipe. Use a pair of pliers and bend out  $\frac{3}{4}$ " - 1" of the pointed end.

The cups are made from 18 ga. Material. You can use a Beverly Shear to cut them out, or a chisel, and the edges can be ground. Use a 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " circle and drill a  $\frac{1}{8}$ " hole in the center. To form them, use a swedge block, a pipe, or a hollow in a block of wood. Can do this cold.

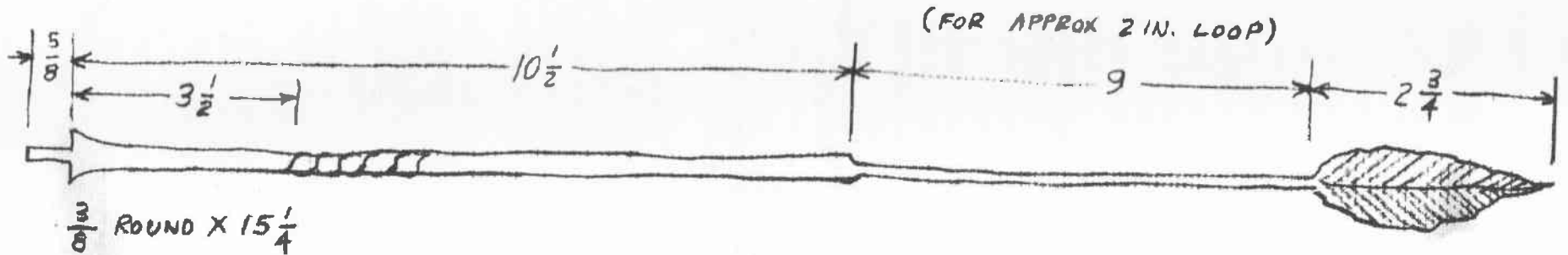
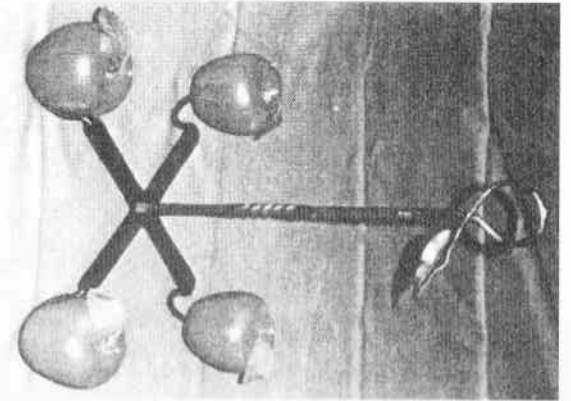
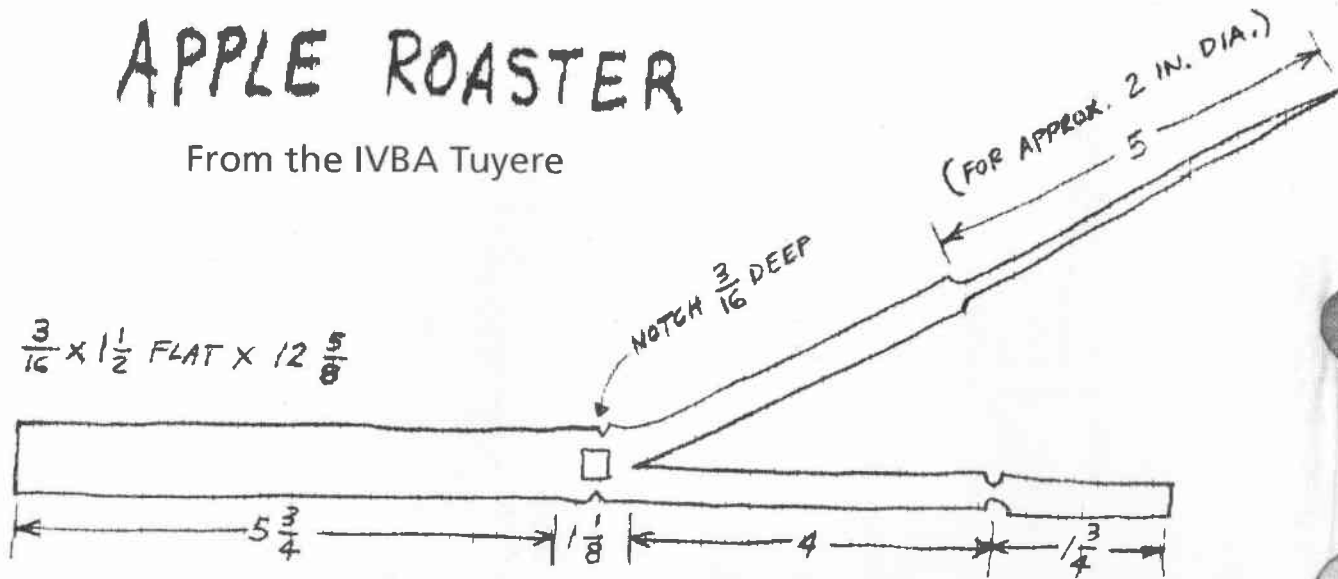
Use a square punch to make a hole that the point will fit in. Drive the cup on, (it doesn't seem to stay—so silver solder or epoxy them on.) A wax finish can be used on the completed candle holder.

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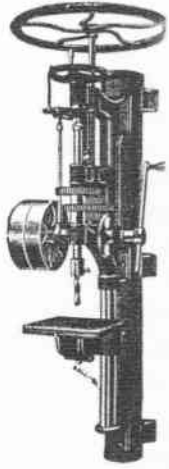
# APPLE ROASTER

From the IVBA Tuyere



NOTE:  $15\frac{1}{4}$  ALLOWS FOR UPSET AT TENNON, 3 IN. STOCK FOR STEM &  $1\frac{1}{4}$  IN. STOCK FOR LEAF.

# BAM NEWS



## Scholarship time

Scholarship time is here again. SBAM has lots of money and would like to give some of it to you to further your development as a blacksmith. Please contact committee Chairman Walt Hull if you are interested: (785) 865-5771. The program is being reorganized. If you have suggestions contact Walt or members Kirk Sullens or Don Birdsall.

## Future meetings

Our meeting coordinator Kirk (Raoul) Sullens has been hard at work setting up a meeting schedule. Here's what he's got so far:

### May 31:

Don Asbee, Hartsburg Trade item: Door knocker

### July 29:

Ag Hall of Fame, Bonner Springs, Kansas. Trade item: Candleholder.

### September 20:

Bob Ehrenberger, Shelbyville, Mo. Trade item: Cheese slicer.

### November:

John Murray, New Melle, Mo.

## Conference wrap up

We had a great turn out for the 2003 Conference. Conference Registration was 225 plus spouses and children. The Bob Patrick Award was presented to Walt Hull by last year's winner, Bruce Herzog. Lou Mueller was awarded a Lifetime membership in BAM for his contributions, especially the fact that he lets us use his shop for our workshops.

Forging Contest results:

1st - Brian Brazeal

2nd - Don Nichols

3rd - Mike Nave

Winner of the Anvil Raffle - George Lewis

Auction Income - \$6260. Thank you Tim Ryan and all the bidders and especially those who donated auction items.

A special thanks to the Conference committee:

Ruben Funk

Fred Weisenborn

David Shepard

and all the many other volunteers.

Found at the Conference  
Bifocal glasses, silver frame in a black case marked Pearle Vision.  
Contact Bruce Herzog at (314) 892-4690 or send e-mail to [bjherzog@msn.com](mailto:bjherzog@msn.com).

Another fine BAM Conference!

## Call for artists

The Missouri Arts Council is seeking professional artists or artist teams to create artwork that will serve as the award for the 2004 Missouri Arts Awards. Based on the proposals, one artist will be selected to design the five awards that are presented next year at the annual ceremony in Jefferson City. The winning artist will be given a budget for the awards. Deadline is June 30. You must submit an application form, a typed letter of intent describing the idea, images and a resume. Call 1-866-407-4752 or e-mail

[moarts@ded.state.mo.us](mailto:moarts@ded.state.mo.us) for guidelines. Editors note: Wouldn't it be nice if next year's awards were forged? Come to think of it, when's the last time they presented an award to a blacksmith?

Pain Exhibit in Sacramento is encouraging submissions from artists who live with chronic pain and those whose artwork reflects some aspect of that pain. Call or e-mail for more info: (916) 362-0363, [mrc823@juno.com](mailto:mrc823@juno.com).

The Missouri Folk Arts Program is collecting examples of handouts from traditional artists that describe their art forms. They are looking for the type of handouts you would take to festivals, fairs, or schools when you demonstrate or teach about your work. The samples will be used to teach others how to write good interpretive descriptions of their work for audience members. Mail to: Missouri Folk Arts Program, Lisa Rathje Taylor, 157 McReynolds Hall, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO 65211.

## Coming conferences

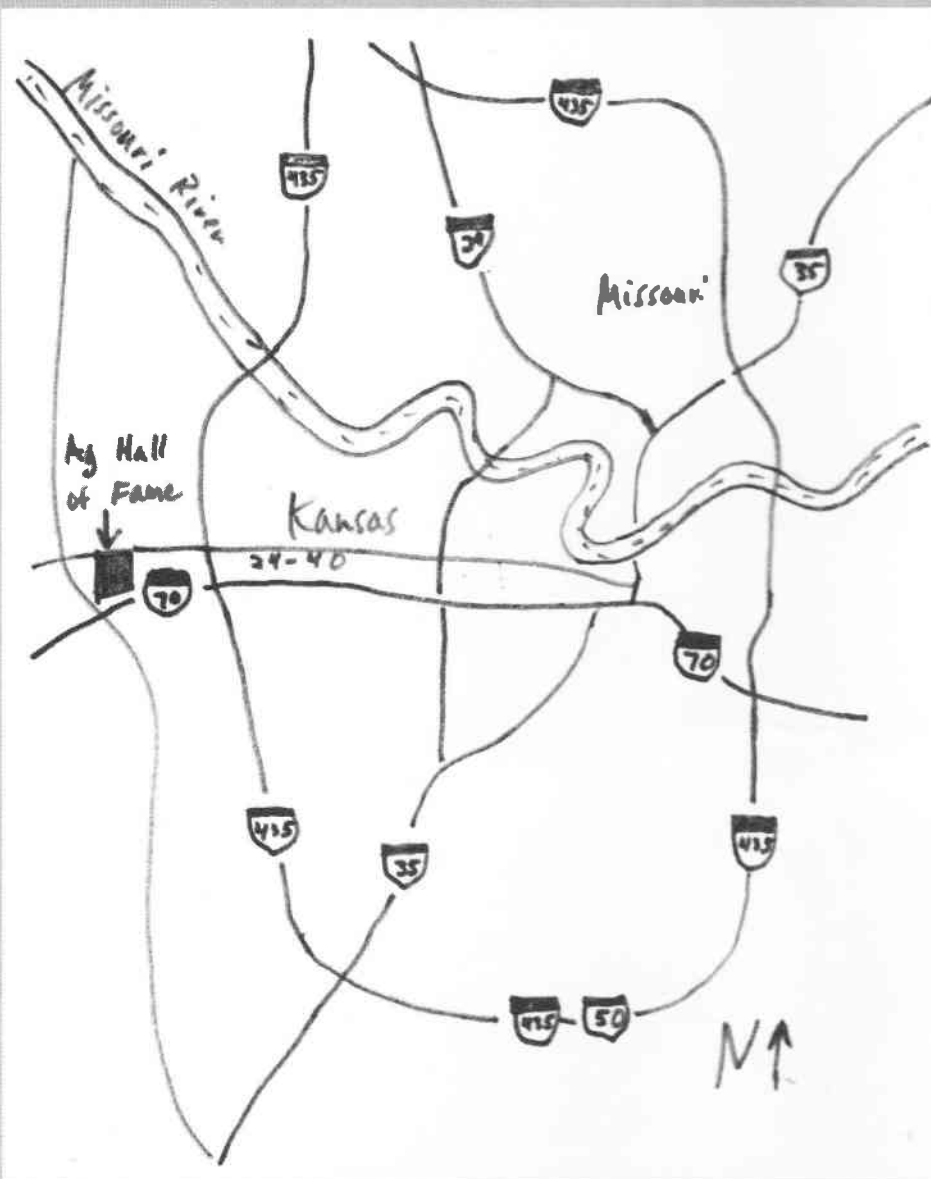
Here's a short list of other chapter conferences coming up this summer. You can find more info on the ABANA web site at [ABANA.org](http://ABANA.org).

May 30-June 1: Ironfest in Grapevine, Texas featuring Toby Hickman, David Court, Susan Hutchison, and Mark Pearce. Contact Verl Underwood at (817) 626-5909 or [vunder@aol.com](mailto:vunder@aol.com).

June 7-8: Indiana Blacksmith Association Conference in Tipton, Indiana featuring Russell O'Dell, Tsur Sadan-Tom Clark and Kim Soladine. Contact Farrel Wells (765) 747-1286 or [flwells@comcast.net](mailto:flwells@comcast.net).

July 18-20: Upper Midwest Regional Blacksmithing Conference in Pontiac, Illinois sponsored by IVBA, IBA and UMBA featuring Clay Spencer, Kirk Sullen and Chuck Patrick. Contact John & Lee Biewer (847) 746-8689.

## Next meeting: July 29, Bonner Springs, Kansas



Our next meeting will be held at a place many of us have wanted to visit for years: The Ag Hall of Fame in Bonner Springs, Kansas. The site features many unusual exhibits, including the world's largest collection of anvils. You'll also see farm machinery, rare barb wire and a lot more. Mike Nave is putting this one together for us. He says demos are still in the planning stage but that we could count on him doing a forge welding demonstration to pay back his scholarship.

Lunch will be available on the site or at the numerous restaurants nearby.

Getting there is easy. It's just over the Kansas line right off Interstate 70.

Trade item is a candleholder. This should be an easy one for everyone to do. As usual bring something for the iron in the hat. For the newcomers this is any item that would interest a blacksmith. Your donation gets raffled with chances a dollar each.

See you all in Kansas July 29.

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## 2003 Meeting schedule

### May Meeting

Don Asbee  
Hartsburg, MO  
May 31

Trade item: Door knocker

### July Meeting

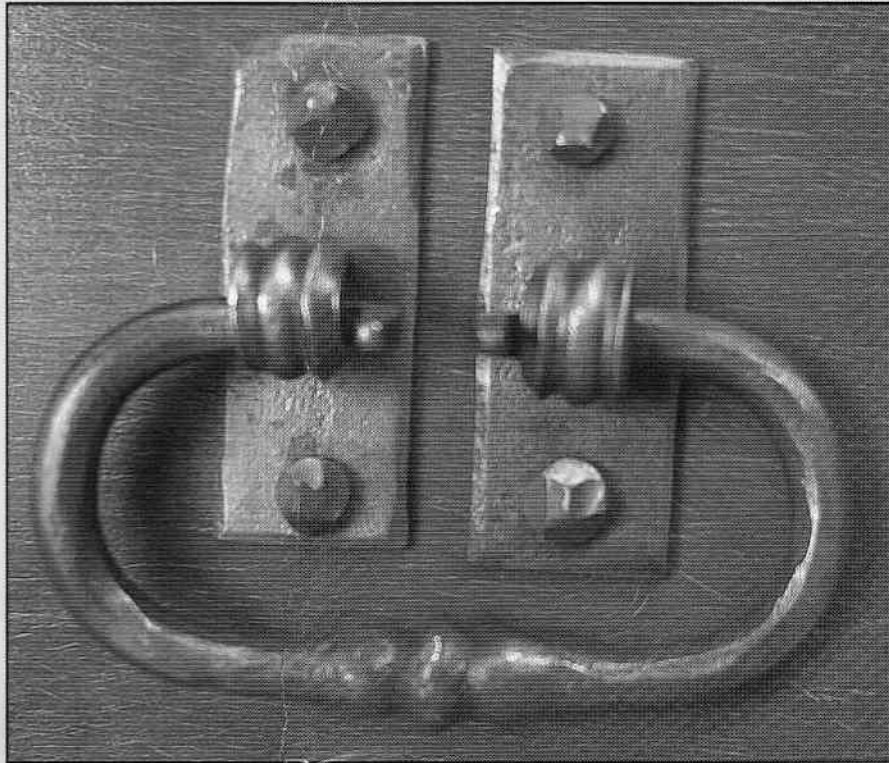
Agriculture Hall of Fame  
Bonner Springs, Kansas  
July 29

Trade item: Candleholder

### September Meeting

Bob Ehrenberger  
Shelbyville, MO  
September 20

Cheese slicer



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