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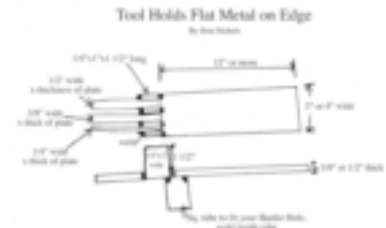
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From the Editor

By Bob Ehrenberger

What a crazy summer. Here in the North East we didn't have a single week where we didn't get at least an inch of rain. We planted our garden multiple times and the seed just rotted in the ground. With the rain came cool weather, which made for nice forging conditions.

The summer show season was mixed, about half were good, the rest, not so good. We had a first, we failed to show up at our Labor Day event because of truck problems. This prompted us to replace the old Mazda. It had been a good truck, it is the only vehicle that I had ever bought new (1991). But after 311K hard miles it was time to put it out to pasture (junk yard). The replacement, a 94 Blazer has about half as many miles.

As some of may have noticed, Daniel tried to sell his forging press in the July issue's classifieds. I told him if he had come to the July meeting and demonstrated making damascus on it, he probably would have had a taker on the spot. As it was, he didn't get any calls on the press. The more I thought about it, the less I wanted to see the press leave the shop. I don't use it a lot, but it does some things better than any other tool. I told Daniel I was interested in the press, and he made me a good deal on it because he would still have access to it in my shop.

Another tooling note, after publishing Don Nichols' hold down plans in the July newsletter I decided to make one myself. I made one slight change to the design. Instead of welding a heavy plate to it, I made it so that I could just pin it under the heel of the anvil and I work directly on the anvil. I talked to Don about my change and he said that he had considered it, but with the plate attached to the hold down, it is much faster to get it out of the way once it isn't needed. This is true. I haven't used

it enough to say whether it is going to cause me a problem.

There is some sad BAM news, BAM member Dale Gilman passed away on July 19th. Dale had been a generous host to several meetings and MTS workshops at his Foxfire camp. Dale's meetings always included meals and entertainment on Friday night for those that wanted to come early.



Another death that has touched my life. This last Thursday Daniel's brother-in-law, Eric Adler, was killed in a car wreck. Eric was one week shy of his 19th birthday. Eric had caught the blacksmithing bug at a demonstration at the Daniel Boone house where his family frequently volunteered, and set up to sell their period dry goods.

Larry Hults has stepped up and volunteered to chair the 2009 conference. We are getting a bit of a late start on it, but given Larry's conference experience, I'm sure things will come up to speed fast. There will be a lot more conference information in the November newsletter.

When Peggy Williamson was unable to continue as the State Fair coordinator, Kent Harbit stepped in to run the booth. From what I hear, he did a fine job and we had another successful State Fair.

I need to apologize to those who had sent me stuff for the July newsletter that I forgot to include. There is no excuse for it other than I screwed up. Sometimes if things come in to my personal e-mail they don't get transferred to the BAM computer because it is off most of the time. I know in this case they just got lost in the clutter of my in-box.

A month or so back I was talking with Bob Patrick about Macintosh programs and I mentioned that I was starting to have compatibility issues with the BAM computer. Bob then contacted some of the BAM officers and suggested that we get a new computer for newsletter editing. I had hoped to just upgrade the current one but it is too old to run the latest operating system. I'm sure the subject will come up at the September meeting, I hope we can have the situation resolved soon.

I committed a lot of space in this newsletter to BAM's involvement in the Boy Scout Metal Working Merit Badge. This has gotten BAM a lot of good public relations exposure. I hope that next year more of our members can get involved.

The submission deadline for the November/December issue is November 8. There are still a couple meeting dates open for next year. If you are interested in hosting a meeting in May or November, please let Ken know.

BAM Gallery

I don't know how the Conference looked to the world at large, though the comments I heard were very positive. From over in the FFA building it looked good indeed. I want to thank all the people who made our gallery work. We haven't had that many of these, yet, a couple at Warrenton, a couple in Sedalia, but they keep getting better, so thanks is due.

First, to our exhibitors. If you hadn't been willing to step forward and put your work before the world we would have had nothing. Our demonstrators came through for us big time. Remember Bob Patrick's elegant Yellinesque grille? Heiner Zimmermann's astounding plates? Josef Habermann's maquette for the sculpture he brought to life later at the demo site? Our members and guests were not to be outdone. Don Neunschwander came through, as he always does, Jerry Hoffman, Jeff Wallin, and George Rousis jump to mind, but there were many, many more, and the quality was very high. I was, to say the least, gratified. Thanks to all of you.

The gallery crew, who put up with all my waffling and thought of all the things I didn't, made the title of "gallery director" (or whatever) sound kind of silly. Thanks to John Sherwood, Scott Stager, Walt Murphy, and to Jim Masterson and Bert Elliot, who were not able to make it to the conference but who helped immeasurably with planning and organizational suggestions behind the scenes. Thanks to Don Nichols for

providing a shipping address for early submissions. Nobody but Bert took advantage of it, but Don stuck his neck out with his employer for that. There could have been a lot.

Thanks to our "gallery sitters," who kept an eye on things and gave the set-up crew a chance to get away and see a little of the rest of the conference: Mary Patrick, Pat Mueller, June Collins, Phil Hebert, Esther Digh, Betty Edwards, Beth Chaffin, and Carrol Lee Schilly. And a few others who came along to keep these company.

Thanks to Pat McCarty and a motley crew of co-conspirators who had our trailer 99% loaded while we were still drinking coffee at the Country Kitchen. Pat, we may not be so grateful when we unload it next year, but for now, thanks.

And thanks to our secret weapon, Kent Harbit, who took advantage for us of the facilities of the State Fair Community College. I hope every time I have to repaint those pedestals I get to do it in an industrial quality paint booth. For the rest of you who are discovering what a treasure Kent is, forget it. He's ours.

Thanks, in advance, to our membership, who are going to toil all year over a hot fire to produce something to put this year's gallery to shame. See ya next May.

Walt Hull

Request for help The Boy Scouts need you!

Next year in June and July (Exact dates as soon as I find out) for four weeks. I need help in teaching Boy Scouts the Metal working Merit Badge/Blacksmith option at Hohn Scout Reservation in Laurie, MO.

The classes are from 9:00 am to 11:30 am Monday through Thursday. Friday is a make up day in case one or more Scouts can not finish by Thursday.

It is possible that we will also teach an afternoon and an advanced evening class for the Scouts that have already learned the basics. We would like to have an instructor for every two Scouts, that way they get good instruction and the classes move along quite rapidly. We will have the MTS Trailer there so all tools needed are there. Denis Yates from Laurie, MO. will also have his trailer there.

The Camp has clean bathrooms, hot showers, washer and dryer for clothes, and three good hot meals furnished by the camp in an air-conditioned dining hall.

This year we provided our own sleeping equipment, a tent or the back of a pickup truck. I am going to check to see if camping trailers would be allowed, possibly up at the lodge.

We can arrive on Sunday (before 6:00 pm and eat in the dining hall) or Monday morning before 8:00 am for breakfast.

If interested or need more information please contact:

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Letter from the president

By Ken Jansen

Well summer near the end, and the fall demo season is getting started. I am lined up for the next five weekends straight. It is sure nice having an understanding spouse. I have done some forging this summer but not as much as I would like due to family and work but it may get better soon.

I don't have half the inventory I would like to have going into this fall season, for those of you who are getting into doing demo's and wanting to sell enough to pay for your habit, I have one piece of advice that I learned the hard way. Others like Bob Ehrenberger probably figured this out long ago but I only fully realized it in the last couple years. The trick to selling what you have is INVENTORY. I can never seem to gauge the event accurately enough. I bring what I think will sell and they are only interested in a couple things and they want what I didn't bring or make. You don't necessarily have to have a large volume of any particular item but need to have a wide variety. I sold so well during the spring season that my inventory was depleted and I haven't gotten it back up to snuff. I then re-invested all the profits in stuff at the conference.

Speaking of the conference, I have a volunteer to chair the conference and we have several other volunteers for the committee. We will still need volunteers to do more work at the conference and site captains with helpers to take care of the demonstrators. We want to assign one person to take care of each demonstrator and they will have a couple of assistants to help them out. This will allow the site crew to also enjoy the conference. Please volunteer, we need people to step forward to help make the conference a success. You can contact Larry Hults or me, if you can assist.

Also be thinking about what you want to bring to the Gallery for the conference next year. Our gallery is bigger and better every year. Bring a work in progress, let others see what you are up to. We can all learn from each other. I have redesigned the headboard for the bed I will someday make after seeing the one last year.

In my last letter I mentioned the German metalworker who would like to come over and spend some time in different shops across America, I have not heard of any BAM people who may have been able to assist and I got another e-mail from him a few weeks ago. I have also forwarded this to ABANA so they can try to assist. If you are interested and could help this gentleman out, contact me for details.

If any of you are ABANA members you will notice that we have our very own Kate Dinneen (with two N's) running for a board position. We wish her the best of luck.

From what I have heard the state fair was a success again. I don't have any final report but it seems that some thought we had plenty of BAMmers there and others did not agree. I was unable to attend so I don't have an opinion (well, on that at least). That is a great place to spend some time with others and demonstrate

in front of a crowd without having to do it all on your own. My thanks to all who were able to attend and a special thanks to Kent for attempting to fill Peggy's shoes. We missed you Peggy, we hope we can get you back in the future.

The ABANA conference in 2010 will be in Memphis so start marking your calendars to attend. In line with that thinking, you should try to get to other association conferences and see what they have to offer. I have not been able to pursue that like I would like, but there is so much out there to see and do and so much we could learn from other groups.

As some of you may already know, I'm having a hammer-in the Friday after Thanksgiving. I'm thinking that we will have a tong making session.

Well that is all I have for now.
Happy forging.

Ken Jansen

Editor's Note: I agree with Ken on the inventory issue. If you don't have it, you can't sell it. Most things are easier to make in your home shop. Bob

GAS Forge?

Guys. I have been asked to see if we want to do a group purchase of gas forges. I sent an e-mail to Chili forge to see if they were interested and they were. It remains to be seen if the membership is interested. Let's get a note on the website and on the newsletter.

If anyone is interested in a possible purchase of gas forges, we are considering doing a group purchase like we did for the anvils in the past. This is a preliminary notice to see if there is any interest. If there is not enough interest, then it will not happen. The company I am looking at is Chili forge (www.chileforge.com) I have no details at this time as to how the program would be setup, when they would be available and how the payment would work out. I do not have anyone who wants to be the contact for this project yet, so for the time being, contact me if you are interested. kjjansen@msn.com. If there are suggestions about a different forge, we can look into that as well. But the buy will be for one mfr. or dealer to give us the buying power to get a discount.

Ken Jansen
President,
Blacksmith Association of Missouri

Boy Scout Merit Badge

By Don Birdsall

Mr. Harris, Camp Director of the Great Rivers Council Boy Scouts of America, located in Columbia, MO, invited Denis Yates and I to come to the Hohn Scout Camp located in Laurie, MO. He wanted us to teach the Metal Working Merit Badge to the boy scouts attending summer camp there.

Denis left the fourth week for an anniversary trip with his wife. He arranged for Scott Stager to come and assist me for that week.

I delivered the BAM trailer to Denis Yates on Thursday, June 12th, then continued on to Pontiac, IL. for the IVBA Conference. I returned to Laurie and Hohn Scout Reservation on Sunday, the 15th. We were at Hohn Scout Reservation for two weeks from June 15th to June 27th. We then had a one week break, then went back on July 7th to July 18th. Denis set up our area on Saturday, June 14th. He had a nice 20 foot by 20 foot tarp set up to protect us from the rain which we were getting almost ever other day. Sunday about 3:30 pm a severe storm went though and destroyed the tarp. Denis repaired the poles and we had a tarp for protection the last four weeks.

On Monday we started teaching nine scouts the Metal Working Merit Badge/Blacksmith Option. The classes run from 9:00 am to 11:30 am Monday though Thursday, Fridays are make up days, in case for some reason the Scouts don't finish by Thursday. The afternoons were open for us to do work for ourselves. We had to repair a damaged golf cart top one afternoon. This only lasted for the first week. The second week we started having staff members come in the afternoon for us to teach them. In all, we taught twenty two scouts and eight staff how to make a roasting fork.

We found that we need an instructor for every two scouts, the first week one of the Scout Masters that knew how to forge assisted us. We had nine scouts the first week. The second week a Senior Patrol Leader from Lebanon, MO., Cris Reeder, a BAM member, assisted us. The third week we had four Scouts and the fourth week we had five Scouts and we were able to handle that.

Next year, we know we will have full classes. The word is out and all the Scouts want to take the Metal Working Merit Badge. Those that already have, want us to teach an

the afternoon or the evening advanced class for them. We talked to the Camp Director, Mr. Harris, about this and he agrees that it will be possible. Probably we will be teaching a morning, an afternoon and an evening class. We need a lot of help next year, if you can spare four days or more, please come and help.

On Friday, June 20th, I had to move the MTS Trailer to New Haven for a two day BAM workshop. On Sunday, I took the trailer back to the Boy Scout Camp. Being gone for fourteen days and sleeping in the back of my pickup for that long is tough. The one week break over the Fourth of July was really nice.



On Thursday afternoons and though the evening is parents' time to come and see the evening ceremonies. We were asked to do some blacksmithing for the parents in the evening and we did. We were also allowed to sell our blacksmith items. We were the star attraction every week. Scout leaders, staff, parents and the Boy Scouts themselves were amazed at what we could do.

We were constantly being thanked by everyone for the job we were doing. One parent came up to me on Thursday of the third week and told me that his son had taken the Merit Badge with us. He kept thanking me again and again. His son had not shown any interest in anything until he took the Merit Badge and now that is all he was talking about. He wanted to join BAM and for his father to buy him equipment so he could continue blacksmithing.

All of the Scouts and staff amazed me at how fast they learned the techniques. I have never enjoyed myself for four weeks like I did teaching these scouts. The time flew.

We had nice clean bath rooms, hot showers, washer and dryer for doing clothes and great food in the air conditioned dinning hall.

We had to provide our lodging, tents or sleep in the back of a pickup like I did.

Denis and I handed out more than fifty BAM applications over the four weeks and I know several filled them out.

I hope to see some of the scouts at a future meeting.

Don Birdsall

MTS at Boy Scout Camp

By Scott Stager

I spent July 13th through the 17th this past summer at Camp Hohn helping boy scouts earn the metalworking merit badge with blacksmithing sub-option. Camp Hohn is a Three Rivers Council BSA camp of over 400 acres on the west side of Lake of the Ozarks, just up the road from Laurie MO. It is a wonderful setting with prepared campsites for the scouts, open fields for activities, and a beach on the lake.

Don Birdsall had brought BAM's Mobile Training Station (MTS) to the camp earlier in the summer. Denis Yates, who lives near Laurie, had brought his traveling trailer with his coal fired forge. They had already run three weeks of merit badge instruction prior to the week that I was there. The boy scouts are in camp from Sunday thru Saturday. The blacksmithing activity was for 2 and a half hours each morning Monday thru Thursday.

Since this was the first year and arrangements with the camp for this program were not finalized until late in the spring, the word had not gotten out fully to scout troops about the blacksmithing badge being offered. Five scouts the week I was there had signed up for the program. One of them was so excited about it that he showed up Sunday afternoon and evening, hanging out with us whenever he had some free time.

The merit badge requirements list a number of blacksmithing operations that have to be learned. Don had designed an interesting project that would concentrate on a single product that would cover the required basics and give the boys a finished item to take back to their troop to show around. The project was a large BBQ fork that could be used for cooking over an open fire. The starting material was flat stock, of I believe, 3/16" by 1" by 24" in length. The fork had elements that involved tapering, scrolling, punching, twisting, splitting, and chisel decoration. For each of the operations, Don did a demonstration prior to the scouts tackling the operation on their individual forks. In addition, there were preliminary lectures about blacksmithing processes, and a final introductory lecture on fundamentals of hardening tool steel.

I had a wonderful time through the week. I spent most of my time helping two of the scouts with elements of their project. It took an effort on my part to let each of them do all of the work, only helping by holding for punching and splitting, or giving encouragement and guiding the process on occasion. The strength and manual dexterity of the

boys varied as would be expected with ages ranging from 12 to 15. All of the boys completed their project with a truly marvelous range of style and final looks. All were very pleased with the program and their completed fork.

All five boys completed the merit badge the week I was there. Overall Don and Denis signed off on 22 merit badges earned for the four weeks. In addition, some of the camp staff (older scouts who do much of the work running the camp) got really interested and showed up in afternoons to take lessons and work on a fork of their own. I believe Don said that at least 6 of them completed a fork.

The camp treated us great, providing three meals a day in the staff dining room. In addition to the adult staff running the camp, there were other adult counselors assisting with merit badges in things like climbing, archery, and firearms. I was able to set up my canvas wall tent just over from where the blacksmithing area was located. The camp and troop leadership, as well as visiting parents, were most appreciative of us being there. A few parents stated that they were most pleased that their son had found something to get excited about.

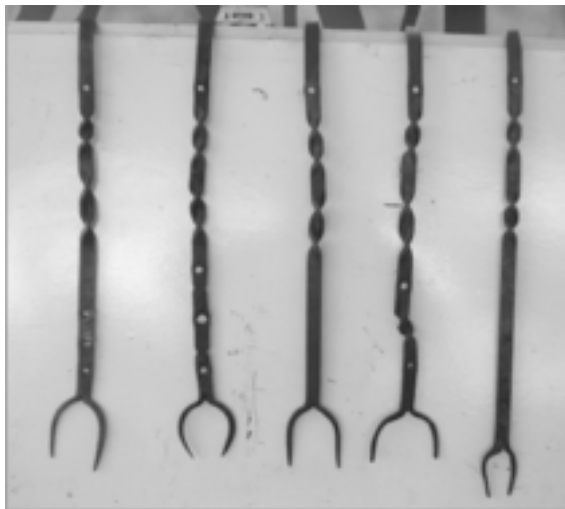
During the week we had many scouts and troop leaders stopping by for a visit, and in many cases stating that they hadn't heard that the blacksmithing merit badge was going to be taught. Well, the word is out and I am certain that the boys who completed the badge will go back to their troops and show off their forks to everyone they encounter. I also expect that the leaders will be talking it up amongst themselves throughout the council. So, I anticipate that next year the maximum number of scouts will be signed up, with a likely waiting list.

The MTS setup can handle 10 simultaneous users, and Denis and Don have hinted a few afternoon sessions might be feasible. This means that they will need HELP next year. I have said I will come back for two of the four weeks, so the time is here for others to step forward. In my opinion, they need at least two assistants besides the two of them each week. I can guarantee you that you will have a great time, and the scouts will be most appreciative. This is a great promotion for BAM, and a way to get more young folks interested in blacksmithing. If you can help in any way, contact Don or Denis. Do it now, so they can plan ahead for as many scouts as possible.

Editor's note: I know it is odd to have two stories about the same thing, but Scott had a different perspective on the event than Don. I thought it was worth sharing.

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Teaching Blacksmithing to the Boy Scouts

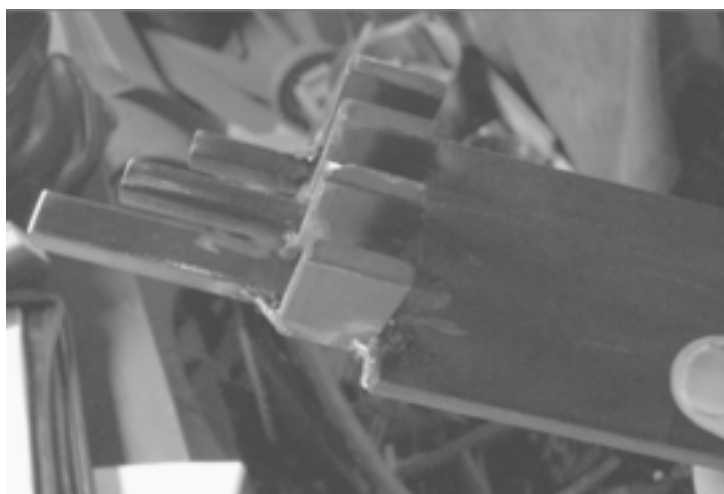
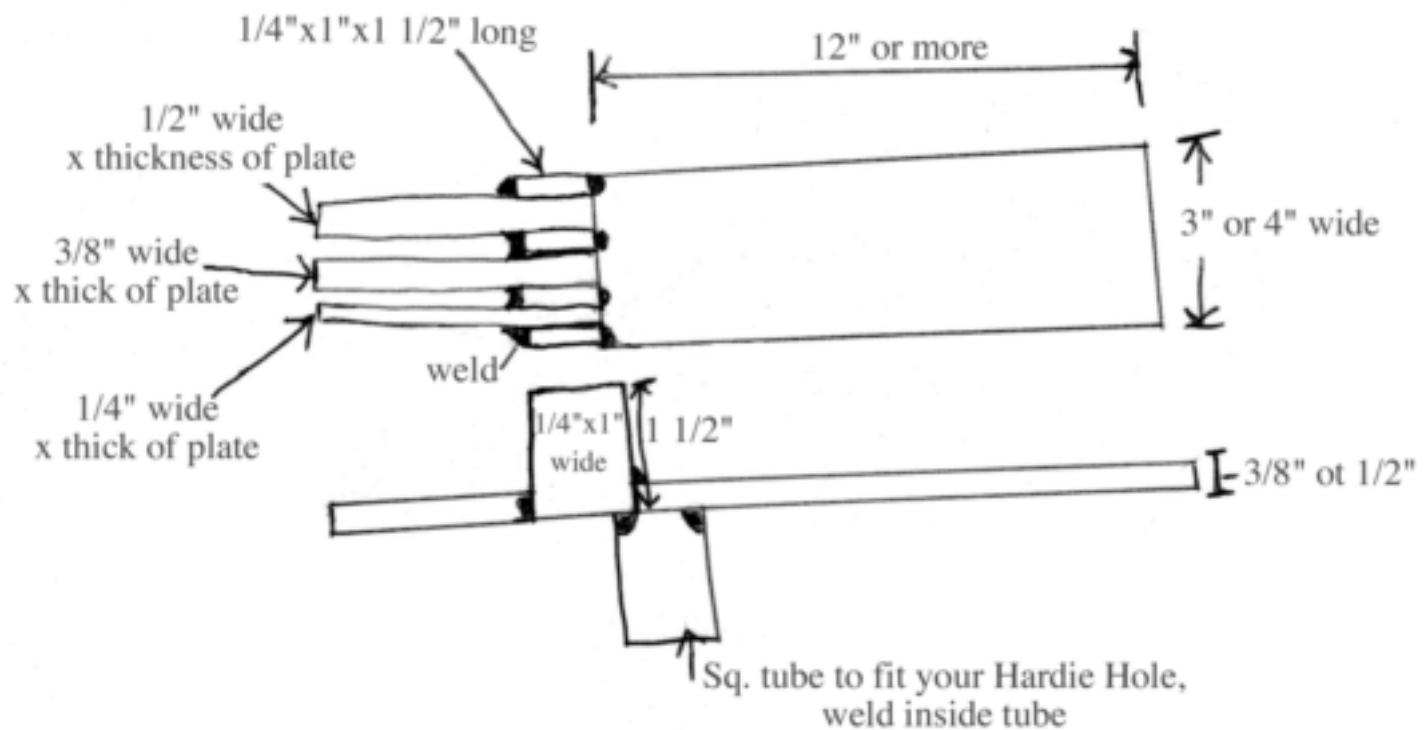


Don Nichols' Flat Bar Tool

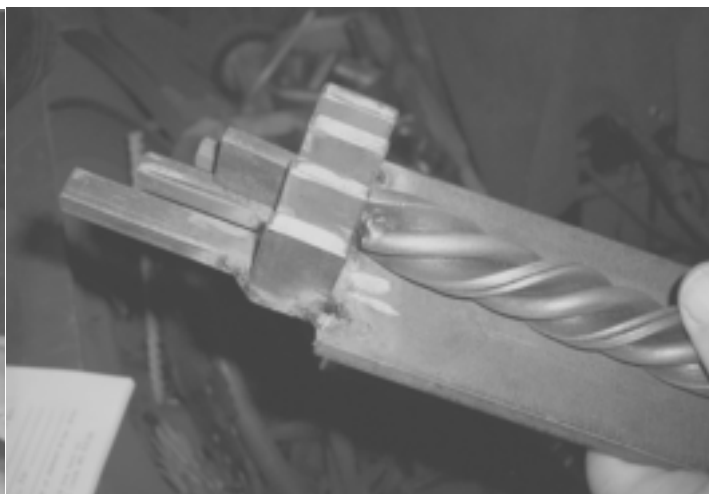
At the May meeting, Don shared his tool to hold a flat bar on edge for decorative chisel work. This tool can hold three different sizes of stock 1/4", 3/8", & 1/2".

Tool Holds Flat Metal on Edge

By Don Nichols



Close up picture of Don's tool.



*Tool with 3/8" flat stock in place.
Note the decorative edge, done before the bar
was twisted.*

BAM Goes to the Fair By Kent Harbit

Dear BAM Members,

We had a great time at the State Fair! The weather was on our side and with a larger tent we were able to spread out with more room to play. Denis Yates set up his canopy, which gave us a place to sit away from the fire and in the shade. We had 23 BAM members come to work, or should I say, play, and some brought their wives. We shared a lot of ideas, learned how to do some new things, and had great fellowship together. There were a couple of nights after we were done that we had watermelon, and a few nights we sat and chatted. We all hated to see the Fair come to an end. Now that it is over, we are having withdrawal from not being together, blacksmithing, and fellowshiping with one another. We are all counting the days until next year. For those that did not get to come and play with us, maybe next year.

Kent Harbit

List of Workers

Kent & Deanna Harbit
Denis & Rachel Yates
Don & Joyce Nichols
Ned Digh
Lou Degginger
Karen Bouckaert
Don Anders
Bob Evans
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Scott Stager
Matthias & Greg Penn
Don & Jeanette Birdsall
Dan Files
David Miller
Orry Harbit



Above: Chatting up the crowd

Left: Jon Peterson with some of his work

Right: Scott Stager at work



BAM Goes to the Missouri State Fair



Don Anders, Don Nichols, & Kent Harbit team strike as Preston Williams looks on



Above Left: Don Nichols & Matthias Penn



Above Right: Denis Yates & Kyle



Left: John Huff

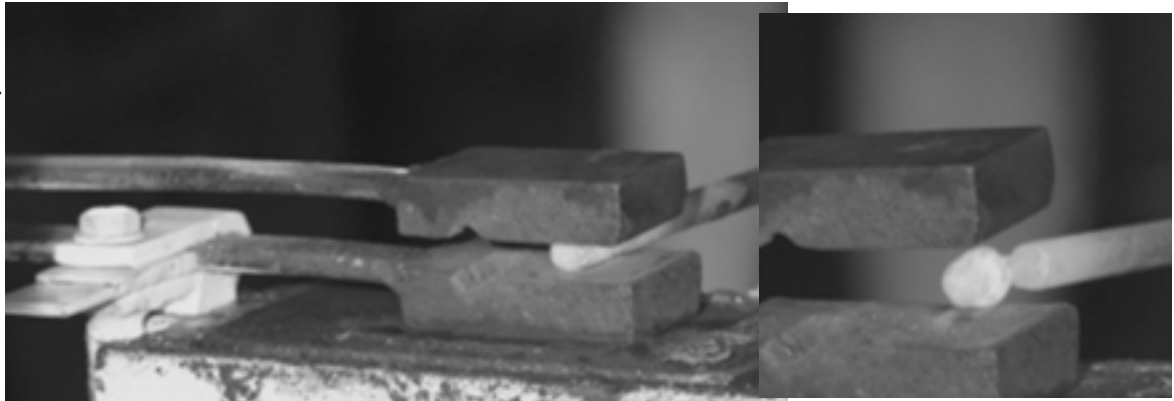


Right Don Anders & Mark Lawson

Acorn Hook Demo

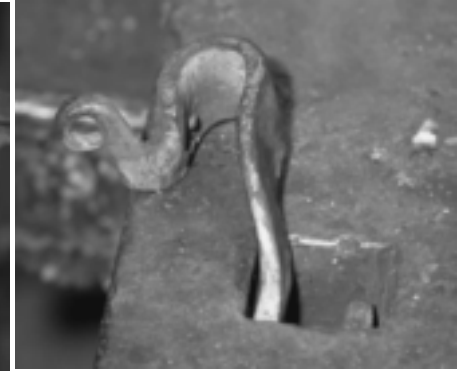
By Bob Ehrenberger

I made a holder which let me mount the swages made for my treadle hammer, under the power hammer.



Pictured before and after the swage process.

After making the acorn, forge the transition back to blend in with the main bar. Cut to length.



Bend hook over jig, so they all come out the same. (near right)

Far right: Close up of hook jig.



After bending hook, use a half strike blow on the near edge of the anvil to make a shoulder for the nail hole. (left)



Finish the hook by punching the nail hole.



Start the hole from the front, (left)
Then pinch the hole from the back, (top right)
Clear the slug over the pritchel hole. (bottom right)





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To ABANA Affiliates and Affiliate Members, July, 2008

This time the big news is the new ABANA Central Office. Many have already heard of this change but it is important enough to bear repeating. In addition a reminder of the upcoming election is in order.

Introduction to our new Central Office Administrator

Diane Walden, WH&L Associates, LLC, and her team have contracted with ABANA to provide services as the new ABANA Central Office. Walden brings to her clients more than 24 years of experience in the for-profit and non-profit arenas. Walden and her team, Teresa Hannon, technical services, Victoria Lonergan, membership, and Denise Propps, finance, are looking forward to working with the ABANA organization to help guide and grow the membership.

“We look forward to serving the needs of the ABANA organization to promote membership, to increase member retention efforts, and to assist the organization to create, develop and recommend strategies to move the organization forward. We realize the importance of preserving the integrity of blacksmithing and promoting the ‘love of the craft.’ Special thanks to ABANA for honoring us with the mission to serve your membership,” says Diane.

Diane Walden is founder of WH&L Associates, LLC, a consulting and service company, located in Dumfries, VA. WH&L Associates specializes in assisting association and corporate leaders with leadership initiatives, marketing, public relations, and administrative support.

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The ABANA Board would also like to thank Heather Hutton for the dedicated service she provided during her time as the Central Office Administrator. Heather decided to pursue an opportunity to be a blacksmith. Now who do you suppose would give the poor girl that idea?

ABANA Election coming up

The next Anvil's Ring features the work of Dan Nauman and the BAM Conference Ring project. It also is the annual election issue. Exercise your right to influence the future of ABANA by voting for the candidates who will do the best job for the organization.

The revised bylaws will be up for a vote at the same time. The Bylaws committee respectfully requests that you reward their efforts with your attention and vote when the Summer Anvil's Ring appears in your mailbox. (See the draft bylaws (www.abana.org/business/Proposed_bylaws.shtml)).

ABANA Appreciation Day – Blacksmith Guild of Virginia

Thanks to the BG of VA for donating the proceeds of their Iron-in-the-Hat at this event towards seed money for the ABANA 2010 Conference. Over \$1000 was raised.

Progress on the ABANA 2010 Conference:

The ABANA Board has approved Memphis, TN as the site and the first week in June as the date of the 2010 Conference. Final details will be forthcoming when a contract with the site has been obtained.

Best Regards and please be in touch (pboulay@abana.org).

Paul Boulay
ABANA Affiliate Relations Board Member

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Buy, Sell, Trade

Individual Classified ads

FOR SALE: One 5-inch post vise in good condition (no missing parts) for \$125. One 6-inch post vise in good condition (no missing parts) for \$150. Contact Maurice Ellis, 12486 Sutton Road, Belgrade, MO 63622, 573-766-5346, mauriceellis@centurytel.net

For Sale Two forced draft gas forges. BAM first generation style. Includes regulator. \$300. each. One venture style gas forge. BAM second generation style forge. Includes regulator. \$300. Gary Kobermann 314-892-2527

For Sale: Old Kohlswa, 553 lb. English pattern anvil. One inch factory forge welded face. Beautiful! \$1500. Excellent six inch leg vise. \$250. Large Buffalo 3E heavy duty electric blower w/ π HP. Single phase motor--\$150. Good Buffalo Heavy Duty Vulcan forge pot, complete, NO CRACKS. \$75. Roy Plumlee, Tamaroa, IL 618-496-3198. rplumlee@frontiernet.net

Crucible for sale. \$100. Approx. 18" depth and 32" from lip to lip. Has been in protected storage. Contact cranegirl2@yahoo.com for pictures or questions. KCMO area location. Beverly Hof-Miller (816) 931-2770

St. Charles County **Blacksmith tool auction** - October 18, 2008
For more information go to www.auctionzip.com or
<http://homepage.mac.com/ratdaddy/auctions.htm>

For Sale: 50lb Little Giant Power Hammer. I am the second owner of this hammer. I bought it out of the J.C. Nichols mine. This is where the Iron work for the Country Club Plaza was done. It is a Transitional style hammer with new spring and toggle links. Includes 220v motor, and several dies. This hammer is currently setup and working \$3000, or make an offer. David Hoopes, 913-541-8872, Lenexa Ks.

Blacksmith - Bladesmith Tools for Sale

1. #6 fly press, new in crate
2. 465 lb "Habermann" Anvil, new with clear varnish still on face. This is one of about 15 anvils that were imported into the USA that had the words, "Habermann" written on the side, so it has great collectible value
3. Assorted new anvils from 6 lbs to 66 lbs
4. One new 115 lb Double Horn, Italian Style Anvil 20.6" length
5. One Variable Speed 2 hp "Uncle AF, Riverside Machine Shop, 72" belt grinder with flat platen & plus 3 wheel attachment and one variable 9 inch speed horizontal grinder 1/2 hp DC motor with 90 and 45 degree rest stop
6. 24 Ton Uncle Al's Hydraulic Press
7. Hobart TR 250 HF Tig & Stick Welder, Water Cooled, leather covered leads
8. Lots of big axles for forging tools, knives, hatchet, axes etc or whatever

9. Some coal available
10. Large Gas Forge - will melt steel
11. Some hand tools etc
12. Various other blacksmith items, Champion 48" cast iron coal forge with water pan and Champion blower, #6 Champion blower on stand, 8" jaw post vise. Some tool steel available.
13. All CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ON MISSOURI/AR-KANSAS BORDER IN NW ARKANSAS (Rogers, Ar)- CALL Dan Morris at 479-381-6052 before 8:30 pm

For sale: 18' x 24' white canvas tent, Clip on sides, Smoke hole / rain flap, Privacy curtain, 24-7' wood poles, 28-18" steel tent stakes, 28 ropes, All boxes to carry tent and parts Dennis Anderson 563-391-1985 anvil@mchsi.com \$2000.00

Commercial / Resource ads

Services:

Beverly Shear Blades Sharpened. Remove blades from shear and ship to Clay Spencer, 934 Partridge Lane, Murphy, NC 28906. \$35 plus postage, additional cost for deep notches or blades previously sharpened at angle.

Custom spinning in copper, brass, pewter, and steel. Contact Ken & Kathy Markley, 7651 Cabin Creek Lane, Sparta, Ill. 62286. Phone: (618) 443-5284 Fax: (618) 443-5284

Little Giant-- We can do repairs on any or all components of your Little Giant front assembly. Contact H. "Sid" Suedmeier 420 4th Corso, Nebraska City, NE. 68410 (402) 873-6603

Roller Blade Treadle Hammers (Clay Spencer design) for Sale or Workshops led to build hammers. Bob Alexander, e-mail to scruboak4@netzero.com, or call 636-586-5350.

Information / Education

Ozark School of Blacksmithing - Tom Clark
Tom: tomclark@centurytel.net
School: www.ozarkschool.com
(573) 438-4725 Cell-(573)-747-8648

Tong Making Class--Weekend Course 4 people per class - \$125 per person Contact: Charles Comstock Rt.1 Box 20, Deerfield, MO. 64741 (417) 927-3499

The Upper Midwest Blacksmiths Assoc (**UMBA**) **video library.** An index list can be viewed at www.umbaonline.org They are VHS or DVD-R Cost is \$5 each with \$2 per order shipping There is no return date, you keep the video for this price. All videos are made at group demos, no commercial titles.

Classes offered, The Ornamental Iron Shop
Contact the instructor to register and customize your class.
John D. Thompson – Metalsmith
3923 Hwy 25; Hodges, SC 29653 864-374-3933

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Call now for more information and to enroll:
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George Dixon edits a blacksmithing publication called "**The Artist-Blacksmith Quarterly**". For \$28 you will get four issues of how-to information. Contact him at 1229 Bee Tree Lake Road, Swannanoa, NC 28778.

Subscribe to Jerry Hoffmann's **Blacksmith's Journal**, a monthly publication for blacksmiths. Call 1-800-944-6134 for more information.

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Ray Joe Hastings' new book on "Bow and River Gigs" has just been published. http://www.acclaimpress.com/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=67

Ray Clontz Tire Hammer Plans by Clay Spencer

Price is \$30US including postage to US and Canada, \$32US to other countries. Send check or money order 73 Penniston Private Drive, Somerville, AL 35670, Also, lead workshops for chapters or groups to build 15 to 20 hammers. phone 256 498-1498, cell is 256 558 3658, email is clay@tirehammer.com

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David W. Osmundsen 47 N. Lobban, Buffalo, WY. 82834
www.arrowhead-forge.com

Products

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. Contact: Bob Tuftee, 3855 Aspen Hills Dr., Bettendorf, IA 52722; bobforge@hotmail.com; (563) 332-4800.

Tom Clark carries a complete line of hand forged Hofi style hammers, punches, drifts, tongs, shears, belt grinders and gas forges. He's also importing the Sayha air hammer from Turkey. For more info on the tools contact him at Phone (573) 438-4725. Fax (573) 438-8483.

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SOFA fire pots are once again available. For information contact Bob Cruishank, 1495 W. Possum Rd., Springfield, OH. 45506 Phone: (937) 323-1300 or www.creativeironforge.com or www.sofablacksmiths.com

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Ray Clontz style tire hammers for sale: \$2200 unpainted, \$2500 Painted. John Wayne Taylor, Wetumpka, AL (334)-514-2254 home, or (334)-399-0032 Cell.

Wanted:

The **MTS Program** needs four more **four inch post vices**. Donations welcomed. Does any one have a idea how to make a stand that has legs that will fold up to hold a post vice? When open to use they need to be steady and solid. We set up on unlevelled surfaces and the vice we have now takes three people to use, two to hold the vice for the one using it. The space in the trailer is limited so to haul five vices the legs need to fold up. Please send your ideas and offer for vices to: Don Birdsall 573-364-7223 email donbirdsall@embarqmail.com

Demonstrator List

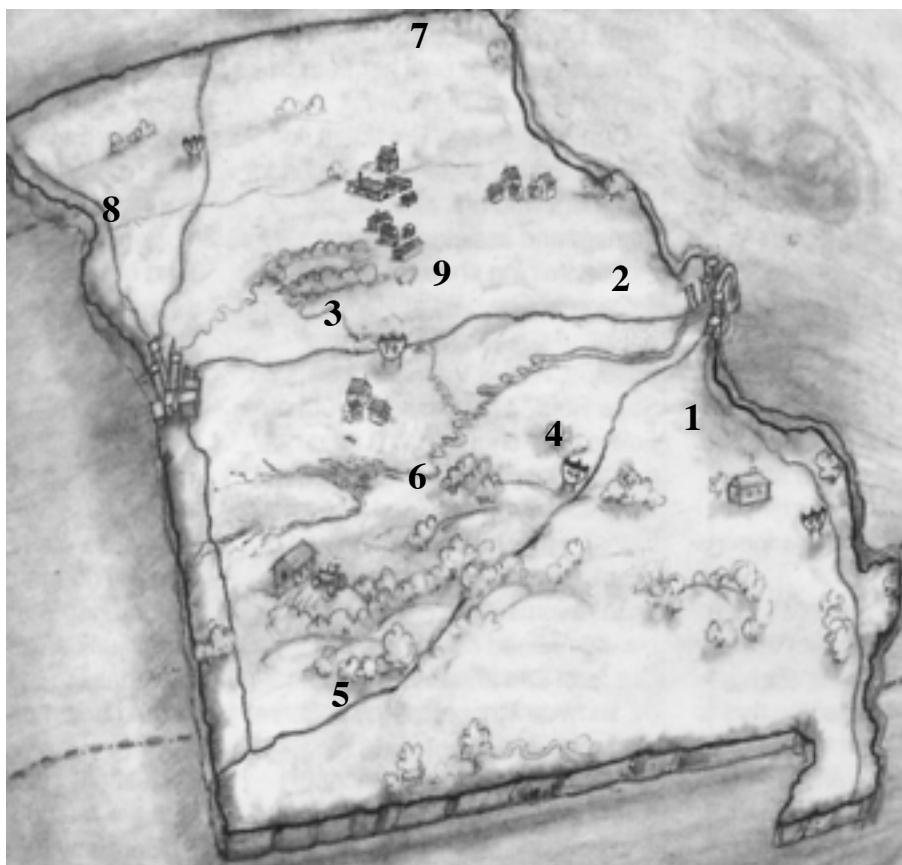
Fred Weisenborn has started a list of members available for demonstrations, fairs, historic events, and festivals, etc. 417-589-2497 e-mail: jweisenb@llion.org

Around the Anvil BAM has it's very own E-Mail news group. If you would like to participate send an E-Mail to Ed Harper at aramed@grm.net and he will get you signed up.

Need Coal ?

Check on Availability

Coal Captain: Bob Alexander



1. Bob Alexander (636) 586-6938
14009 Hardin Rd,
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3. Doug Clemons, (660) 595-2257
RR1 Box 124,
Malta Bend, MO. 65339

4. Jerry Rehagen, (573) 744-5454
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Sunrise Beach, MO. 65079

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Downing, MO. 63536

9 Paul Lankford, 573-473-7082
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Mexico, MO 65265

Price \$12.00 per bag BAM members, \$13.00 per bag Non-members, \$9.00 per bag at Bob Alexander's
Coal keepers earn \$4.00 a bag

8. Non BAM coal. \$15.00 per 50#s. The coal is located in Camden Point, Mo. I can be reached at 816-992-3352
Thanks, Vernon Adkins, adkinsfarms@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

- October 1 - Application deadline for November Scholarship awards.
October 11 - MTS #2 Workshop (Basic BS) Don Birdsall, Rolla,MO (573)-364-7223
October 18 - Saltfork Blacksmith Conf, Perry, OK, www.saltforkcraftsmen.org or JC Banks at 580-482-3209
October 18 - St. Charles County **blacksmith tool auction** www.auctionzip.com or http://homepage.mac.com/ratdaddy/auctions.htm
November 1- BAM Meeting Don Birdsall, Rolla MO (573)-364-7223 Trade Item: a hanging candle holder.
November 8 - Newsletter Submission Deadline
November 28 Hammer-in Ken Jansen, Moscow Mills, MO (636- 295-5844)
January 1 - Application deadline for February Scholarship awards.
January 17 - BAM meeting, Dale Kirby, Higbee Mo. 660-456-7561
January 17,18 - MTS #1,#2 Workshop (Basic BS) William Tobler. Drexel. MO 816-619-2296
February 21,MTS Workshop Number one. Ray Scott Eminence, MO 573-226-5541 evenings only
February 28,MTS Workshop Number two. Ray Scott Eminence, MO 573-226-5541 evenings only
March - BAM meeting Doug Clemons, Malta Bend, MO. (660-595-2257)
April 1 - Application deadline for May Scholarship awards
May ? BAM Ozark conference
May - 2009 BAM meeting TBD
July 1 - Application deadline for August Scholarship awards.
July 11- BAM Meeting Bob Ehrenberger, Shelbyville, MO. (573)-633-2010 Trade Item - Pair of Tongs
September 12 - BAM meeting Matthew Burnett, Cameron, MO (816-575-2798) Trade Item TBD
November - 2009 BAM meeting TBD

Note: For all MTS (Mobile Training Station) classes contact Don Birdsall for information (573)-364-7223

MTS WORKSHOP

BASIC BLACKSMITH TRAINING

Location: Ray Scott
HCR 2 Box 196, Eminence, MO. 65466
Telephone 573-226-5541 (evenings only no day time number)

From the intersection of Highway 19 and Highway 106 in Eminence, Mo. Go east on Highway 106 to Highway V. Go North on V two miles. On right side of highway is a white wooden fence turn into drive way.

February 21, 2009 Workshop Number one.
February 28, 2009 Workshop Number two.

Must be a BAM Member to take the workshops.

Send registration and payment for workshops to:
Ray Scott at above address.

For information on workshop send enquires to:
Don Birdsall 573-364-7223
Email donbirdsall@embarqmail.com

Workshops start at 8 am and end at 5 pm. Please be there by 7:30 am. Bring lunch and drinks.

Safety glasses (To be provided by students) must be worn at all times while work is going on.

Aprons and gloves optional (must be provided by students).

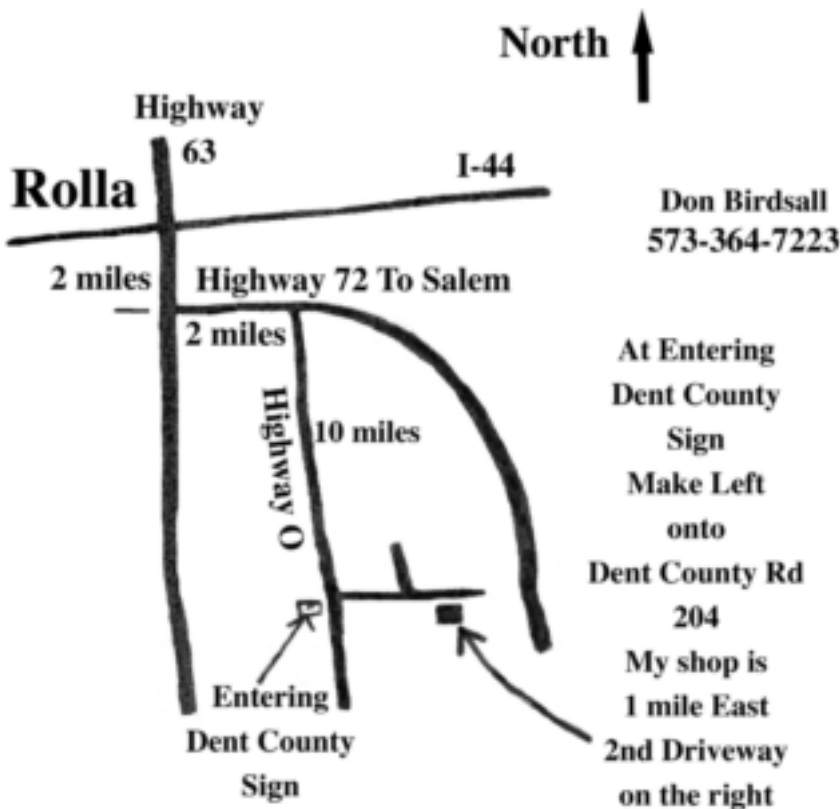
Cameras and tape recorders are allowed (Encouraged).

New Members

If you have a new member near you, welcome him to the group and show him the ropes.

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| P.O. Box 464 | 815 Englewood Street |
| Gallatin, MO 64640 | Lansing, KS 66043 |
| dickalexa@aol.com | g_hilt@hotmail.com |
| 660-663-3497 | 913-727-3398 |

Next Meeting: November 1 Rolla, MO



Location:

11570 CR 5480

Directions: Go 2 miles South on Hwy 63 to Hwy 72, go 2 miles East on Hwy 72 to Hwy O, go 10 miles South on Hwy O to the Dent County line, go 1 mile East, 2nd Driveway on the right

Host: Don Birdsall

Trade Item:

Hanging candle holder

Food: Will be provided.

Phone: 573-364-7223

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St. Louis, MO 63129

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