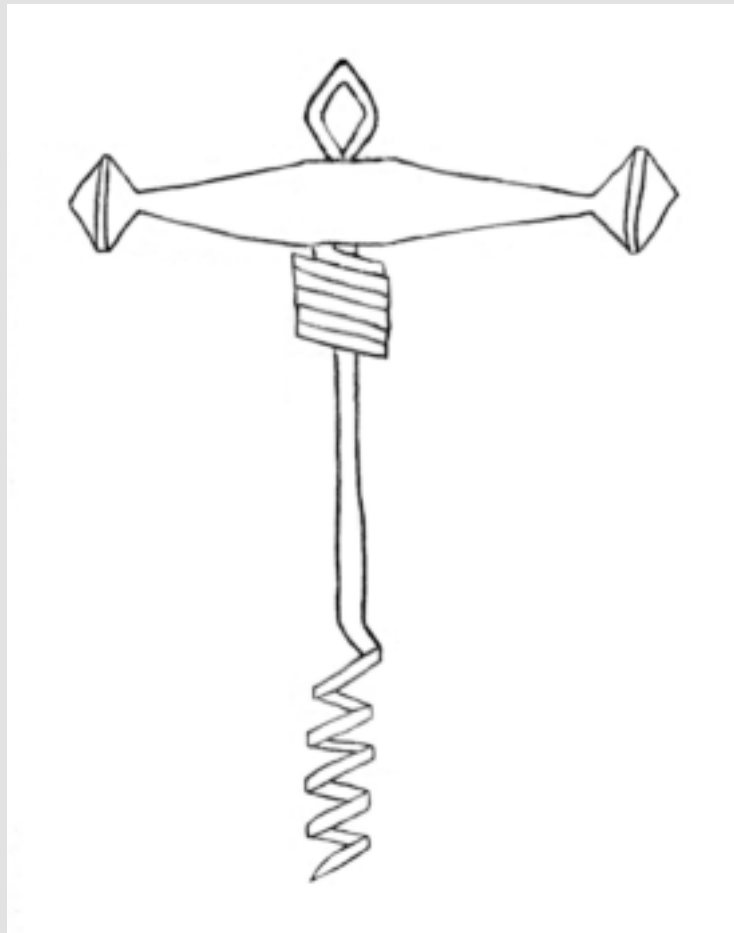


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Japheth Howard Cork Screw

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From the Editor

By Bob Ehrenberger

After some serious cold weather, things came around to have a real pleasant day for our meeting in Higbee. The BAM members must have been suffering from cabin fever, because they really came out, and we had a nice crowd. Dale Kirby was a gracious host and showed us all how they make wine barrels. The whole process is quite involved and takes a lot of skill and specialized equipment. In addition to the barrel making, Japheth Howard and myself provided blacksmithing demonstrations. The BAM members stepped up and really provided some nice cork screws for trade items. If you haven't participated in the trade item, you really need to. It is a great way to expand your blacksmithing skills in a direction you may not usually go.

Jan came with me again, and brought a baby quilt for her and the ladies to work on. She had started the quilt for Daniel and Jennifer's first child. But Jennifer miscarried in mid-November, so Jan is finishing it as a memorial to the child that was lost. Three other women helped with the quilt, for some it was a first time, there was at least one that was a bit of an expert and really got a lot done. I think that Jan is hooked on the whole BAM experience, expect to see more of her when she doesn't have goats to milk.

This has been a busy winter for BAM. Ken had a well attended hammer-in on black Friday. And Pat had his usual New Year's Day hammer-in, which was also well attended.

Here on the home front, I have been busy too. In addition to the wholesale blacksmith business I do in the winter, we have added a second wood burning stove to our house, so I have had to provide twice as much fire wood as usual. The second stove has made a huge

difference in the comfort level in our drafty old farm house. One small set back though, just before Christmas we had some frozen pipes while we had the whole family here. Fortunately the line to the barn didn't freeze so we were able to carry water down from the barn to supply our needs until it warmed up enough for me to repair the lines in the house and turn the water back on. One good thing that came out of it was that I discovered the SharkBite connectors which don't require solder and can attach



Spreading stock to make spoon

to either copper or plastic pipes. If you have an emergency repair to do these are great.

The conference fliers are out and it looks like it is going to be another great event. Remember to make something for the auction and the BAM Boutique. Also bring something nice to put in the gallery to show off and inspire the rest of us. There are some flier corrections:

John Sherwood e-mail address: jbsems@sbcglobal.net

Walt , Ruth Hull e-mail address waltandruthhull@sunflower.com

I'm including the scholarship information in this newsletter so if you are looking to take a class consider applying for a scholarship. It will help you with the cost and all of BAM will benefit from your pay-back demonstration and article.

106 Years of POPULAR MECHANICS online for free

You can read past issues of Popular Mechanics starting at the year 1905.

<http://books.google.com/books?id=49gDAAAAMBAJ>

Metallurgy and heat treating download.

This link came over "theforge". It's a good book. The download is 8MB.

<http://www.feine-klingen.de/PDFs/verhoeven.pdf>

I haven't had time to shop for a new computer so your editor is still working on the same old system I inherited from Ned.

The next Newsletter submission deadline is March 28th.

I made a miniature square post corner anchor, to hold our steel on the side of the knife block.



BAM Meeting January 17, 2009

By Don Anders

Meeting was held at Dale Kirby's

What a great demo at Dale's, A & K Cooperage. The whole process of making a barrel was demonstrated throughout the day. From cutting and shaping of the various pieces for the top and sides of the barrels, the joinery involved, the bands being applied, smoking the barrels and the final sanding, to name some of the steps involved. This group of people spent most of the morning going over this process several times for us. This allowed different groups to come out of the warm meeting area into the shop to watch. This was a very interesting and entertaining process to watch. In the end, a barrel that was made on site that day was donated to Iron In The Hat and to make it more exciting everyone there signed the barrel lid. What a great item and what anticipation waiting to see who won the barrel. Our valiant leader for the day, Ed Harper won the barrel. I still can not figure out how the slide of hand worked and his ticket managed to get pulled. Oh well, I will be waiting for a taste of the wine that is going to be made in that barrel. Bob Ehrenberger did a spoon demo and Japheth Howard did a demo on his cork screw in the meeting area, so there were many things to see at this meeting. Then to end the day after the meeting, we were all invited to a wine tasting at Cooper's Oak Winery, which was next door. What a great meeting and it was a fantastic turn out of Bam Members. It is always enjoyable to when some of our more experienced and long standing Bam Members make it to the meetings.

Meeting

The business meeting was headed by Ed Harper, in the absence of Ken Jansen who was away on business.

Conference Flyers are finished and were mailed out on Friday. Remember to register early for the best price.

Doug Henderson Scholarship is being worked on and will have more information on this after the Conference.

Don't forget that you can make donations to other Scholarship Funds which are already set up. The Tom Clark Scholarship was set up in the past due to the issue that Tom never wanted to be given any awards or recognition. This scholarship is set up to award extra monies to an individual to attend a conference that they would not get to go to otherwise. The other scholarship is the J. K. Reynolds Scholarship which had additional monies for classes – much like the BAM Scholarship, but to have extra money, if needed. Keep these in mind.

We are in desperate need of a Conference Chair for 2010. Now is the time to step up and help out our organization. This is a Volunteer Organization, Larry Hults and Ken Jansen will not run the Conference again. They have both worked and run the Conference for far too long. We need some new people to step up to the plate and help out. The current Conference Committee will be available to help out and support the new Chairman.

Treasury Report was given by Bruce Herzog. We now have 602 members.

The Library is going well. This meeting and last, we have well over half of the Library checked out. The system of checking out books is working well and seems to be easy for everyone. We had some books returned which have been gone. Currently we are not charging any late fees and would just like everyone to check around to see if they have any library books at home, and please bring them back. We would like the library to be built back up and be available for everyone. We have gone through the DVDs and will

get that list out and on the web site.

There is an opportunity for a cast iron repair workshop in Paris, Texas. If you are interested, contact Bob Ehrenberger.

Dennis Yates has some video and pictures as well as information on the activities from the Boy Scout Camp on his web site. Take a look when you have time at eaglesforge.com

Trade Items

<u>Made By</u>	<u>Won By</u>
•Chris Miller	Bob Ehrenberger
•Don Anders	Maurice Ellis
•Ken Jansen	Don Anders
•Bob Ehrenberger	Matthew Barnett
•Dennis Quinn	Chris Miller
•Bernard Tappel	Kate Dinneen
•Pat McCarty	Dennis Quinn
•Maurice Ellis	Japheth Howard
•James Dodd	Bernard Tappel
•Japheth Howard	Walt Hull
•Matthew Barnett	James Dodd
•Walt Hull	Pat McCarty
•Kate Dinneen	Ken Jansen

Iron In The Hat

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Apron	Walt Hull	Doug Clemons
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Metal Leaves	Walt Hull	Kent Harbit
Forged Spoon	Bob Ehrenberger	Scott Stager
Barrel	A & K Cooperage	Ed Harper
	Dale Kirby	



Letter from the president;

I am going to assume that the meeting in Higbee was great, even though I was unable to attend so thanks Dale and sundry for having us.

We have had a couple of hammer-ins since the last meeting, one at my shop, one at Pat McCarty's.

At my hammer in we made simple tongs. I had a bigger turnout than I expected and I think we didn't get as much finished as I had hoped. We had some sucker rod donated by Scott Wood (thanks a bunch, Scott) it makes real good tongs without any hardening. It makes a very sturdy set of tongs with really good spring in the handle. The only downside is it is hard to forge. If you have a power hammer, you can move it pretty good but by hand it is a lot of work which goes to show why the old smiths only made the jaws, and joint out of tool steel and the reins out of wrought or mild steel. Several methods were discussed and tried.

The other was at Pat McCarty's shop where copper heart hooks were made as well as a lot of hot air was let out (not by the forges either). Pat donated all the metal again. A heart was cut out of copper sheet and peen finished, then punched down into a bag of shot to give it three dimensions, finally a hook was forged out of steel and riveted on. All the ones I saw were beautiful, and of course the shop is awesome, I love going there. I think we have convinced Pat to put sand in the post of his tire hammer though ;). As usual, the food was awesome and more than we should have eaten. There was a real good turnout and Maurice Ellis showed up (without Bess, he said he kept her home working), Bob Alexander brought a split cross Christmas ornament made by a student of his from the school in Maine, I think, and it was beautiful. I tried to imitate it and found it was pretty touchy to make. I will be trying it again in the gas forge and that should work better. Pat has a very clever design for a simple one piece knife sheath and he had to make several copies for all of us who wanted one.

These are the kind of events that really help to bring us together more regionally and help us to become a tighter group. I was asked (by a gentleman whose name I cannot remember for which I sincerely apologize) about doing this more often and I said I think it is a great idea and I have actively supported it. The issue that he mentioned was insurance. I do not know if our BAM insurance will cover a deal like this and will look into it. Maurice Ellis was in on this conversation and he said he had contacted his home insurance carrier and had bought some additional insurance that covered this type of event at his shop. I know your home owners will generally provide some sort of coverage

but that there is a limit say 25,000. I will probably look into to it for myself, since I usually have one or two a year myself.

Speaking of hammer-ins, I usually have one at the end of March or the first part of April for the conference project. I have not come up with a project for the conference yet, another ring project was suggested by a former president. I didn't jump at it, a ring project is a pretty big deal, as far as logistics goes, and it is late in the game to be starting something like that. Rest assured I will have something and will try to get it out ASAP. I will get the dates posted on the website.

The Doug Hendrickson Scholarship is still ongoing and I am going to shoot for sometime after the conference for it. I have asked around and gotten some ideas for demonstrators, but have not finalized it. We have also been discussing where to hold it and there have been many suggestions. We are trying to locate it where the most people can attend as well as make sure it is a good site. Lou Mueller has offered his shop as well as volunteered to underwrite the rent on a large tent to hold the demo in that would be put up on his parking lot. Don Birdsall offered his shop and Kent Harbit offered the welding shop at the college in Sedalia. There may be others that I can't recall at this time. What we need to do is to decide on where and when we are going to do this (I am thinking early fall maybe the first part of September). Anyone who has an opinion on this, email me and let me know what you think kjjansen@msn.com please put BAM in the subject line.

We need shops and people to host meetings for this year and next. By my schedule, we have openings this year in May and November. If you have the facilities, I would appreciate you hosting a meeting. We have no-one scheduled after Matthew Burnett in September this year. If you have any interest, contact me and I will get it setup.

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

Ken Jansen
kjjansen@msn.com

Scholarship Guidelines

I. Scholarships will be awarded by the scholarship committee based on the quality of applications and the availability of funds. Decisions of the committee will be final.

II. The committee is to consist of 3 members who serve rotating 2 year terms appointed by the BAM president. The president will appoint one of these members chairman of the committee.

III. The committee will be responsible for publicizing the scholarship program and for suggesting changes to these guidelines as may seem appropriate. Changes are to be approved by the board of directors of BAM.

IV. The number and amounts of scholarships will be fixed by the board of directors and revised by them from time to time as may be appropriate. The scholarship committee will advise the board on these matters.

V. Eligibility: Only Members in good standing of BAM may receive scholarships. Serving scholarship committee members will not be eligible for scholarships. No member may apply for a scholarship within one year after receiving a previous scholarship. Applicants who have not received a scholarship within the three years prior to their application will be given priority.

VI. The board of directors will determine how often and on what dates scholarships are to be awarded.

VII. Applications must be received 30 days before the date of awards. The committee must confer 2 weeks before the date of awards.

VIII. Obligations of recipients: Scholarship money must be spent for the activity or program for which it is granted unless changes are specifically approved by the board of directors. Every recipient, within three months following the event for which the scholarship is granted must submit a written description of the event with notes, drawings, photos, etc. where appropriate, to the BAM Newsletter. Within one year, the recipient must demonstrate what was learned as a consequence of the scholarship either at a BAM meeting or on video tape to be placed in the BAM Library.

IX. The scholarship committee will prepare an application form and make it available to any member who requests it. In addition, the form will be published in the BAM newsletter. All the terms and conditions will be included with the application (i.e., items V, VII, and VIII, above, plus the number of scholarships and the maximum amount available).

A couple of comments are due here. First, with respect to number III., the committee would be delighted to receive suggestions at anytime as to how we can make this program work better. Please share your ideas, questions, gripes, etc. with Don Birdsall (chairman), David Smith, or Larry Hults. We also stand ready to help with the application or anything else we can do to help individuals or the organization as a whole to get some good out of this program.

With respect to number VI., we have decided to make scholarships available quarterly, counting from the date of the conference. That means that awards will be made August 1, November 1, February 1, and at the next conference, with applications due a month ahead of each of these dates. For the moment the board of directors has set the number of scholarships at 10 for the year and the amount at \$500.00 each.

Send Form to:

Don Birdsall, 11570 CR 5480. Rolla, Missouri 65401

Note: The scholarship application is also available on the BAM web site (bamsite.org)

Scholarship Application

Name:

Address:

Phone:

What Class or Event do you Wish to Attend:

Where:

What are the costs:

Tuition
Travel
Lodging
Other

Briefly, how do you hope to advance in blacksmithing? Where do you want to go and how will this class or event help you get there? (additional pages if necessary - typing is OK)

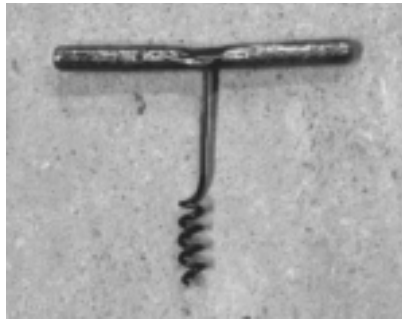
I understand that as a requirement of receiving this scholarship, I must: 1) submit a written description with notes, drawings, etc, of the event to the BAM Newsletter, no later than 3 months after the end of the event, and 2) within 1 year of the event, I must demonstrate my new knowledge at a BAM meeting or a video tape to be placed in the BAM library.

Signed _____ Date _____

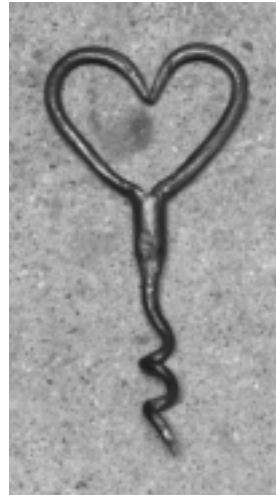
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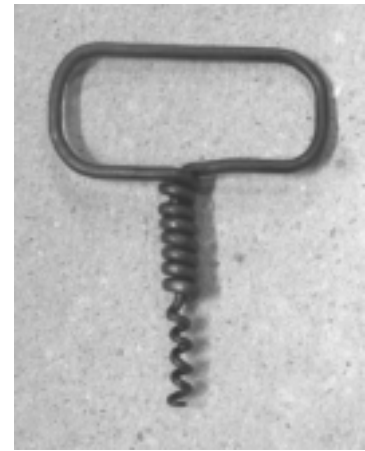
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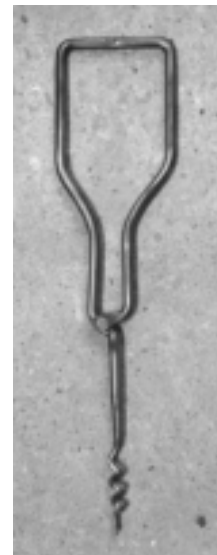
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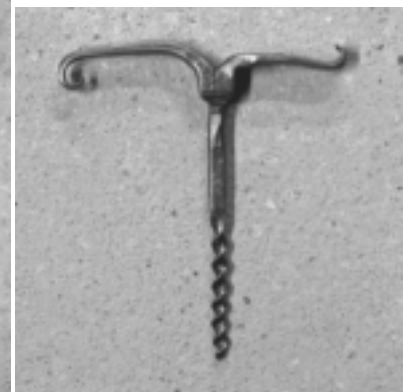
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Pat McCarty



Walt Hull

Report on MTS event on January 17 and 18, 2009

It was my privilege to host an MTS workshop. There were seven participants from the immediate area that were glad to have this event so close to them as most of BAM activities are further away from the Kansas City area. Two of the students were young and enthusiastic. The rest were very pleased with the MTS and have indicated that they will most likely attend future BAM events.

Don Birdsall did an excellent job, it was quite evident that he enjoys teaching. A thank you should also go out to Mike Camden and Monte Massey for assisting with the workshop.

William "Toby" Tobler



Shop Tip By Bob Ehrenberger

A while back Don Birdsall told me how at one of the MTS workshops he had some of the guys put hot steel into the plastic buckets and had burned holes in them. He said that before the next class he heated a poker and repaired the buckets.

I was a little skeptical about this, until I had a need to fix a bucket and decided to give it a try. Much to my delight it worked great. Emboldened by my success, I decided to try to fix a heavy feed bucket that had been hit by a mower and had a big gash in it. I discovered that while it worked on a large repair I had to take occasional breaks to let the bucket cool, otherwise the whole area would get too hot and pliable, and wouldn't hold its shape.

I also discovered that I could make a filler rod out of anything that was made out of a similar type plastic. When using a filler rod it was kind of like torch welding as you heated base with the poker while you melted the filler into the crack or hole.

It works best when the poker is at a high black heat, just under glowing.

I hope this tip works for you, should you have a need to weld a piece of plastic.

Black Friday Blacksmiths

By Bob Ehrenberger

Ken Jansen sponsored a hammer-in at his shop in Moscow Mills the day after Thanksgiving (Black Friday). The plan was to get together and make some tongs. When I showed up around 9:00, they already had two gas forges going with 3 or 4 guys working out of each one. I promptly lit the coal forge and got to work. Daniel had been complaining that the tongs he used to forge RR spikes were getting pretty rickety. When we first made them 8 or 10 years ago we had made them too light and they had been bent and adjusted several times which hadn't done them any good. To make sure I had plenty of meat this time, I brought a 1" bar from home. The jaws forged out pretty quick, and then I was able to draw out the reins on Ken's new power hammer in 2 heats each. I didn't finish them there because I wanted some input from Daniel on the final configuration.

When I finished working on the RR tongs I stepped aside since we already had 3 guys working in the coal forge. Besides we had quite a crowd there and it was time to shoot the breeze a bit before lunch.

As I looked around there were a number of projects going. Scrolling tongs seemed to be popular, I could use a second pair myself, to put in my travel box. One of the guys had even taken the opportunity to make a replacement spring for his vice.

After lunch, one of the gas forges opened up, so I decided to take on my second pair of tongs. I needed something to hold a horse head while I finished the hook end of a horse head J hook. After Ken had shown me how to make the horse

heads a couple years ago they have become a regular part of my inventory. While the heads are pretty easy to make once they are cut off of the bar, they are hard to hold onto to finish. My plan was to make some offset tongs which would hold parent stock just past the head. I just couldn't seem to get the bend to come out right. While on most tongs you have to make both

sides identical for them to work, the offset tongs needed to be mirror images. I just couldn't seem to get it right. After changing them several times, they were starting to develop a stress fracture, which Ken

RR Spike tongs

was nice enough to mig weld for me. I ended up making a conventional sort of jaw but it locks in under the horses nose and holds them pretty securely. Since the

gas forge was about as far away from the power hammer as you could get in Ken's shop, Mike Maddox offered to strike for me. This was a blessing because the sucker rod we had took some real force to move. I've been mulling over the whole offset jaw thing and think I have it figured out. Maybe I can make a pair before I lose my train of thought.

I got a lot of general pictures (next page) but not a lot of close ups. So any of you guys that made tongs and want to send me pictures, I'll try to work them into

a newsletter.



Chris Miller



Horse Head tongs

Black Friday Blacksmiths



Don Birdsall gives Chris Miller some pointers while Mike Maddox looks on.

Note: The tong making story board in the background.



Ken shows a beginner the ropes while several others keep busy.



PAT McCARTY'S HAMMER-IN 2009

By Bob Stormer

As I have done for the last half dozen or so years, I attended Pat McCarty's New Year's Day Hammer-In in Washington, MO. I was a little later arriving than usual and things were well underway. A handful of people were working at the two forges and a dozen or so were enjoying donuts and coffee. The weather was pretty well behaved, compared to some of the recent years.

The project this year was a copper reposer' heart with a hook riveted on the bottom (Refer to the attached picture). I didn't get involved with making the project this year since, in addition to arriving late, I had to leave earlier for a family gathering. From what I could tell there were about 6 – 12 people working on the project at one time. Since I didn't get to stay, I wasn't able to get any pictures of the "students" finished projects.

I also spent so much time visiting with folks I hadn't seen for months that I didn't get many pictures of the in-work projects. In addition to the heart project Pat had a stitchless pouch sheath for a small knife, such as a patch knife, that drew a lot of attention. This would make a nice project for anyone who sells rendezvous related items. Refer to the attached pictures for the knife sheath, and the pattern for the sheath.

The usual compliment of people, including that Opinionated Bunch of Blacksmiths from north of I-70, were there to properly welcome in the New Year. There were also some obvious absences of folks who we remember for their impact on the current success BAM is enjoying. There were a lot of new faces, at

least from my perspective, but I have missed a lot of last year's BAM meetings due to an ongoing building project. A lot of good information was exchanged as well as some stories that may be better served with a grain of salt.

If you've read previous articles I've written about this event, you'll understand when I say the lowlight of my day was having to leave before lunch was served. Before leaving, I wondered over to the house where

Mary Jo was making her outstanding soup/stew combination. What an aroma!!! I almost decided to stay and suffer the consequences, but family commitment kicked in and I left.

I am probably overstepping my bounds by inviting everyone to attend Pat's annual meeting, but I strongly encourage all of you

who have never been to Pat's shop to take advantage of this hammer-in. It's a walk back in time to what a blacksmith shop could have looked like a hundred

years ago, with the possible exception of the concrete floor and the use of electricity. Even the heating system is a box stove that shares the flue with the primary brick forge.

I'm sure that I can speak for all who are fortunate enough to attend this annual event in thanking Pat and Mary Jo again for

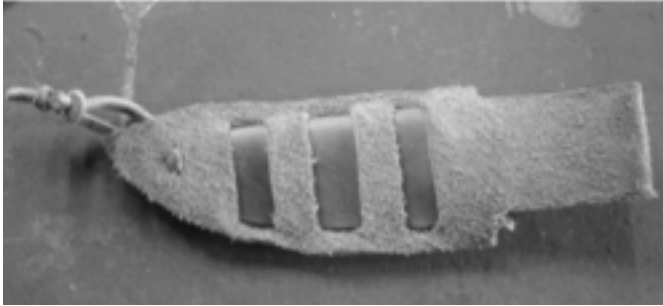
their hospitality and generosity in hosting this meeting every year. It's a terrific way to start the new year.



Hammering copper heart and twisting hook.

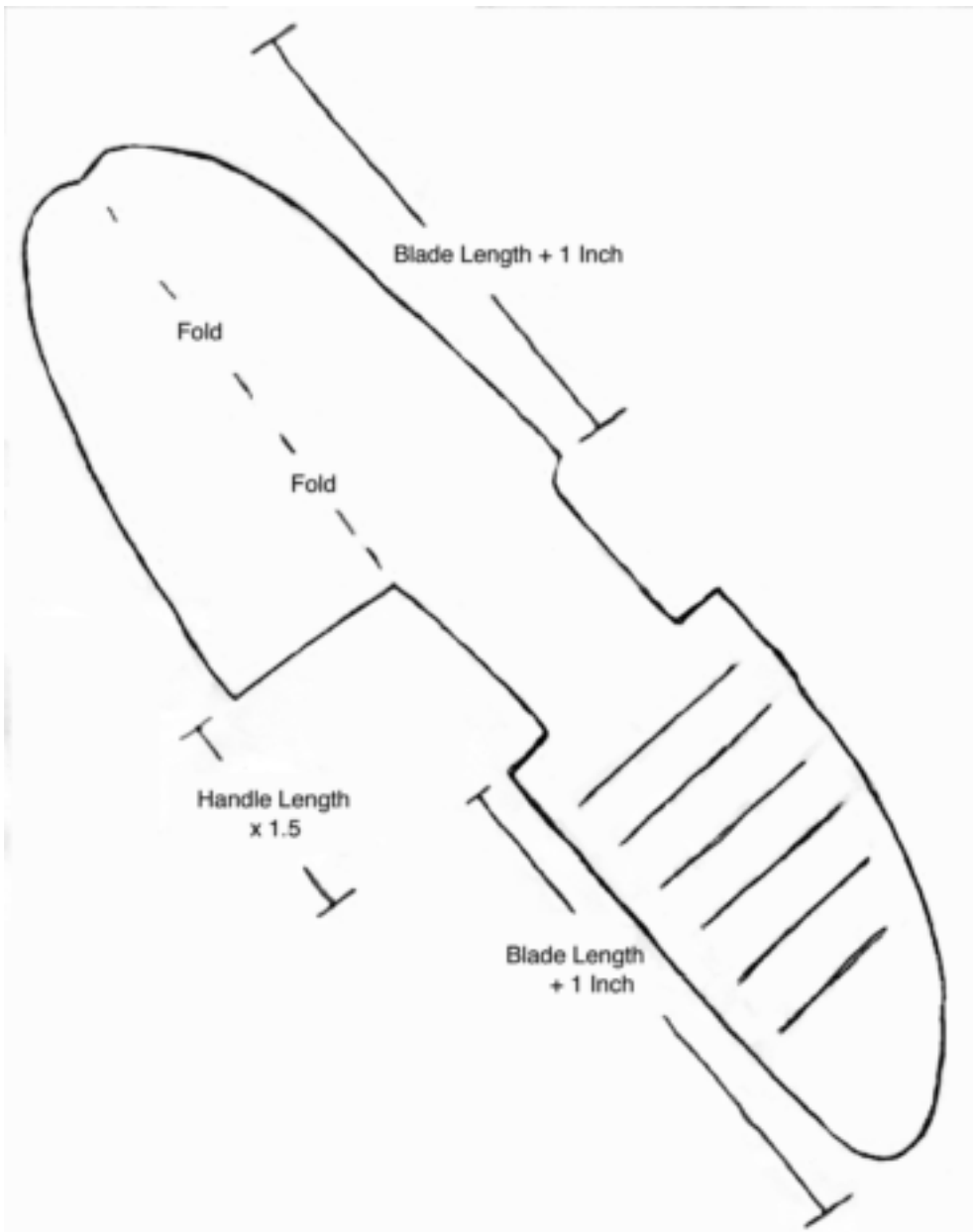


Pat's shop is a walk back in time.



Upper left: front and back of finished sheath.

Left: Sheath pattern. It needs to be re-sized to match your knife.



Finished Copper heart with hook.

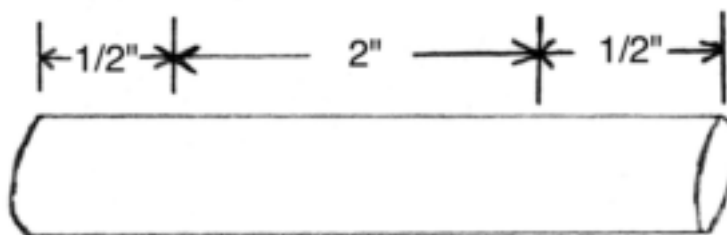
Japheth Howard

Cork Screw Demo

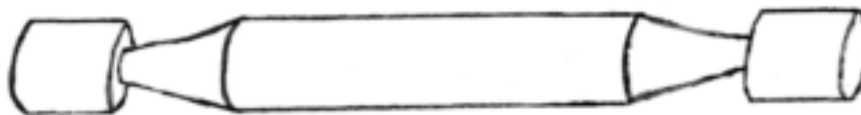
By Bob Ehrenberger

Japheth showed us all why he is one of the premier blacksmiths in the US with his cork screw demonstration. He conceived in his mind a cork screw that was a work of art and then figured out how to make it.

Starting with about 3" of 1/2" round, lay out where to start the butcher.



Using a guillotine tool (like a smithin' magician), separate the metal that will become the end buttons.



Forge the taper all the way back to the middle. The piece should be just over 4" at this point.



Working on the edge of the anvil, upset the ends back into the button shapes. It will be just under 4" when done.



Then slightly flatten the center section and punch the rectangular hole to receive the screw insert. Japheth uses a special punching hardie to do this which allows him to clear the slug on a piece that is too short to reach the pictorial hole.

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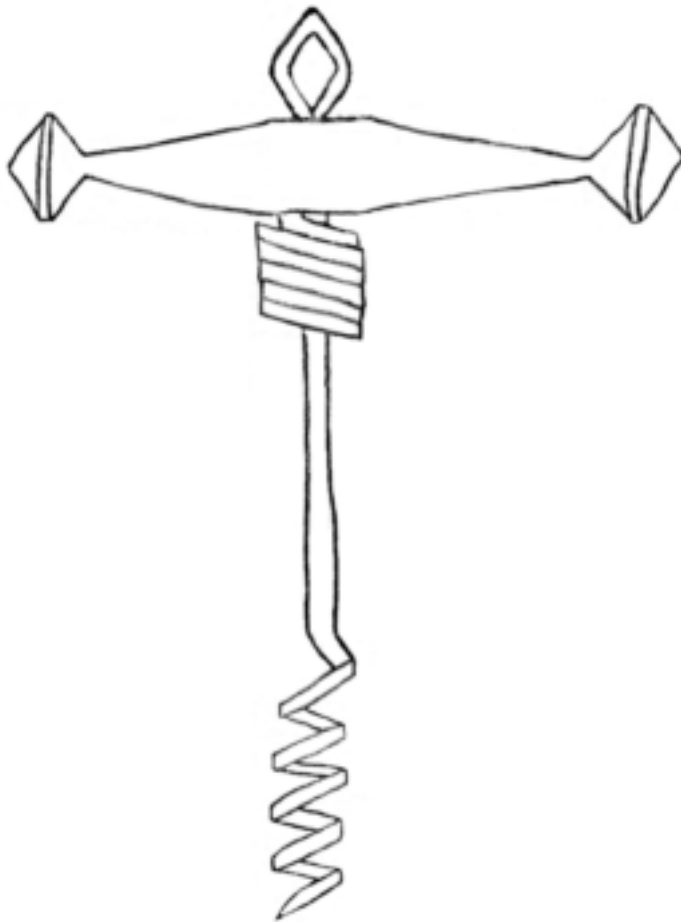
Cork Screw Demo continued

The cork screw insert was made by drawing a piece of 3/8" rd. down to 1/8" sq. Japheth did this at home under the power hammer, if you could find a piece of 1/8" sq. to start with it would save you a lot of work.

About 4" at the top is folded back on itself and then wrapped around the main bar.

I didn't catch how much was reserved to make the screw end but I think it was about 5" or 6". After cutting off the main bar the end is forged to a chisel point. The screw is made using both hammer/anvil and scrolling tongs

Once the screw is the way you like it, the top is heated, pushed through the handle, and drifted open, locking it to the handle. The beauty of this method is that if you need to you can heat it again, squeeze it back together and take it apart..

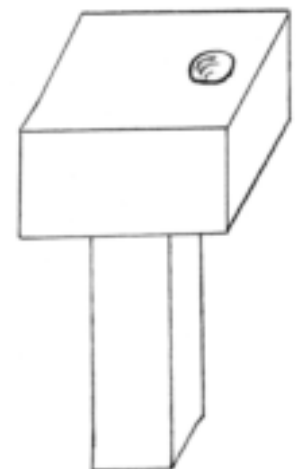


Left: Drawing of finished cork screw.



Left: Cork screw insert ready to put together.

Right: Special hardie to punch holes in small items.



Spoon Utensil Demo

by Bob Ehrenberger

Cooking utensils are a popular item when I demonstrate in public. They like to see how the steel is completely transformed into something useful.

What they don't want to see is me spending an hour of non-stop pounding to draw out the handle. I do that part at home under the power hammer. I start with 12" of 1/4x1 flat bar. I leave 2"-3" on each end unforged and draw the center down to about 3/8" sq. The final length of the blank is 19" to 20".

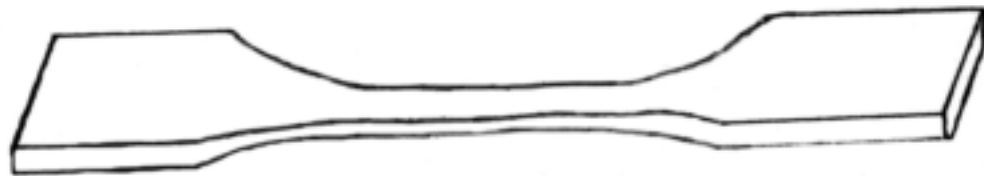
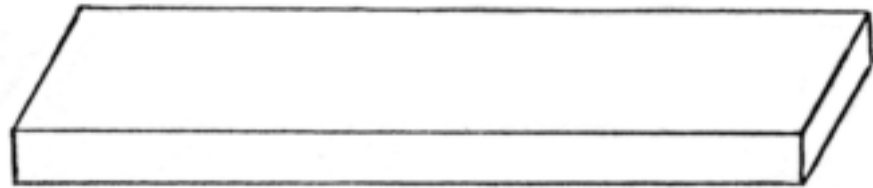
To make a spoon, you forge the corners back into the bar to kind of round it up. Then with the pein of your hammer, start spreading the stock. Start in the middle, this will let you get the maximum amount of width. As you go, keep pushing the corners in to refine the curved shape. When you get done it will be about 1/16" thick and around 3" wide. In a perfect world it would be 4" wide but there is some material loss to scale and a little lengthening.

With the face of the hammer remove the marks made by the pein.

Sink the spoon into a swage block, or like I do, into a ring sitting on the anvil using a medium sized ball pein hammer. You can refine your spoon on the ball at the end of your vice, like a steak tool.

I finish utensils with beeswax for a food safe finish.

Ring made from 1/2" rd.



Utensil Demo-

The Handle

By Bob Ehrenberger

I have several different handle designs, this one is a half-strike hook. Start by putting about 3/4" over the near edge of the anvil, and driving it down. Make sure the face of your hammer hits over the edge to force a deep recess on the bottom side. Go about 2/3s of the way through.

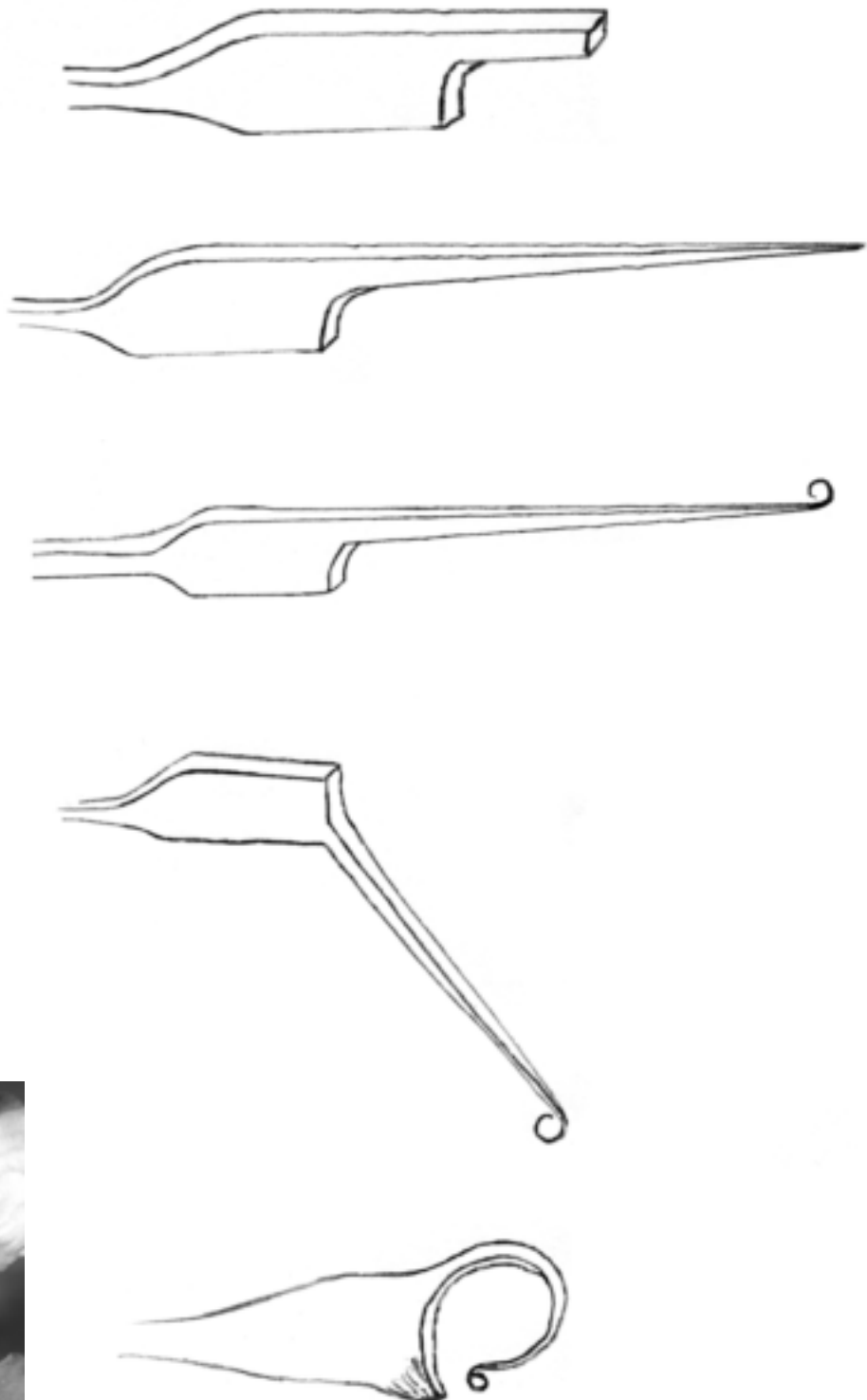
Then forge the smaller section to a long taper. If you keep the body off of the anvil you are less likely to have a miss hit damage the shoulder.

Once you have it drawn out, round it up. (My drawing shows a square cross section because that is easier to draw.) Make a small curl on the end as shown.

With the taper over the far edge of the anvil forge it down to the angle shown.

Forge the shoulder into kind of a clip. This is more attractive than leaving the end square, and helps to curve the end into the hook.

Finally curl the tapered section around into a hook.



The 27th Lincoln's New Salem Hammer In

will be April 18 and 19, 2009 at the Lincoln's New Salem State Historic site in Illinois. Our demonstrator this year will be Doug Willison from Deer Isle, Maine. I can be contacted for more information or directions at bluestoneforge@gmail.com. Thank you, Allen Ortery

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The Saltfork Craftsmen ABA welding workshop March 7,

Cindy and James wrote:
Hello,

I hope this reaches most of you on this list, I obtained these email addresses from the ABANA website.

My name is James Allcorn, Paris, Texas. I am a member of Saltfork Craftsmen ABA and am hosting a meeting/workshop on Saturday, March 7, 2009 (a 2nd workshop day on Sunday, March 8 is planned, but optional, depending upon interest) at my shop, Bois D'Arc Forge Blacksmith Shop, 33 NE 1st, Historic Downtown, Paris, Texas 75460 (100 miles NE of Dallas, 30 miles S of the Oklahoma border). The subject of the meeting will be welding/brazing cast iron and welding of ornamental blacksmith creations using Ox/Ac, MIG and TIG. (Stick welding will not be addressed.) Meeting will begin at 9:30 am.

Presenter/instructor will be Tommy Dean, a professional welder (primarily TIG, but he uses all processes) with Eastman Co. in Tyler/Longview, Texas for 30+ years. Tommy is a welder in the same class that Francis Whittaker was a blacksmith. He is BETTER than GOOD! And he is a good instructor/demonstrator. Tommy is also a very accomplished blacksmith and member of several ABANA affiliates. While I realize that attending a meeting in Paris, Texas will be a stretch for most of you, perhaps you could make the information available to members of your individual organizations. Perhaps a few from all of your members could attend and maybe share the information with blacksmiths in your area. It is our intention to have the presentation taped and later transferred to DVD for rental from the Saltfork Craftsmen ABA library.

Also, if you have a piece of cast iron blacksmithing equipment, such as a forge blower with a broken housing, BRING IT TO THE MEETING. No guarantees, but if you have all the pieces, chances are it can be returned to working condition.

So, please help us spread the word.

If any need help or have questions, you may call me at:

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Iron: Twenty Ten International Juried Exhibition

Call for Entries

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Exhibit Dates

May 29 - July 19, 2010

The exhibition is timed to coincide with the 2010 ABANA conference in Memphis. After the initial exhibition, the show will travel for up to two years to other venues, which are currently being secured.

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There is a \$30 fee for submission of up to three works. Payment may be made by check or money order or by PayPal. Make your check or money order in US funds, drawn on a US Bank, payable to the National Ornamental Metal Museum. To make a payment through PayPal, please follow the link on the NOMM website at www.metalmuseum.org. For more information regarding payments, please contact NOMM.

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President's Message

First of all I want to thank our 2008 board for all of their hard work. Being a volunteer has its rewards; it has its challenges, and frankly speaking, it's frustrations. Also, to those who have served and moved on, my hat is off to them as well.

In the past twelve months we have seen a nearly complete turn over of the board. With the exception of Jill Turman (who we could not do without) and Jim Master-son, the 2009 ABANA board has served one year or less. For all intents and purposes we are a new board and we are already hard at work.

Next on the agenda, I want to thank the 2009 ABANA board for their confidence in me, by electing me as your President. I have made the commitment to my fellow board members and now to you, the ABANA membership, that in the months ahead I will do my best. You will be hearing from your board, and me about your ABANA, what our challenges are, what our goals are, and what you can do as a member to further ABANA's mission.

I'd like to make a point here. I have been told that in order to bring back the membership to levels of the past (5,300+), ABANA must publish the financial statements for the last ten years. The financial statements are available to all ABANA members who ask for them.

Furthermore, I have been told that ABANA must admit to the mistakes of the past. This might be true. I can assure you that your 2008/2009 ABANA board of directors is painfully aware of the past. Hopefully, we can use these past events to guide our future.

For those of you who care to debate the issues of the past, please consider this, your ABANA board is made up of fifteen volunteers from a diverse set of experiences. ABANA's past board members were too; they did the best job they were capable of; my hat is off to them.

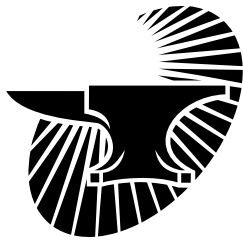
You may be asking yourself, "Where is he going with this"? If you need an apology, please accept this as one. If you need someone to admit to the past shortcomings of the organization and promise to do the right thing in the future, consider this that confession and resolution.

Now, moving on as to our future, we have much work to do. I hope that you will consider rolling up your sleeves and join us on the happy road of destiny. How can you help? Consider what you can offer in terms of time and other resources and contact a committee chair in your area of interest.

In closing, here are just a few of the accomplishments brought to you by your 2008 ABANA board. We did a complete revision of the By-Laws, including term limits. The Members Only Discount program was implemented; Constant Contact email system was brought on-line. The ABANA Trust is now on a level footing with three new trustees appointed, thanks to our 2008 president Chris Winterstein. The Health Insurance program was rolled out, and a new Shop insurance plan is coming soon! We relocated the Central Office and contracted with WH&L, a professional management firm. Last in the "short" list is.....drum roll please...yes there will be a 2010 ABANA Conference! Set your sights on Memphis, Tennessee, early June 2010. It's back to basics, no frills, but lots of educational opportunities, friendship and camaraderie! The low early registration fee will shock and delight you! Way to go conference committee!

For Love of the Craft,

Rome H. Hutchings
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Affiliate Letter November 2008

11/20/2008

Hello ABANA Affiliate Members,

My name is Bruce Woodward. I am a new ABANA Board Member from Ohio and your new Affiliate Liaison member. I am the new kid on the block. Actually I am no kid. I am one of the gray beards but I still swing a mean hammer. One of the silver tops who, based on ABANA's survey, make up well over half of the blacksmiths in the US. My Board candidacy was based on attracting new people into blacksmithing. Evidently there are a lot of blacksmiths out there who feel the same as I do and took the time to vote for me. I thank you for that. Presently there are many very talented young smiths but not near enough. The veteran and established smiths are the core and stability of our affiliate groups. However attrition is taking far too many dedicated smiths lately. Local and international smiths who had once given so much of their time and efforts to the continuation and advancement of blacksmithing and asked for so very little in return. They asked us to just "pass it on". Well, as the man once said, "it is time to stand up and be counted". Our past and present ABANA Presidents Chris Winterstein and Rome Hutchings have said to find something you care about and work for it. I believe your rewards will be great.

With the economy of the world going into the pits, money is extremely tight for everyone. At the November ABANA Board Meeting of this year, the Board was very concerned with fiscal responsibility. We tried to cut costs where ever and whenever possible without drastically cutting services. Such as, you will notice a change in packaging and mailing of the Anvil's Ring. Even though we have slightly altered the AR, the ABANA Board is very protective of our publications. They are, along with the ABANA Conference, our flagships and our window to the world.

With the economy sour, it is very important, now more than ever before, for blacksmithing to be in the forefront of the general public's thoughts. Every blacksmith demonstration, every blacksmith exhibit, every blacksmith article is so important to remind the potential blacksmith customer that "Yes we can do your project and Yes we can do it well and Yes we will take only our share of what money is available".

We all know how much time and energy and expense goes into efforts to attract prospective blacksmiths from the general public, often with rather discouraging results. However there are a few groups, like the Boy Scouts through their Metalwork Merit Badge Program, who already have a beginning interest in blacksmithing. An interest that with encouragement and nurturing could grow into a lifelong passion. This program is an open door for blacksmithing to 3 million Scouts and 1 million adult advisors. Some of you are already certified Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselors or you have demonstrated at Scout events. I applaud you. However there is room for many more counselors. If this appeals to you, contact your local Boy Scout Council. Again, you may find it very rewarding. I would like to know just how many of our affiliate members are BSA Metalwork Merit Badge Counselors. If you are a counselor please send an email or letter to me stating also your affiliate and your local BSA council.

ABANA Board Member Kim Saliba has recently resigned from the Board for serious health reasons. Her energetic support at the past ABANA and CanIron Conferences will be greatly missed. We wish her Godspeed and safe journey.

ABANA has a number of new programs for its members this year such as health insurance. Check it out on our web site or contact ABANA's Central Office.

ABANA will also have a great Conference for all in June 2010 at Memphis, TN. The Conference is indeed ABANA's Window to the World. We mean to do it right. World renowned demonstrators, environmentally friendly tent camping, fiscally sound business workshops, universally acclaimed Affiliates Area, tantalizing tailgating, etc, etc. Details to follow in future installments.

For the past year, the ABANA Affiliate Letter has been written by Paul Boulay. He left some pretty big foot prints for me to follow in, however with Paul at my elbow for guidance and to keep me out of trouble and with your suggestions, we will do just fine.

Please stay in contact, Bruce Woodward

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The **MTS Program** needs one more **four inch post vice**. Donations welcomed. We have decided to mount the vices on stands designed for pipe vices. If you have a pipe vice stand you can spare, the MTS program can use it. Please contact: 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.

Boy Scout Camp 2009

The dates for the Camp Hahn Boy Scout Merit Badge training is: June 14th though July 11th, 2009. This is a four week period of time.

We need volunteers to help teach the blacksmith option for the Metal working Merit Badge to the Boy Scouts attending summer camp.

The camp and our training runs for the full four weeks, we need volunteers that can stay with us for one week at a time, you do not have to spend the whole four weeks unless you want to.

The training is from Monday morning though Friday morning. If you arrive before 6 pm on Sunday, you can have supper in the lodge or before 8 am Monday morning you can eat breakfast in the lodge. Three meals a day are furnished in the air conditioned lodge.

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For more information please contact me:

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Walt Hull Teaches at University of Kansas

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Freeburg, MO. 65035

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Mexico, MO 65265

Price \$17.00 per bag BAM members, \$18.00 per bag Non-members, \$14.00 per bag at Bob Alexander's
Coal keepers earn \$4.00 a bag. NOTE: PRICE INCREASE

A. 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

B. Non BAM coal \$.40/lb check \$.35/lb cash bring your own containers. Tim Johnson Springfield, MO 417-886-8032

Upcoming Events

March 7 - Saltfork Craftsmen cast iron welding workshop (see page 20)
March 20-22 - Little Giant workshop (see page 21)
March 21- BAM meeting Doug Clemons, Malta Bend, MO. (660-595-2257)
March 28 - Newsletter Submission Deadline
April 1 - Application deadline for May Scholarship awards
April 18,19 - New Salem hammer-in, Springfield, Ill (see page 20)
April 22 - Submission deadline for "Iron: Twenty Ten" International Juried Exhibition (see page 21)
April 23-26, 2009 CBA Spring Conference April 23-26, 2009 Contact Lowell Chaput at lowell@sonic.net
April 30 - May - 3 **BAM Ozark conference**, Sedalia, MO
May - 2009 BAM meeting TBD
June 14 - July11 - Boy Scout Camp, Metal working merit badge classes (see page 25)
July 1 - Application deadline for August Scholarship awards.
July 11- BAM Meeting Bob Ehrenberger, Shelbyville, MO. (573)-633-2010 Trade Item - Pair of tongs
July 17-19 - Upper Midwest Regional Blacksmith Conference (see page 20)
September 12 - BAM meeting, Matthew Burnett, Cameron, MO (816-575-2798) Trade Item TBD
October 1 - Application deadline for November Scholarship awards.
November - 2009 BAM meeting TBD
January 1 - Application deadline for February Scholarship awards.
January 2010 - BAM meeting, TBD
March 27 2010- BAM meeting, Boy Scout Camp

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

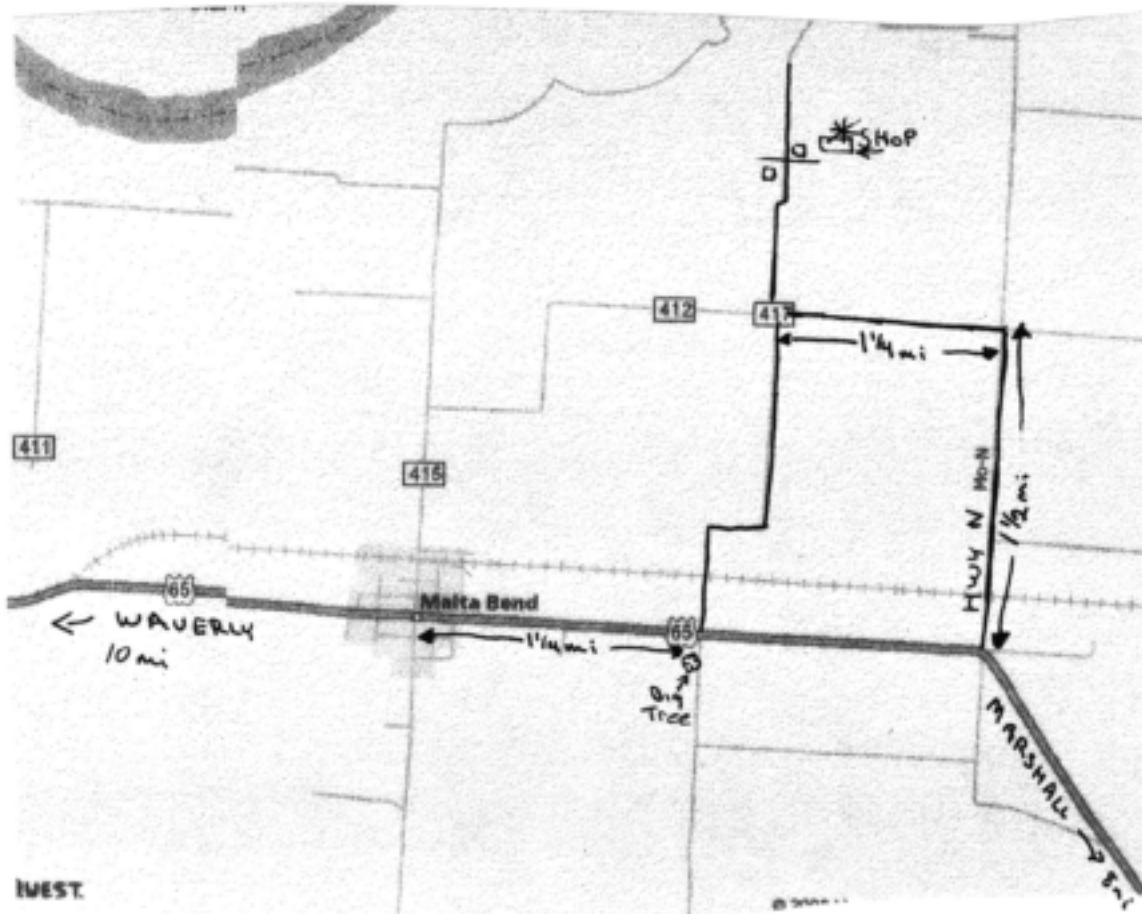
Editor Note: We have a new coal supplier in Springfield, MO. BAM member Tim Johnson usually has 10 tons of loose coal on hand and is willing to weigh it out for BAM members. You must bring your own bags or containers. Cost is \$0.40/lb He gives a 5 cent cash discount so it is \$0.35/lb cash. He gets his coal out of Oklahoma, so it isn't the same as BAM coal, Tim says it is good coal, and burns about the same. (417)-886-8032

New Members

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

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Next Meeting: March 21 Doug Clemons - Malta Bend, MO.



Directions:

If coming from the North be warned that the bridge is out at Glasgow. Continue on 24 to DeWitt and go south on Hwy 41.

From the west go north on Hwy 23 at Concordia

From the east go north on Hwy 65 at the Sedalia exit off I70

Host: Doug Clemons

Phone: 660-631-1257

Trade item:
BBQ Utensil

Demonstration:
TBD

Food:
Provided

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