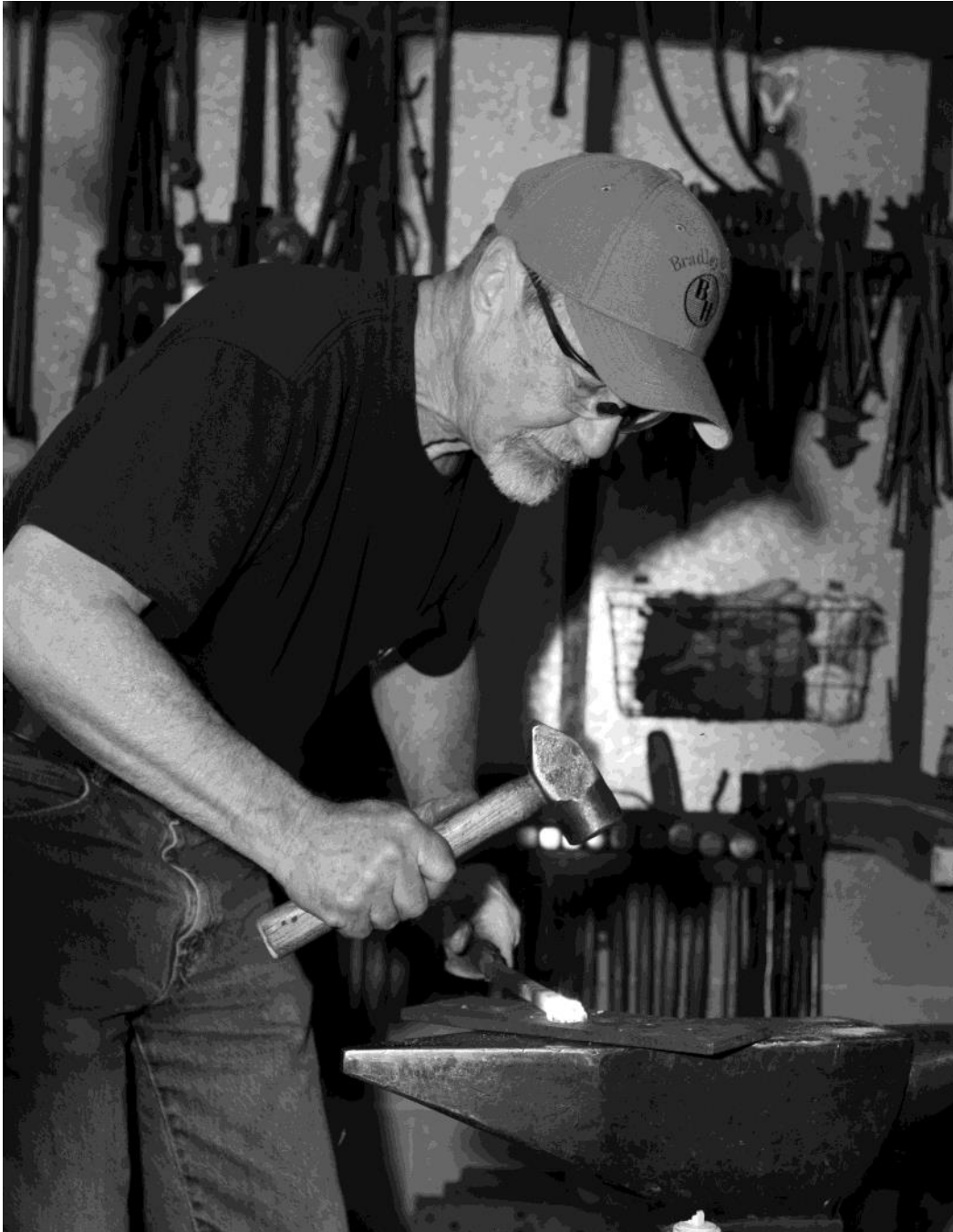


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# From the President

The March meeting at Lou Mueller's shop was another good one. When Margie and I left home on Friday it looked like we would be driving home in a snow storm. So glad that didn't happen. We had dry roads all the way. I hope everyone took time to see Lou's shop. What a marvelous playhouse for a metal worker. Equipment that I can only dream of.

Bernie did a wonderful demo despite the fact he wasn't feeling well. His voice did hold up just long enough to get'er done. I hope many of you are taking advantage of the chain making lesson. Bernie makes it look so easy and with his instruction it really is not that hard. I am looking forward to several feet of chain that each of you bring to the conference. If the 40 or 50 people that attended the meeting bring just one foot we will have a nice chain. I am still working on what we are going to do with it. Maybe I'll just leave that for the next president.

We had a good business meeting with lots of discussion. We are going to have a library trailer. This will let us have all the books together and hopefully make Karen's job much easier.

We also voted to suspend the scholarship program for ONE year and test a new approach to educating the membership. We have something going on the new program. More on this at the conference. Remember this is just for one year then we can reopen the dialog on how to proceed. We can continue the program, tweak it, or go back to the scholarship program.

The conference plans are in good shape. We have an outstanding list of demonstrators. It will be difficult for me to choose who to watch. Rooms in Sedalia are filing fast if not already gone. If you don't have a place to stay you need to take care of this ASAP. I think the classes are full but sometimes plans change and someone can't make it so you might ask if they have a waiting list. Don't forget the potluck on Thursday/Friday evenings. There is always plenty of good food and fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

This is most likely my last letter as BAM president. It has been a great experience but the time has come for me to move on and let someone else have all the fun. Please give the next person the same support you have given me. I want to thank you all for making my 3 years so enjoyable. You are a great group of gals and guys with tons of talent and skills. Almost all of you excel at more than one skill set which is what makes BAM one of the premier blacksmith organizations anywhere. Thank you all for giving me this opportunity.

There will be no next time for me but, keep your anvil bright and your fires clean.

Phil

# March Meeting Minutes

By: Bob Stormer

Phil Cox opened the meeting by thanking Lou Mueller for hosting the meeting. Phil then recognized the new members and visitors who were present.

Bruce Herzog gave the treasurers report, and noted that BAM now has 619 members plus any who joined at the meeting.

Mike McLaughlin gave the conference report. Display items for the gallery are requested, as are donations for the auction, the boutique, iron-in-the-hat, and the BAM toolboxes Mike Gentsch is building for the raffle. The list of tools needed for the tool boxes is on the BAM webpage. Bruce Herzog noted that the general operating money for BAM comes from the conference, not from the dues. The dues are used to cover the publishing and mailing of the BAM Newsletter.

Kent Harbit mentioned that even if you are volunteering and getting some of your conference fees waived, you still need to submit a conference registration form so you will have a name tag, bidding number, etc. Don't wait until the last minute to register. Kent and Deanna need time to process the registration forms. The Beginning Blacksmith class at the conference is full.

The conference gallery committee will present a "Peoples Choice Award" for the item that gets the most votes. They are also hoping to set up a special area of the gallery that will feature Don Nichols trade items or special tools. If you have any trade items or tools you received from Don, please bring them in for the display. Don has demonstrated a lot of "home brew" tools over the years, so if you copied any of those please bring them to the conference.

Phil revisited the BAM Library trailer discussion from the previous meetings. He reported a suitable trailer would cost \$3150. Chris Miller made a motion to purchase the trailer and add a very prominent BAM logo to the outside. The logo will add a couple hundred dollars. The motion was seconded by many and it passed by a show of hands. The trailer is expected to be kept at Karen Bouckaert's residence.

There was another lengthy discussion about the current scholarship program effectiveness. The idea of "morphing" the individual scholarship program into group demonstrations was the focus of the discussion. The discussion resulted in a motion made by Scott Stager to suspend the individual scholarship awards for one year and try the paid demonstrator idea at least once during the next year. The motion was seconded and passed by a show of hands. The first demonstration is expected to be Nathan Robertson at Hank Knickmeyer's shop for the July meeting. Details and Nathan's availability need to be worked out.

Jon McCarty also talked about the idea of swapping some of our membership demos for those of other ABANA chapters. Further discussion is needed.

The meeting was adjourned.

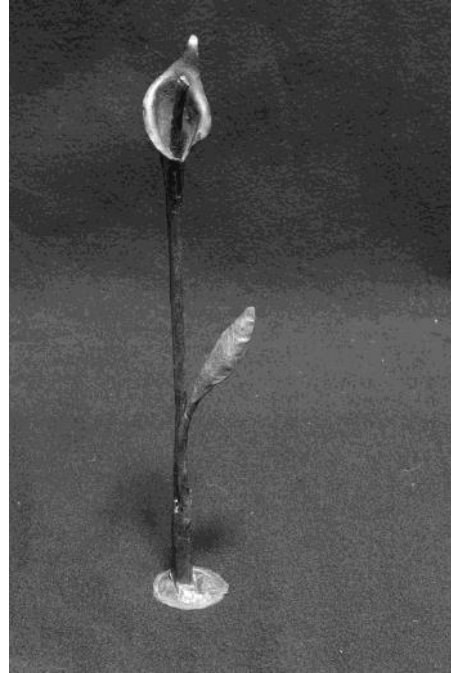
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Esther Digh	Frank Canova	File
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John Huff	Chris Miller	Horseshoes
John Shaal	Pat Layton	Coil Spring
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Jason Cox	John Huff	Bucket of Steel
Dan Wedemeyer	Denny Quinn	3 Coil Springs
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Santo Giuffrida	Dan Wedemeyer	Jack Hammer Bit
Gary Kobberman	Bob Mephram	??
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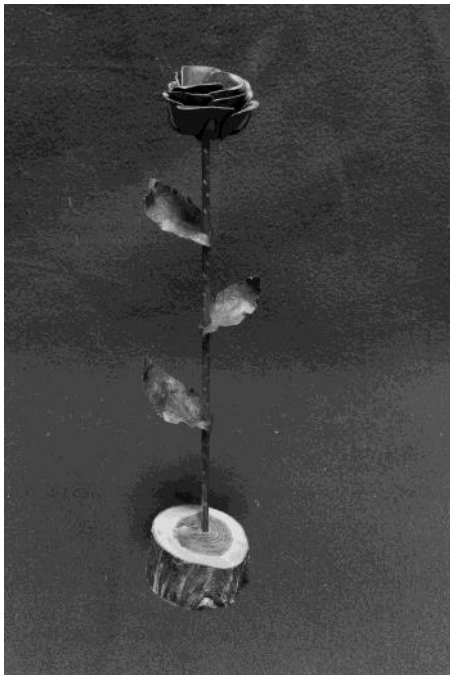
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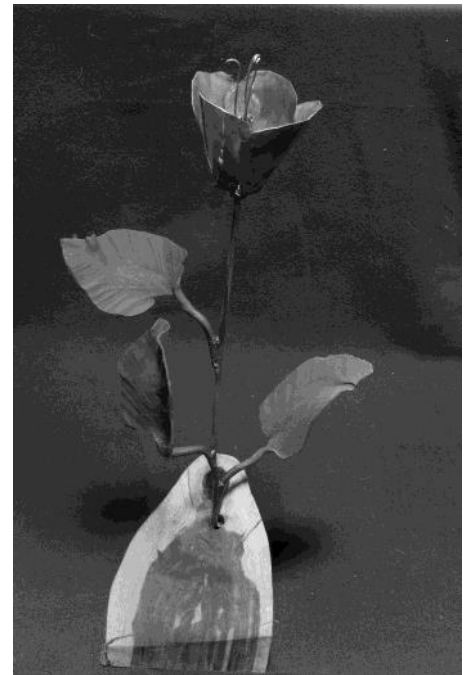
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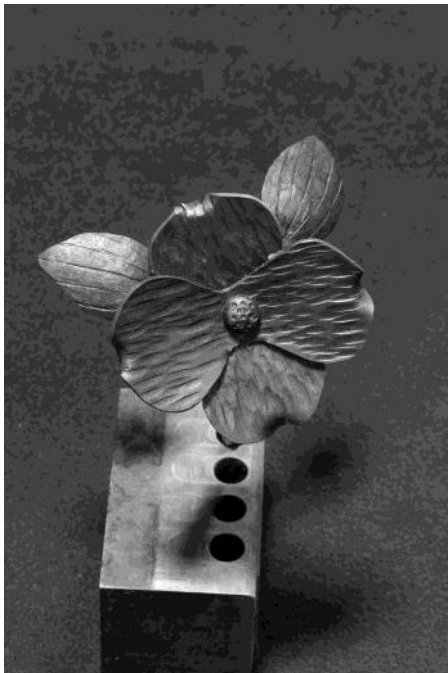
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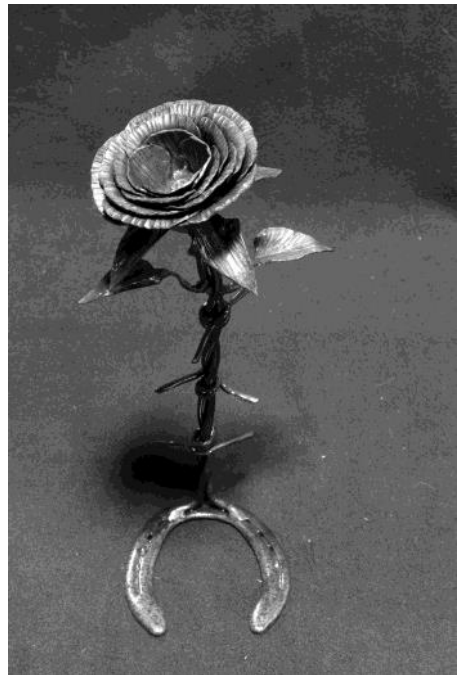
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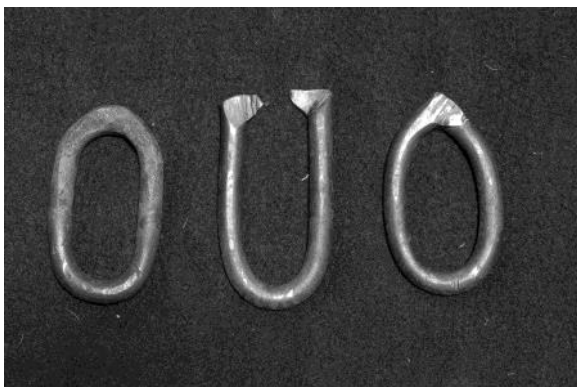


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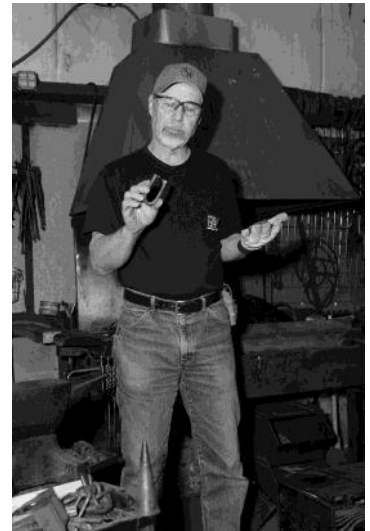
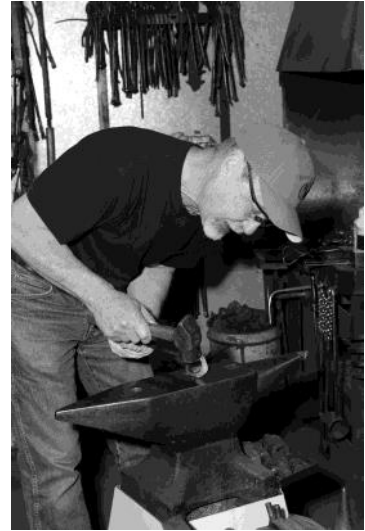
Chain link progression .



Welded hinge and pintle.

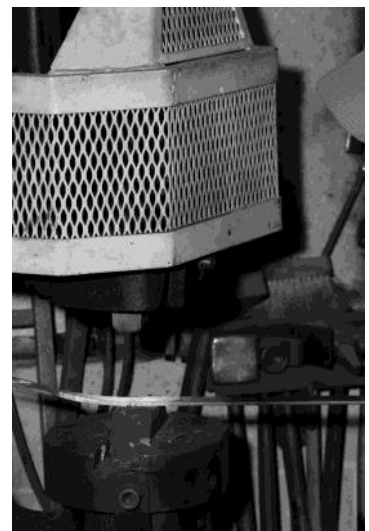
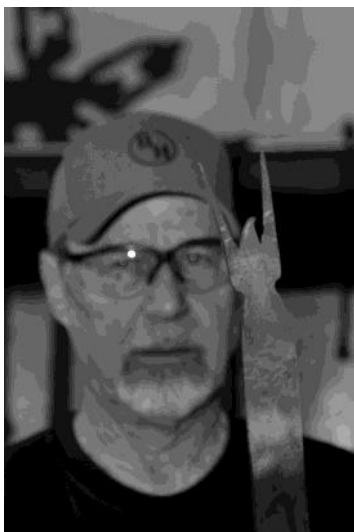
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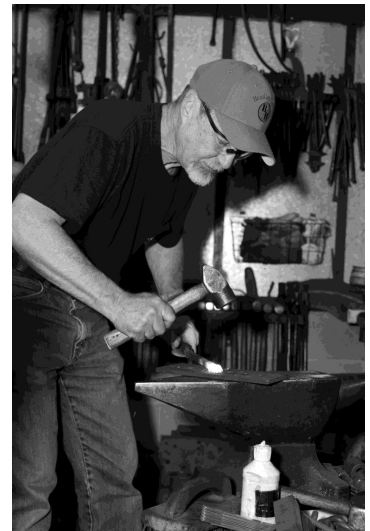
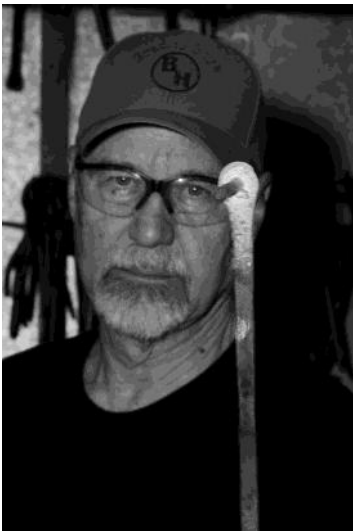
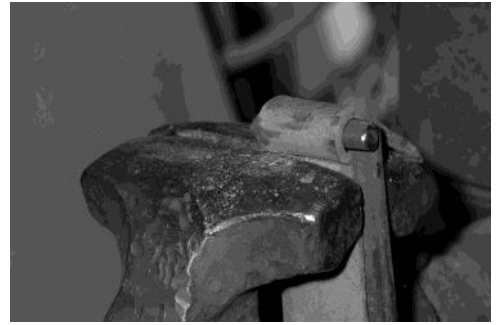
## Chain Making





## Welded Hinge







# Shop Tips

By: Jon McCarty

One of the greatest things about our organization is the number of skilled smiths willing to share their knowledge. I am lucky enough to be related to one such smith. Pat McCarty has taught me any things over the years. One lesson I use often is a method of hot cutting or splitting. Below are some tips I picked up from Pat as well as classes I have taken to help make your hot cuts quick, clean and straight.

To start with, you need a properly ground hot cut chisel. You want a gentle curve to the cutting edge and good sharp corners. You want your cutting edge to have a thin cross section as well.

Next you need to have your work piece held firmly on your anvil. You don't want to waste time or energy chasing a part around or having it jump off onto the floor or onto you.

Stand where you can cut towards you, this keeps the chisel from blocking your view. You want to see both sides of your work piece. This will help keep your cut straight. For longer pieces I stand at the heel of the anvil and keep the piece along the center of my anvil.

When splitting, cut almost completely thru your piece before using your cut plate. This will help keep your cut cleaner and it will take less time to cut your slit.

Check the edge of your chisel and keep it cool. Quench it often, keep a can of water close to quench in.

A 1/4" mild steel cut plate can make a cleaner cut than aluminum but is harder on the chisel edge, particularly if the chisel is not properly heat treated.

Center punch to mark the start of your cut.

1: Set the corner of your chisel into your punch mark.

2: Drive your chisel in 1/8" and rock it towards you. Driving it in as you go.

3: once the corner closest to you is down 1/8"

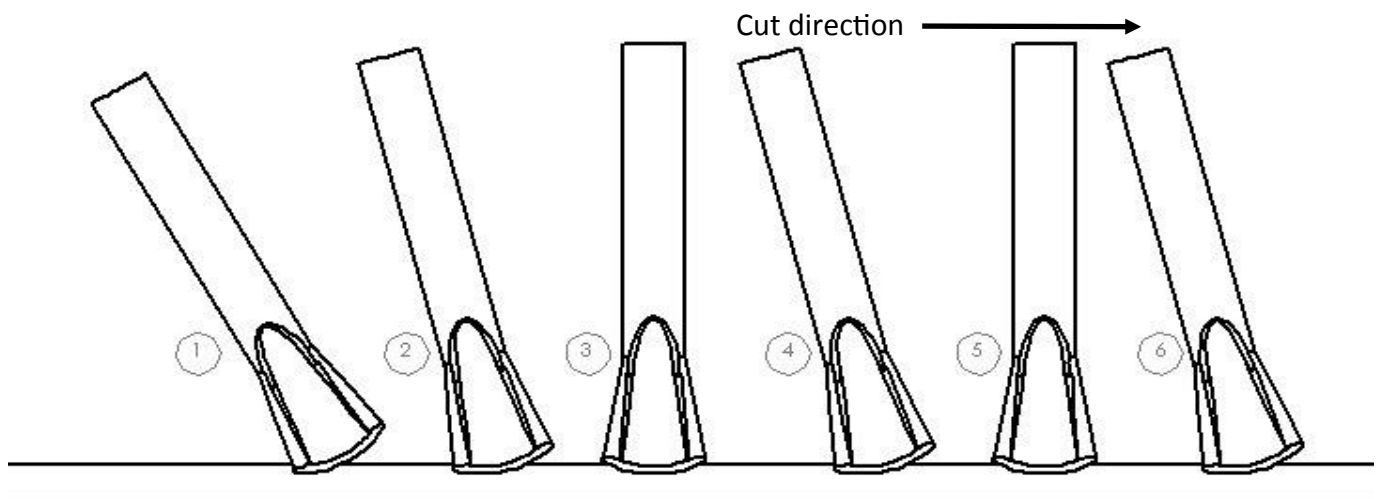
4: Pull the leading 1/4 of your chisel. This is where it gets easy to mess up. If you try to bite more than 1/4 of your chisel then your chisel will wobble. Take small bites and if you started straight you will stay straight.

5,6,7: repeat only using the leading 1/4 of your chisel.

Once you have your first pass made at least 1/8" deep your golden, you have a good line to follow so drive it home. Just remember to take your time on the first pass and take small bites.

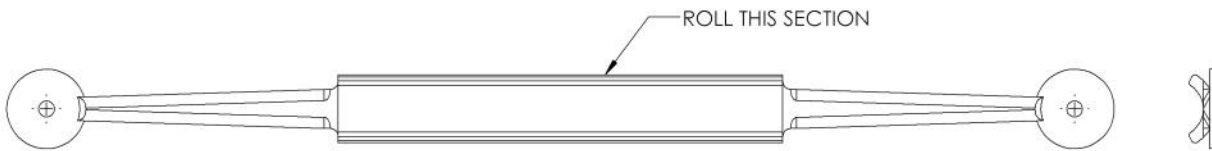
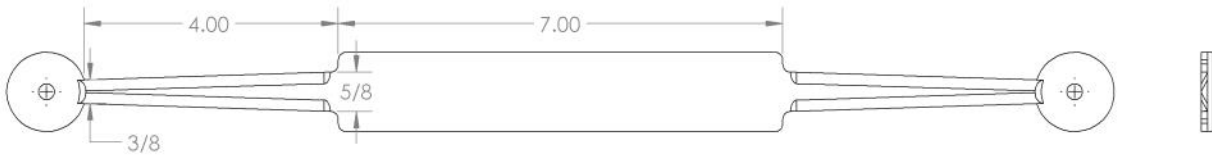
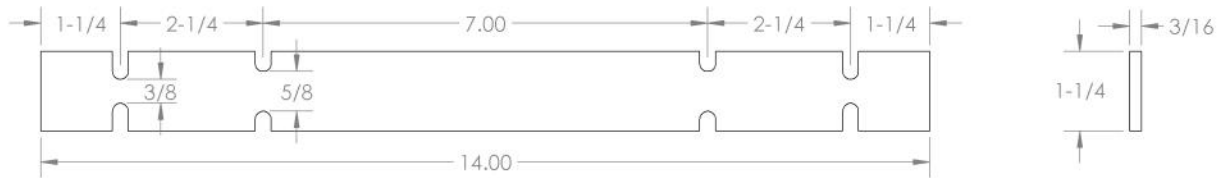
I hope some of you find this helpful.

Jon



# Ox Bow Stirrup

By: Pat McCarty



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## Upcoming Events

- May 4-7 2017 - Ozark Conference, Sedalia, MO
- June 10th 2017 - Meeting, Ned Digh, Fulton MO
- July 15 2017 - Meeting, Hank Knickmeyer, Cedar Hill MO
- September 16th 2017 - Meeting, Don Birdsall, Rolla MO
- November 2017 - Meeting, Doniphan MO



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# Upper Midwest Regional Blacksmith Conference

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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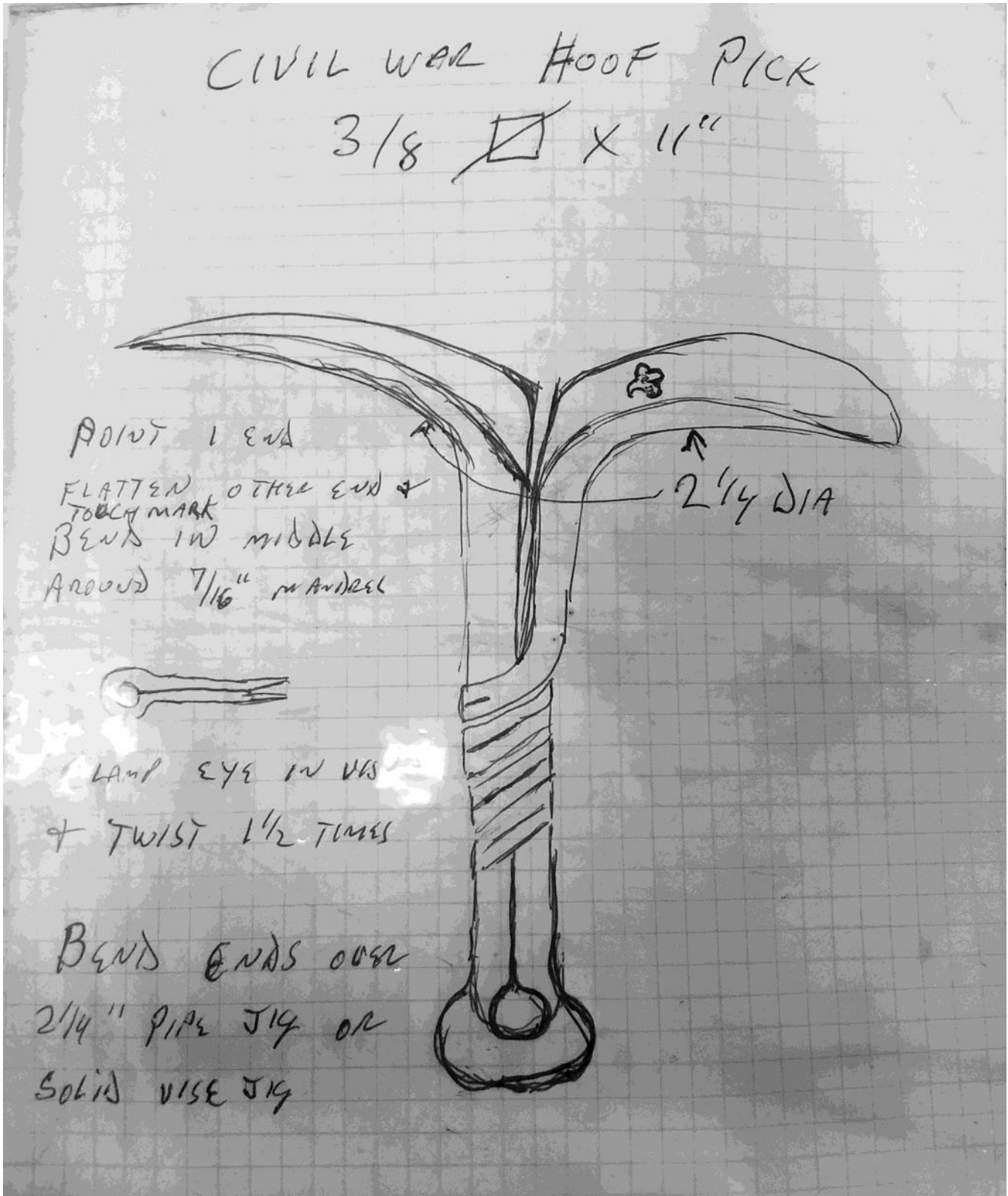
Fred Weisenborn has started a list of members available for demonstrations, fairs, historic events, and festivals, etc. 417-589-2497 e-mail: [jweisenb@llion.org](mailto:jweisenb@llion.org)

**Around the Anvil** BAM has its very own E-Mail news group. If you would like to participate there is a sign up link on the [bamsite.org](http://bamsite.org) or send an E-Mail to Bernie Tappel at [bamweb@embarqmail.com](mailto:bamweb@embarqmail.com) and he will get you signed up.

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# Civil War Hoof Pick

By: Pat McCarty



# BAM Coal Stations

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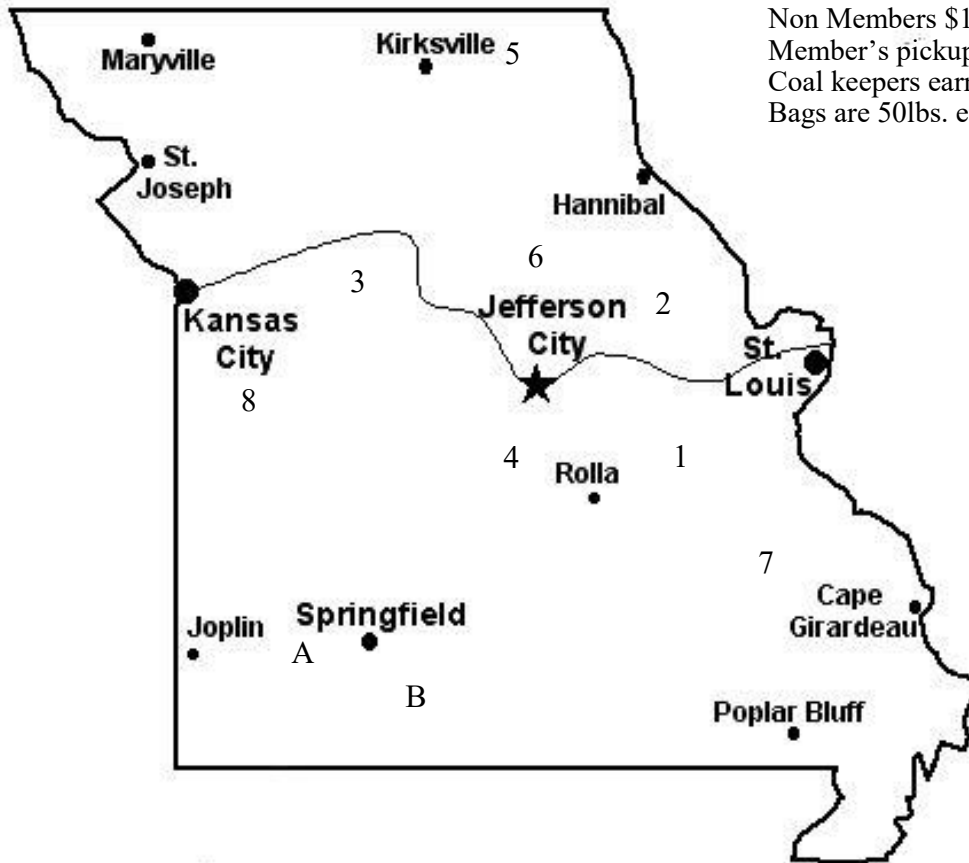
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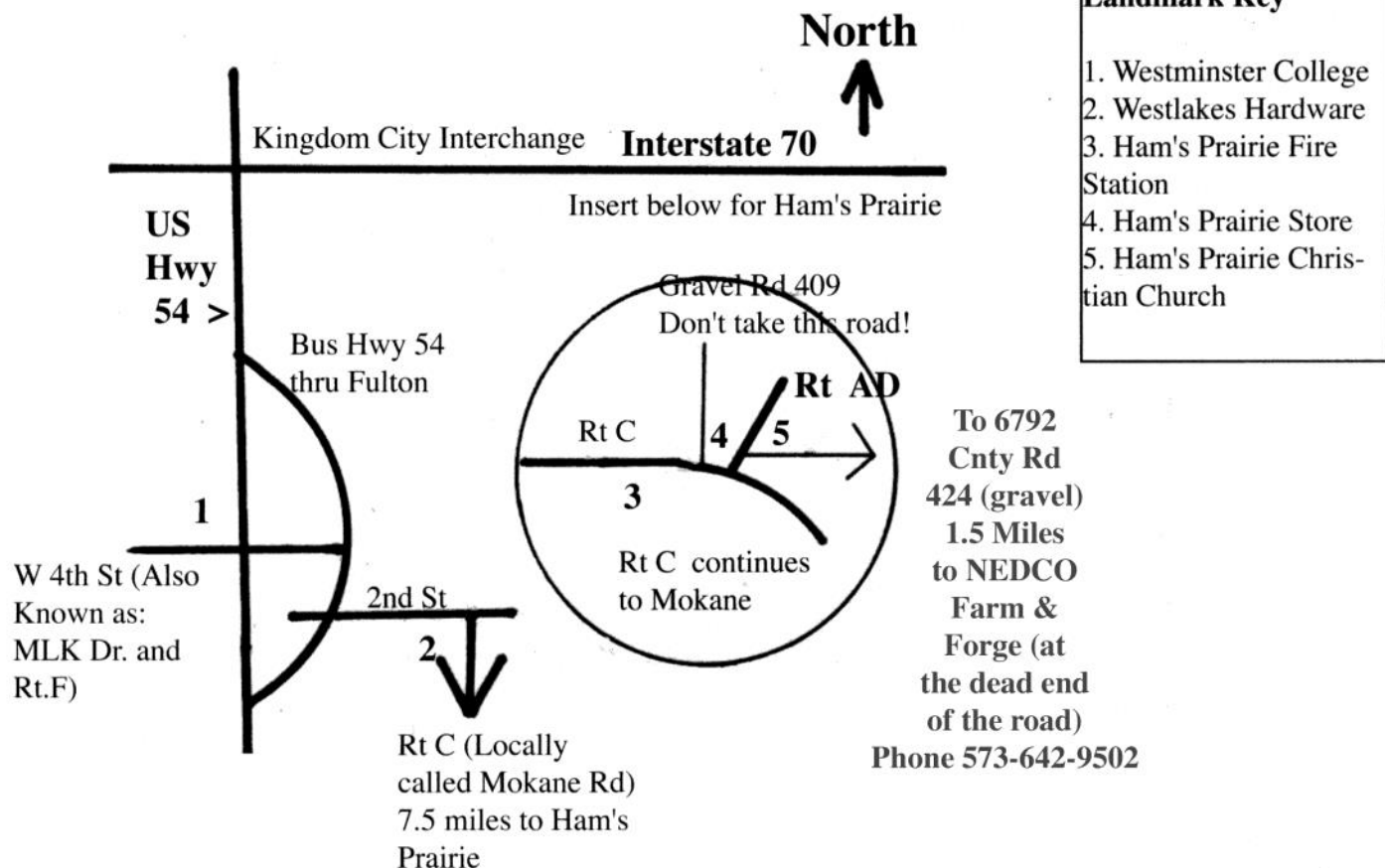
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**Trade item:** Butter knife.