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Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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New Member     Renewal     ABANA member

Are you interested in taking a class?

How did you learn about BAM?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

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# President Report

By: Steve McCarthy

As I looked through the pictures of the November 2nd meeting at Mark Lawson's shop, I regret even more that I was unable to attend. Outside the shop are a few interesting sculptures and inside the shop was even more that deserves closer investigation. Mark's arrow and Mike's rain gauge holder were both very nice pieces. The rain gauge holder is something I hadn't considered, but it would solve a problem. For several years I've had one attached to a fence post behind the shop. It was always fine except for a couple times that I didn't empty it before temperatures dropped below freezing. Then a couple years ago we got new neighbors that keep horses. I guess the horses thought it was put there for scratching because they broke 3 in about as many months. One of Mike's holders in the yard is going to have to be a future project.

As I said, I didn't make it to the last meeting. It being a five-hour drive from my house was part of it, but sometimes things just come up. I really appreciate vice president Kent Harbit stepping in and running the business meeting. This is the first meeting I've missed since being BAM president. I only have a few more meetings as president and hopefully I'll be able to make them.

This May will make three years that I have served as BAM president. I am honored to have done so. The

rewards and satisfaction have far outweighed the few headaches. As fun as it has been, this upcoming conference will be time for me to hang it up and let someone else have their turn. Both of our vice presidents have declined to take the position for various understandable reasons. So, that means the hunt for my replacement is on. The only real qualification is to care about BAM and a want to see it's continuing success. I've done it almost three years so you know it can't be a very hard job. If this is something that interests, you contact me or Chris Miller.

I hope each one of you has a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Until we meet again, Happy Hammering.

Steve McCarthy



# Meeting Minutes ~ November Meeting

By: Bob Stormer

Vice-President Kent Harbit filled in for President Steve McCarthy and opened the meeting by thanking Mark Lawson for hosting the meeting and doing part of the demonstration followed by Mike McLaughlin as the other demonstrator. Kent also mentioned that we'll need someone to volunteer to be president of BAM starting at the 2020 conference, since Steve will be retiring. Kent also touched briefly on the status of the ABANA 2021 Conference BAM was considering hosting. New information suggests that ABANA was expecting us to have a committee setup to handle the planning and budgeting. Since we originally expected to only provide volunteers, and not be responsible for the organization and budgeting, we don't have a committee, which will likely remove us from consideration to host the conference. John Sherwood did some research found the attendance cost was \$295 per person plus \$75 for a spouse for the 2020 ABANA Conference. I later found these are the ABANA member prices with early registration, and go to \$415 and \$120 respectively for non-member late registration.

Bruce Herzog gave the financial report and membership status. We had a net decrease of 18 members since the last meeting, resulting in 592 members. This is the first time in quite awhile that we've been below the 600-membership mark.

Mike McLaughlin presented a BAM scholarship report by saying that there is money available for scholarships. Mike is also looking for someone to replace him at Shoal Creek Living History Museum in Liberty, MO where he volunteers as a demonstrator/teacher. It helps if you are good with kids. Contact Mike at [cowpie42@hotmail.com](mailto:cowpie42@hotmail.com) or 816-296-3935.

Fred Arnhold asked a question about BAM expenses, and Bruce provided some general information, including that the newsletter cost is roughly equal to the income from membership dues. Most of the income is from the various iron-in-the-hat events, the BAM boutique, conference auction and raffle, and a little from selling coal. Insurance accounts for about \$1000 per year. Patti Tappel mentioned that she sold about \$600 worth of BAM merchandise at the SOFA conference.

A question also came up if we had a way to track whether people who participate in the MTS training become long term BAM members. The short answer was no. As part of that suggestion someone suggested

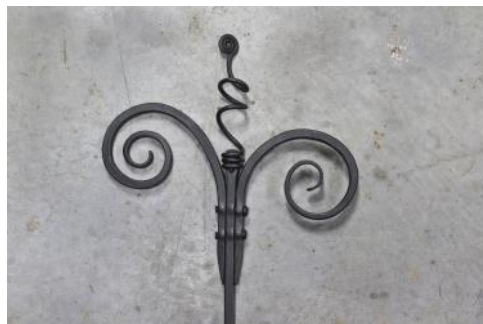
that we might want follow up with MTS participants with questionnaires about how we could make it better.

Bob Stormer made BAM business cards available if anyone needed them for up-coming events.

The BAM meeting was adjourned.



# November Meeting / Photo Gallery



# Iron In the Hat - November Meeting

## Donated by

Mike McLaughlin  
Hollis Harbit  
Don Davies  
Fred Arnhold  
Matthew Burnett  
Mark Lawson  
Bruce Miller  
Bruce Miller  
Bill George  
Andy Martin  
Bill George  
Willey Bagley  
Mark Lawson  
Bruce Miller  
Mark Plummer

## Won By

Tami Bagley  
Willey Bagley  
Willey Bagley  
Willey Bagley  
Willey Bagley  
Willey Bagley  
Yay-Me  
Yay-Me  
Yay-Me  
Dennis Marshall  
Hollis Harbit  
John Dilsaver  
Bill George  
Don Davies  
Mark Sampsel

## Item

Demo Piece Rain Gauge  
3/8" & 1/2" Rods  
Orange Cleaner  
Helium Tank  
Copper Plated Sheets  
Chain  
Large Block of Steel  
Grinder Stand  
Honey  
A-2 Steel Block  
Horseshoes  
Bearing Races  
Roller  
MSC Book  
Ore Crushing Roller

## Trade Items ~ November Meeting



**Made By:** John Dilsaver  
**Traded To:** Dennis Marshall



**Made By:** John Sherwood  
**Traded To:** Andy Martin



**Made By:** Andy Martin  
**Traded To:** Mark Lawson



**Made By:** Mark Sampsel  
**Traded To:** Matthew Burnett





**Made By:** Mark Lawson  
**Traded To:** John Sherwood



**Made By:** Willey Bagley  
**Traded To:** Mark Sampsel



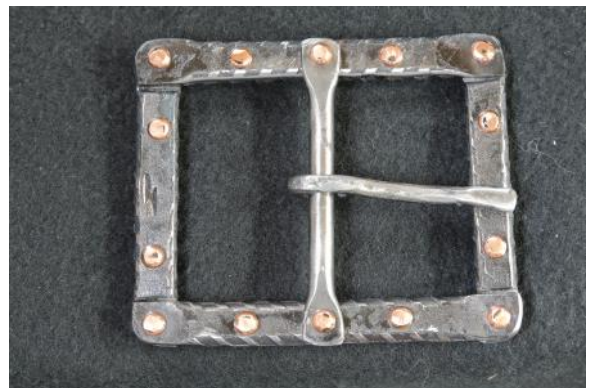
**Made By:** Dennis Marshall  
**Traded To:** John Dilsaver



**Made By:** Matthew Burnett  
**Traded To:** Cameron Redford



**Made By:** Cameron Redford  
**Traded To:** Bob Stormer



**Made By:** Bob Stormer  
**Traded To:** Willey Bagley

# Scholarship Application

Name:

Address:

Phone & Email:

What class or event do you wish to attend?

Where:

What is the cost?

Tuition:

Travel:

Lodging:

Other:

Briefly, describe how attending the particular class/event will advance your blacksmithing skills and be helpful in promoting the craft of blacksmithing. Identify the specific skills you expect to learn during this learning experience. (Additional pages if necessary)

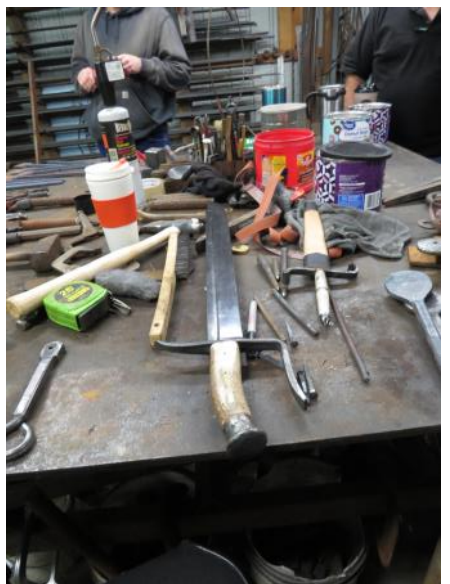
I understand that as a requirement of receiving this scholarship, I will be required to submit an article about the education experience attended with appropriate notes and diagrams to the BAM newsletter no later than 3 months after attending the event AND within 1 year of the event, I will present a demonstration of the newly learned skills at a BAM meeting or complete a video to be placed on the BAM library. One third of the total scholarship amount will be awarded before the event, one third on submission of the article to the newsletter editor, and one third after presenting the demonstration at a BAM event.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send Scholarship applications to:  
Mike McLaughlin, 122 Milwaukee, Lawson, MO 64062  
cowpie42@hotmail.com 816-296-3935

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# Black Friday Hammer In @ Ken Jansens



# New to Blacksmithing

By: John Fulkerson

I like old stuff. Old cars, antiques, old homes, old buildings. I would find myself in the blacksmith shop at the Lathrop living history day. I would watch on line.

My first purchase was a blacksmith vice from Mr. Green, I believe. It was like new and the same price as a badly rusted one I had seen months early. I was on my way.

Then in Chillicothe at the BAM, I got a three foot rail from Willie and a bag of coal.

I was elated. This was almost too easy. I was on a roll. All I needed was a forge.

I went to Mark Lawson's meet and had a great time. Everyone was so nice.

My one wish would be for someone to hand me a hammer at a glowing hot forge and have me just take a few whacks.

I have been in lots of clubs and BAM is about as welcoming as it gets. At some clubs the guys have known

each other for years and kind of huddle together. Not so at BAM.

It is so critical to find new members. I was in a civil war cannon brigade that just died off. It was a shame as they had a beautiful gun but they just never got new members. Communication was impossible and then none.

Then there was a train club where a guy took my old flyer engine and fixed it for free. That was a thriving club.

And a model A club that was great. Lots of cars at every meet. A great Christmas dinner. And they had work days. Bring you model A and the guys would check out a system on your car. Like brakes, Headlite.

So thank you BAM, Mr. Greene, Mr. Lawson and Willie? Who sold me the critical rail and coal.

Thanks,

John Fulkerson



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# Iron and Wood Equals Happiness

By: Mel Robinett

So here is the backstory to a fancy walnut chest. A good friend of mine one day, “Do you still do wood-work?” I said of course, even though, I am still recovering from major heart surgery. He said, “My dad had some old walnut lumber for over thirty years and he never made anything with it, so he gave it to me. I’ve had it for twenty years and I’ve never made anything with it. If I give it to you, will you make something with it?” I said “sure,” and off I went.

My cousin, Steve Robinett, (also a BAM member) helped me plane it, joint it, saw it, miter it, and assemble the basic box. It’s harder than you think to make a truly squared box. I took it from his shop (really nice) to mine (really marginal), sawed off the top, installed the piano hinge and ready for some metal. I wanted to incorporate some blacksmith elements into the box so I made some corner plates, designed a star pattern for the top and repousse and inlaid it. I added a red glass cover in the center of the start (there’s a reason). My artist buddy Mark Sampsol, (also a BAM member) says “why don’t you make the hasp in the shape of a peach.” (see pic)...

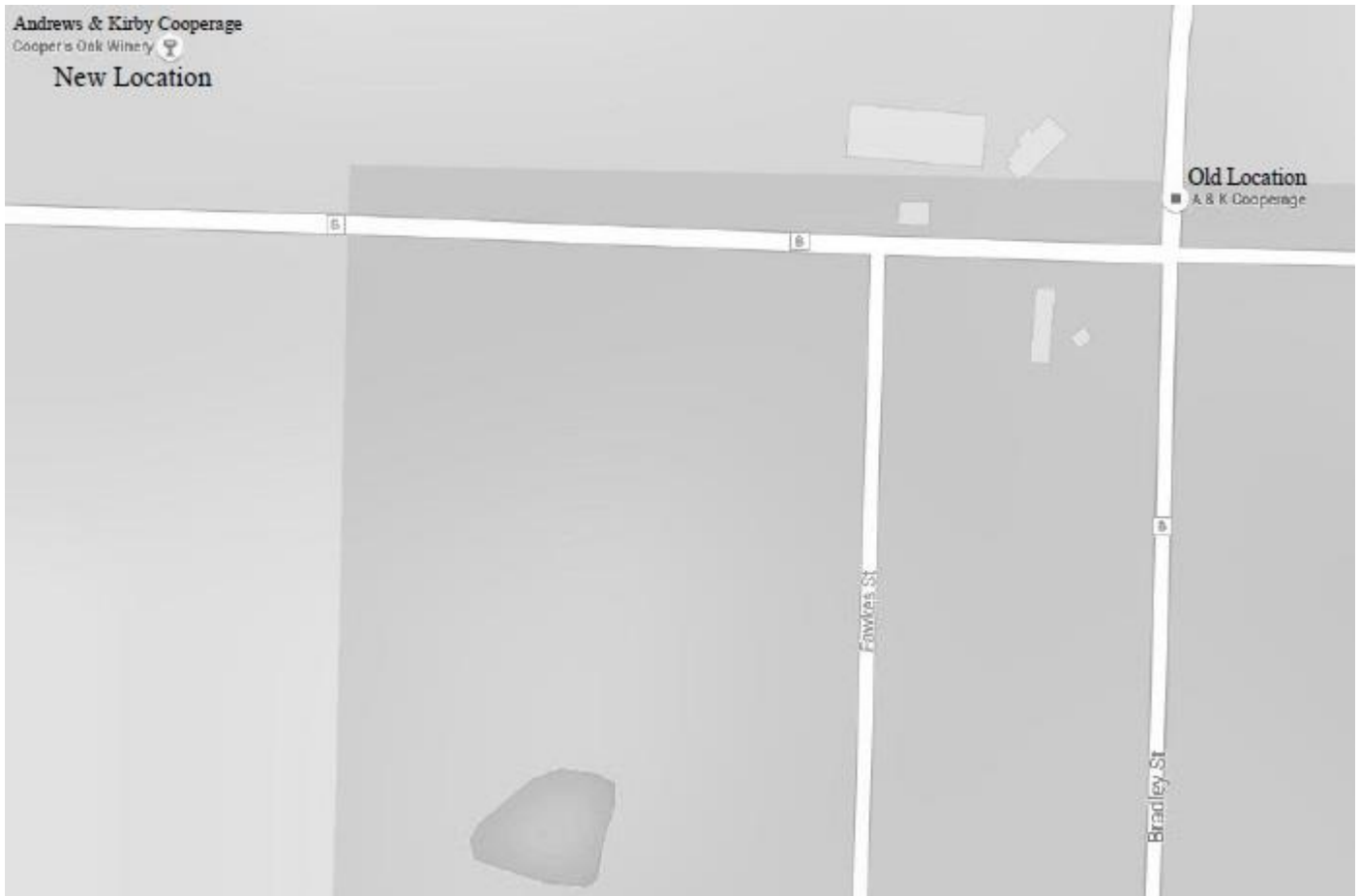
The fleur de li was added as a family touch. The handles are made springs over heavy gauge wire, or small rod. The wood corners are hard maple sawed and chiseled to fit. As I was chiseling and fitting each joint I was mumbling to myself.... “what the blank were you thinking?” IF IT’S NOT HARD IT’S NOT WORTH DOING! Oh by the way, due to Mark’s prompting, there are five secret compartments incorporated into the box. Makes a hard project nearly impossible. Footnote... All the metal accessories were made from junk (assets) lying on the floor or pile. Sound familiar?

Try it and have fun fellow blacksmiths.



# Next Meeting: February 1, 2020

**Hosted By:** Andrews & Kirby Co.  
9603 State Hwy B  
Higbee, MO 65257



**Food will be available**

**Trade item:** Any forged item incorporating animal / people elements. Something like animal head handles, sculptures, or figures to name a few examples. Use your imagination to push your limits.

**Demonstrator:** Pat McCarty

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# UPcoming EVENTS

January 1, 2020 Hammer In Pat McCarty, Washington, MO

February 2, 2020 Dale Kirby, Higbee, MO

April 18, 2020 MTS class at Ray Scotts

April 25, 2020 MTS class at Ray Scotts

April 2020 - Meeting Donaphin - no date set yet.

April 30 - May 3, 2020 - BAM conference

June 2020 - Meeting Steve McCarthy - no date set

August 2020 - Meeting Willy Bagley - no date set

If there is an event that is not listed or a meeting that you are interested in hosting please contact us at [BAMediator2015@gmail.com](mailto:BAMediator2015@gmail.com).

# Coal Stations

**Price per bag:**

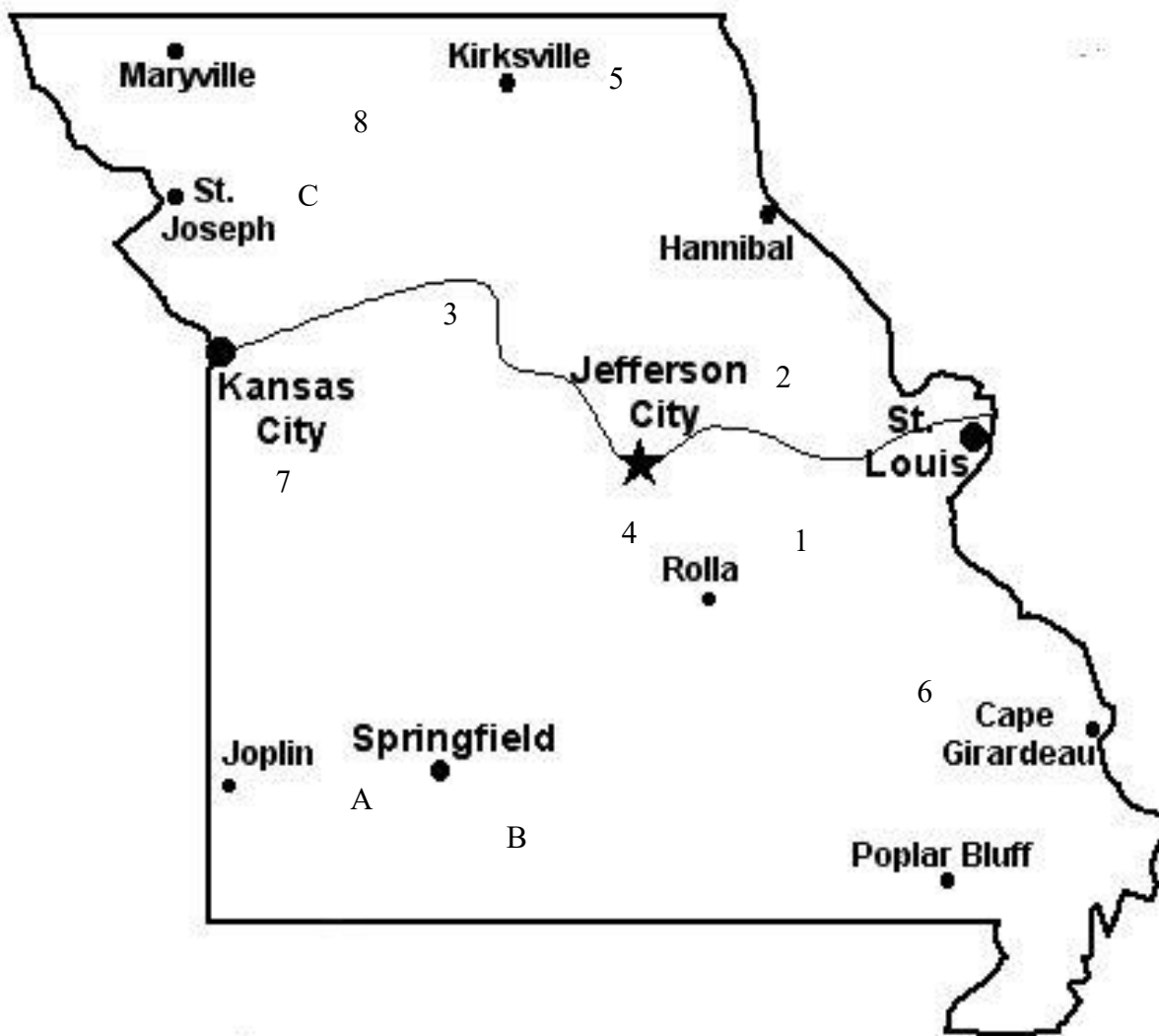
BAM Members \$15.00

Non Members \$20.00

Member's pickup at Bob Alexander's - \$13.00

Coal keepers earn \$3.00 per bag

Bags are approximately 50lbs. each





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## BAM Coal

1. Bob Alexander (636) 586-5350  
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DeSoto, MO 63020
2. Ken Jansen (636) 295-5844  
2257 Carter Rd.  
Moscow Mills, MO 63362
3. Doug Clemons (660) 631-1257  
29377 Durango Ave.  
Malta Bend, MO 65339
4. Jerry Rehagen (573) 744-5454  
390 Bozina Valley Trail  
Freeburg, MO 65035
5. Joe Hurley (660) 988-8872  
or (660) 626-7824  
26306 State Hwy D  
Downing, MO 63536
6. Bob Maes (573) 866-3811  
Route 1 Box 106 K  
Millersville, MO 63766
7. Bryan Lillibridge (660) 638-4536  
1545 NW 300  
Urich, MO 64788
8. Bill George  
19133 LIV 355  
Chillicothe, MO 64601

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- A. Tim Johnson, Springfield, MO 417-886-8032 - \$.40/lb. check, \$.35/lb. cash. Bring your own containers.
- B. Good blacksmithing coal for sale \$12 per approximate 50 lb bag with bulk delivery available.  
Matthias Penn Rt. 1 box 479-S Ava, Mo. 65608. (417)-543-2148.  
Or e-mail [tytheblacksmith@yahoo.com](mailto:tytheblacksmith@yahoo.com).
- C. Coal for sale \$14 per approximate 50 lb. bag. Missouri School of Blacksmithing  
Matthew Burnett 816-575-2798, 3100 NW Winchester Rd Cameron, MO 64649

## Coal Specifics

A few notes on our coal:

- 1) Not all coal is created equal. The coal we buy is from the West Virginia to Pennsylvania vein and is a high metallurgy grade unlike coal from other areas.
- 2) Raw coal from the bagging company is stored outside which allows it to get rained on, (rain is water which weighs 8.4 pounds to the gallon). If the coal is bagged wet and then dries out the weight will change.
- 3) The coal fines which when mixed with water to form a paste burns along with the chunks of coal but during shipping and handling may sift out of the bags causing a weight loss.

So, the bottom line to all of this is we are selling coal in approximately 50 pounds bags.

# BAM Tailgate

## Buy, Sell, Trade

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### Information / Education:

#### Missouri School of Blacksmithing

Cameron, MO

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816-575-2798

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David Norrie 303-859-0770 <http://www.forgewithintention.com>

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[www.newenglandschoolofmetalwork.com](http://www.newenglandschoolofmetalwork.com) 1-888-753-7502

## **Power Hammer page**

I've taken some time to collect and post old info, catalogs and brochures on power hammers. The link of our NEB web page to this information is: [http://www.newenglandblacksmiths.org/power\\_hammer\\_info.htm](http://www.newenglandblacksmiths.org/power_hammer_info.htm) Ralph Sproul

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Bruce Herzog  
2212 Aileswick  
St. Louis, MO 63129

### **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](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 Terry Humphries at [thumphr@south40.org](mailto:thumphr@south40.org) and he will get you signed up.

Check out back issues of BAM newsletter on [www.bamsite.org](http://www.bamsite.org). It now has a search feature to help you find old articles.

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## From the Editor

*Just wanted to wish everyone  
a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year from Jon,  
Heather, and the Girls.*

*Hope everyone had a safe  
holiday season.*

