



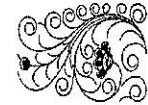
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*A Wisconsin Guild and ABANA Affiliate*  
*"We Can Forge Anything But A Check"*



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*President's Notes*

**President's Notes August, 2016**

Hello fellow blacksmiths. We want to thank Gary and Doreen Hennig for hosting our meeting during wonderful weather. John Grump was our key demonstrator and did a good job.

Lee Waldhart brought three boys from Athens; Michael, Mathew and Mitchell Gore. These boys are 14-18 years old. Dion Greten's 17 year-old son also joined us. I had these boys make a j-hook to hang a hat on. I gave the boys an A for a grade on their project. Dion would only give his son a C. He said "come on dad give me at least a C+". All in good fun, his dad said no. I see such ability in these 4 guys, that I hope they are our future smiths to carry on blacksmithing.

Many years ago, when I was blacksmithing under a tarp at Pioneer Park, Gary Hennig had me make a lever for his new steam engine whistle. Today I saw Dan Winrich helping Gary make brackets to hold the steps on his Minneapolis steam engine.

By the way, Gary is taking his steamer out to Rollay, MN for their Steam Show. It looks like this engine will have on its best clothes.

I appreciate you guys volunteering like you do. This keeps our club alive and without it we would be history.

Don Hogenson  
 President

## NOTICE

I received an auction notice from the Estate of Wilfed Petrell. It will take place at 10:00 on August 27<sup>th</sup> in Embarrass, MN. The sale bill included: small and horse-drawn equipment, Blacksmith equipment, etc. Go to the website Auctionsgo.com for a complete list.

## Editor's Notes

### July 30, 2016 Notes

We had excellent weather for the July meeting at Gary Hennig's shop. I demonstrated different types of tapering with a couple of examples of finished products. We had a good crowd with many activities including work on Gary's steam engine. He installed a set of steps to gain access on the side of the machine. He has also recently painted it, so it looked great. We also had the traditional corn feed for us and his neighbors in the evening. Gary uses the steam from the engine to cook the corn. We had several forges going throughout the day.

After the potluck lunch, we had show-and-tell. Dion G.- brought a chain and explained the process for assembly; Brad H. - picked up a very ornate metal deer head in Oklahoma; John G. - brought a trivet and bottle opener used during his demo. Don called the meeting to order. Don suggested we reserve the Colfax Fairgrounds for 2017 if we want to hold our Spring Conference at that facility again. After discussion, the group decided to approve the site for our next conference. Don will sign and pay for a new contract with the Village. Johan Freeberg requested tuition reimbursement from the club for a Wootz steel class being offered at Tunnel Mill. After a lengthy discussion, we voted to pay the \$400 tuition. Johan will make a presentation to the club based on Wootz steel. Dan W. reminded the meeting of demonstrating at the Pioneer Days on the 12-14<sup>th</sup> of August. Setup is on Friday and demos on Saturday and Sunday. Its always a good time to do some pounding and an opportunity to sell your work. Brad Hegge gave the Treasurer's report. There is \$3,619.30 in the Treasury. Report approved. A motion was made and approved to investigate a change in our Domain name and website with a report to the club of costs associated with a change. Dave Weiss and Dan Butt will work on this project and report back to us.

Noble Nygaard has a shear and a metal storage rack for sale. If interested, contact Noble at 715-425-9739. Pete Stanaitis and myself are going to order some ITC-100 and possible ITC-290 for use in coating the inside of gas forges. If we order it by the gallon, there is substantial savings over the cost of smaller amounts. We both have experience with this product and think it is required to protect the Kaowool lining of the forge. It also increases the efficiency of the forge. Contact either of us with any interest.

John Grump  
Secretary/Editor

If you have any contributions you would like added to the newsletter, please feel free to E-Mail me at: [johngrump@att.net](mailto:johngrump@att.net) or by mail

### *Treasurer's Report*

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There is \$3,619.30 in the treasury.

### *Other Neighborhood Smiths*

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#### Guild of Metalsmiths (GOM)

Martin Pansch, 8750 Yale Avenue, Young America, MN 55397.  
[www.metalsmith.org](http://www.metalsmith.org) .

#### Lake Superior Metalsmiths (LSM)

The LSM meets the fourth Saturday of the month for potluck and meeting to follow. Contact Norm Groehler @ 715-399-8151.

#### Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths (NMM)

The NMM meetings are the first Monday of the month. Often, but not always, at Keith Johnson's shop in Bemidji. Contact Keith at: [keith@greatriverforge.com](mailto:keith@greatriverforge.com) .

#### Central Minnesota Blacksmiths (CMB)

Meeting schedule Monticello, MN, (763) 295-4632. Updated schedule pending.

#### UMBA

Visit: [www.umbaonline.org/events.html](http://www.umbaonline.org/events.html) .

### *Buy, Sell, Trade or Wanted*

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**Steel Towne** Complete line of steel (by inch or lb.). N7102 SR 40 Elk Mound, WI 54739 (715) 879-5559 and a **new location** at 235 State Highway 35, River Falls, WI (715) 425-1138.

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### *Membership*

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There are three new members this month. They are Michael, Mathew and Mitchell Gore from Athens, WI. Welcome Michael, Mathew and Mitchell. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings. We currently have 55 members.

### *Up Coming Events*

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#### **Badger Blacksmith 2016 Meeting Schedule**



<del>January 16</del>	<del>Reseburg Town Hall</del>	<del>9:00 to 4:30</del>	<del>Meeting and Demonstration</del>
<del>February 20</del>	<del>Dan Winrich</del>	<del>9:00 to 4:30</del>	<del>Meeting and Demonstration</del>
<del>March 19</del>	<del>Brad Hegge</del>	<del>9:00 to 4:30</del>	<del>Meeting and Demonstration</del>
<del>April 16</del>	<del>John Grump</del>	<del>9:00 to 4:30</del>	<del>Meeting and Demonstration</del>
<del>May 20-22</del>	<del>Spring Conference</del>	<del>9:00 to 4:30</del>	<del>Classes / Forging</del>
<del>June 11</del>	<del>Jon Gooding</del>	<del>9:00 to 4:30</del>	<del>Meeting and Demonstration</del>
<del>July 30</del>	<del>Gary Hennig</del>	<del>9:00 to 4:30</del>	<del>Meeting and Demonstration</del>
August 12-14	Pioneer Days	9:00 to 4:30	Open Forge
September 10	Don Hogenson	9:00 to 4:30	Meeting and Demonstration
October	Jared Riesenweber	9:00 to 4:30	Meeting and Demonstration
November	Jim Bloom	9:00 to 4:30	Meeting and Demonstration
December		9:00	Board Meeting

### **Information and Directions for Pioneer Days**

The August event will be at Pioneer Days. Pioneer Days are held at Pioneer Park south of Eau Claire, WI. The park is located at the intersection of Highways 37 and 85. From I-94 take Exit 65 south to Porterville Road, just before the Highway 85 exit. Right on Porterville and an immediate left on Pioneer Court. **See attached map.**

### *Websites of Interest*

#### **NEW [www.alloy-artifacts.org](http://www.alloy-artifacts.org)**

Reference page for hand tools of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (Brad Hegge)

<http://www.spaco.org/bk.htm>

Pete Stanaitis' blacksmith section of his website which currently ranks between #10 and #14 on the Blacksmith Journal's "Top 50" list. Say hello to Pete and Sheri.

[www.forums.dfoggnives.com](http://www.forums.dfoggnives.com)

Blacksmith's forum board

[www.iforgeiron.com](http://www.iforgeiron.com)

This site has over 600 how-to tutorials. Registration is quick and free

<http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com/> John or Carol Adams run classes at Tunnel Mill Crafts.

[www.purgatoryironworks.com](http://www.purgatoryironworks.com) Free on line forum and member subscription blacksmith demonstration videos.

### *Tips, Techniques, and Inspiration*

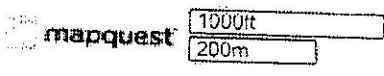
**“I have learned that when one’s mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear”, Rosa Parks, civil rights leader.**

*The following articles are from the Blacksmith Journal, February 1991.*



Notes  
PIONEER PARK

Map of:  
**S4799 Porterville Rd**  
Eau Claire, WI 54701



Mitchell Rd

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