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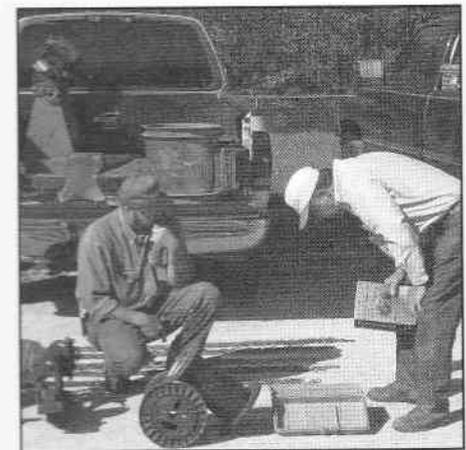
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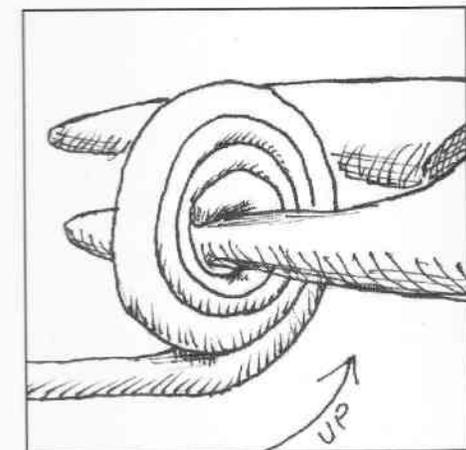
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*Our cover: English blacksmith Terrence Clark watches the steam pour from his hot cut after slitting a piece at the BAM Conference. Photo by Jim McCarty.*

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New Member  Renewal  ABANA member?

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

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Memberships are for one year from receipt of dues. Dues are \$20, which includes a subscription to the bimonthly BAM newsletter. Please make checks payable to Blacksmith Association of Missouri.

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- Public library.....\$35 yr.

*See reverse*



# Editor's anvil

First I hear that Bob Patrick was spotted in Missouri wearing a clean shirt and pants! Then I hear, from the man himself, that he has been presented with the Alex Bealer Award by ABANA!

Perhaps that explains the clean shirt. But being from Missouri, I will have to see it to believe it.

Congratulations to Bob, one of the most deserving winners of that award in my humble opinion. Not only does Bob get the credit for getting two ABANA chapters (or whatever they are called now) started, BAM and the Blacksmiths Organization of Arkansas. He also keeps demonstrating his hard-learned skills all over the country and in Canada.

Bob may have moved south to Arkansas but he's still with us here in Missouri at least in spirit. He says one of his highest honors is having BAM's Founder's Award named in his honor and of course he's one of our honorary lifetime members.

If you haven't had a chance to see Bob demonstrate it is a rare treat. He works harder than any two mere mortals and manages to mix up the learning with a lot of fun, usually poked at one or the other McCarty's.

Bob's best lessons are on forge welding and at that he has no rival.

Awhile back ABANA asked Bob to take over the job of forging the froes that become the award. He probably had no idea he would be receiving one of these. Congratulations to Bob and hats off to the Bealer Award Committee for this one.

Speaking of Bob, he introduced me to an interesting friend of his, Kitty Chrysalis, who makes some amazing baskets. Many years ago Bob taught her to weave baskets, then he told her she was too stiff and needed to develop her own style.

That she did, turning to a unique medium in a rare epiphany that some times comes to artists.

*This railing is a recent work by Bob Patrick, BAM's founder and the latest recipient of the Alex Bealer Award.*

Instead of making the traditional split oak or honeysuckle vine baskets, she uses recycled copper and aluminum wire. Some of the wire is stripped of its insulation and used bare, while some of it keeps its bright colors which Kitty weaves into colorful designs.

She has a little anvil Bob worked over for her and she uses it to forge tiny end treatments that add interest to the baskets. The color comes from the wires used in telephone cables.

I bring this up because she seems to have found a unique twist to something that hundreds of other basket-makers are doing daily. I haven't seen anything like this anywhere.

The material is uniquely suited to what she does because it retains its shape unlike the organic medium others use. It can even be work hardened to make it even stiffer.

She says her work brings her great joy and it's free — what more could a gal ask for?

I wonder what other techniques are waiting out there for the savvy to discover? Or what things have been lost over the years and just need an open mind to find them again?

This thing is centuries old and just getting started, no doubt.

What a great conference, huh? I don't know who ordered the weather but they are hearby appointed to next year's committee.

I didn't get to see too much of it, only Saturday and I had to leave before the banquet. Thanks to Bob Stormer for getting me pictures from Friday and Sunday.

On a sad note, I have to report that we lost another of the masters. Manfred Bredohl, a German blacksmith involved in educating the latest generation of smiths, died this spring after a lengthy illness. It was Manfred who started the first half of the friendship bridge that was completed in Arizona at the 2000 ABANA Conference.

The world is a better place for his having been here.

I have high hopes of making the next BAM meeting since it is just down the road from me at Joe Wilkinson's. See you guys there. Stay cool and don't forget to drink lots of water as you work around the fire.

— Jim McCarty



# Coal Stash

## Coal Captain: Bob Maes



1. Bob Alexander, DeSoto, MO  
(636) 586-6938 Lotsa bags

2. Ken Jansen, Moscow Mill (636) 366-4353  
100 bags

3. Ruben Funk, Columbia (573) 445-8340  
30 bags

4. Doug Clemons, Malta Bend (660) 595-2257  
100 bags

5. Jerry Rehagen, Rich Fountain  
(573) 744-5454 100 bags

6. Doug Hendrickson, Lesterville  
(573) 637-2576 60 bags

7. Jeff Willard, Willard (417) 742-4569  
100 bags

Price \$7.50 per bag

Coal keepers earn 50 cents a bag

Bob has 1/3 of his bunker still full

More to come!

## Joe's jive

Nice drive to Springfield for our May meeting at Bass Pro Shops. Jerry Rehagen, neighbor and beginning blacksmith, rode with me to keep me company and keep me awake. (OK, so I'm old).

We had some interesting demos from Jeff Willard and Kirk Sullen, our host. Jeff made a very interesting veining tool and Kirk showed us how to make turtles. Thanks Kirk and Mona and especially Bass Pro Shops for hosting.

The July meeting will be at my shop in beautiful downtown Hope, Missouri (pop. 13). This is a "Bring your own lunch meeting." My wife's health prevents her from serving such a large number of people. However, I personally believe "Bring your own lunch" makes more sense anyway.

Doug Clemmons is going to show us how to make authentic early-American coat hooks. I have seen pictures of it and it's neat. Don Birdsall is going to give us a demo on how to make power hammer tooling, as taught by Bob Patrick in the last class at Tom Clark's school. This should be good. I'm looking forward to it.

July is a very important month for us. According to our by-laws, this is the month our elections should take place. I have contacted Jim McCarty and asked him to place a ballot in our next newsletter. You can bring the ballot to the July meeting or mail it to one of the election committee members, which is currently Tom Clark and Don Nichols, hopefully before the meeting so we can announce the results.

I think this election is very important and I hope to see a lot of participation.

Mike Williamson, our librarian, is having trouble getting overdue books returned to him. He will levy a fine of \$5 per book on books not returned. This began with the May meeting. We need to get these books returned, folks. They can be brought to a meeting, mailed to Mike or brought to a meeting by another member. Books are expensive and we're not getting maximum use of them when they're not returned.

Hope to see everyone at my shop on July 27.

*Happy Hammering  
Joe Wilkinson  
BAM president*

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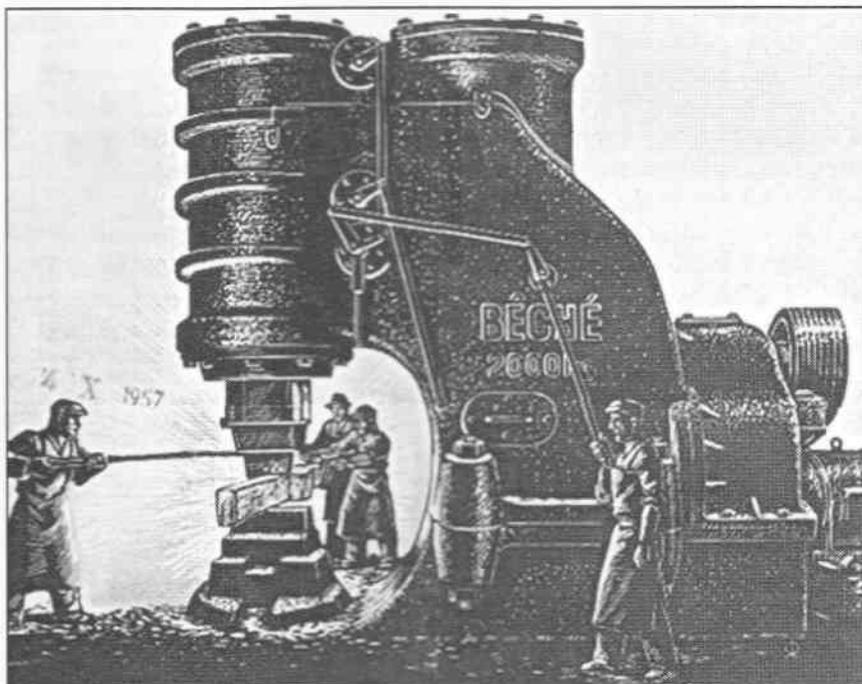
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# BAM

# MAY Meeting

## Minutes

- Thanks to Kirk and Bass Pro for hosting the meeting.
- July meeting is at Joe's, bring your own lunch.
- 2003 Conference Committee was named: Ruben Funk, Fred Weisenborn and Dave Shepard.
- Auction donations were down this year. Please make something for next year and also for the BAM Boutique. We had \$9,000 in expenses and only \$7,000 from registration. The auction is what makes up the difference.
- State Fair is August 8-18. Fair administration wants to move us to a new site which is not accessible by car and no parking nearby. Joe will send a letter to State Fair outlining what we need and why we don't want to move to this site.
- Library: Mike would like to implement a late charge for books not returned.
- Treasury report:  
\$40,200 - last month  
\$7,600 - expenses  
\$12,342 - income  
\$44,942 - current balance
- We had 505 members last month  
20 new members  
6 were dropped for not paying their dues



*Artist's conception of May meeting shows Kirk Sulens forging a frog under the power hammer he wishes he had...*

519 current members!

BAM membership applications are available in tablet form from Bruce Herzog.

Next meeting is election of officers time.

Trade item is a bending tool

Date is July 27

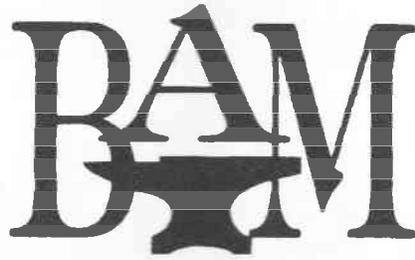
Location is Joe Wilkinson's shop in Hope, Mo. See map in this issue of the newsletter.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Pat McCarty  
(For John Murray)*

Trade items (mixed media) were made by the following people:

Dave Shepard  
Bob Maes  
Keith Barrick  
Pat McCarty  
Don Birdsall  
Maurice Ellis  
Bess Ellis  
Mike Williamson  
Doug Clemons  
Don Nichols

Iron in the hat was donated by:  
Bill Bench  
Jeff Willard  
Kirk Sullens  
Bess Ellis  
Peggy Williamson  
Maurice Ellis  
Don Nichols  
Mike Kellerstrass  
Pat McCarty  
Don Birdsall



# Official Election Ballot

Please vote for your favorite candidate for each office and mail the ballot to election committee chairman Tom Clark, HC 87, Box 5780, Potosi, MO 63664 or bring to the July meeting. Besides those selected by the nominating committee you can write in a candidate in any office as well. It's OK to make a copy of the ballot so you don't ruin your newsletter but please only vote once per member.

**President:**

- Joe Wilkinson
- \_\_\_\_\_

**1st Vice President:**

- Don Nichols
- \_\_\_\_\_

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- Doug Clemmons
- Ed Harper
- Phil Cox
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- Bruce Herzog
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:**

- John Murray
- \_\_\_\_\_



# ABANA

## Chapter Liaison Letter

May 2002

Just the other day I was reading through some of the chapter newsletters which I receive. It occurred to me that I was seeing some good ideas that folks around the country might be interested in hearing about. Let me know what you think of this letter talking about the highlights of some of the chapter newsletters.

The Anvil's Chorus, Spring 2002, of New York State Designer Blacksmiths, has Bill Banker's president's message in a very readable layout. Rather than just a bunch of sentences and paragraphs, each point he makes is under a separate heading. I never got lost or bored reading his message. Also, an open letter to the membership by Bob Corneck (I don't know if Bob is a bigwig or an ordinary member) shows that some solid thinking has been going on about what their organization is and can be and suggestions for the future.

The Western Reserve, March/April 2002, from Western Reserve blacksmith Association, has a survey of members asking them what they want their organization to be, what services it should give and the interests of the members. Now why in the world haven't the rest of us figured out (some of us have) that this is not only a good idea, but an essential idea??

Forge Facts, Winter 2001-2002, by Rocky Mountain Smiths, has a column called, "Beginner's Corner." I hope that this column is a regular feature because of all the new members that are constantly coming into blacksmithing. Does this inspire anyone?

The Rivet, April 2002, the newsletter of Western Canadi-

an Blacksmiths' Guild, tells us they will continue the new tradition of a pot luck meal at their meetings. In fact, The Guild of Metalsmiths, Minnesota and western Wisconsin has been doing this since 1976. A wonderful way to build relationships.

The Northwest Ohio Blacksmiths, March/April 2002, newsletter talks of their 12 special events in a six month period. Sounds like they are going to be a bunch of busy blacksmiths up there.

The UMBA Journal, March/April 2001, of The Upper Midwest Blacksmith Association, is getting Steve White, an editor of long ago, back in the saddle again. Editors who exchange newsletters should put Steve back on their list again. I don't know his address, but ask him at [editor@umbaonline.org](mailto:editor@umbaonline.org). This same issue has a nice article on building a brick forge.

The Tuyere, May-June 2002, from The Illinois Valley Blacksmith Association, tells us that they have a nice library of 116 books that they loan to members. I noticed that six persons, whose names I shall not repeat, are overdue in returning books.

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Chairman Member Services  
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# BAM

## Bulletin Board

Approximately 300 pound anvil, no name, real lively, great shape. \$800 or best offer. Call Kirk Sullens, (417) 725-6665.

Angle iron shear, will cut up to 2" x 5/16", \$100. Jim McCarty, (573) 395-3304.

Wanted: 50 to 100 pound Little Giant. Buy or trade for larger anvil above 300 pounds. Bill Bench, 5626 S. Farm Road 205, Rogersville, MO 65742; (417) 883-9145.

Pat McCarty has for sale a like-new upholstery sewing machine. It's a Juki brand model # LU-563. Call (636) 239-3814.

Coke for sale, \$10 per hundred pounds loose or \$9 per bag sacked. Bags hold 60-70 pounds. Call Japheth Howard for more info, (660) 777-3508.

For sale: 3-1/2" bench vise, small anvil on rear, 40 lbs., \$50. Champion No.3 blower, hand crank, on stand \$200; Canedy-Otto post drill, hand crank, automatic, has original chuck and Craftsman 1/2" chuck, mounted on steel post with feet, 5'5", \$130; Di-Acro Spartan roller Model #4, 24", \$150. Emil Bubash, 3151 Lin-Tel Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125; (314) 892-4086.

For sale, two 25-pound Little Giant s, one 20 pound Star anvil, one 190 pound Hay-Budden anvil, 190 pound Peter Wright, 295 pound Peter Wright, Misc. blowers and post vises. Mike George, Alva, Okla., (580) 327-5235.

Smithin' Magicians — as featured in the *Blacksmith's Journal*. Includes mild steel tool blank, \$275. Call Bob Woodard at (618) 692-6508.

Ray Chaffin has a new computer operated plasma cutting system that can cut anything out of metal. Mail, call or e-mail your design for a price quote. Also hardwood blocks 2-2 1/2" x 12-14" are \$5 each in curly maple, straight maple, English walnut, birch laminated in brown and white and blue and white. Ray Chaffin, (660) 438-6720 or Ray's Welding, RR 3, Box 279, Warsaw, MO 65355.

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. Available with or without two 3/16 inch holes for handles. Now tumbled clean. 1-4 \$9 each; 5-9 \$8 each; 10 or more \$7 each. Shipping \$4 plus \$.50 for each pan. Contact: Bob Tuftee, 3855 Aspen Hills Dr., Bettendorf, IA 52722; bobforge@hotmail.com; (563) 332-4800.

Custom-built air hammers. 6-pound table top model \$1,300; 20-pound table top model \$1,900; 20-pound floor model \$2,200; 40-pound floor model \$2,600. Some modifications to the basic hammers can be made to your specifications. Also custom metal spinning in copper, brass, pewter, and steel. Contact Maurice L. Ellis, Route 1, Box 1442, Belgrade, MO 63622-9709. Phone: (573) 766-5346. E-mail: mbellis@misa.com.

BAM members, I have a CNC plasma cutting system in my shop in Columbia and will offer my services to BAM members at a 10 percent discount. From art to parts I do it all. Now offering: 12" x 18" BAM logo signs plasma cut from 1/8" A36 steel plate. \$25 BAM members, \$35 non-members. Call (573) 474-8749 and ask for William Irvin.

Kayne and Son Custom Hardware, 100 Daniel Ridge Road, Candler, NC 28715. (828) 667-8868 fax (828) 665-8303, email: kaynehdwe@ioa.com, website: www.kayneandson.com. Offering Big Blue 100 ram air hammers, Peddinghaus 2 horn anvils, Offcenter tongs and swages, etc, hammers, tongs, the Blu Crusher rolling mill and Forgemaster gas

forges. We ship and accept Visa and Mastercard.

Subscribe to Jerry Hoffmann's *Blacksmith's Journal*, a monthly publication for blacksmiths. \$37/year, call 1-800-944-6134 for more information.

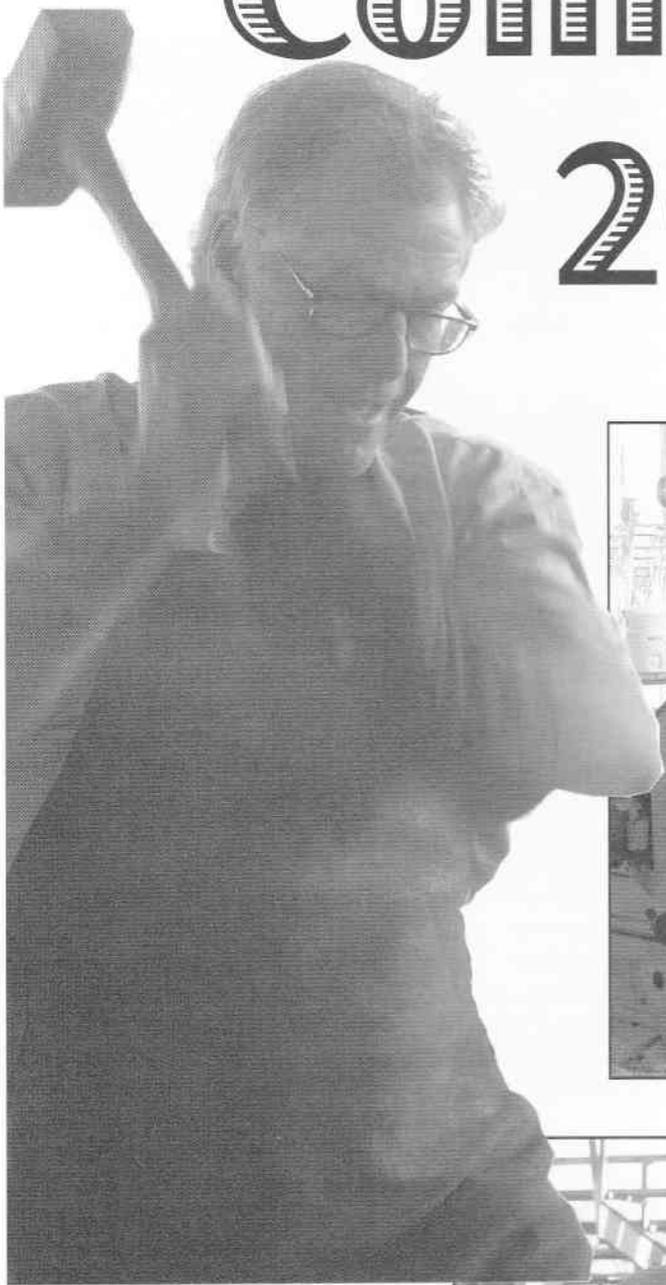
Tom Clark has expanded his line of hand forged Hofi style hammers to include a nice rounding hammer and punches, drifts, tongs etc. He's also importing a new line of air hammer, the Sayha from Turkey and just got a shipment of punches, shears and gas forges. For more info on the tools contact him at (573) 438-4725.

Power hammer history! *Pounding out the Profits — A Century of American Invention* by Douglas Freund (hardbound, 317 pages, profusely illustrated) is available for \$32.50 plus \$4.50 shipping and handling through Mingus Mountain Machine Works, PO Box 532, Jerome, AZ 86331. For blacksmithing books contact Norm Larson, 5426 E. Hwy. 246, Lompoc, CA 93436 or call (805) 735-2095. Ask for his catalog.

George Dixon is starting a new blacksmithing publication called "The Traditional Metalsmith". For \$28 you will get four issues of how-to information. Contact him at 1229 Bee Tree Lake Road, Swannanoa, NC 28778.

Irony is a new publication by BAM member Stephen McGehee. It's full of metalworking projects as well as his own brand of wit. Subscriptions are \$35 a year or \$65 for 2 years. Send checks to P.O. Box 925, Corydon, IN 47112.

# Conference 2002

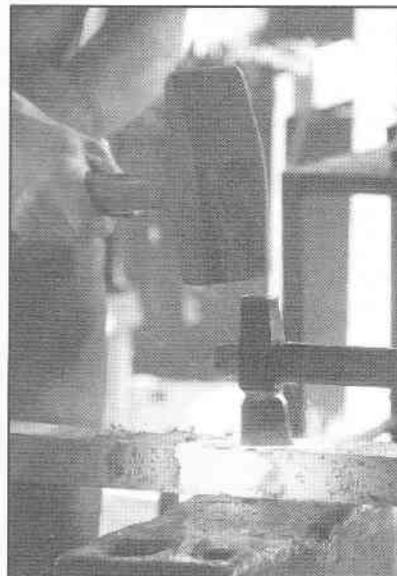


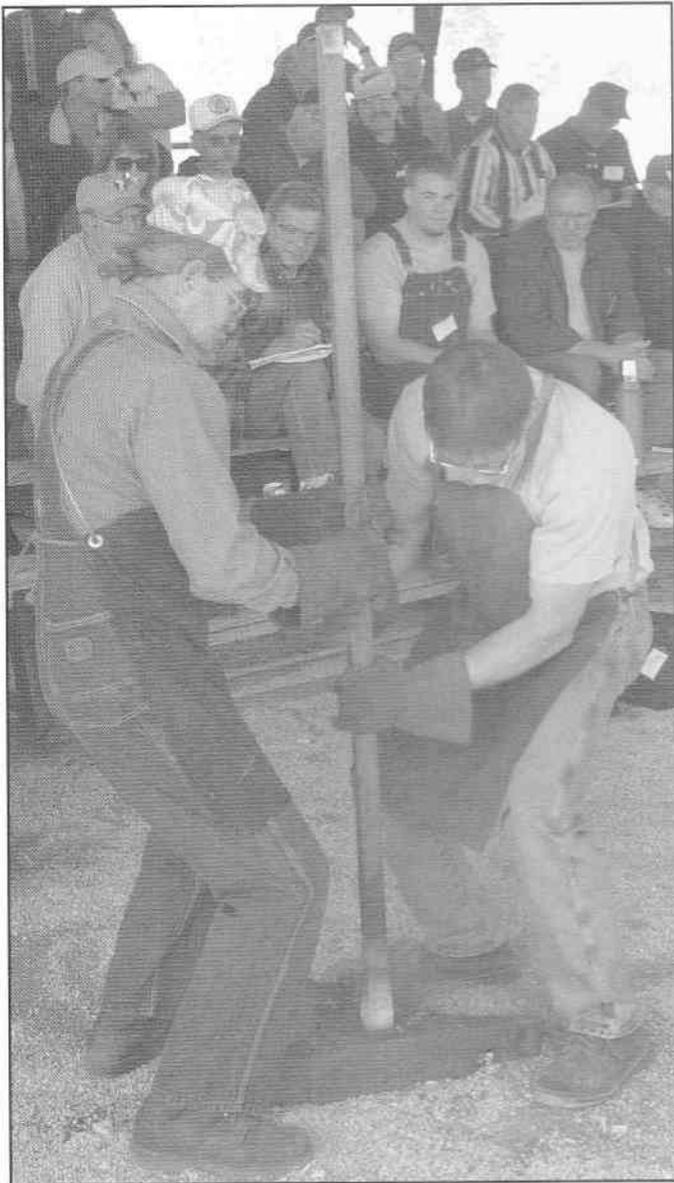
English blacksmith Terrence Clark put on a great show with a little help from Kate Dinneen, right. Above, he gets a surprise birthday kiss from his wife on Sunday.





Tailgating was alive and well at the conference. Above, Harold Weber tries to decide if he'll take the dog on trade. Left, Ken Markely swaps lies with Tim Underwood. Below, Terrence uses the hot cut to slit a hole.

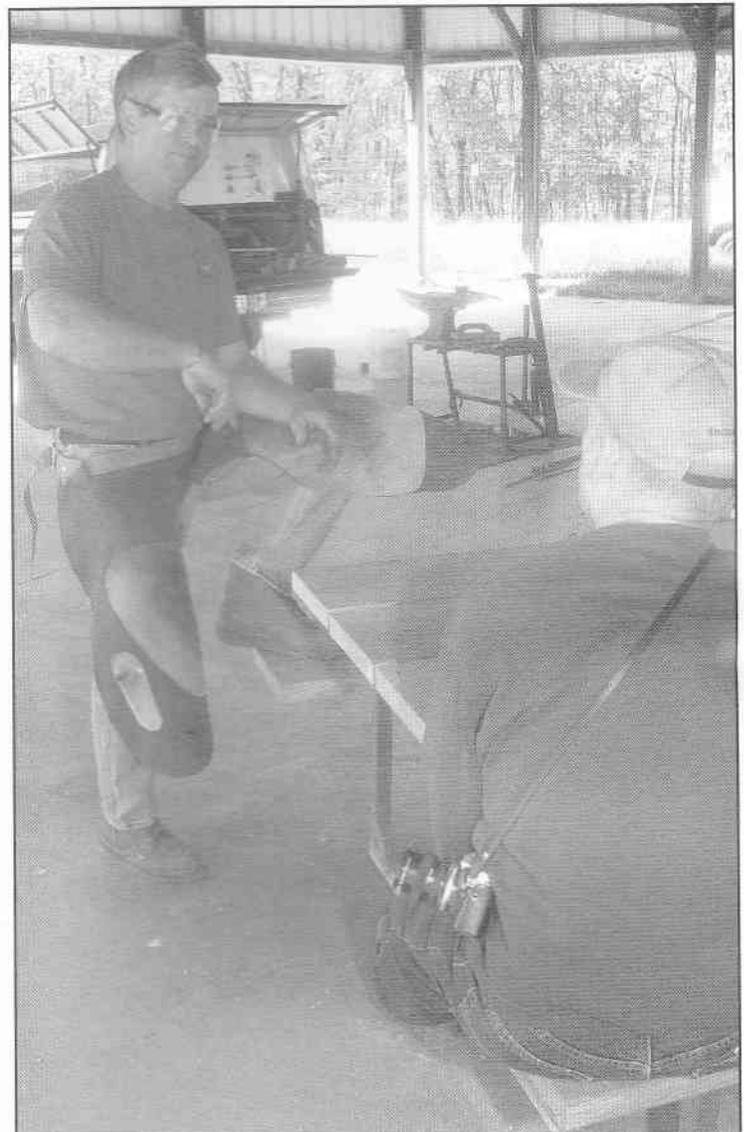




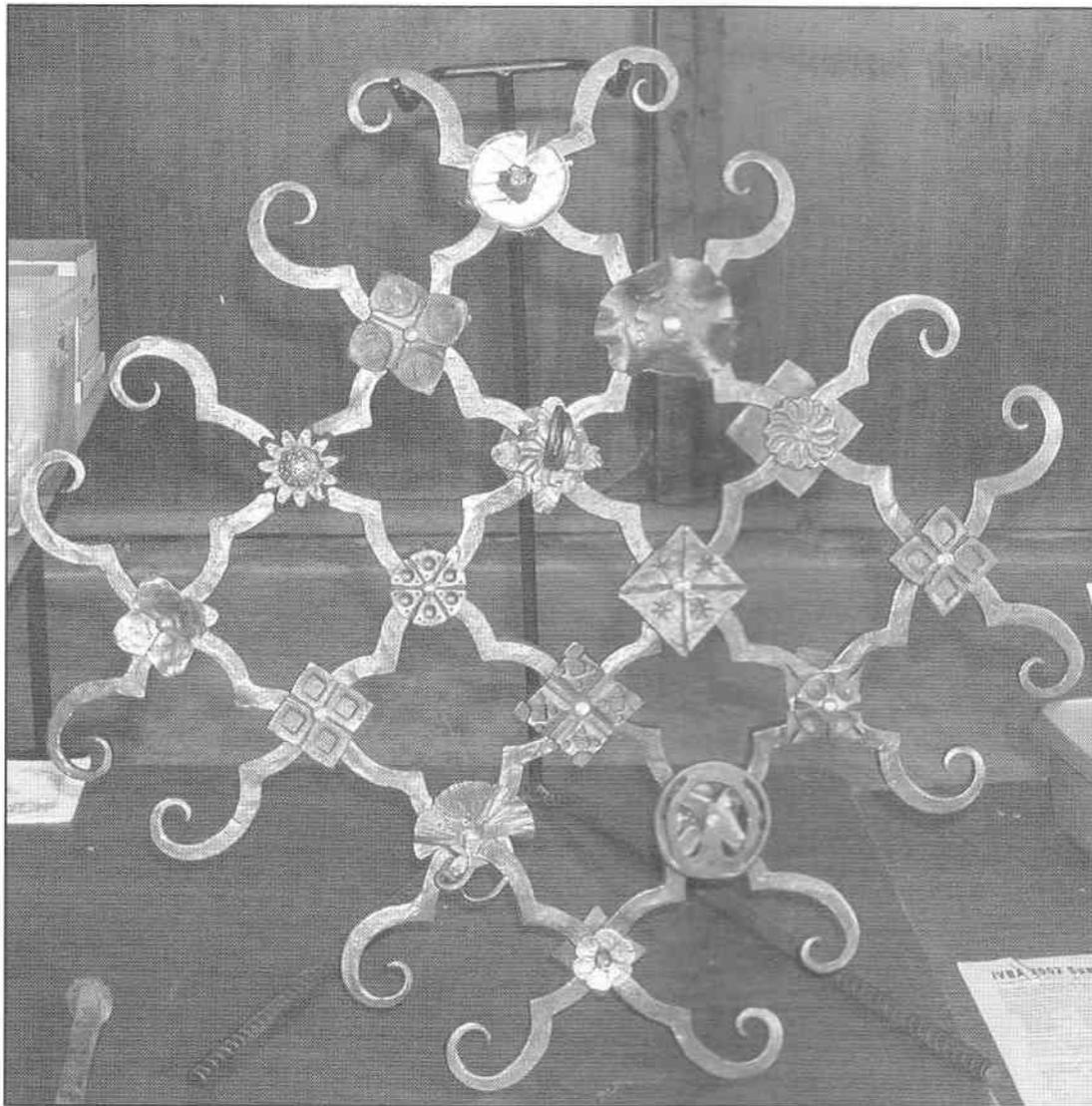
Above, Walt Hull and Pat McCarty were put to work upsetting some big stock. Right, Neal Poort demonstrated horseshoeing and fielded a lot of questions.



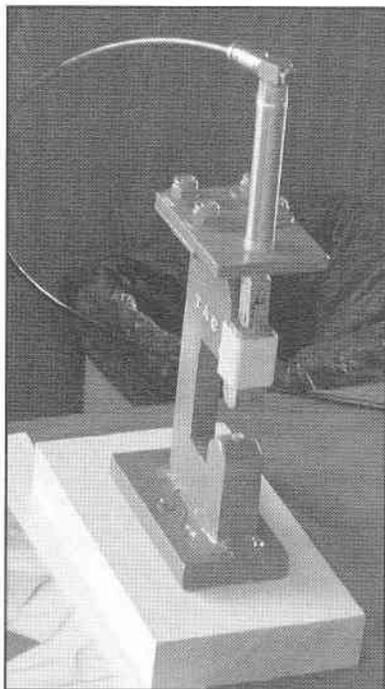
Neal checks his shoe in the gas forge.



Photos by Jim McCarty  
and Bob Stormer

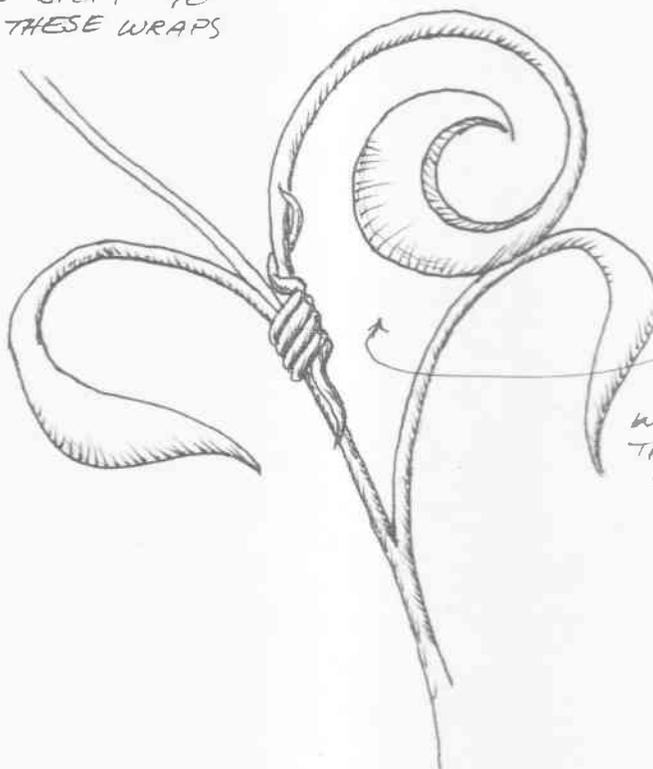


Left, many BAM members worked on the group project, a grill featuring rosettes forged by members. Some of the rosettes were a little hot when the auction time came! Below, Pat McCarty's latest BAMbox. Below left, Maurice Ellis brought this pint size TAC hammer just for fun.



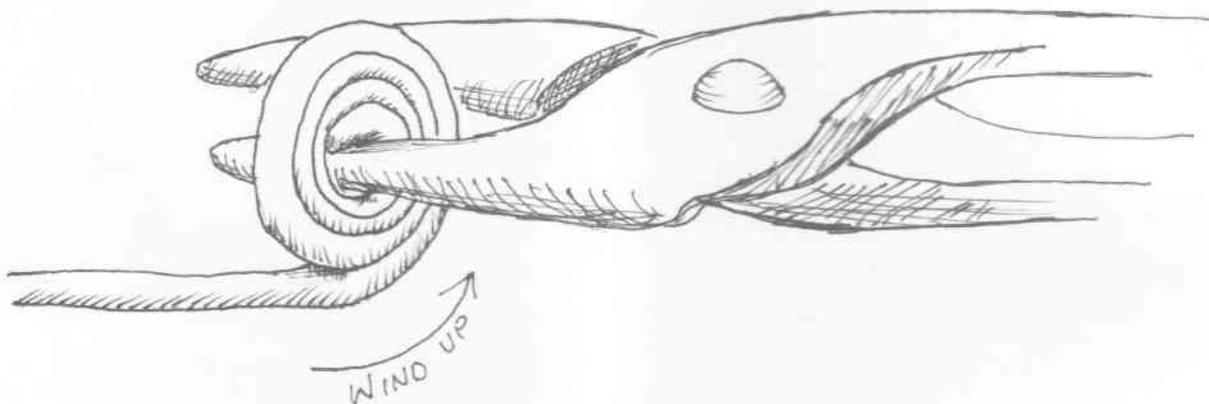
# Walt's Vines by Walt Hull

LATELY WE'VE HAD A BOATLOAD OF THIS VINE-TYPE STUFF TO MAKE. SOMETIMES THESE WRAPS CAN BE AWKWARD IN THE SPACE ALLOWED BY THE 4" BALL RULE.

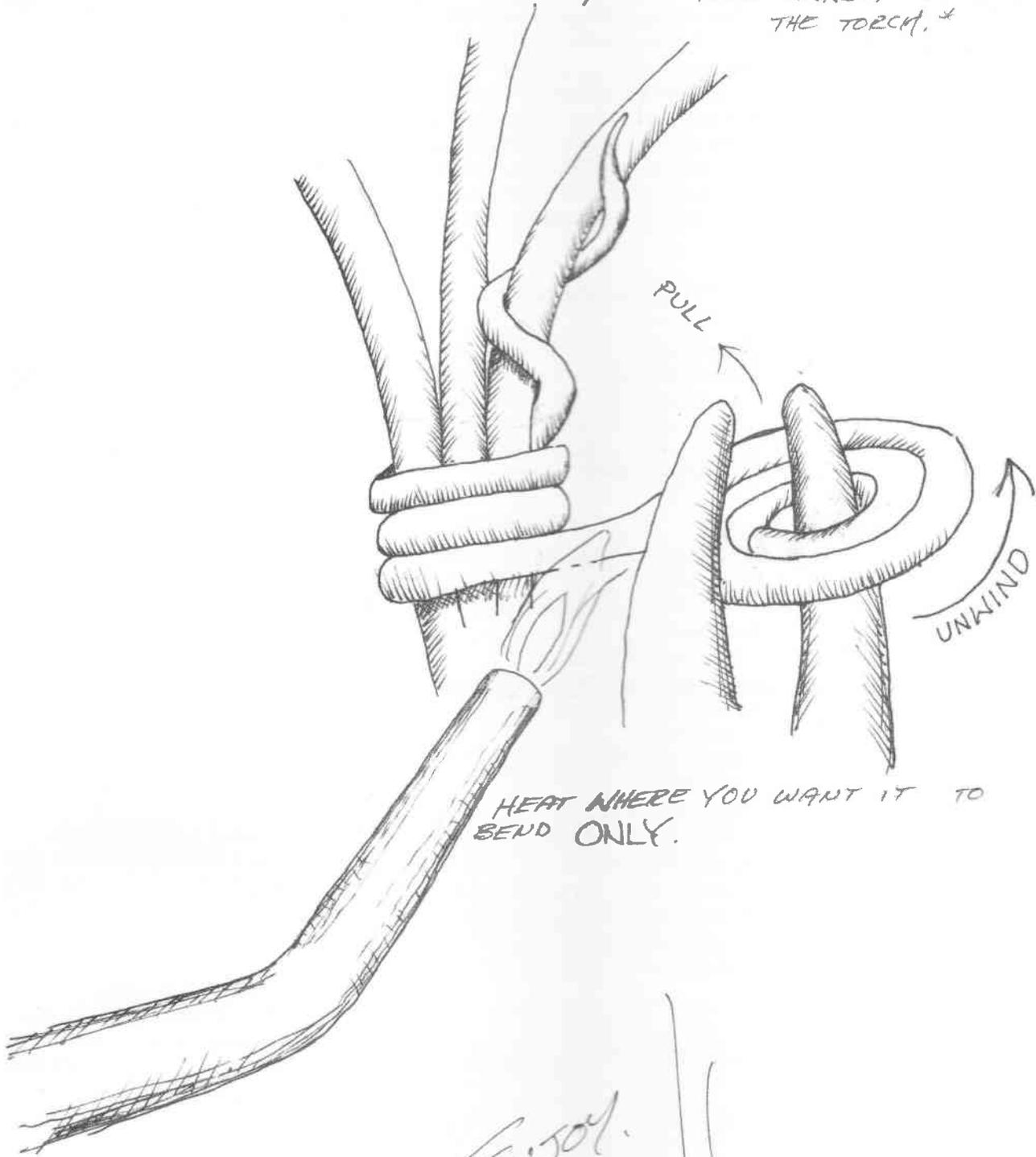


A COUPLE OF FEET OF WRAP MATERIAL DOESN'T WANT TO SWING THROUGH THIS HOLE.

HERE'S A WAY TO DO THEM: TAKE A LONG HEAT ON YOUR WRAP MATERIAL AND WIND IT UP ON SCROLL TONGS. KEEP DOING THIS UNTIL IT'S ALL COILED UP EXCEPT WHAT YOU NEED TO START, OR WIND FROM BOTH ENDS IF YOU WANT TO START IN THE MIDDLE.



UNWIND BACKWARDS TO THE COIL, KEEPING PRESSURE AGAINST THE PARENT STOCK, LIKE PUTTING AN ACE BANDAGE ON YOUR ANKLE. FOLLOW WITH THE TORCH.\*



HEAT WHERE YOU WANT IT TO BEND ONLY.

Enjoy.  
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# BAM NEWS

## Jeffco Smiths workshop

The Jefferson County Historical Society is sponsoring a workshop featuring BAM's own Bob Alexander at the historic village in Mt. Vernon, Ill. The event is set for Oct. 26-27. Cost is \$25 for both days or \$15 for one day. For more information contact Wilbur at (618) 242-1365 or John at (618) 756-2331.

## IVBA Conference coming

The 2002 conference of the Illinois Valley Blacksmith Association will feature something for everyone with a wide variety of demonstrations, hands-on training sessions, tailgate areas, vendor booths, a forging contest and a beginner training class.

The conference is set for July 19-21 at Thresherman's Park in Pontiac, Ill. On Friday, July 19 a beginner class with Augie Schmidt will be held. A forging contest will be held Friday evening. Saturday will feature hands on training in forge welding, leaves and tong making.

Demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday include:

- Roger Clausen, white metal casting
- Bill Kaufman, forging
- John & James Lovin, forge welded tomahawk and gun barrel
- Steve Parker, tool and tong making
- Mindy Gardner, leaf
- Darryl Allen, rose

Tailgates are welcome, load up your unused items and head to Pontiac. A disposal auction will take place along tailgate row following the Saturday

afternoon demonstrations for persons wishing to auction their surplus items. The Saturday night auction will consist of donated items by members and guests and items produced by the demonstrators. Iron in the hat drawing will be Saturday at noon. Please bring donations.

Preregistration is encouraged to help plan for food and other requirements. Cost is \$30 for both days, or \$25 for Saturday, \$10 Sunday. Send to: Mindy Gardner, IVBA Conference, RR-1, Box 36, Farmer City, IL 61842.

## Future meetings

Our meeting coordinator Kirk (Raoul) Sullens has been hard at work setting up a meeting schedule. He's got 2002 in place and is even looking ahead to next year. Here's what he's got so far:

### July 27:

Joe Wilkinson, Hope

### September 21:

Jerry Hoffmann, Washington

### November 2:

Jeff Willard, Willard

### January 2003:

John Lovin, Belle Rive, IL

### March 2003:

Maurice Ellis, Belgrade

### May 2003:

Don Asbee, Hartsburg

If anyone would like to host a meeting in 2003 please let Raoul know. Likewise, if you are scheduled to host one and need to change the date or anything else please make sure our meeting coordinator knows. If anyone



sees a conflict with any of the scheduled dates please share that as well. He can be reached at work (417) 725-6665, or at home (417) 863-8628.

## Big news from SIU-C!

The 6th annual Blacksmithing Conference at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is flying in from Switzerland Cristoph Frederick who is internationally nown for his architectural work and for his water powered power hammers. He is one of the best blacksmiths in the world. Most smiths have tried or at least seen demoed his one-piece cross. He is also known for the verses he puts with the sketches he makes. There will be a demo, slide lecture, dedication to the new building addition at the smithy and a fabulous fundraising auction. This special event is co-sponsored by SIMS (Southern Illinois Metal Society) and USG (University Student Government). Don't miss this one-day conference to be held Saturday, September 28. For registration and more information contact Danielle Crissman at (618) 684-5706 or send e-mail to dancriss@aol.com or nathanblank@hotmail.com.

This is a major event folks, don't miss this one. You won't likely see a demo of this caliber so close to home.

## Don't forget to vote

Our election is being held in conjunction with this issue of the BAM news as outlined in our bylaws. At the conference our nominating committee selected candidates for the officer slots. Some offices only have one person who was willing to run. However, you can write in other candidates if you want, just make sure that person is willing to serve before you do.

Please fill out the ballot and mail it to Tom Clark at the address listed on the ballot, or you can bring it with you to the July meeting where the ballots will be counted and the winners declared.

Thanks to all of the officers who have served BAM over the years and the ones who put their hat in the ring for this round.

# Next meeting: July 27, Hope

Joe Wilkinson, Hope, Mo.  
(573) 943-6779



**B**AM President Joe Wilkinson is the host for the next BAM meeting. It will be held in beautiful downtown Hope on July 27.

Please note you will need to bring your own lunch to this one or plan to drive into Linn where they have pizza, McDonalds and various greasy spoons that aren't too bad. Best bet is bring your own as it's a little bit of a drive to get to Linn.

You won't find Hope on the state highway map. It's in central Missouri not too far from Linn. Just follow the directions above and look for Joe's signs.

We will have demos by Doug Clemmons (early-American hook) and Don Birdsall (power hammer tooling) and probably some more.

Trade item is some kind of bending

jig, use your imagination on this one.

As usual don't forget to bring something for the iron in the hat which is our raffle. Or you can also plan to buy lots of tickets too. Meetings at Joe's shop always seem to attract the tail-gaters as he has plenty of room to set up. So don't forget your rusty iron either.

See you in Hope on July 27.



## 2002 Meeting schedule

### July Meeting

Joe Wilkinson  
Hope, MO  
Date: July 27

Trade item: Bending device

### September Meeting

Jerry Hoffmann  
Washington, MO  
Sept. 21

Trade item: TBA

### November Meeting

Jeff Willard  
Willard, MO  
Nov. 2

Trade item: TBA



*Jerry Hoffmann makes the sparks fly during the BAM 2002 Conference contest. The challenge was to forge a dipper that would hold the most water. Photo by Bob Stormer.*

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