

# The Forum

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## Next Guild meeting set for June 11

Plan now to attend the June 11 Guild meeting to be held at the Curved Dash Club in Crystal. The theme will focus on a display of antique cars.

Nick Heinen, who is “champion” for the program at this meeting, says the following:

“I visited Gary Hoonsbeen at his home and was impressed with him , his passion and knowledge of pre-1905 steam powered autos, and his shop, which he claims has in excess of 250,000 screws).

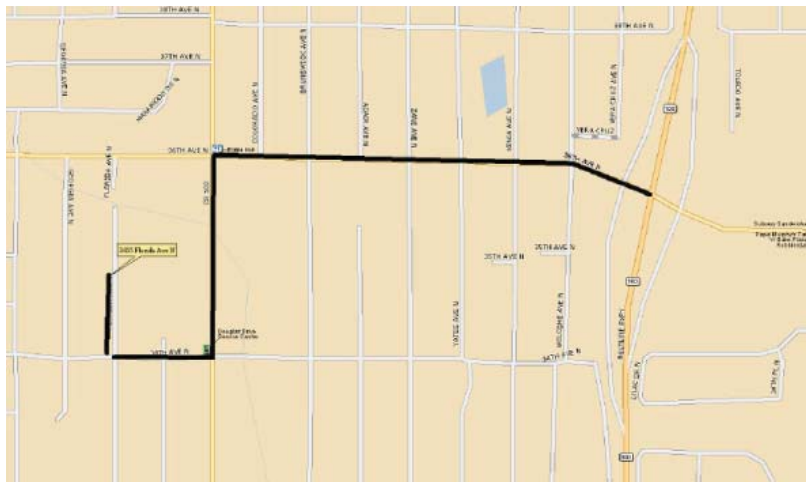
“He keeps 4 of these autos in his shop and outside his garage in various levels of repair. What I found most interesting was his gas-powered pogo stick; and his old, huge, beautiful restored organ which he demonstrated for me.”

For those who are unfamiliar with the term “curved dash,” we learned from the Internet that it describes antique one-cylinder Oldsmobiles manufactured in the very early 20th century and named for the unique shape of the footboard. They look very much like horse-drawn carriages without the horse and are credited as the first high-volume mass-produced automobile.

See you there at 6:30 for our normal potluck!

### Directions

From HiWay 100 and 36 Ave N one goes west 2/3 of a mile to Douglas Ave N (County Rd 102). Go South to 35<sup>th</sup> Ave N and then West again to Florida Ave North. Go North again to Hoonsbeen’s in the middle of the block. Florida Ave does not go North through to 36<sup>th</sup> Ave



## Forum deadline for July: Monday, June 16, 2008

The deadline for The Forum is always the third Monday of the month. If you have activities that will be occurring in the next few months and wish to have them published in the next Forum, please send them by Monday, June 16, 2008 to Georgia Myers, editor, by e-mail to:

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## Guild educational grants

There is grant money available for Guild members to study intermediate and advanced metalworking techniques.

The Guild educational grant program is designed to bring new skills into the metalworking community. Participants are given money to pay for a portion of their expenses and are expected to learn some new or poorly understood skill, and then to share what they have learned with other members and the public through an article in our quarterly magazine, “The Metalsmith.” They’re also expected to lead a workshop on the topic (or other educational service approved by the board).

Application forms are available from the president or treasurer at a regular meeting, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

The Guild of Metalsmiths  
PO Box 11423  
St. Paul MN 55111



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## June 6-8 hammer-in at Nowthen themed 'Treadle Hammers'

The Education Committee decided to give the upcoming hammer-in a theme of Treadle Hammers. All members are welcome.

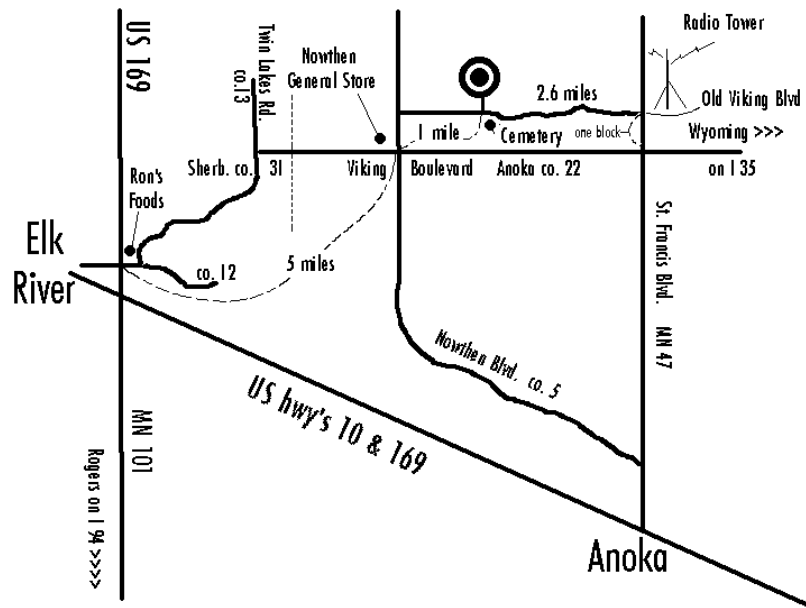
Bring your treadle hammer and tooling, if you have one. It's a good chance for many of us to see different designs or features, see them in action, ask questions, talk about safety, get a feel for their many capabilities, maybe even give them a try.

There's plenty of room in the Nowthen shop for setup. With five forging stations available, there's bound to be some open forge work going on as well.

So put Nowthen on your calendar June 6-8. If you wish: Primitive camping, water, biffys, and Saturday evening Pot Luck. Bring a chair. The shop has outlets so crockpots aren't a problem. We'll get a couple of tables. A map to Nowthen is shown below if you haven't been there before. Don't forget your ear and eye protection!

If you can bring your Treadle Hammer, great! There aren't that many out there. I would encourage you to think of a short project or demonstration or technique to show the group. Contact me, Al Olson, with questions, 651-683-0906.

### Nowthen Threshing Show



## **Tidbits about ‘Curved Dash Oldsmobile Club**

Check out their website: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/cdoclub/>

### **Curved Dash Oldsmobile Club Objectives:**

The Curved Dash Oldsmobile Club was founded in 1977 by Gary Hoonsbeen and Norm Nielsen. The objective is to unite all interested owners of Curved Dash and other one-cylinder Oldsmobiles in order to promote the usage of these cars, assist in the proper restoration and reprint all historical documents related to this automobile.

The CDO is a most popular collector vehicles because they are historically very significant, pleasing to look at and a very good touring car, giving years of operation with little or no maintenance.

### **Brief Curved Dash Oldsmobile Club History:**

Starting in 1897, R. E. Olds and his father, started the Olds Motor Vehicle Company. However he was unable to decide between electric or gasoline engine propulsion. The company made several prototypes with both gasoline and electric propulsion. The electric is thought to be the one in the Smithsonian Museum.

In April 1901 the factory caught fire and burnt to the ground. Rumor has it that one gasoline prototype was saved, the CDO and the decision made to produce that model. Closer inspection of the events, indicate that the decision to produce the CDO had been made prior to the fire, but it's a good story. It is estimated by some people that 20,000 CDO's built were between 1901 and 1907. Although these vehicles all look similar, with a distinguishing "toboggan" like front end, there were actually three distinct models produced.

# **Mark your calendars! 'The Madness' is soon upon us!**

Please mark your calendars for The Guild of Metalsmith's 2008 Fall Conference (aka The Madness). The dates are September 19, 20, and 21 (Fri, Sat, & Sun). We will once again gather at the Little Log House Power Show Grounds near Hastings, MN.

Watch for more information on this year's fantastic demonstrators and registration forms in upcoming editions of "The Forum" and "The Metalsmith."

**Minutes – THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors**  
– **May 14, 2008** Held at the home of: Myron Hanson, 4015 Dodd Rd., Eagan, MN

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:07 by Rich**

**Members in attendance:**

Herman Barr, Hanson, Frattalone, Fick, Myers, Sigurdson, Mariette, Heinen. Missing: Phelps and Lindholm

**AMENDMENT / APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES:**

Motion to accept by Mariette and second by Barr. Motion passes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee**-Mike Frattalone

DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE \$12,065

(UP \$420 FROM 5-9-7)

REMAINING GRANTS

7,075

CASH TOTAL 19,141

EXPENSES SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING ON 3-19-08

WORKSHOPS 3,200

FORUMS 1,183

METALSMITH 2,000

BANK FEE/BOUNCED CHECK 33

MEETINGS 21

LARSON ALLEN INC TAX PREP&MAIL RETURNS 533

COPIES 12

ANNUAL REGISTRATION 25

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 7,007

TOTAL DEPOSITS \$ 4,316

COAL 6.5 TONS LEFT OF 24 TONS

MEMBERS 304 (DOWN 3 FROM 5-9-07)

Taxes are in and registered with State of Minnesota.

**Education Committee report**- Dave Mariette

Not submitted. Most recent class calendar shown.

Discussion of coal: Dick and Myron will report a test of coal on Friday and Dave will go ahead and make a buy. Probably cost approximately \$6k. Moved by Hanson, Second by Sigurdson. Passed

**Program Committee**- Myron Hanson

June at the Curved Dash Club, Nick Heinen Champion.

August at Gibbs Farm, Al Olson champion

October at Machacek, in Northfield, Herb Fick Champion

December 14<sup>th</sup> at CSPPS Hall, Frattalone and Phelps champions

**Madness**

Need to fill in for what we have now. Draft brochure distributed, flier accepted and distributed

**Publicity Committee**- Roland Sigurdson

Give Delorme file to Gary and Georgia. June Forum deadline is coming up (Next Monday, 19 May) Next Metalsmith is the "Pre Conference" issue.

Roland will get the Madness Brochure posted to the U of M School of Design.

**Long Term Planning Committee - Gary Myers**

Next board meeting Gary will present revised bylaws. Discussion tabled. As a board we like the package rejected at the February membership meeting. Gary describes three issues to deal with before we put the proposed bylaws forward again. First issue: Edit Number 11, Board appointed staff: Delete the last sentence. Second issue: Section 5, Dues: Delete “with membership approval” from the first sentence. Third issue: General membership meeting will be conducted in a casual manner. When board business requires membership participation and voting, that portion of the meeting will be conducted following Roberts Rules of order. On the separate matter of presiding officer having a vote: He does not. The four officers do not vote. Old and proposed bylaws do not suggest that officers vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

See long term planning above. Expect Long term planning to publish in the August Forum.

Wood turners guild want to investigate a project involving wood and forged steel for the Landmark Center. They can write up an article and publish in the Forum. Contact is Mary Lacer of the Wood Turners Guild. Mike Frattalone will do it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Guy Paton has scanned the Blacksmith Study Guide and additionally has prepared an editable text version to aid Gordon in the printing of the Guide. This is as BIG DEAL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dave Mariette submitted an application for a Grant. The payback objective is to develop the intermediate “Next Level” blacksmith program. Where: The Forgery (Rob Gunther). Name of class is Five Day Intermediate. Moved by Myers and second by Sigurdson. For submitted expenses up to \$1800. Dave abstained from voting. Passed without a negative vote.

Funding for security camera and a trailer. Trailer specified at 18-20 feet and four wheels, with brakes. Probably \$5000. New or used is not an issue. To replace the yellow truck. Mike does not think the money is there right now because we have coal, conference, printing costs and other things coming up. A couple of members will look for pricing of available trailers. Tabled for now.

Security camera: Systems can be had with four cameras for somewhere between \$300-500 if we assume some available computers or video equipment from the committee. The objective is to offer a modicum of security to the people who are willing to display in the gallery. The program committee will deal with it on 15 May meeting. Motion that program committee be authorized to spend up to \$600 for a security camera. Move by Myers, second by Mariette, passed. We also need six more tables. Tabled until July.

**AJOURNMENT: 9:43 PM motion by Myron, second Roland accepted without dissent.**

Submitted: Herb Fick, for Al Lindholm

## *News from Tunnel Mill...*

We still have openings in **Nathan Robertson's** hammer class on June 21. Come spend the day at the mill and make leave with your own Nathan Robertson-style hammer. Cost is \$55 for hammer and lunch. Starts



at 9:00 am and lasts until your hammer is completed.

**We also have some openings in Roger Degner's** copper vessel class. Make a round or square vase out of copper tube, jewelry box, or a copper plate with some texturing and raising. Class dates are June 27, 28 and 29. Cost will vary depending on number of days and project. \$125 - \$150.

**\*Kirsten Styles** will be teaching High Relief Chasing techniques on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008. In this workshop students will learn how to make their own high quality chasing tools and complete a chasing that incorporates extreme elevation shifts, fold overs, undercuts and highly textured surfaces. Thursday, students will create a set of ten chasing tools. Friday and Saturday we will move to pitch and smaller hammers to form our 5x5 inch relief images with chasing and repousse. We will explore the use of stakes to create larger images and repousse' forms. All of the chasing and repousse work will be done cold with 18 bronze sheet(CDA655).

This September we are planning a one or two day class with Kirsten and veining leaves.

Call John or Carol Adams @ 507-289-4189 or 289-5246 for registration and info.

## For Sale...

### Spring cleaning/shop downsizing

1. New SPX 10,000 PSI Hydraulic pump. Manual pump...never used \$100
2. Champion Blower & Forge Co. drill press...Model Champion 21" belt driven variable speed 3 phase 1.5HP. \$300
3. 1 ton Harrington chain fall w/ 10 foot lift...\$125
4. 1/2 ton CM Cyclone chain fall w/ 8 foot lift...\$75
5. Dake Arbor Press 3A-1. Very nice large arbor press complete w/ stand...\$500
6. Miller Mig welder. Millermatic 130 115 volt 90 amp...20% duty cycle w/ 30 -130 amp range. Currently set up with flux core. Includes cart and partial spool of wire...\$300 Sale Pending.

Feel free to email or call if you have interest or questions.

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# Our neighborhood of smiths

*Check this page every month to see what's going on with our neighboring colleagues, and read about activities in their smithing groups.*

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## **Badger Blacksmiths meetings**

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## **Lake Superior Metalsmiths**

Lake Superior Metalsmiths (LSM) meet the fourth Saturday of the month at noon from October through April. The meetings are potluck at noon at Dave Hanson's house, 5873 Taft Road, Duluth, Minnesota, 218-721-4572.

## **Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths**

The NMM meetings are the first Monday of the month, often, but not always, at Keith Johnson's shop in Bemidji. Contact Keith for monthly specifics at [keith@greatriverforge.com](mailto:keith@greatriverforge.com). The Northern Minn. Metalsmith's website is up again, different name, [www.nmmetalsmiths.org](http://www.nmmetalsmiths.org)

# Updates for Guild of Metalsmiths membership directory

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## CHANGES

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Please take a moment to update  
your Guild directory with this  
information.

# Goings on...



...a calendar of GoM events at a glance

## Events in June

- June 6-8, Hammer-In at Nowthen
- June 11, Guild membership meeting, Curved Dash Club in Crystal

## Events in July

- July 9, Guild Board meeting at Myron Hanson's
- July 26, 27, Little Log House Power Show, Hastings

## Events in August

- Aug. 13, Guild membership meeting Gibbs Farm
- Aug. 8, 9, 10, Almelund Threshing Show (Nordquist)
- Aug. 8, 9, 10, Rose City (Mariette)
- Aug. 16 & 17, Nowthen Threshing Show (Fredell)
- Aug. 21-Sept. 1, MN State Fair

## Events in September

- Sept. 10 Guild Board meeting at Myron Hanson's
- Sept. 19, 20, 21, The Madness at Little Log House in Hastings!

## Events in October

- Oct. 8, Guild membership meeting at Machacek in Northfield

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