



ATTIC TOOL CHEST # 103
2018 Spring Meeting
Rick Bihlmeyer's
Durham Blacksmith School
228 Maple Street, Durham, CT
Saturday, June 16, 2018

700 A- Earliest Arrival Tail Gate Tool Sales-on property
7:00 A-Coffee/Donuts- T-Shirt Sales
Demo-Rick's Forge, Charlie- Plane Blade Sharpening
Display- Russ Ellis, Bruce Perry

Spring 2018

We are pleased to include Rick Bihlmeyer as a new member and to also allow ATTIC to hold our meeting at his home and Blacksmith shop.

Rick is a 40-year blacksmith with a degree in mechanical engineering and background in metallurgy. He has maintained a blacksmith school on his property for many years and still provides classes and 1:1 instruction. He is a member of the CT Blacksmith Guild former blacksmith for the Guilford Handicraft Center and is the Durham Fair head-blacksmith. (You may have seen him over the years at Durham.) He also is a past reenactor of the French and Indian War period. Pretty impressive resume..... and also a **GOOD GUY**.

Rick's skills with metal are vast, and he teaches traditional smithing and currently using gas forges. He also teaches sheet metal work (sculptural weather vane), welding, knife making, and wood working. Bill Petremont made arrangements for this meeting.

During our meeting- Rick will answer questions and also demonstrate a current project—weld laminated knife blade.

If interested in attending future blacksmith classes- please speak to Rick.

Rick also will be tailgating- he is selling- 2 wood stoves, 2 partially finished birch strip canoes and his own (luthier) made folk instruments. Please take a look and buy....

Address / Directions to Rick's Home:
228 Maple Street Durham, CT
(located off RT. 68- Rick's driveway located on left past Church parking lot (right side)

Display- Russ Ellis- display of tools made from files.
Bruce Perry—display of early and primitive choppers.

Demos- For our woodworkers-Charlie Watson will be performing a plane blade sharpening demo.

Parking- limited on property, along driveway and on Maple Street.

7:00- TAIL GATE- Earliest arrival time-on property, driveway-open your trunk, first come first served.

T- Shirt Sales- EVERY member should be buying a T-Shirt (\$15) and/or sweatshirt (\$25). Low dues of only \$10/year allow for this extra purchase. Profits are minimal- we bought these and sell at a LOW price to help advertise the club- and you are a part of that advertisement.

7:00 Coffee/Donuts- (Len Brace)

8:30 DUES Table- Check to see you are up to date- pay forward \$10/year (Pat Audley).

NOTE- Dues also can be sent to Bill Petremont's address-40 Cornfield Road, Milford, CT 06461.

“Wear your ATTIC T-Shirt to show off the club.”

10:00 AM- (approx.). Short biz meeting- bring a “what’s-it.” (***Bruce Perry***)

Bring a chair.

This is another “*must attend*” meeting for our membership and I encourage all members to schedule attendance if possible. Rick is an accomplished metal smith.

Review of Spring 2017 Meeting- Woodcraft / CT School of Woodworking

A nice meeting location- much to see and buy. Many demos inside the school. Charlie and Craig took lead on this meeting- many thanks. Based on the crowd size- it was difficult to have an ATTIC club identity- however the day more than made up for any loss in identity. A great day overall. For 2018- members can individually attend this day.

Treasurers Report 8/13/2017- Bill Petremont.

At the Spring 2018 Board meeting, Bill presented the following treasury report:
Balance- \$4,105.54 No outstanding bills.

President’s Message-Barry Doohan.

PROJECTS-

1. Brochures- Brochures are available through Bill- Be a new member recruiter for the club.

2. ATTIC T-Shirts- ONLY \$15

We have ordered 100 “good quality” shirts in Black. Sizes range from M-XL sizes. Purchase price has been kept down to encourage your purchase. *Shirts will be sold at the meeting only-no mail out*. ATTIC sweat shirts are also available at \$25.



3. Facebook & Website- Both are up and running. ***Craig Jensen, Director*** is assisting with this project. Please take the time to visit both. This Tool Chest edition should be published on the web site.

To insure the success of both, ***as requested by membership***, Craig requests membership regular “Content and Contribution / Photos” to both internet formats.

So make it a regular stop for you. I like “likes” on Facebook...Our Facebook site will also attract new members.

ATTIC NEEDS- “Your Participation”

1. Board of Directors- We are in need of adding to board membership - anyone interested in assisting please let us know. *I will be stepping down as President / Tool Chest / Board Member following the FALL Meeting-* if you wish to chair the

club- or join the Board please advise. ***Need Tool Chest editor, Membership, VP, Treasurer.***

2. Meeting Tool Talks/Demonstration-

We are in need of member participation tool talks / discussions / demos for our meetings. Let us know your passion.

I am sure all members have the knowledge and ability to speak or demonstrate to the group briefly on many aspects of old tool subjects-such as:

- Talk on a CT based tool manufacturer
- Tool use technique
- CT based tool maker
- Your personal tool collection
- A tool refurbish project
- Your personal tool collection focus (theme)
-

Your talk/demo can be a short 5-10 minute presentation, or longer, if desired. We want you to be comfortable with the participation. Always appreciated. Please contact me (Barry), with a presentation idea. . **How about your expertise-** please share with the club through a short demo or talk. ***Bring in a TOOL....***

3. What's it (anyway?)

Bring in your -- what's It Tool. Look over your collection and bring in a tool that you would like to share. Have questions re. a tool you have- bring it in – ***what's below your tool bench or in an old box? See Bruce Perry***

4. Tool Displays- This also has been a featured part of our meetings in the past, possibly on an area of tool making by species or state areas.

5. Want Ads- Any interest in providing membership ads again to the newsletter.

6. 2018 FALL Meeting- Simsbury Historical Society (Tent.)

Harry Audley Tool Museum- Harry and Pat will make his extensive tool museum available to members for a personal tour. The Board has enjoyed Board meetings at past president, current Director Harry's Fairfield, CT home as we have had the chance to see his collection. **Give Harry / Pat a call** to see about arrangements to view his tool collection. **203-371-0103.**

Future Tool Events (from Bill P.)

7/20-22- Jacktown-Blue Mountain Steam and Engine Show Bangor, Pa

9/7-9- Dublin Gas and Engine Show - Dublin New Hampshire

9/14-15- Donnelly Tool Auction- Nashua, NH

9/28-30- CAMA Steam Engine Show- Kent, CT

10/20-21- Jacktown-Blue Mountain Steam and Engine Show- Bangor, Pa

ATTIC Officers & Board of Director

Barry Doohan, President, Editor-Tool Chest
(bedoohan@gmail.com)

Bill Petremont, VP, Membership Chair, Treasurer

Directors

Harry Audley-Past President

Charlie Watson-Past President

Craig Jensen-Past President

Rod Griffith-Past President

Bruce Perry

Len Brace

Ryan Starkey

Michael Brennecke- Past President

Don Riley-Past President

John DeLay- Past President

ATTIC Tool Chest c/o
BARRY E. DOOHAN
18 Chatham Street
New Haven, CT 06513

