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## NOTICE:

Ike and his crew have made significant progress on the building for the line-shaft-shop. The shop will be a great addition to Tired Iron.

Some members are still maintaining the grounds with mowing of the open areas. Johnny has mowed a lot and trimmed the buildings again. All this attention will make the work to be done just before the September show much easier. Thanks to everyone who helps.

There are some concerns that Tired Iron should, in the future, limit our shows to two days, Friday and Saturday. Come to this month's meeting and join in the discussion.

## 2018 CALENDAR: (Please double check dates and times for these events.)

July 17	<b>Tired Iron</b> monthly meeting at the clubhouse at 7 p.m.
August 21	<b>Tired Iron</b> monthly meeting at the clubhouse at 7 p.m.
August 21-25	Arkansas Valley display at the Greenwood, AR, Fair. Pedal Pull on the 22nd
August 21-25	Arkansas Valley display at the Ozark Fair. Pull on the 25th
Sept. 7-9, 2018	<b>Tired Iron 27th Fall Show</b>
September 13-16	Republic, Mo, Show
September 18	<b>Tired Iron</b> regular monthly meeting at the clubhouse at 7 p.m.
September 28-29	National Two Cylinder Show, Fairview, OK
September 29	Tractor Pull at the Ft. Smith Fair, starting time at 7 p.m.
October 12-13	Harrison, AR, Fall Show
October 16	<b>TIRED IRON MEETING/ ELECTION OF OFFICERS/ POTLUCK DINNER</b>
October 20-21	Morrow, AR, Fall Show and Tractor Pull

## FEATURED ARTICLE

### SNAP-ON and BLUE POINT TOOLS DATE CODES

At the last Tired Iron meeting a sheet with the date codes for Snap-On tools was of interest to those who saw the list. Following is some commentary from the Internet concerning the codes and a sheet listing the date codes as they were used on the tools. Charts are available to 2029. Members who own any Snap-On tools are asked to bring them to our next meeting to show us the applications of the code.

#### *Date Codes:*

*Beginning in 1927 Snap-On introduced a system of date codes and started marking sockets (and other tools as well) with the codes. The date code was generally a single digit (later, a symbol or character) to indicate the year of production, with the digit sometimes preceded or followed by a dash. For 1927 through 1930 the system was very simple: one of the digits 7, 8, 9, or 0 indicated the year. In later years though,*

symbols and script styles were added in order to extend the system, and you'll need to consult a date code chart to determine the date. Date codes were applied in 1927.

In its early years the date code system had a very specific function: tool warranties were of limited duration at the time, and the date code determined the start of the warranty period. As a result, date codes were applied more consistently at this time than in later years when Snap-On started offering a lifetime guarantee on its tools.

### *Blue Point Tools*

As Snap-On's business grew and customers began requesting other types of tools, Snap-On established a second line of tools called "Blue Point" to meet this demand. Some time in late 1923 the name was registered as a trademark, and the Blue Point Tool Company was formed in Chicago. (Blue Point Tool seems to have shared the address of Snap-On's distribution company, the Motor Tool Specialty Company of Chicago.)

By 1926 a wide variety of tools was being offered under the Blue Point name, including wrenches, chisels, punches, hammers, and specialty tools.

### *Blue Point vs. Blue Points Chicago*

Although the catalogs called them "Blue Point" tools, they also showed a logo with the wording "Blue Point Chicago" between two arrows. Apparently, some of Blue Point's contract manufacturers took this in favor of plain "Blue Point," but early examples of tools show the "Blue Points Chicago" logo.

There are several sites with information concerning Snap-On tools. Following are a couple:

<http://alloy-artifacts.org/snapon-bluepoint-tools-p2.html>

collectingsnapon.com



The Snap-On logo, located at the center, is worn from use.



This style numeral "5" should be 1965.

YEAR MARKS FOR SNAP-ON AND BLUE-POINT TOOLS

7 8 9  
1927 1928 1929

0 1930	* 1931	☁ 1932	☒ 1933	4 1934	5 1935	6 1936	7 1937	8 1938	9 1939
⊖ 1940	↓ 1941	2 1942	3 1943	E 1944	G 1945	6 1946	7 1947	8 1948	9 1949
⊖ 1950	I 1951	2 1952	3 1953	4 1954	5 1955	6 1956	7 1957	8 1958	9 1959
⊖ 1960	I 1961	Z 1962	3 1963	4 1964	5 1965	6 1966	7 1967	8 1968	9 1969
⊖ 1970	I 1971	S 1972	ε 1973	A 1974	2 1975	2 1976	7 1977	8 1978	e 1979
◇ 1980	I 1981	Σ 1982	→ 1983	4 1984	5 1985	6 1986	7 1987	8 1988	9 1989
⊖ 1990	) 1991	2 1992	3 1993	4 1994	5 1995	6 1996	7 1997	8 1998	9 1999

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