

Northeast Regional News

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The Bottle Worm

Apple Valley Bottle Collectors Club Winchester, Va.

Max & Margaret Unbenour hosted the September meeting at their home. The program was an ever-popular show and tell. "We will be discussing the future of the club," it was said. Members were invited to bring produce from their gardens to share. Meeting at members' homes sounds very fun and a nice alternative on occasion to meeting at public places.

In August, the summer "picnic" was held at the Butcher Block Buffet. No dirty dishes or forgotten tableware items! The club paid for a portion of the meal.

Local bottles sold on eBay were listed, including a number of White House Vinegar items and stoneware. Top price was \$362.77 paid for a White House Vinegar one gallon jug, screw top, with a D.C. label.

Watercloset Gazette

The Capital Region Antique Bottle & Insulator Club Albany, N.Y.

The club's new website is up and running and looking good. The show contract was included, as well as a poster. Look for it at: <http://crabince.org>

June's speaker was John Ackner on "Art & Pressed Glass." The show and tell theme was the same as the program topic, which produced many great items brought in by members. July's meeting featured discussion on a possible club excursion or a club dig. The show and tell theme was "Colored Medicines", and everyone's "Find of the Month." The meeting was held outside on a nice evening, as there was a problem with the meeting site. Everyone enjoyed it and thought they might try it again.

The August meeting was held at the National Bottle Museum in Ballston

Spa. The show and tell theme was "Vegetable Bottles" and the traditional "Find of the Month." The club is fortunate to be close to the museum.

The 14th Annual Antique Bottle & Tabletop Collectibles Show was held Sunday, September 18th, at the Polish Community Center in Albany.

There were about 80 tables, with dealers from New England and across New York State. The facility was very nice, easy to get to and close to the NYS Thruway and the Northway and well lit. Two displays included a large display of Albany script jugs and beautifully colored drug store bottles. Show chairperson Jason Privler and the club did an excellent job and ran a smooth show.

Traveler's Companion

Greater Buffalo Bottle Collectors Association Buffalo, N.Y.

August's meeting featured, appropriately, "Summer Finds." President Peter Jablonski runs "Buffalo Brewery History" tours and they have been going very well. The latest tour drew a number of club members, who are given a \$10 discount. It was said that anyone interested in Buffalo and/or brewing history would not be disappointed.

The Find of the Month in the newsletter was a glass top hat toothpick holder in clear glass embossed "The Same Old Hat" and "He's All Right." A little research revealed this to be a Grover Cleveland presidential campaign item. Turns out, the top hat was a symbol of his campaign. Cleveland campaigned for political reform and lowering tariffs. He ran against Benjamin Harrison (grandson of William Henry Harrison). Harrison's ideas were called "same old hat."

September's meeting was all-show preparation, with jobs filled, raffle tickets distributed, and show flyers made available. Program ideas were being sought.

Dennis Smith displayed "Celery Sodas" at the FOHBC National in Memphis in June. Club members Dave & Deborah Potter and Bob Watson, along with Dennis, were dealers at the show.

Baltimore Bottle Digger

Baltimore Antique Bottle Club Baltimore, Md.

September's meeting program was "Summer Finds." Andy Agnew displayed "Maryland Paper Labelled Bottles." The club donated \$600 to the National Bottle Museum in June. The club picnic was held at the home of Herb & Mabel Close.

Baltimore Bottles have been selling good on eBay. Top price was \$204 for a "Staten Island Bottling Co., George Ruth Proprietor, Baltimore Branch" blob top. (He was Babe Ruth's father). An emerald green blob top citrate bottle, embossed "Hyson Westcott & Co.," brought \$180. A cracked example in peacock blue sold for \$90.

Bits and Pieces

Empire State Bottle Collectors Assoc. Syracuse, N.Y.

The September speaker was Charlie Betts, who presented "Rare Clyde Glass." Charlie is an authority on the subject and lives near the factory site.

The club is known for its diggers and this summer was fruitful, despite the excessive heat in central New York State. Preparations were underway for the club's annual fall show in Scriba, N.Y., north of Syracuse on Lake Ontario.

The Collector of the Month column has been a popular addition to the newsletter. This month, Dick Ingerson was featured. Dick has been a collector for 25 years. He is a digger, which is how he acquires most of his bottles. His best find was a Thatcher milk bottle, with an embossed man milking a cow, from Potsdam, N.Y. Dick commented, "I really enjoy the club and the hobby. I have more than 6,000 bottles on display in the house and barn."

The Jersey Shore Shards

Jersey Shore Bottle Club Toms River, N.J.

September's meeting was a "Mini Auction" and also a show and tell of "Summer Finds." Most clubs break for the summer, giving all a few months to track down treasures, above and below

the ground, for their collections. Programs for the coming year were being requested.

Concern was expressed by President Bob Randolph on how members fared during the hurricanes and subsequent flooding in New Jersey and the Northeast. Bob reported some cellar flooding at his home.

Monte Boshko and Bob Randolph did bottle appraisals at a local Sea Glass show in October. The sea glass that I have seen are more often than not shards of old bottles, with that familiar, great "patina" from rolling around in the ocean. The North American Sea Glass Association is a non-profit organization, "enabling sea glass collectors, authors, artisans, and retailers to celebrate their affection for natural, unaltered sea glass, preserve the authenticity of the remnants, and develop a system to grade and appraise the ocean tumbled shards." The annual Sea Glass Festival promotes an increasingly popular hobby of beachcombing for the glass. The show was held Oct. 8-9 at the Ocean Place Resort and Conference Center in Long Branch, N.J. A fine article appeared in the SJBC newsletter (go to www.bottleclub.org)

Bottles Along the Mohawk

Mohawk Valley Bottle Collectors Association Utica, N.Y.

A club roster with all contact information was included with the August newsletter. A "Chinese Auction" was held to sell six bottles belonging to the late Pete Zacek. All money from the auction will be placed in the club treasury.

The FOHBC's new website was highly lauded. Check it out (www.fohbc.org). Several newsletter editors have commented very favorably on the new

look of the website.

Also reported in the August newsletter was the sale of a rare cobalt blue teepee soda, embossed "A.L. EDIC," from Utica. One of only a few known examples, the soda brought a respectable \$2,750. Edic was a bottler of beer, cider vinegar, champagne cider, soda and mineral water. The bottle dated from the 1850s. Here's one to look for. It was thought to be a record for a Utica bottle.

August's program was given by regular speaker and clubmember Ron Weir on "Antique Bottle Books." He discussed the different books from the various categories of bottles and the importance these books have to the hobby. Seventy books were displayed. Members were encouraged to bring their favorite bottle reference books. This would be a good program for all clubs. September's meeting was the annual "Giant Bottle Sale", held in lieu of a program.

A report on Hurricane Irene and its effect on the east coast, including New York State, was given. It was reported that at least a billion dollars of destruction occurred in much of eastern N.Y. "We hope that all our club members and friends didn't suffer damage to themselves or property, but the devastation is so widespread that it is likely that some did," commented editor Jon Landers. President Jim Bender echoed these comments in his column. The annual Schoharie antique show was cancelled south of Albany.

The fall bottle shows in New York State were promoted, with members encouraged to attend and support them. In September and October, there were shows in Albany, Buffalo (Depew), Dryden (near Ithaca), Scriba (near Syracuse), and the annual NYS Milk Bottle Picnic and Show.

Applied Seals

Genesee Valley Bottle Collectors Assoc. Rochester, N.Y.

Many members of the club and other clubs set up together at the huge Madison-Bouckville Antique Show in central New York. Calling themselves the "Bottle Nuts," they gather for nearly a week (Mon.-Sun.) in August each year. The show encompasses the entire village of Bouckville, on historic Rt. 20, plus another 600+ dealers on a large cornfield just south of town. It is THE event of the year, drawing many thousands of eager buyers from everywhere. They know where to find good bottles!

Editor Jim Bartholomew frequently includes correspondence received by the club in the newsletter. This month's inquiry was about "Peewee" pop bottles, from Rochester.

GVBCA has a new member - a nine-year-old boy named Graham, who attended his first meeting in September. Graham brought a basket full of bottles he found. He also likes coins. His enthusiasm is great.

An article on the auction of the late Gerald Laverty, a longtime member, was written by editor Jim Bartholomew. Gerry was known nationally as the "Apple Parer Guru." His auction consisted of over 850 apple parers of every description, including one called "Climax" from Lodi, N.Y. that brought \$9,500. New York State is one of the leading apple producing states, from where many of the parers originated. Jerry also collected Scottish and English whiskey jugs. There were well over 100 different examples sold.

September's speaker was Brian Glise, who collects trade tokens. The club was fascinated by the many types of tokens available.

Midwest Regional News

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Hello, bottle collectors!
Welcome to the September/October 2011 installment of the MidwestRegionnewsreport. We love to hear from the Midwest bottle clubs - so keep sending

in those news items... please, please, please and thank you! Kind Regards, Joe Coulson (email: JCoulson@LeaderJar.com; postal: 10515 Collingswood Ln., Fishers, IN 46037)

Antique Bottle Club of Northern Illinois

Dorothy Furman is newsletter editor of the *ABCNI*, and Jeff Dahlberg is president. The club has been holding its meetings at the Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck, Antioch, Ill.

The July club meeting was held at the home of John and Claudia Panek. The members related some hilarious stories of dig experiences before being treated to a culinary delight provided by the Paneks. Everyone also enjoyed a tour of John and Claudia's collections housed in upstairs showcases and a lower level filled with a history of Chicago on lighted shelves.

The August club meeting was called to order at the home of Kay and Ron Neumann, Sr. Greg Schuneman displayed a "T. Becker / Blue Island, Ill." Hutchinson, which was gleaned after a tree blew down in a neighbor's yard, and it was found under the tree roots. Ron Neumann, Sr. said that he pulled 700 golf balls, an 1860 creamer and 9 Hutes from a recent river excursion.

For information on joining the ABCNI, you may contact: Dorothy Furman, 26287 W. Marie Ave., Antioch, IL 60002.

Findlay Antique Bottle Club

Marianne Dow maintains the club's website, which has news items posted almost weekly as well as pictures from the club's past shows. You should check out the club's website: <http://finbotclub.blogspot.com/>. Richard Elwood is president. Monthly meetings are held at the University of Findlay .

Circle City Bottle Club

Dave Berry is president. The club generally meets on the last Wednesday of the month at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. You can find out more about the Circle City Bottle Club by contacting Martin Van Zant: 208 Urban St., Danville, Indiana 46122. Membership dues are \$10 per year.

Ohio Bottle Club

Phyllis Koch (editor) and Dennis Peine (secretary) are doing a very nice job with *The Ohio Swirl*, the OBC's newsletter. Terry Crislip is president.

The August newsletter mentioned

the passing of Ralph Bowman. Adam Koch wrote the following remembrance article on Ralph:

With the passing of Ralph Bowman on August 8, 2011, another big part of the history of The Ohio Bottle Club is gone. Ralph had been a very important member since the very beginning of the club. The Bowmans, Ralph and Betty, were part of the founding members of The Ohio Bottle Club in the late 1960s. Ralph had seen an ad in the newspaper for the meeting of a bottle club. He said to Betty, "let's go", and so they did. They enjoyed themselves and became members right away.

Ralph had been a very strong contributor to *The Ohio Swirl*, probably wrote more stories than any other member. His last article was only a few months ago. Ralph, along with Betty, were strong supporters of all our bottle shows, by setting up as dealers at the shows and volunteering as workers for most of them. Ralph, who was 92 at the time of his death, was born in Accident, Maryland July 5, 1919. Ralph was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was also a member of First United Methodist Church in Akron, a member of The Men's Garden Club, and a 32nd degree Mason, Grotto and O.E.S. Chapter 102. Ralph retired as a carpenter from Local #639 in 1981.

Ralph and Betty enjoyed 47 years together. He will be sorely missed by his beloved wife and The Ohio Bottle Club membership.

For more information on joining the OBC, please contact Berny Baldwin (treasurer), 1931 Thorpe Circle, Brunswick, OH 44212. The club also has a new website which can be found at: <http://www.ohiobottleclub.com>. Details about their milk bottle book can be found there also.

Kalamazoo Antique Bottle Club

In the August newsletter, the following info was reported by Al Holden (newsletter editor):

Scott Hendricksen had some really nice bottles to display at the last meeting from their dig west of Kalamazoo near the William's Ghost Town. The grand

total was 250 bottles from a shallow 10 feet by 10 feet trash pit! Man, that is my kind of digging. Chuck Parker and Scott told us the elderly property owner was a real gem of a person! They had wanted to get him a gift card to Fricano's, a very nice dining spot in the area, and he said it brought back too many memories he shared with his deceased wife.

Then Chuck mentioned the only other place nearby was the McDonald's at the Alamo Exit off U.S. 131. The gentleman remarked to the guys about McDonald's, "They have tasty food."

It almost pained me to tell you that! I guess somebody must like McNuggets besides my granddaughter. So, the guys remembered to bring some McGoodies on their visits, which was greatly appreciated, we are told. It truly sounds like it was a great dig! As most of you know, I love antique bottles, but I think the "rusty gold" is neat, too!

The guys dug an antique cast iron toy train boxcar with the large letters ICE on it. Another thing was a very cool cast iron bank with a monkey who tips his hat as he deposits a coin into the little bank vault! Man, I love that stuff! Back during World War II, the scrap drives spelled doom for many of these neat items in order for America to spell VICTORY! Of course, that also spells RARE!

Here is a run down of the bottle finds recorded in the last great dig at that location. The diggers from the club were Dee Cole, Chuck Parker and Scott Hendricksen. (4) Lyon's for the Hair; (1) Teal blue cone ink; (1) Wolverine Cough Co., Paw Paw, Michigan (Bartram & Milton); (2) Stoneware bottles; (1) Brazen's Shave Cream (pot lid); (1) Cobalt blue Farrin & Williams Co. (monogram) Detroit, Mich.; (1) Perrigo Medicine, Allegan, Mich.; (1) Charles Young Druggist, Kalamazoo, Mich.; (1) Foley's Bladder & Kidney Cure, Chicago, Ill.; (1) Amber colored Chumard's Cider, Muskegon, Mich.; (1) Kodul Dyspepsia Cure, E.C. Dewitt & Company; (1) Dr. T.W. Craydon's Diseases of the Lungs, Cincinnati, Ohio; (1) E.E. Sutherland Medicine Company, Puducah, Ky.; (1) The Mother's Friend, Atlanta, Ga.; (1) The

John West Company, Chicago, Ill.; (1) Dewitt's Stomach Bitters, Chicago, Ill.

Sounds pretty cool, doesn't it! I believe there are far more undiscovered bottles out there than discovered bottles!

Chuck Parker is club president and you can contact him for more information about their club at: 607 Crocket Ave., Portage, MI 49024 (ph: 616-329-0853). The club meets regularly at the Kalamazoo Public Library, located at 315 S. Rose Street. The club has a website: <http://www.kalamazoobottleclub.org/>.

Wabash Valley Antique Bottle & Pottery Club

Martin Van Zant is newsletter editor for *The Wabash Cannonball*, the WVABPC's monthly newsletter. Doug Porter is president.

The WVABPC holds monthly meetings at Shadows Auction Barn, 1517 Maple Ave., Terre Haute, Ind. Club dues are \$10/yr. For more information, please contact Tony Stringfellow (treasurer), P.O. Box 690, Farmersburg, IN 47850.

Iowa Antique Bottleers

Mark Wiseman is newsletter editor and does a great job each month. Mike Magee does the minutes quarterly and supplies Mark with articles that Mark selects for the newsletter. Tom Southard is president.

The following information comes from the Iowa Bottle History column in the September newsletter:

In last month's Diggers Scoop column, I described a bottle I had dug embossed "The Drake Sanitarium, Des Moines, Iowa" – only the second one I had ever found. My research on the Drake Sanitarium starts in the 1893 Des Moines City Directory which has an advertisement for the Drake Sanitarium in Hyde Park near the fairgrounds. J.H. Drake is listed as the Proprietor and Manager, with his residence the same. The ad lists "Water", "A little west of the building is one of nature's gifts to ailing humanity – artesian well which is unusually rich with the best approved mineral properties, a specific for numerous diseases." Is this

what was in the little amber bottles? Possibly a sample size? The location of Hyde Park is somewhat mysterious later listed as being at the east end of North (later University Ave.) and east of Fairview. I have no earlier listings in the Des Moines City Directories for the Drake Sanitarium or J.H. Drake, although the later advertisements indicate "Established 1889." The 1894 and 1895 City Directories list the Drake Sanitarium, J.H. Drake MD propr at 706 4th which would be on the west side of Des Moines. The 1896 City Directory indicates the Drake Sanitarium at 826 4th where they are listed through 1901. It is interesting to note that the 1896 City Directory also has the first listing for the Hyde Park Sanitarium, at Hyde Park near the fairgrounds. The Hyde Park Sanitarium is listed in the 1896 through 1899 City Directories (gone in 1900) and is blacked out on the 1901 Sanborn map. The 1920 Sanborn map does have a map of it as a vacant building on East 33rd Street, which would place it north of the fairgrounds in the same location. So it appears the Drake Sanitarium was originally at the same location as the later Hyde Park Sanitarium which only managed to stay in business four years.

The IAB newsletters always contain wonderful digging stories by Mark Wiseman. He has a regular column, "The Digger's Scoop," that tells of his local digging adventures with his dog, the old truck, and various digging friends that join him. You can find out more about IAB membership (\$15/yr.) from: The Iowa Antique Bottleers, c/o Mark C. Wiseman, 3505 Sheridan Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50310.

Minnesota's 1st Antique Bottle Club

Barb Robertus is editor of the MFABC newsletter, *The Bottle Digger's Dope*. Linda Sandell takes care of the printing and mailing.

Membership in the MFABC is \$10/yr. For more information, please contact Linda Sandell, 7735 Silver Lake Road #208, Moundsview, MN 55112.

Jelly Jammers

Pat Van Dyke is president and Margaret Shaw is newsletter editor.

The Summer 2011 Jelly Jammers Journal reported this information on an antique "JELLYCON" Trade Card:

Phyllis Pahlmann purchased this trade card at the FOHBC Memphis National Bottle Show in June. It is in perfect condition. The back of the card gives a lot of information on the product and the molds provided by the E.S. Burnham Co. of New York. This product preceded Jell-O and wasn't meant to be a jelly but a jelly-like dessert. By purchasing the product and collecting trademarks from the package you could order the molds.

An October 10, 1915 ad for JELLYCON in the Elyria, Ohio Evening Telegram proclaimed:

"JELLYCON IS THE PIONEER of all jelly powders"

"JELLYCON has been on the market for thirty-two years; continually produced by the originators, so constantly improving it till they have earned for JELLYCON the well-deserved title of 'Jelly Powder of Purity and Merit.'"

That would set the founding date at 1882. It is curious that ads for clam bullion were often found in newspapers in the mid-1880s, but made no mention of Burnham's Hasty JELLCON. A grocer's ad in the North Adams, Massachusetts Transcript on March 3, 1889 described "JELLYCON TABLE DESSERT" as something new. From this, one might speculate that JELLYCON actually got its start later than 1883, and perhaps after Pearle Wait started peddling his invention of Jell-O door to door in 1897. However, the fact that an ad describes a product as new does not necessarily mean it made its first appearance quite recently. Ads for Jell-O in 1900 described it as the new dessert.

You can find out more about the Jelly Jammers by contact Margaret Shaw: 6086 W. Boggstown Rd., Boggstown, IN 66110, email: meshaw@franklinisp.net. Membership is \$15 per year.

Midwest Antique Fruit Jar & Bottle Club

The MAFJBC has members nationwide and is heavily fruit jar focused. Meetings are generally held the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Cantina at Minnetrista, which is located in Muncie, Indiana. Dave Rittenhouse is president and Joe Coulson is editor.

In the July newsletter, there was extensive coverage of the Muncie July Fruit Jar Round-Up event at The Signature Inn. This is an annual three day weekend event. There were several seminars on Friday, July 8th, as well as the big show and tell Get-Together on Saturday and auction immediately following.

Jeff Harper moderated a discussion group regarding fruit jars having a full patent date (not just the year) on the front, other than the common Nov. 30TH 1858 and July 14th 1908 patent dates. The kicker was to explain what was actually patented on that date, if known. Jeff brought his laptop computer with wireless Internet connection to assist in finding the patent information. (<http://www.uspto.gov/>)

Greg Spurgeon displayed an aqua quart F&J BODINE M A N U F A C T U R E R S PHILADELPHIA PA FEB 12 1867 with an original closure that had japanning on the inside and tinning on the top. Joe Coulson displayed a Torrey's Egyptian Fruit Jar Patented March 13TH 1866.

Tom Caniff gave a seminar on product jars that had original labels. Tom is a widely recognized authority on the subject, and he writes the monthly Fruit Jar Rambles column in the *Antique Bottle & Glass Collector* magazine. Tom displayed many rare and wonderfully labeled early fruit jars.

Jean Harbron moderated a discussion group regarding fruit jars made in Indiana but not by the Ball Brothers Company. There were many obscure Indiana glass houses due to the abundant supply of natural gas in the decade just before 1900.

All the known solid pour fruit jars were brought together for the first time

in an exhibit. Dick Cole gave a talk about why these are such scarce items, and how difficult they are to make. Dick is a retired Ball Corporation employee, and was curator for many years at the Minnetrista museum in Muncie.

The MAFJBC has a website: <http://www.fruitjar.org>. Future meeting details as well as lots and lots of pictures from their semi-annual shows can be found there. Membership is \$15 per year.

Metropolitan Detroit Antique Bottle Club

The Metropolitan Detroit Antique Bottle Club, founded in March 1971, has been actively meeting again since January 2010. Mike Brodzik is newsletter editor as well as president. At the June meeting, he presented the topic: "Pontil Typology."

The meeting involved much milling about and the admiring of many interesting different types of pontil bottles. He did a short PowerPoint presentation that illustrated the pontil process and types. Bob Alexander most graciously distributed some free buttons that he had made that very same day which stated "I Collect Open Pontils" and "Ask Me About the Detroit Bottles Club." Wearing them will always be a conversation starter. Mike would like to thank those that brought bottles from their collections and finds. He brought a grouping of bottles from a range of time periods to show the different types of pontils. Tom Schichtel showed off his pontil bottles that he has recovered from the river. Jim Clancy brought a sampling of four open pontil bottles. Femia Alberts had a nice grouping of bottles which included the cutest iron pontil umbrella ink, which was very unusual for such a tiny pontil. Rick Ryan brought his example of Coffeen's Liniment No 2 which he had found in the river a few years back.

The topic for the July meeting was "Patriotic Bottles." Femia Alberts brought a beautiful flask that she had found diving down in Bermuda. It was found on the shipwreck, the Caesar, which wrecked May 18, 1818.

You can find out more about the

MDABC and its monthly meeting schedule by contacting Mike Brodzik (586-219-9980).

1st Chicago Bottle Club

Ray and Peggy Komorowski are newsletter editors. Carl Malik is president.

The program for the June club meeting was "Chicago Food Bottles."

Lou Metzinger brought in an amber Armour bottle and a Nash's Happy Time Mustard with paper label (the little jar was made to look like an alarm clock). I Malik brought in a Huss-Roler Preserve Co. crock and a Ralph H. Townsend stoneware jar. Craig Wright showed a White Bear product jar and a Frank Macveach Table Syrup jar. Carl Christensen said he couldn't find a food bottle to bring, so he showed a Mermaid Pain Expeller bottle with a mermaid embossed on it. Still a nice bottle, no matter what the program is. Junior Gibson showed us his collection of labeled pottery and glass food product containers. These included Wichert's Catsup, New Chicago Baking Powder and Chicago Trophy Catsup. Plus some Weir jars with paper labels, Richelieu, Montclair, La Salle and Edelweiss. John Panek finished out the program with several nice bottles, including Yergin's Russian Oil, W. Hutching's Syrup, and a Franklin Macveach bottle with a screw top with holes in it, so the bottle could be used as a salt or pepper shaker.

For more information on the 1st Chicago Bottle Club you may contact Ray and Peggy Komorowski by phone: 708-848-7947, or email: midwestbottlednews@gmail.com

North Star Historical Bottle Club

Steve Ketcham is president and Doug Shilson edits the *North Star Historical Bottle News*. Steve sent out an "e-Newsletter" reporting the news for July and August.

In the July newsletter, a report was given on the Red Wing show by Ketcham: Included in the show report were several photos, such as this one of: "Not one but two examples of Boy With Crock were shown in the rarities section of the display room this year.

What a treat to see two of these rare lunch hour pieces side by side.”

In the August newsletter, it was reported that Dennis Nygaard displayed many of his Sherwood Brothers stoneware bottles at the Iowa show.

For more information on joining the NSHBA, please contact Doug Shilson: 3308 32 Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55406-2015.

Flint Antique Bottle Club

Tim and Angie Buda are the newsletter editors.

The club meets regularly at the Grand Blanc Heritage Museum, 203 Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan on the second Thursday of the month from 7 – 9 p.m. You can find out more about the club by contacting Bill Heatley (810-214-1850) or Tim & Angie Buda (989-271-9193).

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At the September meeting, Bob Bunn showed his collection of all root beer bottles with beautiful graphics. He displayed ACL half-gallon root beers from Richardson's, Dad's, Schueler's, Glass Barrel, Sunnyside (from Joliet), Sky High, Mother's Pride, Regent, Adam's Papoose, 3-color Tom Sawyer and Uncle Tom's. He also displayed pints from Chicago, Lombardi's, Twain's, Old Dutch and Mrs. Wagner's. Bob showed Club

Car bottles including a Santa Fe Fred Harvey, character bottles, Dr. Enuf, Lincoln Liquid Sunshine, Dr. Pepper, Sun Maid, Rainbow, Tux, Delight for Two, Tuxedo Club and Cleo Cola. The next time you have a root beer, think of these forerunners.

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Circle City Bottle Club

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Ohio Bottle Club

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At the August meeting, the program was "Series of Bottles." Al DeMaison had two sets to display. The first was Meadville flasks and rye bottles. They came in a nice series of colors and ranged from \$15 - \$25 in cost. The second was the violin bottles that have over seven different molds. They were made after 1940 and all are from New Jersey. The colors make a beautiful decoration, and Al mentioned the milkglass one, if you find it, is very expensive.

Dave Lyman displayed baby bottles from the 1950s and 1960s. They were from the Smith Dairy Co. and came in a box

of five for \$25 and up. He also had milk bottles of different sizes that were sold in sets of three from the Orville Dairy.

Ted Kirst brought in a series of Langley bitters bottles from 1830 to 1870. They contained medicines and herbs. Roger brought in Roger Hardesty extracts: a fine collection of bottles found with his name on them. Terry Crislip had a variety of colored pepper sauce bottles. They were dated in the 1890s and at a cost of \$35 to \$60, and if a person was lucky, he may find them at \$15. They will make a wonderful window display.

Doug Shutler had a scarce soda bottle collection from Massillon and Cincinnati from 1839. They range in price from \$700 to \$1,000. The audience really enjoyed the wide variety of interesting series and thanked all who participated.

For more information on joining the OBC, please contact Berny Baldwin (treasurer), 1931 Thorpe Circle, Brunswick, OH 44212. The club also has a new website which can be found at: <http://www.ohiobottleclub.com>. Details about their milk bottle book can be found there also.

Kalamazoo Antique Bottle Club

Al Holden is newsletter editor. The following headlines appeared in the September newsletter:

Club Recovers After Cash Infusion!
Money Burning Hole In Purse!

PIZZA PARTY!

Here is what Al went on to say:

Great Headline? I thought so, too! Hey, it's only money! And after all, we are a non-profit organization! If there is anything we have learned from the leadership in Washington, it is "Spend it if you got it . . . and even if you don't!"

According to Chuck Parker, the club president, we received a cash infusion from John Pastor from the proceeds of the last bottle show. I understand John took a smaller percentage fee for his invaluable part in putting the show together and that was a big boost to the club's bottom line. I only know a small amount of what's going on in John's busy life right now and just thinking about it has me ready

for a nap! Thanks, John, for all you do for us!

The final numbers for the overall show tells us that we sold fewer tables this year and the walk-in traffic was off a little. Sadly, some of the usual table space that was left unoccupied this year was because the hobby has lost some more good people-- like "Bottle Bob." I hate to see that for the obvious reason, but what really worries me is that I don't see a lot of younger people getting into our hobby.

We were told that John cut a little fat out of the advertising budget and that helped even things out somewhat. I know! You advertising people will freak out hearing that. And yes, I know, I have heard it for decades, "Advertising doesn't cost, it pays." The truth is, the saying should be, "Smart advertising doesn't cost, it pays."

Chuck Parker can be contacted for more information about the club at: 607 Crocket Ave., Portage, MI 49024 (ph: 616-329-0853). The club meets regularly at the Kalamazoo Public Library, located at 315 S. Rose Street. The club has a website: <http://www.kalamazoobottleclub.org/>.

Wabash Valley Antique Bottle & Pottery Club

Dian Phillips (email: art_2_art@yahoo.com) is newsletter editor for *The Wabash Cannonball*, the WVABPC's monthly newsletter. Doug Porter is president.

The August meeting was the club's annual picnic. Porter cooked hamburgers and hotdogs and everyone said he did a good job. Mr. Pillow from Evansville brought a display of Evansville brewing items.

The WVABPC holds monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month at Shadows Auction Barn, 1517 Maple Ave., Terre Haute, Ind. Club dues are \$10/yr. For more information, please contact Tony Stringfellow (treasurer), P.O. Box 690, Farmersburg, IN 47850. The club has a website: <http://www.wvabpc.org/>.

Iowa Antique Bottlelers

Mark Wiseman is newsletter editor and does a great job each month. Mike Magee does the minutes quarterly and supplies Mark with articles that Mark selects for the newsletter. Tom Southard is president.

The following *Digger's Scoop* (a diggin diary) comes from Sunday, October 31st, 2010:

The plan was the same this Sunday. I met up with Charlie Musick, and we headed to Toledo, where we stopped at Jim Hamiel's house, and Mike Magee was on his way there. Jim Springer and Kevin Williams hoped to be over to dig this afternoon also. The morning diggers were ready to go back to the garden backyard where we had dug last. Charlie was sure there were some pits that were left next to the deep hole, but closer to the house. So, we soon had re-probed these areas, and he was right. There appeared to be two more pits in that area, and I found another pit much closer to the house in the garden. Mike Magee was digging the hole to the east and Charlie was in the hole on the west. Charlie was soon very excited in his pit as he held up a whole half gallon amber "Globe" jar.

I [Mark Wiseman] was digging also and found two "Paine's Celery Compound" bottles in my shallow pit, and a "Mrs. Bower's Bluing, Chicago, Ill." bottle. My pit was soon finished, but Charlie was continuing to find items. He found a milkglass bottle embossed "Velvetine, Skin Beautifier, Goodrich Drug Company, Omaha USA," a doll's head, a Mazda light bulb, an ironstone oval lid, an aqua Globe jar lid, and an amber "Parker's Hair Balsam." In the bottom of his hole there was a damaged quart amber "Globe" jar.

Jim Hamiel was digging the bottom of the hole Mike had started, which was pretty empty except for some old spectacles and a glass pitcher which would have had a metal lip.

After finishing these two pits, filling them back in and raking up, we probed a little more as Kevin Williams and Jim Springer had arrived. Mike Magee had obtained permission for another vacant

lot in town, so we all headed over to it. The lot had once had a house on it which was on the 1875 map. The owners were two elderly women who had an antique store next door. They wanted to watch us as we all began to probe and test holes in the vacant lot. There were several test holes in the back of the lot that were empty, but there were two pits about midway in the yard – not far from a large bush. The hole closest to the bush was about five feet deep and was filled with a lot of glass, but most of it was broken. There were two whole "Rumford's Chemical Works" bottles, a "Dr. Baker's Pain Relief" bottle, a damaged aqua "Globe" quart jar, a "Dr King's New Discovery, Chicago, Ill.," a "Sperm Sewing Machine Oil" bottle, an "El Sinore Perfume Co." bottle, a "B.F. Stinson & Co, Buffalo N.Y. USA" shoe polish-type bottle, a round ink, a cone ink, a whole ironstone coffee cup, and a gluer fancy glass dish.

The other pit in this yard was not very productive with only an unembossed amber drug store type bottle and a figurine head found. Jim Springer and I had moved on to another lot I had gotten permission for a block and a half to the south. The hole we had found was in the side of a slope down to a garage and was really too new, but there was a nice ironstone doll's head, a lid for a cigar jar, a "Whittemore French Glass" bottle, and a marble.

One other shallow trash pit was dug with a doll's leg, and a pipe and a stem found. It was getting late, so we quit for the day and headed over to Jim Hamiel's house, spread out the finds on Mike Magee's tailgate, took some photos, and made a list.

The IAB newsletters always contain wonderful digging stories by Mark Wiseman. He has a regular column, "The Digger's Scoop," that tells of his local digging adventures with his dog, the old truck, and various digging friends that join him. You can find out more about IAB membership (\$15/yr.) from: The Iowa Antique Bottlelers, c/o Mark C. Wiseman, 3505 Sheridan Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50310.

Minnesota's 1st Antique Bottle Club

Barb Robertus is editor of the MFABC newsletter, *The Bottle Digger's Dope*. Linda Sandell takes care of printing and mailing.

The September newsletter contained the following report from member Fran Rutherford on her sister, Mary Essig, who recently passed away:

It is with great sadness that I report the death of my beloved sister, Mary Essig, on August 26th after a brave fight with cancer. She and Denny are really the ones responsible for getting me involved in bottle collecting, and getting Minnesota First organized.

While Denny was stationed in Florida they started digging for bottles. I remember thinking, STRANGE! When they returned here, I understood their fascination. One day at an antique show, I noticed and bought some bottles to add to their collection. They never got them. I was hooked. What fun we had together digging and scrounging. If snakes were there it was my job to get rid of them.

In the 1960s there was little info on the common bottles we were digging, so we had a great time trying to find out the mystery of purple catsup bottles and how to tell how old they were, etc. We wondered if there were other collectors out there, so I had a sale and mentioned bottles. Pat Sorensen came. She knew a few others and contacted them. From that spark came "Minnesota's 1st Antique Bottle Club."

Membership in the MFABC is \$10/yr. For more information, please contact Linda Sandell, 7735 Silver Lake Road #208, Moundsview, MN 55112.

Jelly Jammers

Pat Van Dyke is president and Margaret Shaw is newsletter editor.

The club has just started a website. More content will be published in the future: <http://www.jellyjammers.com/>

You can find out more about the Jelly Jammers by contact Margaret Shaw: 6086 W. Boggstown Rd., Boggstown, IN 66110, email: meshaw@franklinisp.net. Membership is \$15 per year.

Midwest Antique Fruit Jar & Bottle Club

The MAFJBC has members nationwide and is heavily fruit jar focused. Their meetings are generally held the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Cantina at Minnetrista, which is located in Muncie, Indiana. Dave Rittenhouse is president and Joe Coulson is editor.

In the August newsletter the following was mentioned during the club's show and tell session:

Dick Cole displayed an example of the PENLEY jar that he mentioned at the July Fruit Jar Round-Up. It was a clear jelly jar (base: Made in China) (metal lid: PENLEY ® / Quality Products Since 1923 / For MASON Regular Mouth Jars). Penley needed metal lids and bands manufactured, so they contracted with Jarden in Muncie. Penley went out of business for some reason, so the jars and lids and bands are sitting in a warehouse in Muncie. These jars have never been released to the public.

In the September newsletter a new jar variation was reported discovered. Jeff Harper recently found an unlisted round (front) Ball® (reverse) El Monte fruit jar. It is embossed around the edge on the base "XXIII L. A. OLYMPICS 1984" with a figure of the official mascot Sam (an eagle dressed like Uncle Sam) dribbling a basketball. Los Angeles is within 15 miles of El Monte, California. This is probably an unofficial jar.

The MAFJBC has a website: <http://www.fruitjar.org>. Future meeting details as well as lots and lots of pictures from their semi-annual shows can be found there. Membership is \$15 per year.

Metropolitan Detroit Antique Bottle Club

The Metropolitan Detroit Antique Bottle Club was founded in March 1971 and has been actively meeting again since January 2010. Mike Brodzik is newsletter editor as well as club president.

Mike reported the following in the September newsletter: Summer is winding down and the temperature is again bearable. The opportunity to dig

and dive for bottles is still good in the Fall. The St. Clair River is still giving up bottles to the divers and I have heard that bottles are being dug in Detroit in some construction areas. We had a good meeting in August with the presentation on insulators given by Bob Alexander. It was extremely colorful and informative. Bob had many great stories of hunting for insulators and of collecting snakes that brought many laughs.

Recent Finds - There was a nice representation of bottles found by divers at the September meeting. Jim Clancy recently found in Marine City a wonderful sapphire-blue mineral water with a beautiful iron pontil and a functional Putnam closure. It is embossed JOHN SUPERIOR MINERAL WATER CLEVELAND, O. If I [Mike Brodzik] were closer to Cleveland, I might be able to get to all the Cleveland city directories, but some quick research tells us the following. John Schrink was in business from approximately 1845-1861. The directories list him as a grocer in 1845 and 1850. In 1846, he is listed as a grocery and family supply store. In 1861, he is listed as a confectionary and dealer in fruits, cigars, etc. A very nice bottle that most any diver would like to find.

You can find out more about the MDABC and its monthly meeting schedule by contacting Mike Brodzik (586-219-9980).

1st Chicago Bottle Club

Ray and Peggy Komorowski are newsletter editors. Carl Malik is club president.

From Ken Farnsworth in the September newsletter: Believe it or not, my "Bottled in Illinois: 1840-1880" book is all but done! Our production office is now in the process of indexing it and soliciting bids from printers. The book will be hardback, with a color cover and over 1,000 color figures. It is just shy of 800 pages long. We're making every effort to get it printed in time for the Chicago bottle show at the end of October.

From the October newsletter:

The 1st Chicago Bottle Club mourns the loss of longtime member Barbara Harms. She passed away on September 27th after a long and valiant battle with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Harms family.

John and Claudia Panek lovingly wrote the following piece: Remembering Barbara

Barbara Ann Harms died in her sleep at home under hospice care at 5:30 a.m., Monday morning, September 27, 2011. She had valiantly fought cancer for over 1-1/2 years.

Barbara was the backbone of our club. For over 35 years, she served in numerous capacities as a club officer and member of our executive board. Perhaps her most important role was as the longtime editor of our club's newsletter, *The Midwest Bottled News*. She was supremely dedicated to our club and was always concerned, even in the last week of her life, about the condition and future of our club.

Barbara was also a dedicated collector who pursued her specialties in a determined fashion. Among some of her specialized collections were Carter's inks, Piso's Cures, Clayton Dog Remedies, Jumbo jars, ladies' compacts, beaded handbags, multi-view postcards, spice tins, miniature glass creamers and others. And, Barbara had many opportunities to start and add to these collections because she and Bob would attend and/or set up at over twenty bottle shows a year! They would be seen from Los Angeles to St. Petersburg to Ballston Spa and all points within the U.S. where there was a bottle show. Their overseas trips included attendance at bottle shows in Australia, New Zealand and England.

The common thread at all of these shows she attended or participated in her life was that she made lifelong friends at all of them. She was a "people" person with the innate ability to connect on a personal level with you. Thus, in the mid 1970s, Barbara became our close and dear friend. She and Bob were our Caribbean cruise ship companions, annual Las Vegas and Reno Bottle Show attendees with us since 1988

and, of course, our legendary gambling casino buddies.

With all of the above said, Barbara found time to serve a few terms as treasurer of the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors, president of her church parish's women's club, and, an active participant in the local historical society and library board. All of this while being the devoted and loving wife of Bob and mother of 8 children, 4 stepchildren, 30 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

We have tried to provide a brief glimpse into the life of an extraordinary and remarkable woman who will be deeply missed, not only by her family and us, but by countless others who she befriended during her life. Godspeed, Barbara Ann.

For more information on the 1st Chicago Bottle Club you may contact Ray and Peggy Komorowski by phone: 708-848-7947, or email: midwestbottlednews@gmail.com

North Star Historical Bottle Club

Susy Olsen is editor of the *North Star Historical Bottle News*. Dennis Nygaard is president. Susy has converted the club's newsletter to an electronic format (.PDF).

Here is an excerpt of the "Diggin' Digging" column from the October newsletter written by Dave Labno and Jeff Springer:

The following dig directly led to our October program. How? Read on. I don't get out digging much as four kids and work keep me more than busy. I've been lucky the three times I've been out this year. In August, Jeff Springer and I dug an 8-foot pit in Faribault. The property was very dry even before our recent dry spell. We found two spots that appeared to be about 4 to 5-foot deep with most of the crunchies on the surface. The first pit was a dud. 5 feet deep and one bottle. Completely dipped! Pit two was deceiving. It seemed small and shallow but as we dug through construction debris from about 1900, we hit clay. In the hard clay at the 4-foot level were little bits of burned wood and a few shards. So we

kept going. Off to the side were many rocks and metal. Underneath all of this at about 5 to 6 feet we hit black wood ash. Soon we brought up a green cone ink, then a Mrs. Stewart's Faribault, Wisconsin Glass. Several more broken Mrs. Stewart's Faribaults also came out and then a broken Wisconsin Glass: Mrs. Stewart's Minneapolis! They must have had some very dirty clothes. Our clothes were getting quite dirty when we found the best bottle in the hole – an unknown gravitator from Sheeran, Misgen and Filler, Faribault. Several pharmacies popped out from Crocker Brothers, Stevens and on the bottom, a Philip Johnson Faribault pharmacy in honey amber! What a great late 70s/early 80s hole. There were many broken fancy items, interesting fruit jars and figurines as well as three "World Cosmoline" bottles with the globe on front (gun grease). It turned out that the hole was not shallow and was at least 4 by 6 feet – the rocks and clay played tricks on our probes. We've done some research on the rare gravitator and will share this info in a future article.

For more information on joining the NSHBA, you may contact Dennis Nygaard (denvirny@aol.com) or Susy Olsen (ga2hafun@gmail.com). The club meets on the third Sunday of the month, September through May at 7:00pm at the Hiawatha YMCA, 4100 28th Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Flint Antique Bottle Club

Tim and Angie Buda are newsletter editors.

The club meets regularly at the Grand Blanc Heritage Museum, 203 Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan on the second Thursday of the month from 7 – 9 p.m. You can find out more about the club by contacting Bill Heatley (810-214-1850) or Tim & Angie Buda (989-271-9193).

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Bottle Bug Briefs

Forty-Niner Historical Bottle Association

In an attempt to bring in a diversity of collecting hobbies to the club, a program was presented by Larry Carpenter on The Pony Express. He has been a member of the California State Division of the National Pony Express Association since 1983 and corresponding secretary since 1990. Also to his credit is the fact that he has been a consultant to book, magazine and free lance writers. Larry publicizes the annual Pony Express Re-ride, acts as media contact for the association and was editor of the monthly newsletter for the California State Division.

"He has been a rider and participated in the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay by riding as a torch bearer in Kansas." He even finds time to teach school. Larry's program covered the Pony Express from Sacramento to St. Joseph, Missouri. Members really got into the mood of the program by bringing in related objects. Here's the kicker: One member brought in a few finds from a Pony Express station dig!

In addition to the finds mentioned at one summer meeting from a Pony Express station dig, other members of the club tried their hand at showing off their items at another meeting. Max Bell displayed a large Chinese food container he dug earlier this year and a ladies leg wine, "Udolpho Wolfe's Aromatic Schnapps," and a small display case with buckles. Talk about diversity in collecting. Jim Kuykendall displayed a bunch

of bottles and among them was a three-sided Log Cabin Bitters, cobalt Carter's Ink, a green Carter's Ink and a green gin, Cosmopoliet J. J. Melchers Schiedam.

The Corker

Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society

An article entitled, "Justin Liquor Co – Bad Whiskey or Bad Timing?" that was obtained from collector and dealer Bruce Silva's website, is an interesting read. Here is some of what is covered in the article: Bruce reports that the Justin Liquor cylinders are gutsy bottles. "Full Measure / Full Quart was the order of the day." He said that the bottles were ugly and awkward in appearance. Petaled and swirled shoulders were added to the lineup of molds offered by the glass works. Bruce also believed that the cost must have been prohibitive because few wholesalers were interested in the fancy molds. One order for two different Justin fancy shoulder bottles was filled at the glassworks. Both were embossed "The / Justin / Liquor / Co. / S.F. Cal." They used a circular slug plate. One was embossed "Full Quart" above "The", the other was embossed "Net Contents 32 oz." at the base on the obverse.

Bruce tells us that the bottles are rare. He said "We've had a total of three over the years, two with net contents (one was damaged) and only one of the Full Quarts." He doesn't recall seeing more than a couple of others.

The article covers the fact that "No record of the Justin Liquor Company exists prior to 1905." It seems, according to what Bruce researched, that the Justin Liquor Company disappeared just as fast as it surfaced. There was no record or mention of the company after 1905.

The Whittlemark

Los Angeles Historical Bottle Club

The highlight of one of this club's newsletters was an interview conducted with Ray Thompson, president of the Montana Bottle Collectors Association. When there was a lull in this year's Montana show, Ray kicked back and readily agreed to be asked about how he got started in the bottle collecting hobby. This man is not a person "of few words," but he did try to limit himself somewhat, knowing that his interview had to be short enough to be included in a newsletter. He said he could have embellished it further, but he tried to stay on course. He told of his interest barely starting when he was 6 to 14 years old. He kicked around checking on rocks and relics in old cabins, but he was just doing what a kid would do at that age. He had no serious interest yet. At the age of 18 he had a seasonal job with the Forest Service cleaning up camp grounds. He found some discarded black glass ales, Hostetter's and other embossed bottles with their tops chipped off. His estimate of his findings dated back to the 1860s. "He saw free blown bottles and thought they were unusual." In the late 1960s he realized that collecting was "going great guns" so he gravitated toward collecting along a mining camp site. He started digging and reading old bottles magazines "in an attempt to start educating himself on what he was finding." Ray got involved with the Montana club early on and proudly showed a display of bottles from "The Gold Rush era of the 1860s and early 1870s" at this year's Montana bottle show.

The Big Sky Glass Gazette

The Montana Bottle Collectors Association

Reggie's track hoe was brought "to the rescue" once again. Vice President James Campiglia wrote of "The Monster Dump Outhouse" dig on Monday, July 11, 2011. He called it "the trade token dig of a lifetime." Reggie had done "his thing" with his track hoe and Ray Thompson was pulling out "a real nice pontilled, possible flint glass, very fancy clear back bar bottle" by the time James was able to join them to help finish the outhouse. James said there was no embossment on the bottle and that it had some damage, but it turns out that Ray was happy to take it home, regardless. When James took his turn he "started popping tokens out left and right!" Bill Henness was leaning over the edge of the deep hole watching "lucky" James. Some old newspaper was discovered in the hole that held more green corroded tokens. James said, "Ray counted upwards of 80!" Until the tokens had been cleaned up, James speculated that some might be coins. James gave Ray credit for really being able to read the soil and share a wealth of knowledge. Well, what did the guys find? James puts it this way: "Three Walker whiskey flasks were found in two variants (which now reside in my collection). The rarest bottle found was a J.P. Ryan Park & Wyoming, Butte, Mont. medicine bottle-type whiskey in about a half pint size (dug by Bill). An aside by James: "This rare find allows a once unique bottle to now reside in two collections." A guess is that "a good 100 bottles were found from this saloon pit." Actually James mentioned that bottles were found before his arrival in two different holes. He figured at least 150 bottles were awaiting his inspection when

he pulled up. He said that four Dr. J. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters from two different glass companies were among them.

There was some sifting going on between Ray and Bill early Tuesday with a find of a few more tokens. One of the finds on Tuesday was "The Specific A No. 1 Cure... a nice 1892 aqua bottle." Rain accompanied the Tuesday dig, but it didn't stop the guys; however, "they laid out only about 40 of the best bottles and divvied them up." Bill found a Hooker English Remedy cobalt medicine that James said he ended up with after the guys did their choosing. It was the intent that the boxes of the common bottles might be parted with at a show where Bill and James planned to sell. James said, "Bill and I plan to set up and tell others about our club and the fabulous hobby we are involved in."

The Stumptown Report

Oregon Bottle Collectors Association

This club's member Garth Ziegenhagen and Bruce Silva, who is someone we know who we see at the Jefferson State Antique Bottle & Collectibles show, both attended the 2011 Reno Show and noted their experiences in an issue of this club's newsletter (requested by Bill Bogynska) who holds three positions with this club. Garth started his writeup about the show with "It pays to have a brother-in-law in Reno and a sister-in-law in Las Vegas."

Garth said he had several discussions and met some new contacts. He went further to say that several people were interested in his Hotaling Cutter Crown Coffin. However, he says that he still has it. His spirits rose upon making probably an unexpected purchase.

He now owns an AAA Old Valley in mint "showing" condition. There are a couple of flaws on the back that, in his opinion, do not spoil his purchase. Garth remarked that it was a "slow show" for the Oregon "go-withs," with only a 1918 mint Sumpter Railway pass that caught his eye for \$15.

Bruce started his experience by being impressed with the countryside. He appreciated the sage and desert setting without a multitude of people and spotting "small pocket mines" on a hillside. This scene created a sense of letting his "mind wander back to a simpler place in time." Of course, he had to snap back to his mission of getting to the show and connecting with some bottle buddies. Here's some of what he said happened at the show: "I was fortunate enough to have worked out a couple of trades that benefited both the trader and me. A win-win swap is always fun and gives me something fun to look back on when remembering the show." He said he's wanted a Bitter Witch for thirty years. It seems that his dream came true at this show. He says owning the Bitter Witch "really pastes a smile on my face!"

Bruce admits he liked being a part of the show instead of having to produce one. He spent his time wisely in gabbing with old friends, and meeting new people. He also reminisced in his article about remembering what the good old days were like early on. He remembered camping out in the sagebrush and described "freshly dug bottles, full of dirt, piled high on the tables." He spoke of folks being able to pack up after the show and dig for a couple of days. While memories are part of all of us, Bruce swung back around and ended his article like so: "I think the success of a show is what

you make of it. If you approach the weekend with a good attitude, a smile on your face and look for the positives, you'll have a good time." Overall, Bruce is looking forward to attending the National next year with the hope of finding some items at a good price.

The A-Z Collector

Phoenix Antiques, Bottles, and Collectibles Club

Brent Van Deman has been bringing in boxes of bottles from the Tucson Historical Society for auction. I think I've read he's done this a couple of times. Leave it to Brent, he really gets around and makes things happen. I believe the auction proceeds were probably turned over to the society.

Here's the way to get a new member, at least it worked for this club. Ray Trimbirth is the club house attendant who opens and locks the clubhouse for club meetings. It only took one meeting that he was able to attend as a visitor, to get him interested in joining the club. He collects a variety of items such as key chains and hats.

Here's an article some of which might be applicable to our bottle hobby. It is an article entitled, "Antiques - 7 Reasons Why We Collect Them" (by an unknown author). (1) Some folks collect for sentimental value. (2) Other folks like to own and run antique shops. (3) Some collect a variety of items and collect them from all over the world. (4) Antique lovers enjoy the

chase more than anything." (5) Some people look, but don't buy anything. (6) Some people want to furnish their home with antiques. (7) There are others who deal in the buying and selling. "They are hard-core, know the value, and always want to buy low and sell high." Perhaps you can relate to one or more of these listed reasons.

digger's dirt

Reno Antique Bottle Club

Here's something interesting from the "Collectors Corner" portion of this club's newsletter. There doesn't seem to be an author mentioned, but here is some information from the article "Toy Glass Candy Containers." They were first introduced in 1890. In 1930 to 1935, due to the Depression, production stopped. When production was continued, the containers were produced up to the 1960s. I read that early cap closures were made of metal. (Editor's Note: Kind of makes me think of the fact that metal cap enclosures were used on very early milk bottles).

The toy containers that seemed to be the most popular with boys were pistols, fire engines, airplanes and trains. Girls were drawn to the rolling pins, telephones, vacuum cleaners and animals. (Another Editor's Note: I doubt that girls would be drawn to rolling pins and vacuum cleaners these days). The article stated that during early times toy candy containers sold from twenty-five cents to forty cents.

Price-wise today they go for ten to thirty-five dollars.

The article says that "they make a neat collectable, but the early glass containers can be hard to find."

The Bottleneck

San Diego Antique Bottle and Collectibles Club

Of particular interest to club members was Jim Livingston's program earlier this year on his collection of ghost town and eastern California bottles. "He particularly likes the embossed bottles with the name of the town. He ended the program with 'the Toadie from Bodie' and brought a huge 38-star flag from Bodie that was spectacular."

Mike Bryant wrote of his and wife Dixie's trip to Florida. He and Dixie were invited by John Root for a private tour of their family's Coca-Cola museum. "John is the great grandson of Chapman Root, whose Root Bottling Co. made the first hobble skirt Coke bottle in 1915." Mike explained that the wing in the museum is filled with the family's collection of Coke memorabilia, race cars, delivery trucks and private train cars. The collection is housed at the Museum of Arts & Sciences in Daytona Beach. The San Diego couple said that "We felt very fortunate to have John as our guide. I highly recommend a visit." Mike's brief article featured several pictures of displays that held his attention concerning the Root Collection.

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The Tulsa Antiques & Bottle Club newsletter, edited by Richard Carr, reported that the club had its August meeting at the Coney Islander Restaurant located in downtown Tulsa. There was no program scheduled

but there was a short business meeting followed by members displaying show & tell items. A program about the history and collecting of Fort Gibson items was given by Carr at the September meeting.

The August newsletter had an interesting note about life in the 1500s.

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell so the brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a large tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all were the babies. By then, the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, don't throw the baby out with the bath water.

The September newsletter featured an interesting article about the history of model railroading.

The Glass Bubble, edited by Linda Buttstead, a newsletter of **The Suncoast Antique Bottle Collectors Association**, from the Tampa & St. Petersburg, Florida area, reported that they had a very nice June club meeting at Paul & Barb Lien's home. The club now has a Facebook Page where members can post comments, read what others have posted and share bottle information.

The July newsletter featured Joe Dill and his lifetime achievement award. Joe has served as club president, designed all the club flyers, the 4x6 cards handed out for the shows, seen to the printing of everything needed and oversaw the placement of ads for the show. As part of the award, he will always be a member with no membership dues. There was no program for July but after refreshments several members showed off bottles, stoneware, etc. they had for sale.

There was no official program for the August meeting but everyone had a great time. A discussion was held about changing the club's picnic from June or July to April when it's cooler and not so many club members are gone for the summer. No decision was made but the matter will be discussed at future meetings. The club will have an outing for all members to go to the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum for

free. The museum will be open just for the club, there will be full access to the displays and there will be one to three speakers on the history of the area. There is also a suggestion on putting a display case in the museum containing Tampa Bay Area bottles.

The Oklahoma Territory News, a newsletter of the **Oklahoma Territory Bottle & Relic Club** edited by Johnnie Fletcher reported in their August newsletter that the club's newsletter won Second Place in the Federation of Historical Bottle Collector's annual contest and a digging story he authored won Third Place in the Best True Story category. Mark Wiseman won Best Research Story for an article, he co-authored, on The Breweries of Clinton, Iowa. Mention was made of Kenny Burbrink and his sons, Casey and Owen, searching for bottles along the Little Arkansas River in Halstead, Kansas (they found several). Ed Stewart went bottle digging during July in St. Joseph, Missouri while the temperature was about a hundred degrees. Ed didn't find much and decided to wait for cooler weather to make another attempt.

There was a story about a bottle dig in Abilene, Kansas with Johnnie Fletcher, Ed Stewart, Kenny Burbrink and his seven-year-old son Owen. They dug several pits with the best bottle found, an Oakford-McIntyre Drug Co. from Herington, Kansas, which was unknown before the dig. There was another dig story in the newsletter about digging in downtown St. Joseph, Missouri at a construction site. Ed Stewart and Dan Moser dug several holes with the help of a willing backhoe operator. The finds included several rare St. Joseph drugstores, an amber St. Joseph blob beer and an Original Budweiser beer bottle along with a few pontiled bottles.

The September issue showed a photo of an unlisted Lone Wolf, Oklahoma drugstore bottle that recently had turned up and a short story on underwater metal detecting submitted by Ed Stewart. Ed found an Argentine, Kansas High School class ring and several silver coins,

while managing to keep cool, metal detecting in an old swimming hole. The newsletter also had a story about digging in Atchison, Kansas with Francis Wiltz, Johnnie Fletcher, Todd and Seth Stillings taking part. The first day's dig resulted in the finding of many Atchison drugstore bottles. The second day a German Hop Bitters 1872 and an amber Lightning fruit jar were found. A second digging story started off at a construction site in Kansas City. When that didn't pan out the intrepid diggers, Johnnie Fletcher, Mark & Brady Law, Francis Wiltz and construction site superintendent, Joe, moved operations to Atchison, Kansas where they dug several pits including one containing several pontiled bottles. The next day Francis and Johnnie dug a pit underneath a shed where a scroll flask, an O.L. Gregory Vinegar Co. mini jug, several rare Stoll's Cure-Is-Ta Cream bottles from Atchison were found

The Probe & Plunder newsletter of the **Horse Creek Antique Bottle Club** (South Carolina) reported that Geneva Greene gave a presentation on her Coca-Cola Collection that was well received by the members. It was noted that the new groundhog kiln at Pottersville (near Edgefield, S.C.) would be dedicated on July 2nd. This is an opportunity to see the excavation of the Abner Landrum kiln at Pottersville by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign archaeology team before the old kiln is covered back up. The newsletter also had a nice article about the pottery companies of 19th century South Carolina written by master potter Gary Dexter. The club visited Kenny Jarrett's Museum in Jackson, S.C., July instead of having their regular meeting.

The Bottle Talk, a newsletter of the **Raleigh (N.C.) Bottle Club**, edited by Marshall Clements, was full of color photos of bitters, whiskey flasks, milks & drugstores brought to the meeting by club members. Their August meeting featured RBC President David Tingen presenting a talk on "The Values of the Internet for Research." There was a story in the newsletter titled "A

Country Boy Can Survive,” written by Robert Creech. The story told about buying a jug from Hamlet S.C., several Pepsis from Fayetteville, N.C. and a straight-sided Coca Cola bottle from Lane, South Carolina a few years back. He paid only \$5 for the Coke bottle. He sold it on eBay for the amazing price of \$586! Not too shabby for a country boy. There was also an article on Samuel Waters, who operated the Waters & Sons Bottlers in Elizabeth City, N.C.

The Diggers Dispatch, a newsletter of the **M-T Bottle Collectors Association**, Deland, Florida, reports that their annual club picnic will be held at the home of Robin Lennon. Members will have plenty of great food as well as an opportunity to sell, bring a table for set up, or sell from the tailgate. Minutes from the May meeting were included where Dwight Pettit informed members that last year’s membership was 65 and this year they have over 90 members. During the August meeting,

Harland Pallasch, club historian, talked about the club’s beginnings in 1969 with 23 members and how in 1971 the club leased land in St. Augustine to dig. Harlan also passed around photographs of some of the original club members. Dwight Pettit was recognized in the newsletter for winning Third Place from the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors, for the 2011 Bottle Show Flyer he designed.



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