

# Show Reports

## Hutchinson, Kansas 2009 Show

By Stan Hendershot

Don't tell me you missed it again! If the reports of last year's show and sale were not enough to convince you to come this year – you missed out again! The small club that is getting started in Hutchinson, Kansas, put together another great show!

The fun started at set up and never ended. One of the things I love about this show is that you can actually drive into the building to unload your wares and set up – no carrying of heavy boxes! But, as you know, you must be ready to be met at the table by a crowd that is eager to buy just as soon as you put the items up on the table. Isn't it great to make sales even before you have to arrange your table?

The set up time was priceless as we spent time greeting good friends, visiting, looking for treasures to add to our collections, swapping stories, and working up an appetite. This is the only show I remember setting up at that provides free drinks and a homemade barbecue dinner, complete with homemade sweet potato or key lime pie! Thanks Laura! The dinner alone was worth the price of the table rent!



Jim Gray with his new book.

As word spreads about the show so does the drawing area. There were dealers from Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas, Arkansas, Nebraska, and New Mexico! Iowans – where are you? Some of the dealers who set up were: Gerry and Kathy Phifer, Bruce Mobley, Larry Oiler and Kent Johnson, Carl Jabben, Steve Hesse, Mary and Stan Maslanka, Ron and Carol Ashby, Marc McLendon, Richard Carr, Michael and Marcia Matey, M.D. Anglin and Fran Brown, Winston Painter, Boone Jeffers, Randy Kaiser, Mel and Sandy Shootman, David Faith, Mark Law, Henry Heflin, Stan Hendershot and Prentiss



Some nice Coca-Cola trays.

Whitehed, Jack Mullen, Russ Goering, Mike McJunkin, Jim Hovious, Steve Conrad, Steve Miller, Chris Dimitt, Chuck and Kathy Norris, and Jerry Simmons.

It was a nice addition to have a table set up with trade tokens and the opportunity to purchase the book on Kansas Trade Tokens that Larry Oiler and Kent Johnson had put together. I found several trade tokens from bottlers or from my current home town that just had to make their way home with me. It was also nice to have another bigger dealer of postcards set up. The postcard collectors and dealers have been slow to respond to this show and they are missing out. I culled some nice cards out of my Kansas collections that had not been offered for sale before by me and one of the few other card dealers there bought over \$800 worth of them. That helped make my show.



The best of Kansas.

There were bottles and crocks of all kinds, and from all areas there: figural bitters, colored sodas, mineral waters, historical flasks, fruit jars, inkwells, etc. Of course, I have an affinity to Kansas bottles and some of the bottles I saw there (not all for sale) were a beautiful colored whiskey flask from Jones Bothers in Topeka, Kansas; a Topeka Citrate of Magnesia, and an assortment of squat ales and amber quart blob beers from Leavenworth and Atchison. Some of the nicer Kansas bottles that traded owners were a Leavenworth City, K.T. (Kansas Territory) bottle and a shiny, red amber, Seelye's Black Horse Liniment from Abilene.

As usual, the walk in items added to the fun and excitement. One visitor brought some target balls with him including a



Mike Jordan won the AB&GC Peoples Choice for his cone ink display.

cobalt blue quilted Bogardus Patent, one not often seen in Kansas. Another lady brought a show box full of postcards to sell, and a local man brought in a fascinating old trunk stamped with the Otto Keuhne Preserving Company logon on the side. One dealer bought a mint, with stopper, Junction City, Kansas, blob top soda a man brought into the show to sell. And, another dealer traded a pontiled medicine from New Hampshire for a nice green-tinted Old Sachem Bitters barrel. These were some great





**Seelye's Black Horse Liniment.**

The Most Educational ribbon (supplied by The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors) went to Jerry Simmons for his

walk-ins, but, they didn't beat last year's walk-ins. Last year a collector/dealer bought a Brandon & Kirmeyer squat ale bottle from Leavenworth and another lady brought in a bottle that was later taken to a national auction firm and sold for over \$20,000.

The displays were both fun and educational.

New Mexico Privy Digging display. The People's Choice ribbon (supplied by Antique Bottle and Glass Collector) went to Mike Jordan for his Ink display. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place wooden plaque sent to Russ Gehring for his Root Beer display. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Place wooden plaque went to Mark Law and Gerry Phifer for their Otto Keuhne History display. And, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place wooden plaque went to Jim Hovious for his Warner Safe Bottles display.

Of course, nothing beats the fellowship that happens at the shows as collectors share stories, educate each other, and make plans for future bottle digs and outings together. Who knows – maybe next year (2010) we can add a club bottle dig to the slate of events. Whether we have a dig or not, come out to the Third Annual Antique Bottle, Postcard & Relic Show & Sale in Hutchinson, Kansas. You won't be sorry!

## St. Petersburg, Fla., Bottle Show Displays were hot, but weather was not

By Linda Buttstead, Club secretary

PALMETTO, Fla. – Paul Conner's figural bottle collection stretched over two tables, wowed the judges and won the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors Most Educational Award at the 41<sup>st</sup> annual Suncoast Antique Bottle Show and Sale at Manatee County Convention and Civic Center here Jan. 8-9.

Conner, from Ocala, Fla., also won a hand-blown cobalt bottle for first place. The bottles were embossed SABCA and blown the old-fashioned way by Owen Pach in nearby Gulfport. .

The People's Choice Award, presented by Antique Bottle & Glass Collector, was won by Charlie Livingston for his stunning display of torpedo and round-bottomed sodas. He also won a yellow free-blown bottle for third place overall and the olive blown bottle as well. Livingston is president of the host club.

Richard King, of Tampa, also had a figural display that earned second place and a red free-blown bottle.

The club lost its original site when, following the 2009 show, officials said the National Guard Armory wasn't going to be available. When it became evident the Manatee County



**This is one of two tables loaded with neat figural bottles displayed by Paul Conner, of Ocala, Fla.** (Linda Buttstead photo)



**Here's Charlie Livingston's incredible award-winning display of torpedo and roundbottomed sodas.** (Linda Buttstead photo)



**Charlie Livingston (left) receives award for his round bottomed and torpedo soda display from FOHBC board member Ed Herrold.** (Linda Buttstead photo)

Civic Center would be the place this year, the club voted it in. Another change came when the show was shortened from Friday through Sunday to Friday and Saturday. But it didn't hurt. We had space for 130 tables at the armory, but we had 170 tables at this show, plus room for displays. We were thrilled to learn that center staff not only would set up tables and chairs (for a minimal fee), but would take them down and

clean up. That service was really appreciated by our club.

Show chairman George Dueben made up a large chart showing where dealers were set up. My husband, Bill, sorted the name tags I'd made up into alphabetical order and we taped dealers' names onto the tables so there was no confusion



**A bird's eye view of the St. Petersburg, Fla. show.** (Linda Buttstead photo)





**Richard King (left), of Tampa, Fla., receives second-place award from Carl Sturm, former FOHBC president, from Longwood, Fla. (Linda Buttstead photo)**

as to who sat where. The name tags were placed by the labels.

We had lots of help from Frank Giovenco, John Dougherty and George's son-in-law Ken and others. Every little bit was a great help.

We started out with five displays, but because of various things, wound up with three. We had four door prize drawings for visitors and also free bottles for children 12 and under. We hope that will get them started participating in our great hobby. In the end, we had enough free bottles left over to give to any adults interested.

About 150 of 200 pamphlets containing club information also were handed out.

I have been told that we may have sea shell show as our

neighbor in the civic center next year (Jan. 7-8, 2011) and that's good news. Also, center officials said a new roof will be installed and new LED lighting will help brighten the place. The potential 2012 show dates are Jan. 13-14.

We had as many people come through our show for two days as we have experienced in the past over a three-day show. Folks were interested in doing things and (because of the cold weather) it had to be indoors so our show became a destination.

We had visitors from the Florida east coast as well as from Georgia, the Carolinas, Maine, New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Michigan and probably other states.

This year, we were not able to have a buffet, but center officials granted us permission to order pizzas. We placed an order with Domino's for 50 assorted pizzas. They arrived in two batches – one of 28, the other of 22, and you would not believe how fast 28 pizzas can disappear. We fed all the dealers and even some of the early buyers got some.

We also served coffee and donuts before 9 a.m., on Saturday to the dealers. These little personal touches were much appreciated by those who benefited.

## CANYONVILLE 2009

By Richard Siri

The Canyonville, Oregon Bottle and Insulator show held last October at the Seven Feathers Hotel and Casino featured several nice displays and was well attended. The facilities there are first class.

The Jefferson State Antique Bottle, Insulator, & Collectibles Club furnish the FOHBC at no cost a table for the magazines and membership literature and we did pass out a bunch and signed up a couple of new members.

Dave Medina, with his display of boxed medicine,



**Garth Ziegenhagens, Oregon**

took home the Dealers' Choice, Most Educational and People's Choice awards. Bill Olander displayed purple insulators from all over the world. There also were examples of insulators altered by



**Bill Olander, Medford, Oregon**



**Vince & Jackie Harbick, Sherwood, Oregon**

radiation (irradiated). Never saw so many different colors of purple. Bruce Silva had a great bitters display and Garth Ziegenhagens showed his Oregon whiskey flasks which, I believe, is the most complete group of its kind.

## Terre Haute 2009 Bottle Show Exceeds Expectations

Photos and text by Michael M. Elling

*Dateline: Terre Haute, Indiana, Shadow Auction Barn*

The free admission, 12th Annual Wabash Valley Antique Bottle and Pottery Club opened the event with an auction on Friday night, November 20th at 7:00 PM. The 2-hour, fast moving auction highlighted over 300 items, most of them antique bottles of every class. Some notable prizes that changed hands were a circa 1890 Burnett's Cocaine bottle that went for \$7.50; a series of large store advertising beer bottles that brought from \$7.50 to \$10.00 each (empty); a patriotic wartime milk bottle showing an echelon of fighter planes in attack formation (in two colors) brought \$155.00; and a Terre Haute Soda Water



**General view of Shadow Auction Barn location on 1517 Maple Street shows part of table layout and customers.**



bottle in near mint condition brought \$12.50.

The Saturday event opened at 7:00 AM and ran until 2:00 PM. There were 36 dealers from 7 states who provided 45 tables of material. The free admission on a sunny and warm day brought out 150 patrons who viewed some of the rarest glass



Character glass and soda bottle dealer Michael Elling, of Sharon, Tennessee, opens for business at Terre Haute Show.

bottles and pottery available from the Illinois and Indiana area.

Delbert Roley, of Stewartville, found a scarce white/red ACL twist neck soda bottle from the Cardinal Beverage Co., made in 1950. Near Mint, it was tagged at \$17.00. Also Delbert got a scarce version of the Elk Beverage Company, a Vernor's Ginger Ale brand, in 8 oz white/blue colors and tagged at \$17.00. The picture is a standard Elks logo over a disk. I was



(above) Tim Pillow, of Evansville, Indiana, shows off proud early aluminum store token for F.W. Cook Brewery of that city. Dated 1891, the coin is one of first store token applications in that metal.

(right) A surprise table item was a rare 1922 Buddy L Keystone US Mail truck. Made from actual sheet metal of the Packard Motor Car Company, in Detroit, this stunning scale replica was built strong enough for a tot to sit upon and steer! Dealer Gary Zimmer, of Rosedale, Indiana, has it tagged at \$1200.



## October 17, 2009 - Florence, Alabama Show a Success

The new bottle and advertising show opened at the Underwood-Petersville Community Center, just north of Florence, Alabama, at 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 17th.



Robert and Timberly Sledge (standing) receive high praise from dealer and Jackson, Mississippi show chairman, John Sharp. John says this is a very good show!

Mild weather and stable gas prices brought 50 dealers who displayed 70 tables of fine merchandise at the community center. All major categories of collectible were available meds, crocks, sodas, milks, advertising and glassware! It was a buyer's market because dealers were cutting prices on mainstream items. Rarities, however, were withheld until



Stanley Word of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, with his two children had able hands helping that day.

finally able to nail the elusive Terre Haute NEHI Upper 10 Hansom Cab bottle in near mint for \$2.00. It is green glass, has the Good Housekeeping Seal, and made by Owen-Illinois Glass Company in 1940. The classy Hansom Cab and Top hat with gloves are a standard design for this famous citrus drink.





**Bob Barnes of Henderson, Tennessee, wraps customer purchase. Bob says he had fine sales in main soda categories.** current market levels were reached. It is estimated over 200 locals attended the free-attendance event.

Robert and Timberly Sledge, show organizers, say they are encouraged and are booking the center again for next year!



**General photo of show reveals many customers attending their first show of this type. Many questions were asked regarding antique bottle values and care.**

## The Third Eastside Spectacular Antique Bottle and Brewery Collectibles Show was a Record Breaker!

Photos and text by Mike Elling

*Dateline: Belleville, Illinois, Saturday, November 14, 2009.*

Warm sun, falling gas prices (to \$2.49/gal), strong publicity, and good fellowship, brought out a record 250 dealers of bottles, advertising, jars, neon, and crocks from throughout the midsouth. One dealer came all the way from England to set up a table. There were 270 tables sold at the Belleclair Fair Ground Center, in Belleville, Illinois. More than 580 customers paid the \$2.00 entry ticket, which gave them access to stunning door prizes. The dealers were so active from



**The Brewery Wing of the show covers about 1/2 acre.**



**Typical wall gallery displays delicate paper and tin items that are considered scarce in today's world of electronic real-time advertising techniques.**



**Ron and Priscilla Harszy, of Swansea, Illinois take a respite from brewery sales during short lull.**





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9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, they could not begin packing until after the 2:00 PM closing time. Sales were brisk in all categories, though prices for standard items remained in the slump of the economy. It was still very much a buyers market!



This photo was taken by Jo Barber in Western Australia at Christmas time. The flowers are called Bottle Brush Flowers.



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at the

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Admission  
\$2.00  
Hours 9 to 3 p.m.

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## Coca-Cola Refresher

Enclosed find the picture taken from the front cover of Coca Cola's own magazine, "The Refresher" September 1957 issue. The scene is from an actual drug store in Atlanta, Georgia. The girl in the picture is Lynn Thompson. The boy is Jimmy Shepard. There are no actors in this picture. The other people are customers and employees.

The girl is now a lady and I am her Pastor. She is a member of my church in Boca Grande, Florida. Lynn and Jimmy were both 16 years old. Jimmy is also still alive.

Thought the readers of *Bottles and Extras* would really enjoy this picture. Look at the cost of a dinner! How about five cent Cokes?

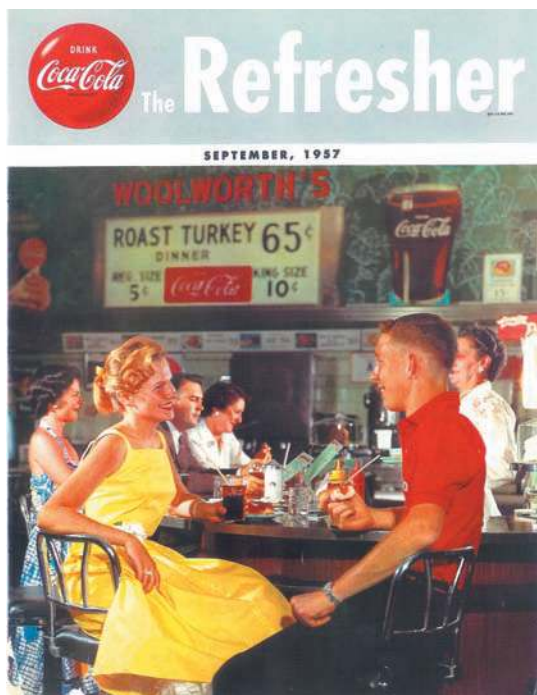
I had one of these pictures made for my bottle room and had Lynn autograph it for me. She is truly a gracious Southern lady.

I am a past FOHBC Treasurer and Vice President. I am originally from the Ohio Bottle Club.

Yours in the hobby,

Gary Beatty, *Life Federation Member*

PS Her name now is Lynn Thompson Magee



Cover Girl: The Coca-Cola Company in 1957 published an in-house magazine called "The Refresher." The cover of its September issue featured local youngsters, customers and employees in an Atlanta, Georgia drug store. The girl was Lynn Thompson, the boy Jimmy Sheppard. Both were 16 years old. Check out the cost of the Cokes and the turkey dinner. What ever happened to those in the photo? Jimmy is still alive, while the girl is now Mrs. Lynn Thompson Magee, of Boca Grande, Florida, according to her pastor, the Rev. Gary Beatty, former treasurer and vice president and a life member of the FOHBC. "I had one of those photos reproduced for my bottle room and had Lynn autograph it," said Beatty, former member of The Ohio Bottle Club.