

Hutchinson, Kansas Show

Life is full of firsts and boy was I glad I didn't miss this one! I am referring to the First Annual Hutchinson, Kansas Antique Bottle and Postcard Show and Sale. The show was held in conjunction with the monthly flea market on April 6th, with the hope this would increase the attendance – and it probably did a little bit – not much though.

That didn't stop it from being a great show! I will never be able to recapture what happened at the show. You just should have been there.

This was the first show that I had set up at in 15 years. It was great to see so many old friends: Jim Hovious, Jack Mullens, Ron

Ashby, Mark Law, Rusty Newell, Gerry Phifer, Paul Gronquist, Chuck Norris, Dave Fath, Bill Bentley, Elton Pugh, Prentiss Whited, Steve Miller and Don Haury. It was even better to meet some new friends: Russ Gehring, Winston Painter, Mike McJunkin, Steve Conard, and Al Deming.

Sales were good, purchases were great and it was fun to see what other people came up with. Some of the things I took home were: a stack of postcards, a Thomas Brandon blob top soda from Topeka, Kansas; a Brandon & Kirmeyer blob top soda from Leavenworth, Kansas; an amber Chapman, Kansas drugstore bottle (with a monogram); a labeled Seelye's Wasa-Tusa bottle and a

labeled Abilena bottle both from Abilene, Kansas; a Wichita Bottling Works Hutch soda; and a Pratt, Kansas crown top soda. Even with all my purchases I went home with \$500 more in my pocket.

Some of the things I saw other collectors buy were: a 5-gallon Waconda Springs, Kansas crock jug; a cobalt blue Lamar, Missouri medicine bottle; a 3-gallon Clyde, Kansas crock; an amber Gardner drug store bottle from Lawrence, Kansas; a scroll flask; and a calabash flask.

The prize for top walk-in item purchased had to go to the amber squat ale bottle embossed Brandon & Kirmeyer, Leavenworth, Kansas.

There is no doubt that the bottle side of the show was much better than the postcards. Where were all of the postcard



^ Show entrance



Mark Law and Rusty Newell >



< Ron and Carol Ashby



Mike McJunkin,
Show-Chairman >



< Winston Painter



^ Russ Gehring
Russ's display,
The Wild West >

< Jim and
Debbie Taylor



^ Jim Ricketts

dealers? Wouldn't you like to have another show this time of year that would compliment the one in Wichita? There were only about four postcard dealers at the show with about three or four others who had some cards. This may have improved the sales for those dealers who were there. I saw one dealer pick up a beautiful blue-robed Santa Claus card and a group of real photo cards that included a baseball team and several cards showing building construction, each of which could be identified as to where they were from.

I made a point of asking everyone I could how the show was going for them. While I assume there were several who were

disappointed (there always are), I didn't find them. Everyone told me they were pleased or more than pleased. Consensus was that it was excellent for a first show and they would be back again next year.

The displays were great! They were informative, colorful, and quite varied. John Moore set up a display of rare and colorful 19th century demijohns. Steve Miller had an excellent display of beer trays. Russ Gehring had more western theme ACL sodas than I ever knew existed (times ten) in his "Wild West" display. Jack Mullens won the Peoples Choice award for his colorful display of "Broken Dreams." And, Jim Hovious took

the Most Educational award for his display on "Hutchinson, Kansas Bottlers." Thank you FOHBC and *Antique Bottle & Glass Collector Magazine* for providing the awards.

I would also like to thank the Hutchinson collectors who organized the show for giving us (me) the opportunity to be there! We, the organizers of the show and I, would also like to say thank you Wayne and June Lowry for your help in putting the show together! We hope to see you and many others next year – especially more of those of you who collect post cards!!

By Stan Hendershot



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Ever notice how many clubs put subjects other than bottles in their names? A quick check of the FOHBC club roster shows Berkeley Antique Bottle & Collectibles Club, Capital Region Antique Bottle & Insulator Club, Las Vegas Antique Bottles & Collectibles Club, **Oklahoma Territory Bottle & Relics Club**, Phoenix Antiques, Bottles & Collectibles Club, Potomac

Highlands Antique Bottle & Glass Collector's Club and Tri-State Bottle Collectors & Diggers Club.

So it was really no surprise, albeit a pleasant one, to find a story in the *Oklahoma Territory News* written by bottle collector/metal detector Ed Stewart of Paola, Kan., about his detecting adventures in the United Kingdom last year.

The story has been considered as an "Extra" in *Bottles and Extras*. It is published in this issue.

That he had a wonderful time is reflected in his well-written, entertaining story in the Oklahoma club's April issue edited by Johnnie Fletcher.

While the story is too long to fit in these notes, suffice to say that Ed found a Roman

coin at least 1,550 years old, a "new" buckle plate from the 1300s, large copper pennies and other 18th century coins, buttons, a hammered silver coin made between 1216 and 1272 and a big gold ring impressed with what appears to be an owl.

The 23 coins and relics he found were being studied by experts at the British Museum for final identification and recording, but he'll eventually get them all back, except perhaps the ring. Being considered treasure, it likely will go to a museum, but will have his name beside it as the discoverer.

Ed also found a silver love token made from worn coins from the 1600s or older. "The hopeful suitor would give the token to the object of his affection. If she also liked him, she kept the token. If she didn't like him, or