

Columbia, South Carolina. - February 21-22, 2003

from Fred Arwood

The South Carolina Antique Bottle Club's 29th Annual Show and Sale was held on February 21st - 22nd at the Meadowlake Park in North Carolina. The show opened on Friday at 12-noon and closed Saturday at 2pm. The Park is just off I-20 at Exit 71, and is located in an area that has plenty of free parking and food, gas and motels nearby.

The show was a sell-out of all 145 tables and buyers were plentiful throughout the event. There was a wide selection of bottles, advertising and small antiques that would make any collecting heart happy. Bottle fellowship was seen everywhere.

Jimmie Wood of Denver, N.C. was set up and had at least 400 ACLs for sale. Jimmie has a fantastic collection of North Carolina ACL sodas and he showed me his album of bottles, totalling approximately 350. When asked about his favorite bottle, Jimmie replied, without hesitation, that it was his "Queen Quality" bottle from Charlotte, N.C., and it is indeed a beautiful bottle. He also mentioned that he was partial to the Vanderbilt Special bottles.

Set up over on the south side of the building was Truett Vaigneur of Pineland, S.C. Truett attends many of the

southern bottle shows and always has a great tale to spin to anyone who will listen. He likes to collect South Carolina dispensary bottles and also deals in Charleston colored sodas, bittlers, inks, medicines, milks and 1923 and older Coca-Cola bottles. In the past, he has had several ACL sodas for sale, including a 3-colored Smile, "21", Like Me and Cleo Cola.

Upon first entering the building, I saw W. Lindsay Castles of Greenville, S.C., who has been on the bottle scene for many years. When I first started collecting ACLs, Castles was one of the first sellers from which I began buying. He had bottles and contacts all over the United States. During our conversation, he mentioned he is now 81-years-old. On his talbes were ACLs, blob tops, bitters, straight-sided Pepsi-Colas and Cokes, inks, milks and advertising - and he has not slowed down a bit during the past 30 years.

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Randy Kiger with his favorite hot dog.
Randy is from Rural Hall, N.C.
and is a reliable authority on bottles.



The Dean of Carolina Glassdom -
W. Lindsay Castles of Greenville, S.C.



Jimmie Wood, of Denver, N.C.,
and his table of ACLs.



Truett Vaigneur with his table of prehistoric
shark's teeth, Indian artifacts, bottles and jars.
Truett is from Pineland, S.C.