

Encyclopedia of Bottle Maker's Marks available online and in hard copy

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Remember the 1971 book, *Bottle Makers and Their Marks*, by Julian Harrison Toulouse? It answered a lot of questions about the glass companies that manufactured bottles and jars in the 19th and early 20th centuries, especially identifying the marks on the containers' bases.

It also left a lot of unanswered questions during those days before the Internet.

So a group of like-minded individuals formed the Bottle Research Group (BRG) and began researching and publishing stories in BOTTLES and EXTRAS, many of which readers are sure to recall.

The group is more than a decade old and consists of Bill Lockhart, Bill Lindsey, Carol Serr, Pete Schulz and Beau Schriever. Schulz has health issues, but the others are still active.

Lockhart and his wife, Wanda, are traveling the country in a recreational vehicle and arrived in the Augusta area on April 1 (No fooling!). Staying at Mistletoe State Park in McDuffie County on Clarks Hill Lake, they joined us for lunch on April 2. We took them to the Augusta Museum of History to check out the Bill and Bea Baab Bottle Collection, followed by a brief tour of Augusta.

During our conversations, we learned they are compiling up-to-date information for their *Encyclopedia of Manufacturer's Marks on Glass Containers*. When complete, the Encyclopedia should be about 6,000 pages in length.

The work is available on two venues – online and hard copy (print) formats. The internet version is available on Lindsey's website: www.sha.org/bottle. Once there, click on Makers Marks in the left column, or you can go directly: www.sha.org/bottle/makersmarks.htm.

Scroll down to access the Encyclopedia, which is set up in alphabetical order according to the way the glass firm used its name. For example, A.G. Smalley is listed under "A." Each letter section also has a table with the marks for that letter. The "A" table has the Circle-A logo, ABCo., A.B.G.M.Co., etc. It is completed to the "G" section plus a pat of the "H" firms.

The BRG set the price just slightly above the cost of the printing. Cost of each volume varies according to size.

It also is available in printed form through Lulu.com. Lulu is an online printing service. It prints books and mails them out to people who order. To order, just type Lulu.com in your internet browser. That will take you to the Lulu.com home page. Near the top is a search box. Just type in Bill Lockhart. That will take you to a list of all the books currently in print for the Bottle Research Group, or Lockhart.

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complex one - as is virtually everything to do with bottle dating and identification. However, the subject is a range for the manufacture of a bottle, how the bottle was made to some extent, and for the determination of

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Previously Published Makers Markings Articles

Virtually all of these articles have been or will be replaced in the years to come by the *Encyclopedia of Manufacturers Marks on Glass* will, however, continue to be listed and available here as published articles of use as

- [Adolphus Busch Glass](#)
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In addition to the BRG publications, Lockhart has written several books on El Paso bottles (dairies, breweries and drug stores) and New Mexico bottles (Alamogordo dairies and soda bottlers, Deming soda bottlers, Southwestern Coca-Cola Bottling Co. (With Mike Miller) and The Remarkable T.L. Reber, Soda Bottling in the Black Range and Silver City, New Mexico, with Zang Wood.