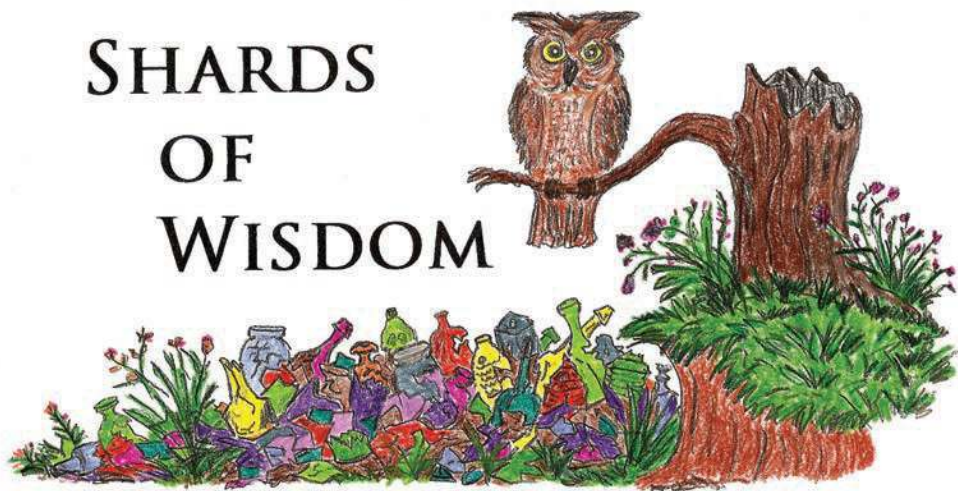


SHARDS OF WISDOM



Vintage Soda Collector

By Tom Pettit



Tom Pettit and a few of his sodas

My Passion

As a young teenager during those hot Florida summers in the 1980s, I can always remember gathering up glass soda bottles around the house only to be able to exchange them back to the store for that 10 cent deposit and to be able to purchase another ice cold bottle of soda.

Well, the times have changed and those glass soda bottles are now only a memory. More a baseball card collector as a kid, my passion later grew into collecting vintage soda bottles most particularly applied color labels. Fast forward to today,



My favorite beverage bottle with beautiful artwork on the ACL



Nectar "Drink of the Gods" ACL bottle



Parrot's Soda Pop bottle with the ACL in many colors



Beehive Beverages ACL's with different color bottles and printing

this passion has evolved to the creation of this website and my blog. My main message is to share my knowledge and research on the forgotten sodas of the past.



McGirr's Blue Seal Beverages, with a beach scene on the ACL



Coca-Cola's Royal Palm Brand with ACL color variations



Jay-Kola with a Blue jay in the ACL label

My website is divided into the many genres of applied color labels. Some of my favorite sections include the "Birds and Bees" with nearly 100 unique bottles featuring our flying friends. Being a Florida kid, "Royal Palm" is another great section dedicated to this unique brand. "Planes, Trains, Automobiles" dedicated to the transportation era and another great favorite is "The Ladies Club"

HISTORY'S CORNER

In Memory of Dick Watson
longtime FOHBC Historian

By Jim Bender

In 1969 the Wheaton Glass Company in New Jersey produced a bottle with John F Kennedy on it as a tribute to a fallen President.



Due to the great demand for the Kennedy bottle, Wheaton went on in 1971 to produce a series of presidents ending with Nixon.

Lack of interest in the bottles caused the end of them. Today, 50 years later, many of the President bottles can be bought for less than \$5.00

I wonder what interest there would be today in bottles with our last few Presidents?

Watch each issue for a new installment of History's Corner.



Big"4" Line ACL with a locomotive on the label

In 2019, I had the great opportunity of displaying my collection in two local museums. In summary and to my most enjoyment, I write a monthly blog "Let's Talk Soda" dedicated to small town soda bottlers of the past.

Please come check out my site:

VintageSodaCollector.com

