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South Carolina Local Flasks	Harvey S. Teal	9:00 am	Marriott Lamar A
Ground-Penetrating Radar	Karl Harrar	9:00 am	Marriott Lamar C
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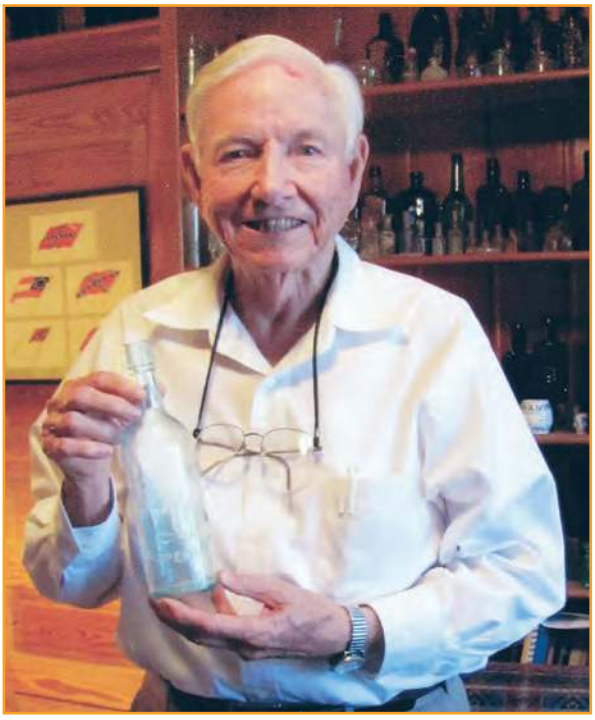
We are truly fortunate to be able to present a variety of fascinating educational seminars at the 2019 FOHBC 50th Anniversary National Antique Bottle Convention in Augusta, Georgia. We have a distinguished group of seminar presenters organized by seminar coordinator Bill Baab.

The seminars will take place on Friday, August 2nd, 2019 from 9:00 am to noon at the Augusta Marriott Lamar Rooms A – C. Listed below are the seminar topics, the presenters and the location where these educational seminars will take place. Any questions concerning the FOHBC Educational Seminars can be directed to Bill Baab at riverswamper@comcast.net or any of the Augusta Co-Chairs.

South Carolina Local Flasks – Harvey S. Teal – Columbia, South Carolina

In 2005, Harvey S. Teal joined Rita Foster Wallace as co-authors of "The South Carolina Dispensary & Embossed S.C. Whiskey Bottles & Jugs, 1865-1915." The book's contents were an exhaustive study of the dispensary system (1893-1915) which gave the state the sole right to sell whiskey and other alcoholic beverages, eliminating the many local merchants who had been selling their own brands in their own bottles.

In the meantime, Teal put together what may be a unique collection of 50 local flasks which became rare once the state's monopoly was in place. Some of the local flasks are identified by their



Harvey S. Teal

labels, but many of them are embossed.

Teal, now 90, caught the "bottle bug" in the late 1950s and admittedly has never been "cured." A few years ago, he placed his memories on paper (actually, on the pages of Bottles and Extras, the federation magazine) as "A Reminiscence of 53 years of Bottle Collecting in South Carolina" in a four-part series. It made for fascinating reading. He also is a prominent philatelist and historian and an authority on Confederate postal history. Other books written by Teal include "Partners with the Sun," the story of South Carolina photographers, 1840-1940; "Just Mud, Kershaw County, South Carolina Pottery to 1980" with Arthur Porter McLaurin, and in 1976 co-authored with Paul Jeter "Columbia's Past in Glass."

Kola Wars – Dennis Smith – Buffalo, New York

Dennis discovered the thrill of bottle digging as a 12-year-old kid in Birmingham, Alabama, when he found his first straight-sided Coke bottle. He found more than Cokes and Pepsi's. He also found Wiseolas, Rye-Olas, Cola-Nips, Celery-Colas, and many others and wondered what happened to these brands?

Dennis Smith

A trip to his local library ignited a lifetime of research into soft drink history. He has scoured many libraries, archives, courthouses, and private collections across the United States seeking first-person accounts and previously unpublished records. With degrees in Archaeology and History, he once wrote a graduate thesis: Soft Drinks and Dopes: Changing Perceptions of Soda Water in America.

An avid bottle collector, he has exhibited at bottle shows across the United States. He has written for and been the subject of articles in newsletters and magazines, and written numerous books. He currently is working on additional books regarding soft drink history and culture and will publish additional titles in the near future. Comments and conversation are welcome by mail, email, or through his website: kolawars.com.

Charleston Colored Sodas – Tommy Schimpf – Charleston, South, Carolina

Tommy Schimpf and his wife Lisa live in Charleston, South Carolina. Tommy graduated from Clemson University where he majored in architecture and currently is a partner in an architectural firm. One summer between semesters, he was employed by Orkin, the pest control company, and during a termite inspection he found some old bottles underneath an old house. One was a broken applied color labeled soda (ACL) and the other was an 1858 Mason jar.

Tommy Schimpf

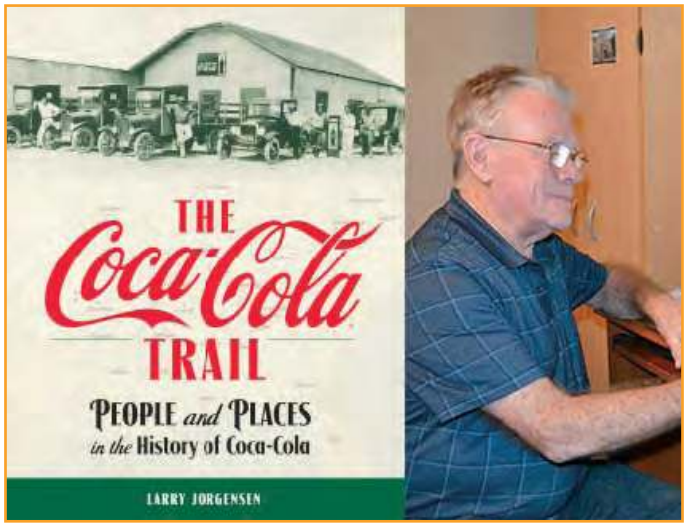
He first focused on collecting ACL sodas, but his interest grew toward collecting earlier drink bottles. He learned that these earlier bottles can be found in old outhouse locations called "privies." The ACL collection was eventually sold and since the early '80s Tommy devoted weekend time and energy digging privies. He and his digging buddy, Chip Brewer, together compiled two of the finest collections of colored Charleston sodas anywhere. Bottles from both collections as well as one other local digger are featured in this slide show.

Other than books on the South Carolina Dispensary system, there are few books about South Carolina bottles. Tommy is working on books about South Carolina ACL sodas, South Carolina medicines, South Carolina's blob top and Hutchinson bottles and South Carolina embossed drink bottles. He has already written a book on South Carolina "hobbleskirt" Coca-Cola bottles. All the books are nearing completion and "I just need to buckle down and focus on completion," said Tommy, who is still employed.

Speaking of Coca-Cola – Larry Jorgensen – Mansura, Louisiana

I am a journalist now spending most of my time writing books

and doing freelance and assignment media projects. My experience covers writing and photography. I was owner and publisher of a monthly recreational magazine for seven years. I was raised in Wisconsin and now work out of a home office along a pretty bayou in Louisiana.



Larry Jorgensen

Some years back, I started out to do a travel feature on the Coca-Cola museums in Vicksburg, Miss., and Monroe, La. After talking with the Biedenharn people, I realized there was so much more to this and, as far as I could learn, no one had done a book which emphasized the real contribution the pioneer bottlers made in creating what became one of the world's most famous products. This book (Coca-Cola Trails) is a tribute to them. . .as will be a sequel now being researched and written. My other books are about area history including Hot Wells, a "Louisiana ghost" of a former health resort.

When I have time, I collect brewing memorabilia. That started back in the 1970s. I did some public relations for the Pabst Brewing Co., in Milwaukee and also did some things for Dixie. Mostly, I enjoy quiet time on my pretty bayou (yes, we have alligators) and cooking great Louisiana food. I can do a good crawfish boil, or a deep-fried turkey.

Ground-Penetrating Radar – Karl Harrar – Aiken, South Carolina

Since 1985, I have designed electronic circuits while working for many large and small companies and at the Savannah River National Laboratory and Raytheon (Javelin and Tow missile systems), Motorola (hand-held communication devices, Smithsonian Institute (MMTO Telescope), Honeywell (B1B air data computer, DRS (night vision and thermal imaging systems), 3M (Control System Design), Volkswagen proving ground (endurance vehicle testing) and many other smaller electronic manufacturing companies.

A little over 5 years ago, I started work on a Ground-Penetrating Radar System that would be rugged, affordable and offer high resolution. Another main goal was to make it easy to use. This unit has gone through many design changes over the past 5 years to provide the best possible product and every effort was made to keep the cost down. I wanted to make systems available for persons who could not afford the normal $15,000-plus price tag. My radar, sold under the Easy Radar USA LLC (easyradusa.com) label, can "see" up to 12 feet down in dry sandy soil and 6 to 8 feet in clay.

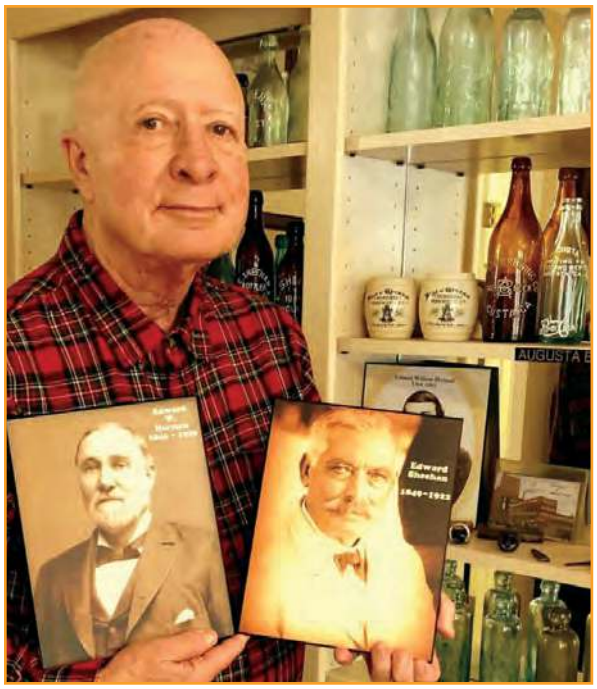
Karl Harrar

I started collecting antique bottles about 1990, digging dumps until 10 years later when I started concentrating on privies. I thought there had to be an easier way than probing to find privies so I started to test devices in 2005: magnetometers, earth resistivity units, ground condivity units and, of course, GPR. I tried a commercial unit and found several privies in 2007. The trick was to come up with a unit that is a fraction of the cost of the commercial units. This took several years.

My future plan is to eventually build a robotic GPR that is autonomous, but one still has to dig. I envision an autonomous unit one would set in the middle of a huge field that used to be a town in the 19th century. It had disappeared years before. So my unit would traverse the entire area mapping and sending the information over the internet, It would also store it for 3D viewing using virtual reality goggles.

My Grandfathers' Bottles – Doug Herman – Martinez, Georgia

John Douglas "Doug" Herman Sr., first blinked his eyes in the sun in 1941 in his hometown of Augusta, Georgia. After graduating from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, he joined the U.S. Army, serving in the 82nd Airborne Division. After a 5-year military stint, his father asked him to join the family business of Southern Beer Distributors that handled Miller High



Doug Herman

Life, Ballentine Ale, Red Cap Ale and Carling Black Label. Under Doug's management, the company acquired brands of Coors Brewing Co., and Molson of Canada. During his career, Doug saw the rise and fall of many brands, most notably Schlitz and Pabst.

Doug is an avid researcher of family history and bottle collecting. With the help of bottle enthusiasts Bill Baab and Mike Newman, he focused on the Augusta Brewing Company (chartered in 1888) and E. Sheehan's Excelsior Bottling Works of Augusta. Doug not only amassed a high quality collection not only of bottles from those firms, but various artifacts like corkscrews and bartenders knives and original documents.

Doug's great grandfathers are Edward William Herman, who founded the Augusta Brewing Company in 1888, and Edward Sheehan, who founded the Excelsior Bottling Works in 1880. The 1899 marriage of William A. Herman and Mary Helena "Mamie" Sheehan, Doug's paternal grandparents, blended the German and Irish blood that runs through Doug's veins today. "Everyone with that combination of blood has a dream to be directly involved in the beer business," Doug said. His own dream came true when he joined his father in the beer business in 1967, ultimately owning and managing the company until he sold it in 2007.

Doug has served as president of the Georgia Beer Wholesalers' Association as well as being a member of many Augusta civic organizations. He resides in Martinez near Augusta with his wife of 55 years, Jeanie Cason Herman. They have a son and a daughter.

AUGUSTA MUSEUM OF HISTORY

Augusta Museum of History Reception

The FOHBC invites you to join us Thursday, August 1, 2019, at a VIP Reception from 3:30 – 6:30 pm at the Augusta Museum of History located at 560 Reynolds Street, Augusta, Georgia 30901. Founded in 1937, the Augusta Museum of History is Augusta's oldest historical agency devoted to the preservation and presentation of local and regional history.

The museum curates the largest and most significant historical collection in the CSRA and functions as a historical research and resource center for professional and amateur historians, media, organizations, and individuals, and is home to permanent exhibition Augusta's Story, a 12,000 year journey through the region's past.

You will also be able to see the spectacular Bill and Bea Baab Bottle Collection housed at the museum. Many examples of a collection of 531 bottles from a brewery, patent medicine men, mineral water and soda water bottlers, mostly from Augusta, are placed in public view at the Augusta Museum of History. They joined 81 Augusta pharmacy bottles dating from 1830 through the early 20th century, plus merchants' whiskey jugs manufactured by master potters in nearby North Augusta (across the Savannah River) and Trenton, South Carolina. The massive collection was donated to the museum by Bill and Bea Baab, who wanted to leave a legacy to their adopted home-town that future generations could enjoy. Bill was born in Glenside, Pennsylvania, Bea in Bangor, Maine. The collection was started in 1969.

This event will be catered with late afternoon light fare. The FOHBC will also arrange for shuttle bus service to and from the Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center and Augusta Museum of History.

Note for attendees: VIP is defined as dealers, assistants, displayers, early admission, seminar givers and approved volunteers. Please send in your contract today and add this to your Convention agenda!