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A Message from your President

Bill Viancourt ABC# 132

I recently received a regular email from the BCCA to all chapter contacts that is a summary of activity by the board at their regular meeting. As is my habit, I read the newsletter and to my surprise, I found a small note that has a significant impact on our niche of the hobby. The board has decided to combine the domestic and foreign bottle of the year into one award. This is just for the aluminum bottle, not cans. I decided that I probably should get some kind of explanation from the powers to be so that I could let you know how they arrived at this decision with no input from us. My first call was to Tom Fay, past president of the BCCA, past board member of the ABC Chapter, a bottle collector and friend. To summarize our conversation, the board felt that there are so few US bottles being produced; it did not warrant a separate category. I see a little logic here but cannot understand the benefit of eliminating the category. Maybe they could eliminate domestic cans from major brewers and just vote on micros for can of the year. Without boring you with a history lesson, it was a long struggle to get bottles included as its own category for recognition at all. I decide to call Allan Aprea, the current president of the BCCA to express my concern and hear what he had to say. His recollection of that part of the board meeting was that there were so few nominations for bottle of the year in the past, and so few foreign bottles that they decided to combine the two into one award. Regarding the first point, I have seen the statistics of number of nominations in all categories and know that in proportion, we have as many nominations for bottles as there are for cans. Regarding his second point about the number of foreign bottles being produced? Our conversation was pleasant and he suggested that if the US brewers start doing a better job, we might be able to get the categories separated again. For now, it apparently seemed like too much work for the can of the year/HOF committee to have to deal with. I guess we will have to be content being the ugly red-headed step sister again! Personally, I am going to write in my domestic nominations anyway. *(continued on next page)*

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For this newsletter, many thanks to Brad Ambruso; Juan Carlos De Marco; and Bill Viancourt for their contributions.

I do have some good news. It seems someone at AB woke up and decided that maybe they should use their spiffy new aluminum bottle facilities. There will be some new releases this year from them. They will reissue both St. Pats bottles although there is no news about a new can number or design. You have probably seen the TV ad announcing the new design Bud Light bottle. There will also be a new Bud Select that will feature the St. Louis skyline. Texas will get a 3 bottle plastic wrapped set, and 4 states will receive a new Mich Ultra in both a screw top and a pry top. I am guessing there will also be an NFL championship and possibly an NBA (go Cavs) bottle also. Maybe Base Camp or some other micro will come out with a bottle or two also. At least this gives us something to look forward to. Perhaps someone will wake up the people at Miller/Coors and they will put out a few new issues. In the meantime, in spite of the opinion of the BCCA, you can chase after the onslaught of foreign bottles that are available.



As a quick follow-up, one of the few trades in made with a foreign collector resulted in a new chapter member. I simply put a membership application in with the bottles I sent him and followed that with a quick email telling him about the value of membership in our chapter.

It is probably not too early to start thinking about the Portland Convention and our chapter elections. All offices, President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer, as well as all four board positions are up for election. If you are interested in any of these positions, please feel free to contact me or any member of the board for details about responsibilities that go with each of these positions. I hesitate to mention that our newsletter editor keeps on insisting that he is the interim editor so if there is anyone who thinks that can fill his award winning shoes, I suppose that position is also available.

I am curious as to the number of chapter members who are planning on attending the Portland Convention. I would be great to have some sort of idea so that we can make appropriate preparations to accommodate the membership in attendance. Perhaps you could send me an email and let me know if you plan to attend. We can also start a thread of our Facebook page to get a count.

I can report that all is well in Florida. Being a snowbird, I can feel the pain of the northern membership. I have promised to never again complain about it being 52 and windy.

I hope your new year is going well. Hope to see you at a show soon.

Bill

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Chapter Tid-Bits

New Member: A hearty welcome to our new member: Phil Kelleher from Houston, TX.

Twitter: The ABC Chapter can be found now on the Twitter bandwagon. Any and all relevant tweets about aluminum bottle collecting/bottling/etc. will be tweeted when found. Keep up with the latest news and happenings for aluminum bottles. We can be found by searching abcchapter on Twitter.

Chapter T-Shirts: Don't be left out at your local shows or CANvention as the best dressed CANnoisseurs will be wearing their chapter t-shirts. You can get yours at any time by simply sending an email to Bill Viancourt at billjv@aol.com or giving him a call at 440-476-7505. We have shirts available in sizes from Med to XXXL and shirts come in Royal Blue, White, Grey, and Wine with the ABC logo on front and either the logo or our QR code on back. Shirts are ~~\$15 each or 2 for \$25.~~

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Dues: The ABC Chapter dues, as always, are still \$5 per year. If you haven't renewed for 2016, contact our treasurer to keep yourself in good standing.

Forum/Facebook: The ABC Chapter website is the best reference for cabottle collectors. If you have a cabottle that isn't shown, please contact Brad ASAP. Our Facebook page is extremely popular and should be a useful tool for gaining new members. The Facebook page can be found by simply typing abcchapter into your Facebook search box.

The ABC is an active at-large chapter of the Brewery Collectibles Club of America, BCCA. The BCCA is a national organization of collectors specializing in any kind of Breweriana. The club boasts a membership of 3500+ and hosts a National CANvention yearly. Perks of belonging to the BCCA include a subscription to Beer Cans & Brewery Collectibles-the high quality magazine, a membership roster, access to members only areas of the website, the right to attend the National CANvention, to name a few.

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Foreign Bottles

Juan Carlos De Marco ABC# 031

In this new article, it is important to emphasize that while USA cabottle productions decrease and becoming increasingly more difficult to find, luckily the rest of the world still produces new cabottles in a substantial manner. This encourages our collecting and challenges us to look for these new appearances.

CHINA: China has been one of the countries that has continued to offer us your "astrological beers", because both BUDWEISER and TSINGTAO, as they have done it for years, released their versions **2016 year of monkey**. Welcome to both and both are really very nice.



CAISAR is a new entry for this large Asian country. With profile and German technique, this black beer comes to conquer the Chinese already very accustomed to the blond pilsner palate. A classy cabottle of worthy German style.

So far, TSINGTAO doesn't remain static in its fight against Budweiser and launches a copy of this cabottle rich in its green tones, and a design of postmodernism with its towers and high speed trains achieved with very good taste.



CORONA: It has also arrived in China with the famous special edition of the SUN SETS Festival that was held in Shanghai, which have small differences in writing in its cosmetics in order to differentiate them.



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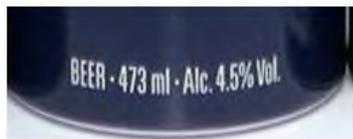
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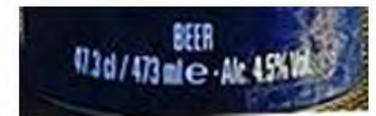
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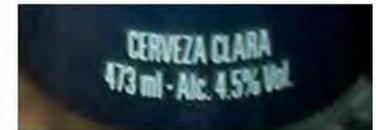
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SPAIN



URUGUAY



By the way, I have added a picture with sample of all the cabottle's feet from different parts of the world so you can differentiate them (thanks Brad).

CANADA: In general everything about Canada is covered by the section of USA, but in this case I don't want to fail to include in this article of two beautiful BUD-LIGHT productions, such as the SENSATION, commemorative of the phenomenal international show. Very good design; congratulations to the creators.



MEXICO: Very interesting to have clear differences between the SUN-SET for Monterrey festivals between 2014 and 2015. DON'T MAKE MISTAKES



BRAZIL: There are no new appearances in the giant of South America, just a reprint of the set of SKOL with the legend on the back side of different wording. Keep this in mind.

DENMARK: I can not ensure the effective existence of this CABottle, but we have received the photo and it really has trapped us. It is a "Pull Tab" version and if anyone has the precise information that was released, we would appreciate any comment.



CZECH REPUBLIC: They have not appeared CABottles with traditional formats in this country of Eastern Europe. However this model, of German origin is very significant and SVIJANY adds to the long list of breweries that have chosen this noble material manufacturing.

JAPAN: Maybe we do not give this Asian country the real importance it really has for their permanent and multiple production in aluminum bottles. They have never ceased to introduce new models and all are friendly in shape and color. Have a habit of producing whole sets rather than individual bottles, and here we have the following:

KIRISHIMA: Classic and Classic Pilsner.

HAKONE: Koroyugi Brown Ale, Odawara, Pils and beautiful mountains on the label.

MATSUSHIMA: Dunkel, Helles and Weizen Bock Sendai, with its labeling Gambrinus.

FULIYOSHIDA: Fujiyama



I suggest to check on ABC website in order to classify and know exactly where the models are from.

SPAIN: What else can be said of the probably cabottles more picturesque and cheerful market ? Not much. The Brewery DORADA of the Canary Islands, presents a set of 2 bottles commemorating the 2016 Islands Carnival. I hope that the jury of the CANvention does not skip them in the best foreign aluminum bottle of the year candidates. Last year, the 2015 version was the big absentee.



GERMANY: Not all occurrences are famous industrial breweries in Germany. Once in a while there is a surprise, and on this occasion we feel delighted with this HACHENBURGER ICE RADLER, a nonalcoholic beer that with cold, silver and bright colors attract enormously on the shelves.

But WARSTEINER is not stopped and one after another appear these golden special bottles of premium beer. This we know it as the "explosive city" and it is a reissue of 2015.

Southeastern Asia: Accustomed to its trade policies, HEINEKEN international, sponsoring the Festival SENSATION, flooded the Asian market with this extraordinary and typical model that, at the same time, innovate designs and proposals. No country can be considered the owner of the exclusive CABottle throughout Southeast Asia has it in their stores.





LITHUANIA: When even the voices of admiration had not silenced by the set of 2 CABottles that for the first time onto the market, a new proposal visit: VOL-FAS ENGELMAN, with his new KOLEKCINIS. I think that again the idea of entering the brewing world through these models, is correct.

TAIWAN: Another of the cities HEINEKEN 2015 models for the set issued... TAIPEI. Designs are the same as the previous ones and the only thing that changes are the names of the places where the meetings were developed.



BELGIUM: The Jupiler is a Belgian beer produced in the region of Wallonia. This blonde beer fermentation low type pils or pilsner is constructed by Piedboeuf, and gives us the possibility of having a very classical CABottle, with Cap screw in our collection.

Let's not forget that recently appeared in the market the set of 6 bottles with the pictures of the national team of soccer (2 players per bottle), also of the same brand. Perhaps they have adopted this type of packaging for their special editions.



AUSTRALIA: PICKLED PIG: Different, attractive, innovative, and with the Ozzy touch of a new format with closing spring, but also metal cap. A little gem.

VIET NAM: These issues also normally appear in the Chronicle of USA, but because their strange presence I bring it to this article by the solid presence of BUDWEISER in the Asian country. Things of globalization.



FRANCE: Always surprising with very good pieces, CARLSBERG France gives us this nice production: the 1847 with a very classic cosmetic and undeniable beauty.



Also SKOLL TUBORG landed in France and presents this edition THORKIL, reminiscent of the Scandinavian peninsula.

It seems that Europe is consolidating aluminum as a material more suitable for beer which, naturally, we celebrate.

URUGUAY: In this current invasion of the Mexican Brewery CORONA and its festival SUN SET, this summer in South America, was placed in January in the exclusive beach of Punta del Este. It was very difficult to get it because was sold out quickly, and also it was sold without a Crown Cap... yet you can find it at not very expensive price.



Dave's Ramblings

Greetings all,

Once again, Brad, Juan Carlos, and Bill have come through with their excellent contributions for the newsletter. It sure would be nice to have some more contributions from other members. Any pictures and/or stories about your collection, trade meets, finding new cabottles, news articles and whatever. Please send them to abc174dv@gmail.com.

My newest project is to put all of my gallon cans on shelves so I don't have to worry about my 2 year old granddaughter. I haven't made it to a trade meet since the convention but I did pick the awesome Broncos cabottle thanks to Mark Rodgers. Hopefully I'll make it to the Windy City trade meet.

Cheers,
Dave Vogl

What's New in A-B?!

Brad Ambruso ABC# 007

Budweiser has changed up their design just about every other year for the past several years. This round they went back to their roots with the 'A-B Crest' across three sides of the bottle. Compared to previous designs, these are most definitely eye catching and will stand out on any display shelf.

The bottles have been released in both twist and pry tops. Twist tops are primarily for retail sales while the pry tops are for bars and sports venues. Both bottles are available in all three variations and can be found just about anywhere nationally.



Budweiser 'A-B Crest' Twist Top
502598 redem, 502600 n/r, 502601 3.2



Budweiser 'A-B Crest' Pry Top
502594 n/r, 502599 3.2, 502602 redem

In addition to the aluminum bottles, Budweiser has adopted this design for cans and glass. The change is also worldwide, which is the first time A-B (InBev) has streamlined their design.

The Bud Light 'Cool Twist' design bottle was thought to be exclusive to the twist top bottles. Makes sense actually, cool twist design for a twist top bottle. Well a pry top version of the 'Cool Twist' is floating around. Like the Budweiser pry tops, it is primarily for bars and sport venues but can sometimes be found in a retail cooler. So far, only the redemption version has been verified and any info on the others is always appreciated.



Bud Light 'Cool Twist' Pry Top
502584 redem

Budweiser 'Retro' Twist Top
502506 3.2

A revisit to the Budweiser 'Retro' design bottles brings us to a total of nine bottles (6 twist, 3 pry). Last issue the 502505 redem twist top was discussed and confirmations were still needed for the other variations. Well, both 3.2 (pictured) and the 502504 n/r have been verified.

These variations should prove difficult to find and with the new bottles coming out, time will be an issue. Happy hunting to all the variation collectors among us.



Budweiser
Royals W/S
502651 redem.

Last year a Budweiser ‘All Star’ bottle was released and we didn’t see a bottle for the World Series winning Giants. This year is just the opposite, Budweiser skipped the All Star game but did grace us with a bottle for the World Series winning Royals. Similar design to the bottles we’ve seen for the past several years with the World Series and Kansas City logos.

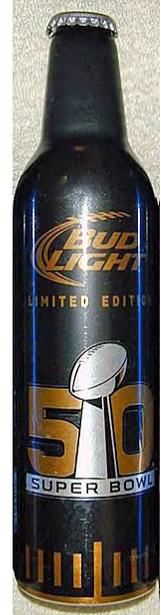
Before I start rambling about the Super Bowl 50 bottles, a quick correction from the last issue. I had stated that there was to be a black and blue bottle for both the twist and pry variations. Sorry, obviously incorrect and instead of a total of 12 variations, a possible 6 is all we have to worry about.

The Bud Light ‘Super Bowl 50’ bottles started showing up right on schedule. There are three confirmed twist top variations and just the redemption version has been confirmed in the pry top. The NFL

dropped the Roman numerals this year going with a regular 50 instead. I guess having a big ‘L’ as their logo didn’t appeal to them, ‘L’oser would probably jump out a lot. The bottles are black on one side with Super Bowl 50 logo and blue on the other with the logo up on the neck. Nice bottle and my only negative comment would be, using the blue cap on the twist version looks kinda dorky when displaying the black side of the bottle.



Bud Light ‘Super Bowl 50’ Twist Top
502623 redem, 502624 3.2, 502629 n/r



Bud Light ‘Super Bowl 50’
Pry Top
502619 redem



Bud Light
Super Bowl XLIX
502490 3.2

Stepping back to last years Super Bowl, a 3.2 version of the ‘Bring your Game’ bottle has been confirmed. Still wondering about the n/r variation and as usual, if you have proof of one, please let me know.

The 2014 Canadian Bud Light Sensation bottle ‘Into the Wild’ didn’t surface until long after the concert was over. It was even thought to be a myth, until it was finally discovered. Well the 2015 Bud Light Sensation bottle ‘Innerspace’, 50358007 from Labatt Brewing was a bit more timely in its arrival. Again it is a 473ml white bottle going with the Innerspace tagline this time around. Graphics have been changed around, more of a geometric design for this bottle.

So far, this is the only known bottle to be released for Sensations in 2015. A few 16oz cans were found, for Mexico, but no additional bottles.



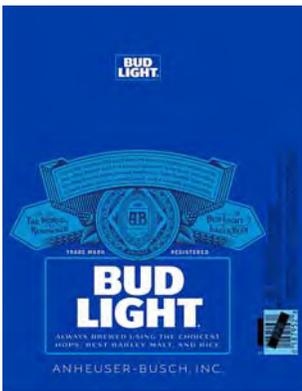
Budweiser in China has been celebrating the Chinese New Year since 2012 with aluminum bottles. The first few years there was just the 16oz, last year was a 16oz and 355ml and now they've thrown in an additional 355ml for a three bottle release this year. All three bottles are the standard red bottles with a picture of a monkey and referencing 2016 along the bottom. The first 355ml (Version 1) and the 16oz have 'Year of the Monkey' in Chinese along one side. The second 355ml (Version 2) has a reference to 'King Jia, mad claw' or something like that in Chinese along the side, my translator program kept freaking out so couldn't get a decent translation. Both the 355ml bottles are from Wuhan Brewing and the 16oz is an A-B import Exal bottle, GAN number not available.



Budweiser 'Year of the Monkey' 355ml, Version 1

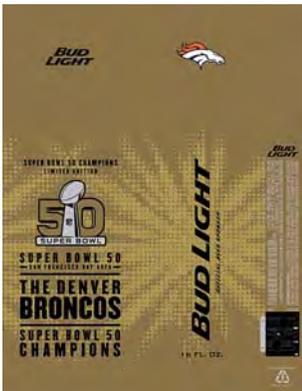
Budweiser 'Year of the Monkey' 355ml, Version 2

Budweiser 'Year of the Monkey' 16oz

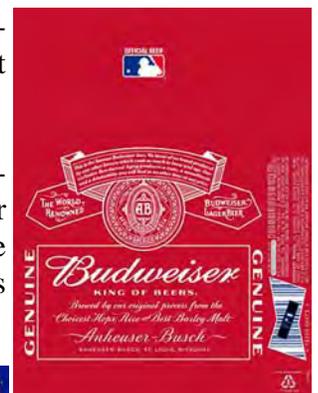


Looks to be a somewhat busy spring/summer for new releases. Bud Light will finally release a new label, national in all three variations. Similar to the new Budweiser's, it will feature a large A-B Crest, should be released in March/April.

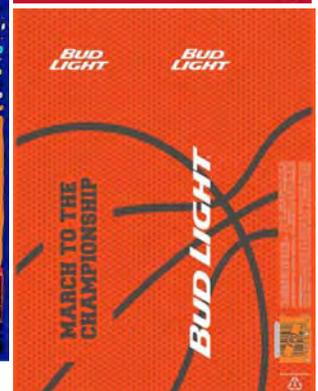
Budweiser, after years of team specific, will release a generic MLB bottle. Probably safe to say it will be in most cities with a team and there will be several variations.



Happy to see that Peyton finished off his career (most likely) with a win and Bud Light will release Broncos Super Bowl 50 bottle to go along with the championship. Release may come soon or at the beginning of next season, always hit and miss with these.



The South by Southwest Festival will be held this March in Austin, Texas. This year Bud Light jumped into the sponsorship and will have a very colorful bottle for the event. Obviously to be released in Austin so all you Texans keep an eye out.



We haven't had a NCAA bottle since 2008 so Bud Light will release a March to the Championship bottle. The Final Four will be in Houston this year but since the bottle is somewhat generic, it may be released in other regional/playoff hosting cities also.



Chapter T-Shirts

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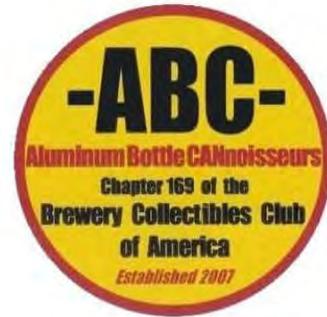
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BCCA At-Large Chapter #169



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Joining the BCCA can easily be done on the internet using a 2 step process.

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