



The Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs Newsletter
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A Message from your President Bill Viancourt ABC# 132

What a strange time! Instead of talking about the friends who showed up at the show last weekend or the bottles we found on the little trip we took, we are talking about social distancing, masks, and remote work and learning. The worst part is that it is not talking but shouting at each other instead of having quiet discourse. To end this paragraph - let's be nice to each other!

Believe it or not, with a little effort, you could have added a few need Bud bottles to your collection since this started. EBay is not affected by this virus, and neither is our chapter website. This could be like the old days when we read the want ads and made trades for the bottles we were looking for. It is a good way to stay connected with fellow collectors.

Even if US bottle production is limited for now, there is a wealth of beautiful bottles coming from everywhere else on the globe. I was going to avoid collecting these when I started, but found the graphics to be so much more attractive than their US counterparts that I now have almost as many "foreign as I do US bottles. If you don't want to be buried in these, maybe you can start an OB/OC segment to the ABC.

In a big breaking new category, our Secretary/Treasurer, Brad Ambruso, has decided to step down from his position. Brad has been a big contributor to the chapter not just in this position, but as the developer of the website, its administrator and the keeper of the bottle listings. These will be multiple pairs of big shoes to fill. Dave Vogl, our newsletter editor, would like to take over the Webmaster position (with Brad's guidance). Dave will stay on as editor until a replacement can be found. Dave is willing to assist with the newsletter program and his expertise to help the new editor get started. This leaves the Secretary/Treasurer position as open and looking for a volunteer. I am confident that there are many of you who can easily step into these positions.

Another new adventure will be a vote by email as this is an election year and we will not be meeting at the Convention. Except for Brad, the current slate of officers is committed to continue in their current positions. If you are interested in any position, you can email me your intentions and I can construct an email ballot if necessary. Three forms of identification, four levels of encryption, and a secret handshake will be required to cast your ballot. (Just joking)

Keep reminding your Facebook friends about the benefit of belonging to our chapter. It is always safer to trade or buy/sell with someone you know than not. Membership still has a lot to offer, especially to a newer collector.

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We are still looking for a member who might be willing to write a short article to be submitted for consideration in the BCCA magazine about their bottle collecting. If you are interested, please contact me via phone or email and I will give you the details. It is free publicity for our chapter and a chance to show off your collection.

Remember to forward pictures of new bottles to Bob Renforth to be included in the BCCA Magazine. His contribution helps to pave the way for going back to two awards for bottle of the year.

Don't know when we will see each other again. In the meantime, I hope you survive whatever kind of quarantine is in place where you live. I hope you and your family stay healthy.

Bill

Thanks

As always, thanks to Bill and Juan Carlos for their contributions. Thanks to Bob Renforth for his two articles. Also, thanks to those who posted on Facebook and gave permission to use their pictures in our newsletter: Chilam Yun, Dan Manwaring, Danny Gooch, Jim McCluskey, Jose Paulo De Freitas, and Todo Tricolor.

Chapter Tidbits

In Memoriam: We are saddened to inform you of the passing of Peggy Papas. Peggy was an ABC member for many years and attended many conventions with her husband Gary.

Dues: Chapter dues are still \$5 per year with Lifetime Membership granted after 5 consecutive years. Currently 100% of our members are lifetime members.

Facebook: Check out the ABC Chapter's two Facebook Pages. Our general page, Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs page, which is open to anyone is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/abcchapter/>. Our other page, ABC Chapter Members, is a closed group just for active ABC Members, can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/abcchaptermembers/>. Both groups can also be found by simply typing abcchapter into the Facebook search bar.



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Website/Forum: The ABC Chapter website galleries now lists well over 4000 bottles. But there are always newer bottles, and some from the past, that get missed. If you run across a bottle not listed, or can provide better pictures of one that is, please contact Brad at: webmaster@abcchapter.com or use the Bottle Submittal Form available from the webpage.

The ABC Chapter Forum is still up and running. With the popularity of Facebook it doesn't get the traffic it used to, but still a good place to trade/find info on bottles. Check it out at www.abcchapter.com/forum/.

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.

Check it out at www.bcca.com or give them a call at (636) 343-6436. After you join, let us know at www.abcchapter.com and your first year at the ABC is covered!



Join the BCCA and your first year in the ABC is free!!

Don't Forget! We are also on Facebook!

Find us at www.facebook.com/groups/abcchapter or type abcchapter in your Facebook search box



Dave's Ramblings

Greetings,

I hope everyone and their family are well. I am wrapping up my 32 year career at Del Monte which means I'll have one less excuse for not getting the newsletters out in a timely manner.

BCCA members had some good news and bad news. The bad news is of course, that the Convention was been cancelled for 2020. The good news is that our BCCA Board cancelled the 2020 Convention for all our sakes and the Convention Committee was able to reschedule the Convention for 2021 and keep it in St. Louis. There was a lot of frustration and pressure for all involved but the best outcome was achieved. Thank you!

Even before the current post office situation, mailing packages has been a crapshoot. Recently, it took less than 5 days to get a package from China and around 5 weeks to get a package from Lithuania. And it is not uncommon that the cost of postage is more than the cost of the beer cans being shipped.

Our Turkish friends are in the planning stages for BCWC V (Brewery Collectibles World Convention) to be held next June, in Istanbul. The accommodations look great. The first proposed location could only hold 210 tables so they found a new location that can hold 900 tables! Give me the vaccine and I'll be there.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and drink beer,

Dave Vogl - Newsletter Editor

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古典工艺
承袭古典工艺
口感更加醇厚饱满
泡沫松软洁白，

老家味道

捷克SAAZ啤酒花
突出而不突兀，
香味纯正温和。

麦芽
甄选上乘进口
麦芽为原料

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PUT ON A SHELF

By Bob Renforth ABC001

Some of you like me may have a lot of trading stock stashed away in boxes. When I moved to Arkansas a few years back, all these boxes ended up in my unfinished basement. Add to that a purchase of nearly 50 cases of bottles and one can easily lose sight as to what bottles are in what boxes. It got to the point where I lost track of how many of a certain bottle I had. This led to problems when making trades or selling on eBay.

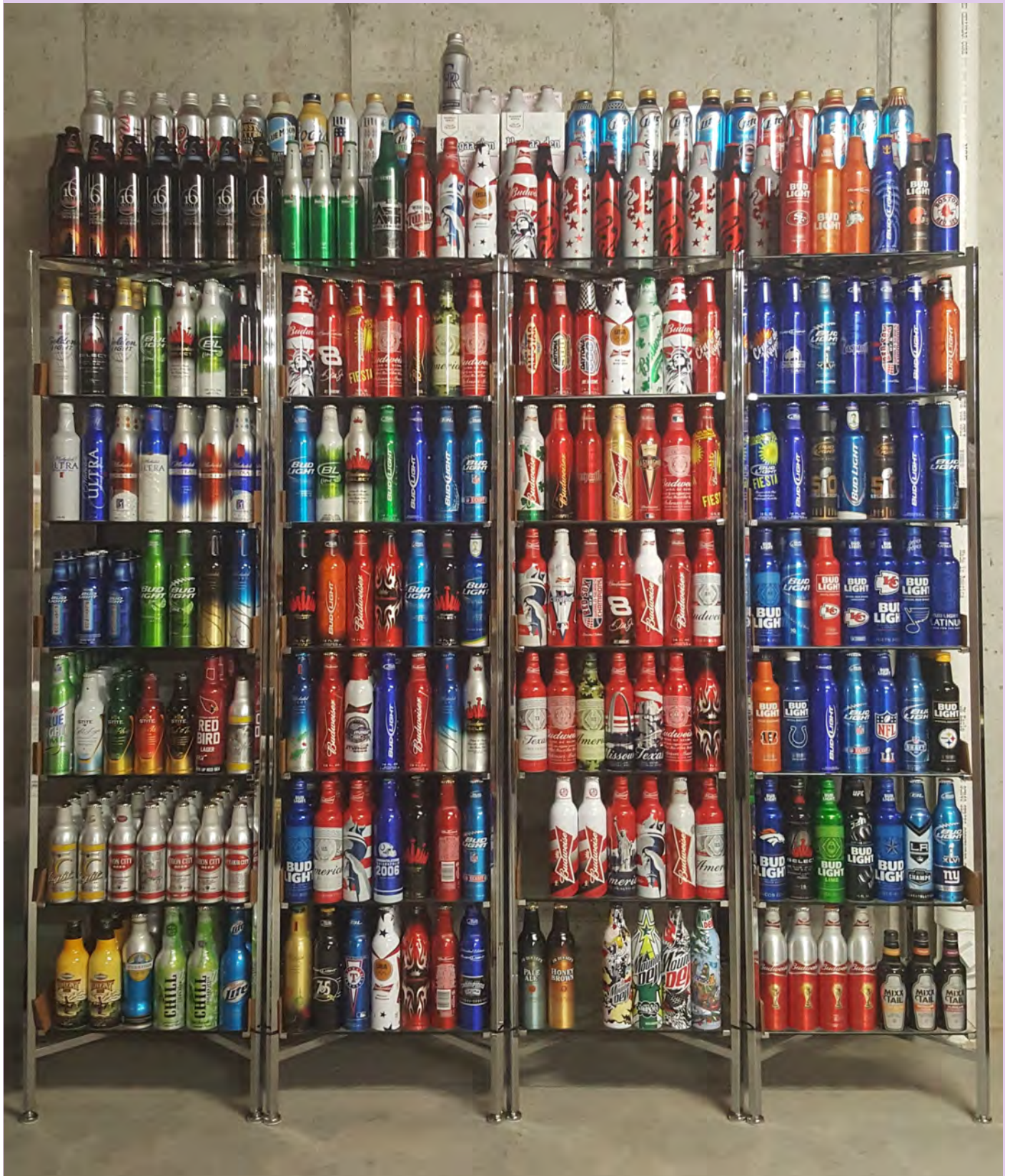
Something had to be done. I often thought of some sort of storage rack where I could place multiples of each bottle on. This way I'd have a better idea of what I did have available. Off to the home improvement stores I went. Have you priced shelving lately? Not cheap by any means. That put a kibosh on the plan for a while.

One day my wife wanted to stop by a local clothing store that was going out of business. Funny thing was this store had been going out of business for 6 months. While pulling into the parking lot the signs on the building said 80-90% off. It also said they were selling their fixtures. Once inside the door, my wife went one way and I went another. Walking around I spotted a lot of bulky metal shelving along with some heavy as hell particle board shelving. I had no desire to start dragging these oversized units out to my truck and to try and make something out of them once I got them home. So, I continued looking. When I made my way into the jewelry/cosmetic isles, I found gold (no pun intended). There I found several metal framed displays with glass shelves that would work perfectly. Unfortunately, they already had sold stickers on them. Luckily when I asked a cashier about them, she said they had more in the back room. I was able to pick up four of them for \$20 a pop.

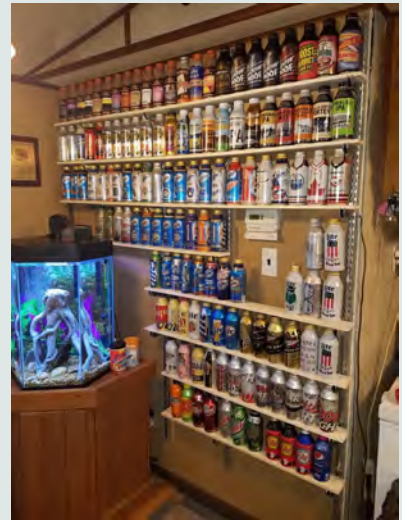
Now came the fun part, putting them together and arranging all my trading stock. The shelves were large enough to hold 7 bottles across and 8 deep for a total of 56 bottles per shelf if needed. For ease I decided to separate the bottles into three categories; Redemption, Non-Redemption and 3.2%. This proved a daunting task as hardly any of my boxes were organized. The whole project took just under a week to complete. Now I have approximately 90% of my trading stock on shelves and the remainder neatly organized in boxes and Totes. Next task, finish part of my basement in order to display my collection. A Winter project in the making!

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PUT ON A SHELF—continued
By Bob Renforth ABC001



Hodge Podge



Here's Danny Gooch's Jack Daniel's collection, new shelves for his 16 oz. collection, and his 16 oz. collection.



Cabottles for Israel, from Jim McCuskey..



Skip Miller is looking for these.

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Todo Tricolor found these new colorful cabottles from the Michel Jodoin Brewery of Quebec, Canada.



Jose Paulo De Freitas found this new variation from the Shawn & Ed Brewing Co. of Ontario, Canada.



Dan Manwaring shared the graphics changes on the newer Tsingtao 70 cabottle.



These were featured on the Halfmoon Wine and Liquor Facebook page.

START THE TOMORROWLAND MADNESS WITH THESE 6 EXCLUSIVE JUPILER BOTTLES!

Jupiler
INFECTED BY MUSIC

Beer brewed carefully, to be consumed with care

I had to double-check my shelves when I came across this old Tomorrowland Jupiler advertisement. Luckily I have the set,

ULTRA'S NEW 12 oz BOTTLE

By Bob Renforth ABC001

Recently Michelob Ultra released a limited edition 12 oz Aluminum bottle and as far as I can tell with no fanfare. I have searched the internet for any sort of news release and have found nothing. I tried contacting AB-Inbev and received no reply (surprise). The only clue may be on the packaging itself. The case states "*CELEBRATE THIS TRAINING SEASON*". But what the hell does that mean?

Rumors circulate that AB-Inbev went with the smaller bottle due to the aluminum shortage the industry is facing. I find this difficult to believe on two counts; one is that the 12 oz bottle is not that much shorter to make a significant difference, and second, they make their own bottles. They don't have to reply upon an outside source. There is also an unanswered question on if this shortage were true why they would put their 3rd best selling beer in this container and not a lesser sold brand.

The smaller bottle of course raises a few questions. Is this a sign of things to come for other labels? Will they continue selling both sizes and will they offer both pry off and twist of caps? While searching online I came upon an image from a large liquor store in Peoria, IL advertising this new 12 oz bottle having a twist off cap. Luckily I copied a photo of it, because when I went back to the site later it stated it wasn't available. Had it all sold out so suddenly or was it in fact a mistake in advertising on the stores part? Whatever the reason it clearly shows the pry off cap.

Let's take a look at the new bottle. In the photos I placed it along side of the most recent 16 oz bottle of Ultra for comparison. The first thing you notice is that the ribbon is now plain red versus red/maroon. Next you'll notice ULTRA is in a new font. On the white side of the bottle it now displays the carb and calorie count instead of hiding it in fine print on the side panel. The caps are even different with the new one being less busy. One can expect these changes to appear on a 16 oz bottle if and when they release a new one, but as of right now, your guess is as good as mine.

As you know, this is not the first 12 oz aluminum bottle AB-Inbev has issued. In 2017 they released Bud Light bottle #503903 but that was the last issue in this size. It will be interesting to see where this change takes us.



International Aluminum Bottles

Juan Carlos De Marco ABC# 031

Because of this terrible scourge that subdue us to an endless situation of domination in many ways, the world's production of aluminum bottles has fallen to unexpected limits a year ago. We rescued a few specimens that, while of recognized aesthetic beauty, already seem to be rare specimens of a product that we had become accustomed to having periodically in our "news".

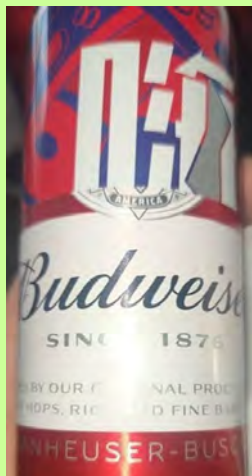
Because of their origin only a couple of cabottles can be highlighted. The first of them is the German POP UP, which curiously shows a modern and youthful design, which was not common in bottles from that country.



The rest I will mention as a group, because Chinese production is still of great attraction, where the models of Budweiser and Tsingtao stand out, which occupy most of our shelves, with various colors, figures and renewed proposals.



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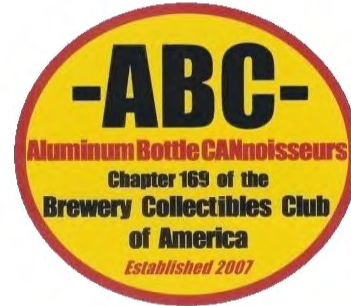


Before the next issue of our magazine appears, I hope I have opened my "exhibition hall" with all my collections, where you can fully observe the more than 2,000 aluminum bottles that I "captured" since their appearance on the market.

See you then....

Note to ABC members: please send an ABC membership form to any possible future members; such as including it with anyone you're having Face Book or eBay transactions with.

**Aluminum Bottle
CANnoisseurs
Chapter Application
BCCA At-Large Chapter
#169**



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

BCCA#: _____

PHONE

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MAIL: _____

Chapter dues:

New members - Annual dues are \$5 per year. After 5 consecutive years member will become a "Lifetime Member" and annual dues will not be required. Advance payment of \$25 for "Lifetime Membership" accepted.

Former/rejoining ABC members - A onetime fee of \$20.

Former members will also retain their original ABC member number and become a 'Lifetime Member'. If you remember your ABC number, note it on this application or contact the ABC Treasurer.

New BCCA Members - First year ABC dues waived if you join BCCA.

First time BCCA members only. Contact the ABC Treasurer



BCCA Membership

US Membership \$40.00/year

Canada/Mexico \$50.00/year

All other countries \$60.00/year

Annual membership to the BCCA which includes 6 issues of the Beer Cans & Brewery Collectibles magazine, a membership roster, the privilege to register for the CANvention, member only pricing on BCCA merchandise, and access to the Members Only section of website.

Benefits of Membership

In exchange for their annual dues, members receive a bundle of benefits that are hard to beat. Compare these benefits with those offered by other collector clubs — in any hobby — and you'll see why the BCCA is still growing strong after 40 years. Here's what members get:

Welcome Package

New members receive a welcome package that contains a number of collectibles such as labels, BCCA commemorative CANvention cans, crowns, coasters etc. along with your copy of the membership roster and a membership card and your membership certificate, suitable for framing.

New and renewing members receive the following: An annual subscription to Beer Cans & Brewery Collectibles

The club's high quality magazine, published 6 times yearly.

Find out more about this publication and others.

Membership Roster

A complete roster of the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of all active BCCA members. Bylaws, officers, chapter info and much more.

Find out more about this publication and others.

Membership Card and Certificate

Your BCCA membership card and number identifies you as a member in good standing with the club. Your membership number is vital to any correspondence you may have with the club and is unique to you. It will never be reissued to another member, even if you are no longer active.

CANvention

The right to attend the BCCA's annual CANvention, held in a different North American city each year. This show-of-shows usually draws about 1,000 collectors from far and wide and is a don't-miss event.

Sign up at: <https://www.bcca.com/shop/bcca-membership/>

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