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A Message from your President

Bill Viancourt ABC #132

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Just a few years ago, a shot was a chaser for your ice-cold Corona. Now the shot will put your corona on ice. What a strange world it has been. Let hope we are over the hump and will be able to get together in St. Louis for 50/51.

As of this date we are less than 5 months from Convention. I am hoping with vaccinations and herd immunity, we can have a normal convention – a full trade floor, room to room trading, evening activities and all the rest of the things that make every Convention memorable. I can't imagine a watered-down version where many of these activities are shut down. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

The hunt is back on as Budweiser is putting out new issues to help bolster sales. The '90 throwback (spring break) bottles are plentiful here in south Florida. I am bringing plenty of them home. Earlier, the Tampa Super Bowl bottles were almost as plentiful, the 2020 Stanley Cup championship bottle was a bit harder to find, and we are now waiting for the Tampa Bay championship bottle. There also appears to be quite a few NBA bottles slowly being released. I hope Budweiser finds some new festivals the put out commemorative bottles for. If you collect international bottles, there are plenty of them to be had. Good luck to you if you collect Chinese bottles. In the heydays of the '70s, Iron City, Shells and the rest of the regional brewers collectively do not match the output coming out of China.

Please make sure you vote for your favorite US and International bottles of the Year. Ballots should be in the next BCCA newsletter. Let's make sure the BCCA knows we appreciate going back to separate categories. (If it's not too late)

Our board is now back to full strength. Recently retired editor Dave Vogl had agreed to fill the vacant seat on the BOD when Dave Dosier assumed the duties a Secretary treasurer. This current board will remain until the election at Convention 52 (or whatever it will be called).

I really enjoyed seeing pictures of Sergio's collection. You too can have your collection featured in a future newsletter. All you need to do is take some nice pictures and send them to Sergio. You can even include a little about yourself and your collection. You have a great collection, why not brag a little. If you need any other info, please contact me or Sergio.

Don't forget to send pictures of new finds to Bob Renforth. It's better he gets three pics of the same bottle than none at all. You know what happens when you assume someone else already did it.

Stay healthy! Hope to see you all soon,

Bill

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Chapter Tid-Bits

New member: A hearty welcome to our newest member Rock Cheung from China

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.



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!

Thanks

For this newsletter, many thanks to Bill Viancourt and Philipp Bruell for their contributions. Thanks Bob Renforth and Mike Scheffler for the articles. Also thanks to those who gave permission to use their Facebook photos for the newsletter: Chilam Yun, Danny Gooch, TW Coke

El Chacharero's corner

Hello dear collectors!

First of all, let me tell you that my english is not perfect so please forgive me for any grammatical and orthographic mistakes.

BIG thanks to Dave Vogl for his work in previous issues!

Now, a little bit about myself:

My name is Sergio García Reynaud and I'm a breweriana collector from Mexico City, my main collection of course is focused in aluminum beer bottles, at the moment I have around 2,000 different ones but just 600-650 displayed on shelves.

I have been a collector since I was 10 years old and I am sure that I will continue like this until I die, I started with aluminum beer bottles in 2012 and since then I am very happy to combine two of my greatest passions, traveling and collecting.

I have traded with many collectors and I have met great people from many countries in these years through this hobby, I have had the fortune to attend several CANventions, CERVEXPO and BCWC meetings, in addition to having been part of the organization of the first meeting of beer collectors in Mexico City of the COLCERMEX club in 2020 just before the pandemic.

At this time, I am the BCWC's interim General World Coordinator heading to the next event in Turkey in june 2022, I hope to see many of you there.

Please send me your comments, complaints and suggestions about this number, it is the first one that I edit and I still do not know how much I should adapt to what had been done before or to what are my limits to make modifications.

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Great finds

Bob Renforth ABC #001

About two years ago I purchased a group of aluminum bottles from a guy in Ohio on Craigslist. From the photos in his listing I could tell there were some very nice bottles that I didn't have. The listing didn't have a purchase price, so we went back and forth and finally came to agreeable terms. The only problem was how to get the bottles to my place in Arkansas. There were approximately 65 bottles in the lot and I knew postage would be high. That and I didn't know if the guy would package them well enough to get them to me in one piece. Come to find out he was located about 35 miles from where I grew up. I had planned a trip to visit relatives in Ohio later in the year so I asked him if he would hold them for me and he said he would.

When I made it to Ohio, I contacted the guy and arranged to meet him at a swap meet in the local area. When we met up, he took me to his car to transfer custody. I quickly scanned the lot to insure I was getting what I paid for. YES, they were all there! He even had some extra bottles that he threw in including several coke bottles that weren't shown or included in his original listing. I grilled him on where he got these and if there were others. He told me that he had gotten them from a friend of a friend's father and that the only ones he kept were a few baseball bottles with teams his father followed. He didn't think the guy had any others but said that he would check. Sweet I said, thanked him and took my new stash to my car. I then proceeded to walk the very large swap meet and picked up a few more items before I headed back to my sister's place.

When I got back home from the trip, I started researching a few of the bottles. Here I thought that two of them were just color variations of existing bottles but low and behold they were actual prototypes that never made it to an actual release. The first one is a 2007 Bud Light Royal Caribbean Cruise Line bottle that is silver instead of blue and has various hues of blue for the wording and images. There is no side/back panel to it. A very unusual bottle to say the least. The second bottle may be considered more of a test bottle as it is very similar to an actual release. It too was from 2007 and is a Budweiser Select bottle. It was issued bottle number 500708 but has both Gold and Silver wording and has a silver outline of the Select emblem. There is a silver rectangle for the UPC code however there was no UPC assigned to it. It's almost as if it was a transitional bottle going from gold print (2007) to silver print (2008) bottles before it was nixed.

Searching for and finding unique bottles such as these, fuels my passion for our little niche in the brewery collectibles hobby. You never know where something may pop up. What makes it extra special is when you find something that may be a one of a kind. Next issue I will discuss a few of the Coke bottles I received in this deal. You should find these very interesting as well. Stay Tuned.....



US/International Aluminum Bottle of the Year 2020

Mike Scheffler ABC #162

This year, even though Convention 50 did not take place as planned in St Louis, the BCCA general business meeting still took place virtually. At this meeting they announce the New Officers, Board Members, Hall of Fame Inductees, Chapter Newsletter Winners and the Can of the Year Winners. This year the US/International Aluminum Bottle Winner was Red Bird Lager brewed by Four Peaks Brewery in Tempe, AZ.

In 2017 and 2018 Bud Light produced bottles for the Arizona Cardinals as part of their NFL promotion. These bottles were mostly a stadium only release, meaning they were only available in the stadium during Cardinal home games and you had to sneak them out because of some rule not allowing you to take the bottles out of the stadium. I had a neighbor who had to leave a large bag full of empty bottles with security as he was leaving the stadium in 2017. In 2018 there were some other sporting venues in the greater Phoenix area that received Cardinal bottles as part of their orders and made that year's bottles a bit easier to obtain.

In 2019 Four Peaks, who partnered with Anheuser Busch four years earlier, produced their first aluminum bottle, Red Bird Lager with the tagline "Rise Up Red Sea". These bottles were available throughout the Phoenix area unlike the previous Cardinal bottles.

As I mentioned earlier this bottle won the US/International Aluminum Bottle of the Year for 2020. After the victory came the part of presenting the award. Near the end of September, Clayton Emery contacted me asking when I was headed to the Phoenix area again and asked if I would like to present the



award to Four Peaks. I had planned on going the first week in November and asked if that was okay to which he said it would be good. Clayton told me he would ship the bottle to me after he had a hole drilled through it and that the plaque would be shipped from elsewhere.

I arrived in Arizona on Halloween night and had a mostly uneventful week of lounging by the pool and just taking it easy. On Thursday I headed over to Four Peaks in Tempe to meet with Rocky Arredondo and Jim Scussel, co founder of Four Peaks Brewing Company. I introduced them to the BCCA and the ABC Chapter and explained how the voting took place. I showed them pictures of my collection along with the other bottles that were nominated and



congratulated them on their victory over the 2 bottle sets from China's Tsingtao Brewery and 2 entries from Anheuser Busch. Kind of like a David and Goliath story how the little guy defeated 2 brewing giants to win the award. I told them I am hoping to be back again next year to present the award to them again for their awesome looking second aluminum bottle, Rattle On, produced for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

After I presented the award I made my way to the outside patio and I enjoyed a can of Xerocole Desert IPA and the Jalapeno Chile Bomber burger before I left. Four Peaks is always a great stop for a cold one and great food when visiting the "Valley of the Sun" and it is located just east of Arizona State campus in Tempe.



Danny Gooch's pictures





U.S. Releases







Sun King Brewery



Coors Light commemorating Atlanta Braves 150th Anniversary

Chao Chih Hung's (Tw Coke) Collection

Tw Coke is a Coke and beer cabottles collector from Taiwan, here's part of his collection that includes many test and prototypes from China and Taiwan.





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International News



Sölsch eh Klar
Austria

Koboi
Belgium

Rebordosa
Brazil

Pop Up
Germany

From the south of the continent, these bottles from Interlaken micro brewery in Cordoba, Argentina.



They released two sets of plain bottles with their own label, six different in 355ml and ten in 473ml.



Cervecería Awka from Argentina

Another micro that just released aluminum bottles is Roots from Brazil, they made their debut with these five beautiful designs.

Asian News

Special thanks to Chilam Yun for the pictures





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

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



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

BCCA #: _____

PHONE #: _____

E-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 for this option.

An electronic version of our newsletter is published three times a year and delivered via e-mail. It is also available in the Members Area of our forum.



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/>
 BCCA's website: <https://www.bcca.com/>

**Remember that the ABC Chapter is part of the
Brewery Collectibles World Convention (BCWC)**

The central graphic is a world map where the continents are filled with small icons of beer bottles and glasses. The map is surrounded by a variety of logos from different beer collecting clubs and organizations. At the top, logos include COLGER, BCCA (Brewery Collectibles Club of America), COLGERE, AUSTRALIAN BEER CAN COLLECTOR, COLESMEX, CELCE, SPUNDES, and Brasil Chapter. To the left, there is a logo for 'Il Barattolo' and another for 'Porter Club'. To the right, logos include 'The Breweriana & Collectors Society', 'Packer Chapter', 'Rio Lata', 'FORT', 'AVENOCER', and 'AMERICAN BREWERIANA ASSOCIATION aba'. Below the map, the text 'Brewery Collectibles World Convention' is written in a large, bold font. Underneath this text, there is a grid of many more logos, including 'ÖBSC', 'ACCCA', 'KALTEBECKER', 'FvB', 'GAMBRINUS FRANCE', 'NABA', 'SASKI KLUB', 'COLPAR', 'COLCERQUE', 'Tcherveja', 'SILINGAE', 'ZB', 'DANUBIUS-KLUB', 'Alus Fans', 'NIAGARA BREWERY COLLECTIBLES CLUB', 'SOCIETY OF BULGARIAN BREWERIANA COLLECTORS', and 'CCBA'. The logos are diverse in design, featuring various symbols like beer glasses, bottles, and regional emblems.