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Aluminum Bottle CANNoisseurs

**Chapter 169 of the
Brewery Collectibles Club
of America**

Established 2007

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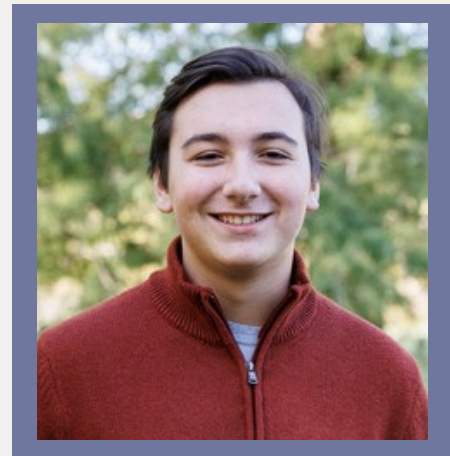
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MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello fellow ABC Chapter Members! Welcome to the President's Messages!

I hope to continue this opportunity to share with you valuable information about the ABC Chapter and what's happening in the BCCA on a monthly basis!

First and foremost, for those of you who are not BCCA members we would like to extend the invitation to join a fantastic opportunity that broadens the horizon of opportunities in the hobby of Breweriana collecting! **An application is included in this Newsletter!**

The BCCA CANvention is in **Milwaukee Wisconsin on September 11, 12, & 13**. If you have not made **YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS yet NOW is the time!**

Please use the BCCA WEBSITE to reserve your room.

YOU must be a BCCA member to attend!

ABC members that will be attending CANvention, PLEASE attend the ABC Chapter Meeting!



MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

PLEASE take a look at the roster and update **ANY** info that is incorrect. **Please send all updates to Brad Ambruso at brad@budcanbrad.com.**

There is major news coming in MARCH!

In an effort to get more action on our members' website, I **(WE) will be using the website to introduce more IMPOTANT INFORMATION about happening that will be happening!**

As president of the ABC Chapter I would like to thank you for collecting Aluminum Beer Bottles!

I would like to share one of my thoughts, our chapter is like a team, the word TEAM is an acronym for TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE! The more YOU invest with us the more we have to share with you!

Happy Hunting, Check the Members Website & look for my Monthly message's.



ABC President

BCCA Past President 2015

EDITORIAL

**NEWSLETTER
ADDITIONS
WANTED!**



Please send your **submissions, photos, columns, and important news** for a chance to be featured in the newsletter!

SEND TO

Carter Stahl

"The Cabottle Times" Editor

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Established 2007

Complete with easy column design and layout instructions

CHAPTER UPDATES

Membership

The ABC chapter currently has 121 members.

Let's make a goal to grow membership this year!

Website

The ABC chapter website gallery now lists over 5000 bottles. If you run across a bottle not currently entered, or have a better picture of a bottle, please contact Brad Ambruso

Brad Ambruso

webmaster@abcchapter.com



Visit Website Here

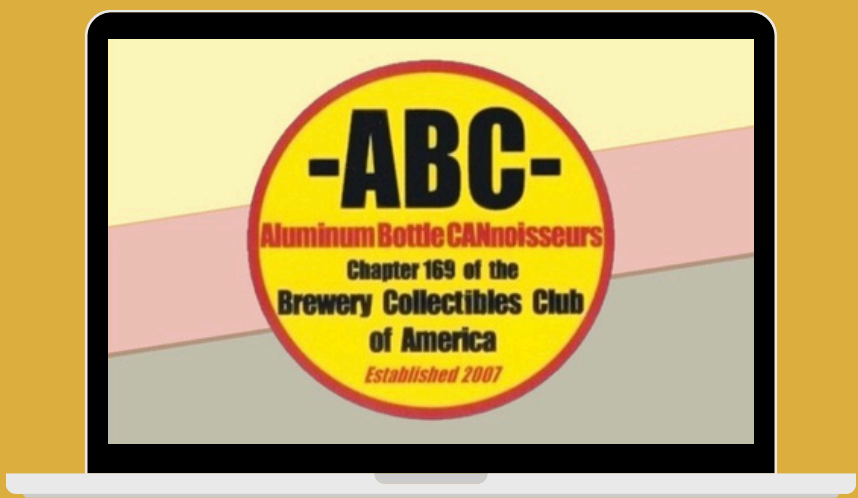
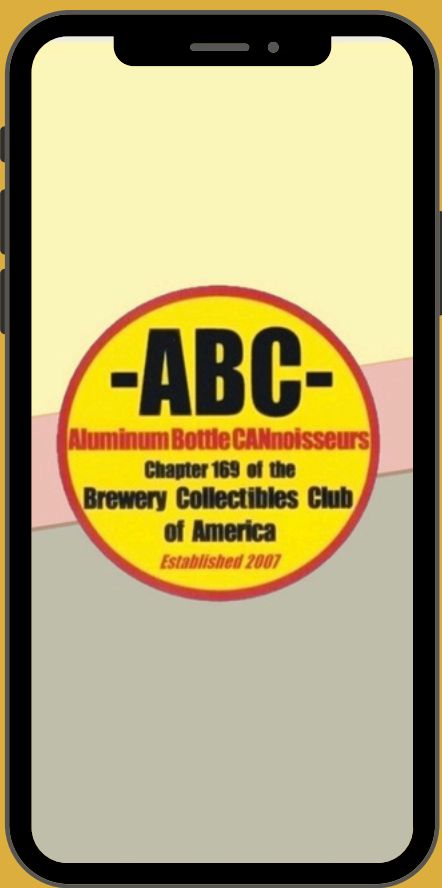


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a MEMBERS ONLY group
on Facebook!**

This group offers exclusive
member only trading, member
connection, and important
messages!

JOIN NOW



MINUTES

Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs

Seventeenth Annual Meeting; August 29, 2024; Little Rock, Arkansas

Bill Viancourt opened meeting at 5:00 pm by greeting everyone and introducing all the officers and board members in attendance. Bill then asked for a moment of silence for those members who passed away during the current year.

Officers in attendance:

Bill Viancourt #132 - President
Joe Hobaugh #069 - Vice President
Brad Ambruso #007 - Sec/Treasurer
John Doran #240 - Board Member
Joe Germino #004 - Board Member

Brad read the minutes from the 2023 Business Meeting at CANvention 52 in Louisville.
Motion to accept – Joe Germino #004, 2nd – Bruce Gregg #003
Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The current balance of chapter accounts is: \$2129.94. Expenses during year were BCCA Chapter Renewal, CANvention table, website hosting and email renewals.
Motion to accept – John Doran #240, 2nd – Keith Bennett #136
Approved unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP

123 MEMBERS

OLD BUSINESS

Once again Bill Viancourt announced the chapter is still in need of a newsletter editor. Bill did release a short update prior to CANvention.

Clothing – President Bill Viancourt has been working on a simpler design for our logo on clothing orders. Tom Fay volunteered to set up logo with company for direct orders. Price and payments will be handed by BOD.

Joe Germino advised that the ABC hospitality room couldn't be done this year due to hotel and other logistic reasons. Joe will attempt again for next year in Milwaukee.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Prin announced that Bob Renforth has resigned as BCCA magazine aluminum bottle columnist and the column has been discontinued. Aluminum bottles will now be highlighted in either the US Brand News or International Brand News columns. Any submissions of aluminum bottles will now have to be made to those respective columnists.

Again this year, in lieu of a prize raffle, a 50/50 raffle will be conducted at the chapter table.

Joe Germino asked for recognition from the floor for Bob Renforth's chapter contributions for his work on the BCCA magazine column.

MINUTES

Joe Germino thanked Bill Viancourt for his 6 terms as ABC Chapter president.

The board presented the slate of candidates for the elections as: President: Bill Viancourt, Vice President: John Doran, Sec/Tres: Brad Ambruso, Board Members: Joe Hobaugh, Joe Germino and Dave Vogl. Newsletter Editor: open.

Nominations from the floor. President: Tom Fay.

ELECTIONS

Officers:

President - Tom Fay	9 votes	Elected
Bill Viancourt	4 votes	
Vice President – John Doran	No Other Contestants	Elected
Sec/Tres – Brad Ambruso	No Other Contestants	Elected
Newsletter Editor – OPEN	No Contestants	

Board of Directors:

Joe Hobaugh	No Other Contestants	Elected
Joe Germino	No Other Contestants	Elected
Dave Vogl	No Other Contestants	Elected

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Amy Wilshire #016, 2nd – Gary Brinkmeyer #055. Unanimous at 5:29 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Ambruso #007, Secretary/Treasurer



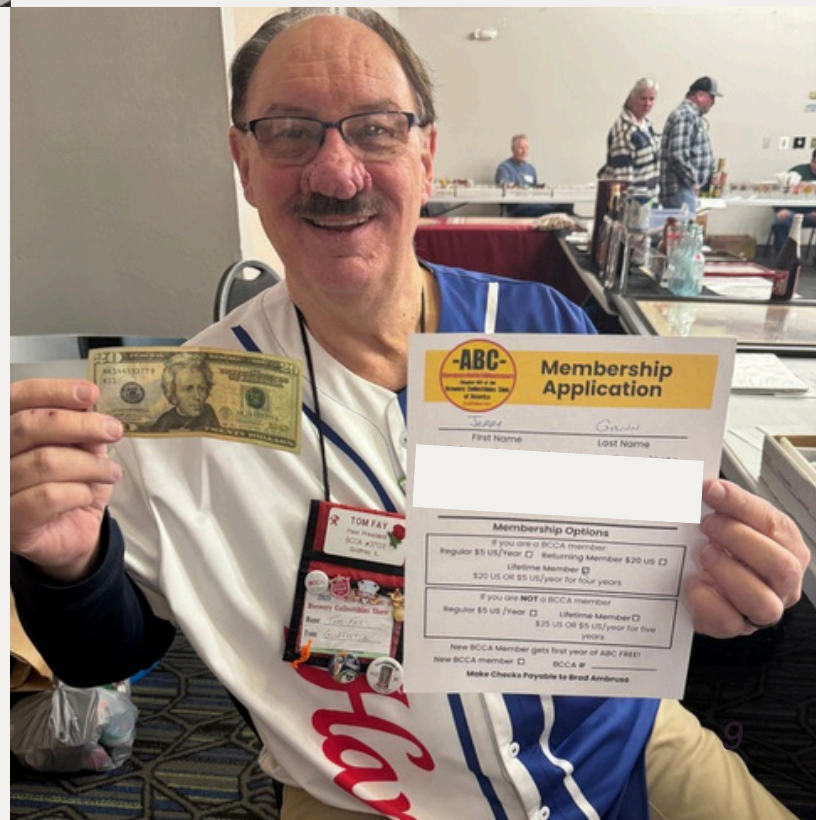
ABC CHAPTER IS ON THE MOVE

In late January, the ABC Chapter visited the **Mid - Missouri Collectables Show** in Osage Beach, Missouri

ABC President **Tom Fay**, Newsletter Editor **Carter Stahl**, and Member **Dave Vitale** pictured working the ABC Table



Attendees of the show got the opportunity to learn more about the ABC chapter and purchase a membership. We are pleased to **welcome 1 new member** and were happy to connect with existing members



CONSTITUTION

Please take a moment to review and remember our constitution

Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs CONSTITUTION

Published July 2007
Revised August 2014

Article I – Name

This Chapter will be an “At Large Chapter” of the Brewery Collectibles Club of America (BCCA) and shall be known as the “Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs - ABC”.

Article II - Purposes

- A. This Chapter reflects a united effort to document, promote, and grow our hobby particularly in the area of Aluminum Bottles, in a highly effective and coordinated manner throughout the United States as well as Internationally.
- B. It is also intended to recruit new members into the National Organization (BCCA) who may not yet collect other breweriana but do collect the aluminum beer bottle.
- C. Beside normal buy and trade options, this chapter will exist as a co-op* type enterprise. The theory behind this is in keeping the cost of new releases to a minimum.

*Dictionary.com defines Co-op; as a jointly owned enterprise engaging in the production or distribution of goods or the supplying of services, operated by its members for their mutual benefit, typically organized by consumers or farmers.

Article III - Members

The members of this Chapter shall consist of those persons who show *an interest in aluminum bottles and adhere to the Chapter Bylaws.*

Article IV – Meetings of Members

An annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the BCCA CANvention. Time, date and a tentative agenda of the annual meeting must be distributed to the chapter membership 2 weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting.

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Regional meetings can be held at regional or local trade shows.
Approval of regional meetings must be received by the chapter president.
Notification of regional meetings must be distributed to the entire chapter membership at least one week in advance of the regional meeting.

Article V – Board of Directors

The affairs of the Chapter shall be managed by a board of seven (7) directors consisting of four (4) officers and three (3) directors elected by the members at the annual meeting. The directors will be elected at the annual meeting and will serve a two (2) year term. *All seven (7) directors must be active BCCA Members to be eligible and remain an active BCCA Member throughout their term(s).* Any vacancies will be filled by a vote of the remaining directors.

Article VI – Officers

The officers of the Chapter shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. Officers will serve a two (2) year term and elections will be held at the annual meeting. Any officer vacancies will be filled by a vote of the remaining directors. Officers can repeat terms if interested.

Article VIII – Bylaws

The Board of Directors may adopt, alter, amend and repeal the Chapter Bylaws. Such Bylaws shall have the same force and effect as the provisions of this Constitution by a majority vote of the Directors.

Article IX – Constitution

Changes to the Constitution may be made only by a majority vote of the members attending the annual meeting.

Revisions:

Spelling of 'CANnoisseurs' corrected throughout document by BOD majority vote, June 2010.

Article IX: Revised by BOD majority vote, June 2010.

Article III and V: Revised at CANvention Chapter Meeting by Member majority vote, August 2014.

BYLAWS

ALUMINUM BOTTLE CANnoisseurs

BYLAWS

*Published July 2007
Revised September 2016*

Please take a moment to review and remember our bylaws

1. Dues

The dues for all members shall be \$5.00 per calendar year. *After 5 years of continuous membership yearly dues are no longer required and said member will be considered a 'Lifetime Member'. Members may also pay in advance to receive a 'Lifetime Membership'.* Dues shall be due and payable on or before September 30th each year. The Board of Directors has the authority to adjust dues on an annual basis in order to cover Chapter expenses.

Any first time member joining the ABC in conjunction with a new BCCA membership, will receive their first year ABC dues waived.

Former ABC members wishing to rejoin the Chapter may do so, and retain their original ABC number, for a \$20 rejoin fee and will be a 'Lifetime Member'.

2. Members

Subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws, membership in the Chapter is open to *anyone* who has an interest in aluminum bottles both International and Domestic. The Board of Directors has the authority to decline membership or renewal of membership to any person determined to not be acting in the best interests of the Chapter. No reason or notice needs to be given for refusal of membership. All members will be issued a membership number upon processing their application. A roster shall be made and kept current by the Secretary/Treasurer.

3. Meetings of Members

An annual chapter meeting will be held in conjunction with the BCCA CANvention. Notification and an agenda for the meeting must be sent to all chapter members 2 weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting. When appropriate, new officers and Board Members will be selected and voted on for the next term. Chapter business will also be discussed. Meeting minutes are required to be recorded and are to be distributed in next issue of the newsletter. E-mail distribution is an acceptable form of distributing meeting minutes and should be

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completed no more than 3 weeks after the meeting. If actions are assigned and agreed to by an individual member or members, it is the responsibility of the president to track and ensure timely closure for the actions.

Regional meetings can be held at trade shows for the purposes of but not limited to, meeting other chapter members, discuss options to improve the chapter, discuss options to distribute Aluminum Bottles to the membership, discuss and suggest articles for the newsletter and educating collectors about the chapter. Approval of regional meetings must be received from the chapter president. Notification of regional meetings must be distributed to the entire chapter membership at least one week in advance of the regional meeting. The senior most officer or an appointed BoD should preside over the meeting. In the event no officer or BoD is in attendance, the president can appoint someone to preside over the meeting. Meeting minutes are required to be recorded and should be sent to the president, officers and BoD's for review and approval and then distributed to the entire membership either in the next newsletter or by e-mail. If actions are assigned and agreed to by an individual member or members, it is the responsibility of the president to track and ensure timely closure for the actions.

4. Board of Directors

Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by any three (3) Directors or by any ten (10) members in good standing. Board meetings and issues requiring a vote will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order. Every effort will be made to schedule meetings to coincide with Chapter events to encourage participation by the membership. For issues and situations where time is of the essence, the Board is authorized to meet electronically or via conference call. All issues requiring a vote will be determined by a majority vote of the Board.

5. Officers

The President shall preside at all meetings and is responsible for guiding the Chapter and Board of Directors. The Vice-President shall assist the President and be prepared to assume that role if the President is unable to fulfill chapter responsibilities. The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the records of the Chapter and managing the finances of the Chapter. The Newsletter Editor is responsible for publishing a high quality electronic newsletter on a quarterly basis.

A schedule will be determined and amended in the By-laws.



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6. Compensation

No Officer, Director or Member shall receive compensation for any service performed for the Chapter unless approved by the Board of Directors.

7. Committees

The Board of Directors shall determine the committees necessary to meet the goals and objectives of the Chapter. For example, International or regional members can work together to compile aluminum bottle composites and document new aluminum bottles released in their region. These members can also work as a regional co-op point of contact to organize the distribution of new aluminum bottles to members.

8. Publications

- a. The Chapter shall publish a newsletter *three times per year which will be available to all members via the internet*. The Board may also authorize and publish additional materials designed to promote our hobby and increase membership.
- b. A membership roster shall be compiled and kept current by the Secretary/ Treasurer, and be made available to the membership *with distribution of the newsletter*.
- c. Newsletter articles of noteworthy content should be submitted to the BCCA web site for posting.

9. Name, Motto, Slogan

The official logo of the Chapter shall include the name of the Chapter, Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs and BCCA assigned number. The name and logo are the exclusive property of the Chapter and may not be used for any purposes other than those approved by the Board.

10. Miscellaneous

- a. This Chapter is a not for profit organization. All revenues shall be used to provide member services and to educate, document and promote the aluminum beer bottle world wide. All notices shall be delivered to members via email or by methods deemed appropriate by the Board. No member has the authority to bind any contract or agreement for the Chapter unless authorized to do so by the Board. These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

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b. This chapter will exist as a co-op enterprise. The theory behind this is in keeping the cost of new releases to a minimum.

ABC Co-op theory example. A member finds a new release and notifies the chapter representative, in this case the VP. The VP in turn notifies the general membership via email of the new release and the point of contact (POC). Many times new releases are distributed throughout the nation, so there may be more than one POC per release. Each chapter member has the right to buy one new release bottle at a set price of \$1 above the purchase price plus postage. Members will contact POC for purchase and discuss any special shipping instructions. Before any member may purchase additional bottles at the sellers price, all other members shall have the same opportunity to purchase one bottle for their collection. NOTE: All chapter members must abide to these procedures or it will defeat the purpose of this enterprise feature and we will continue to have to rely on online auctions and their high prices to add to our collections.

c. In the event the Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs Chapter disbands, all money in the treasury will be donated to the BCCA.

Revisions:

Section 1: Revised at CANvention Chapter Meeting by Member majority vote, August 2007

Section 8 a: Revised at CANvention Chapter Meeting by Member majority vote, August 2008

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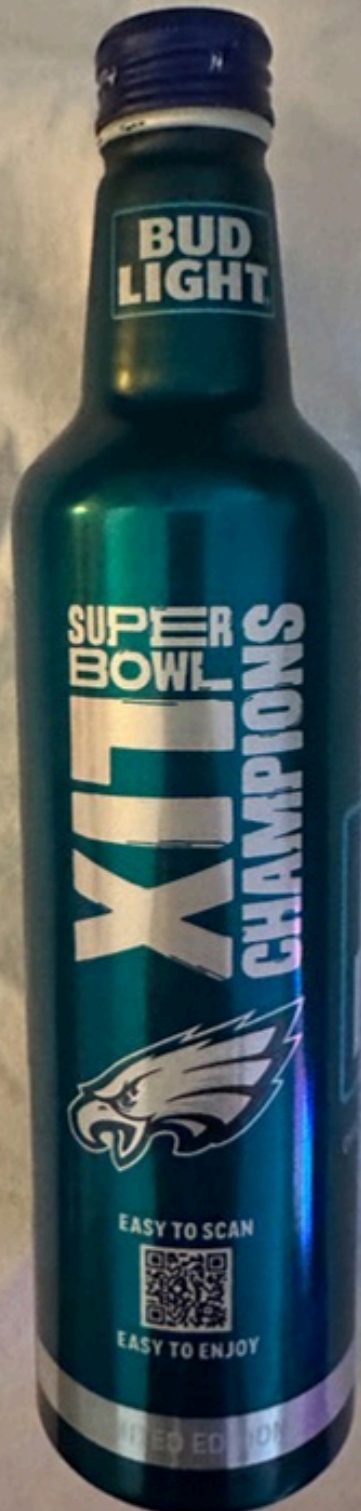
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NEW
BOTTLES

BUD LIGHT

Philadelphia Eagles Superbowl Champions



Redemption
Twist Off

504156

**BUD
LIGHT**

Carlsberg

NEW Fibre Bottle





NEW Fibre Bottle

Although it is not an aluminum bottle, this biodegradable bottle is getting a lot of attention

The Fibre Bottle is primarily made of natural wood fibers which come from FSC-certified sources in Northern Europe.

Certified suppliers follow responsible forestry practices where 2-3 new trees are planted for every tree harvested, and where harvesting times are optimized with minimum tree growth periods and with maximum CO2 sequestration efficiency by younger trees.

PEF is a highly effective barrier between the beer and fibre shell, capable of protecting the beer's quality so that consumers can enjoy the same fresh Carlsberg taste and insulate the beer better than conventional glass or cans to keep the beer colder for longer.

THANK YOU

To Members

Dave Vitale ABC #241

**Beer Dave Gusephol ABC
#247**

For The Newsletter
Submissions!

CANvention 54

Milwaukee, WI



September 11th - 13th

Hilton City Center

509 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI

WHY JOIN THE ABC?

**The ABC (Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs)
is an at-large chapter in the BCCA for
members that collect aluminum bottles!**

**Members get to meet with other collectors
to buy/sell or trade amongst each other.
Members also get exclusive access to the
ABC facebook group to buy and sell!**

**DUES :
\$5/Year**

Become a LIFETIME MEMBER

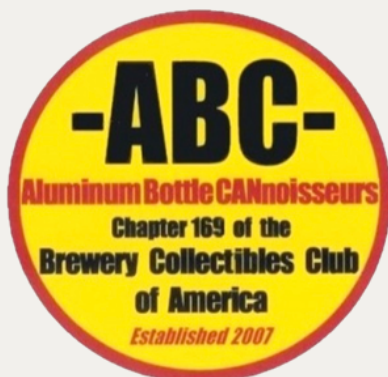
BCCA Members :

Pay one time fee of \$20 **OR**
pay \$5/year for four years

Non Members :

Pay one time fee of \$25 **OR**
pay \$5/year for five years

**NEW BCCA MEMBERS GET
FIRST YEAR OF ABC FREE!**²⁵



Please consider sending the membership form to prospective members, friends, family, or people you make often transactions with!



Membership Application

First Name

Last Name

Address

City

State

ZIP

Phone Number

Email

Membership Options

If you are a BCCA member:

Regular \$5 US/Year Returning Member \$20 US

Lifetime Member

\$20 US OR \$5 US/year for four years

If you are **NOT** a BCCA member

Regular \$5 US /Year Lifetime Member

\$25 US OR \$5 US/year for five years

New BCCA Member gets first year of ABC FREE!

New BCCA member

BCCA # _____

Make Checks Payable to Brad Ambruso

7501 KILLARNEY DRIVE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46217

Share this with your friends also! If you join the BCCA, your first year of ABC is free!



BCCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual Individual Membership Dues

- \$45 US Residents
- \$55 Canada and Mexico
- \$65 All Other Countries

Annual Family Membership Dues

- \$10 each additional family member
- Family memberships are available to persons related to current BCCA members in good standing*

Name _____ / ____ / ____
D.O.B.

Spouses Name _____ Sponsor

Phone Number _____

Mailing Address _____ Apt./Suite

City _____ State/Province/Country _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

*Email Address _____

Membership Type

- U.S. Resident
- Canada/Mexico
- Other Country _____
- Family

Payment Type

- Cash
- Check
- Visa
- Mastercard

_____ Card Number

_____ **Total Amount**

_____ Name on card/Signature

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WHY SHOULD I JOIN THE BCCA?

The ABC (Aluminum Bottle CAnoisseurs) is an at-large chapter of the BCCA (Brewery Collectibles Club of America)

The BCCA is a club with over 3,000+ members all interested in all things brewiana!

BCCA MEMBER BENEFITS

Registered BCCA members get a number of benefits including:

Welcome Package

New Members receive a welcome package containing labels, crowns, coasters, etc.

Membership Roster

A printed booklet of all BCCA members and contact info

Exclusive Content

BCCA members receive an issue of the award winning magazine "Beer Cans and Brewery Collectibles" along with exclusive web content

Membership Number

Each BCCA member gets a special number to identify them.

CANvention

BCCA members have the right to attend CANvention! The largest trade show of the year with over 1,000 members in attendance

**Family Memberships
Also Available!**

HOW DO I JOIN THE BCCA?

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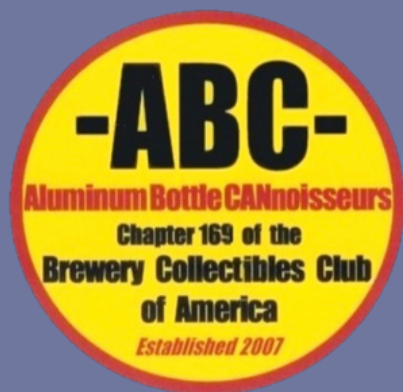
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A white handwritten signature of Carter Stahl on a blue background.

Carter Stahl
Newsletter Editor



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