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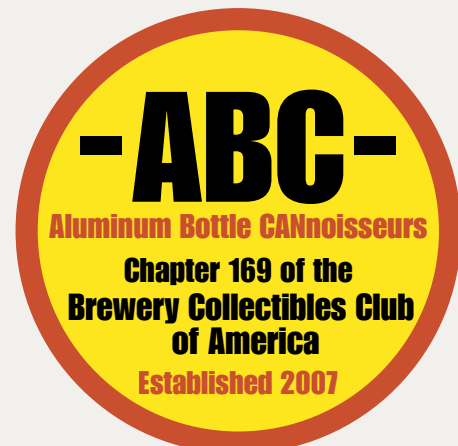
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About the cover

This issues cover features a photo of the breath-taking Milwaukee, WI Skyline, which was the location of CANvention 54



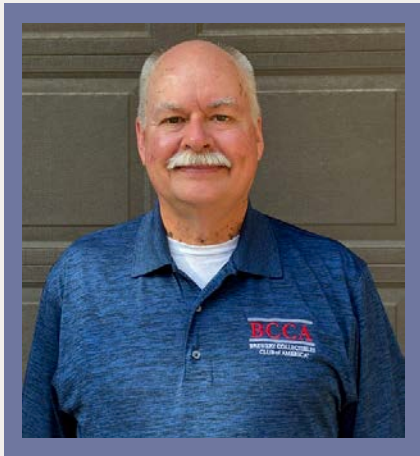
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Tom Fay
President



John Doran
Vice President



Mike Fritz
Secretary



Dave Vitale
Treasurer



Carter Stahl
Newsletter Editor

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Joe Germino



Joe Hobaugh



Dave Vogl



MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello to ALL ABC Chapter members!

Well..., where do I begin? As I reflect on a very successful CANvention 54 I am very happy with the end results! After lengthy conversations with the hotel our issues with the suite worked out to OUR benefit when all is said and done. I won't go into a lengthy diatribe about what happened, but, if you have questions, PLEASE feel free to give me a call! Our Hospitality room was very well attended. There was plenty of beer and snacks for those who attended! We were able to showcase the items for our big raffle and sold many tickets as a result!

I will share all the expenses and results with you in the October "Bits & Pieces".



MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's very important to say THANK YOU to Mark Swartz, Mike Fritz, Bruce Gregg, John Doran, Brad Ambruso, Joe Gemino & Leo Matonis for their donations of beer.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO Carter Stahl who took care of setting up the video that shared old beer commercials, he also took care of all raffle ticket sales while the suite was open, he also prepared all the signage that was prepared for the event!

Thank you to my wife Bette for making the many trips fighting unfamiliar traffic to the stores to retrieve the snacks and making sure all the beer was always iced down when needed!

Last but by far not least, my many thanks to Dave Vitale who spent many, many hours securing the wonderful prizes for our "Big Breweriana Blowout"! I also want to say thanks to Dave for handling the sale of the aluminum bottles that were donated to the ABC Chapter. The results of the sale of the aluminum bottles were very helpful to the ABC Chapter!



MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to all ABC members who attended the annual meeting, it was wonderful to see so many members there! If I have overlooked anyone in my Thank You's PLEASE bring it to my attention!
Til Next issue,

A Very Happy and Very Proud,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Fay".

**ABC President #92
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 next newsletter!

SEND TO
Carter Stahl
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CHAPTER UPDATES

Membership

The ABC chapter currently has
138 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

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Visit Website Here



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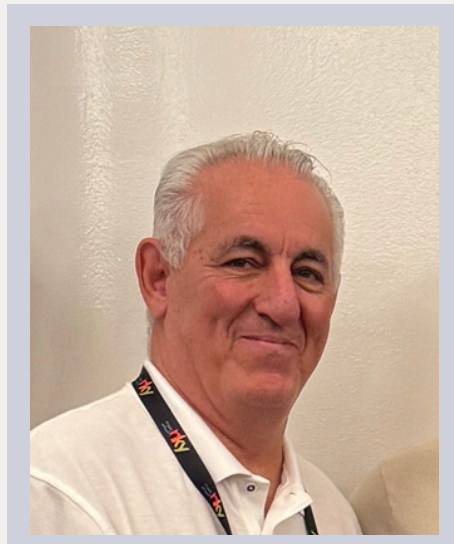
CANVENTION ELECTIONS

Prior to CANvention, Our secretary/treasurer/webmaster **Brad Ambruso** announced his resignation. He ensured us it was nothing anyone did, he just wants to spend more time with his family and spend time traveling. We would like to offer Brad our sincere thanks for his 17 years of service to the ABC Chapter!

At our CAvention meeting, we elected new officers. We elected **Dave Vitale #241** as our new Treasurer. We elected **Mike Fritz #198** as our new Secretary



Mike Fritz #198
Secretary



Dave Vitale #241
Treasurer

FUN IN THE HOSPITALITY SUITE

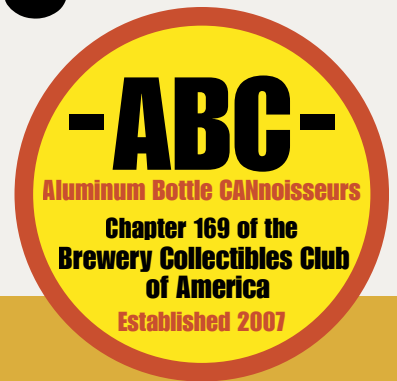
The ABC Chapter was able to host a hospitality suite at CANvention. We got to visit with members and friends, meet new interested members, and have fun!



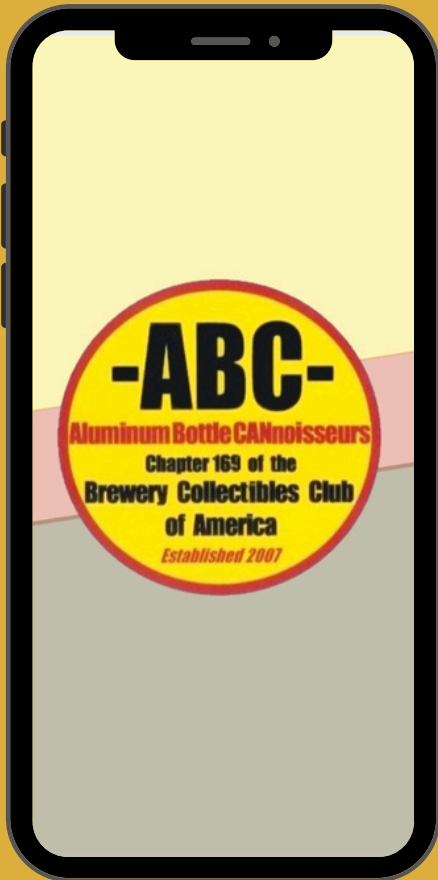
Due to our generous beer donations, we were able to have beer for everyone! We also provided snacks and played old beer commercials on the tv!



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tablet, or computer!**



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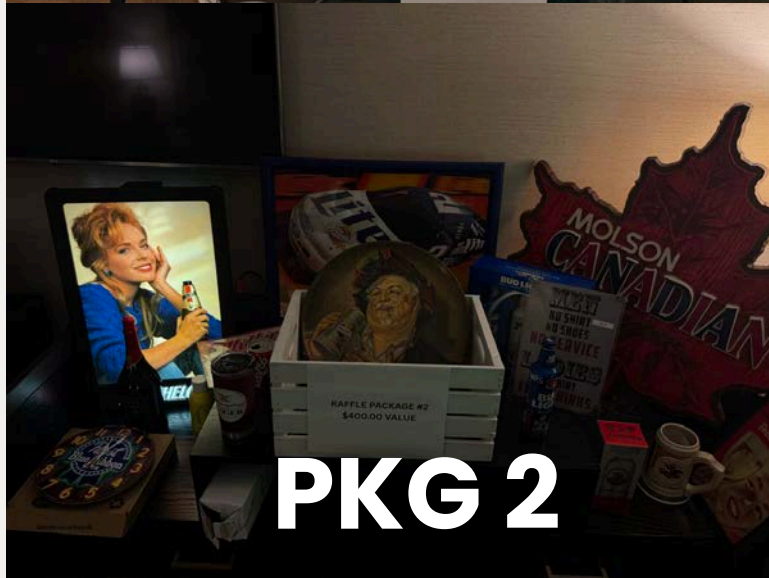
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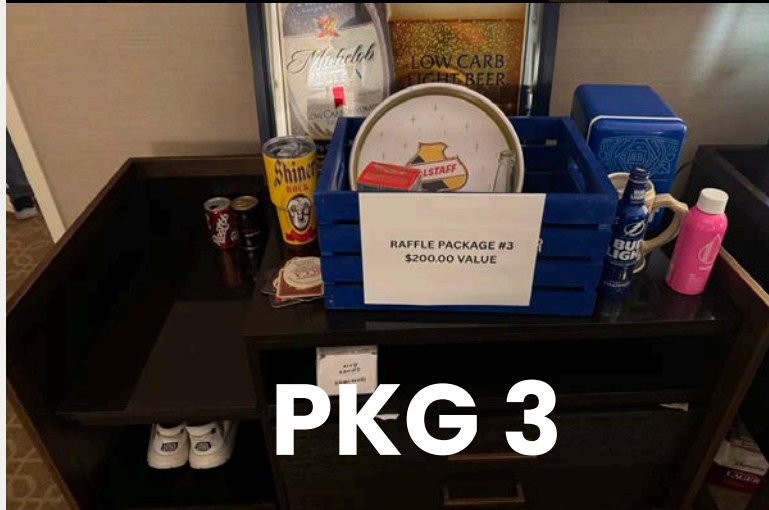
Raffles



With the help from Tom Fay and Dave Vitale, we were able to put together a FANTASTIC Raffle



We had THREE huge raffle prizes. Package #1 valued at \$650. Package #2 valued at \$400. Package #3 valued at \$200



We also had an hourly raffle and a 50/50 raffle!

The BIG WINNERS



**Jason Siebecker
and Alexis Murray**

Winners of our last
GIANT Hourly Raffle!

THANK YOU

to everyone who purchased raffle
tickets and helped to support the ABC
Chapter.



Bruce Mobley

Pictured with BCCA President Mary
Legeret and ABC President Tom Fay

Winner of one of our
GIANT RAFFLES



Gary Brinkmeyer

Winner of one of our
GIANT RAFFLES

**Jerry and Hunter
Gann**

Not Pictured

Winner of one of our
GIANT RAFFLES



THANK YOU

to everyone who purchased raffle
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Chapter.

Congratulations to all of the
raffle winners!

ARE YOU ON THE MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK?

**The ABC Chapter offers
a MEMBERS ONLY group
on Facebook!**

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

JOIN NOW



CHAPTER MEETING

On Friday at CANvention, the ABC Chapter hosted our annual chapter meeting.



Members who attended the meeting received this new and beautiful Michelob Golden Light Bottle

Meeting Minutes can be found on the next page.

If you were not in attendance to our meeting, please read them over to ensure you did not miss any important info!

Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs

Eighteenth Annual Meeting; September 11, 2025; Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Tom Fay opened the meeting at 4:55 pm by greeting everyone and introducing all the officers and Board members in attendance.

Officers in attendance:

Tom Fay #92 – President

John Doran #240 – Vice President

Brad Ambruso #007 – Sec/Treasurer

Joe Hobaugh #069 – Board Member

Joe Germino #004 – Board Member

Tom also introduced:

Carter Stahl #276 – Newsletter Editor

Mike Fritz #198 – Minutes Taker

Brad read the minutes from the 2024 Business Meeting at CANvention 53 in Little Rock.

Motion to accept – Joe Germino #004, 2nd – Joe Hobaugh #069

Approved unanimously.

Brad gave the treasurer's report. The current balance of chapter accounts is: \$2,194.60.

Motion to accept – Bob Renforth #001, 2nd – Joe Germino #004

Approved unanimously.

Brad reported we now have 132 members, including 6 new members and 2 re-joins. All members are now lifetime members.

Brad proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws to split the Office of Sec/Treasurer to separate Secretary and Treasurer positions. The Secretary will be responsible for taking meeting minutes and maintaining the chapter roster. The Treasurer will maintain records of the chapter's treasury.

Motion to accept – Bruce Gregg #003, 2nd – Larry Sampson #073

Approved unanimously.

Brad proposed changes to the Bylaws to indicate there will be no annual dues. All current members are lifetime members. New BCCA members will pay a one-time \$20 fee to join, Non-BCCA members will pay a one-time \$25 fee to join, re-joins will be \$20. Brad read Section 1 of the old Bylaws and the proposed Bylaws.

Motion to accept – Joe Hobaugh #069, 2nd – Joe Germino #004

Approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom announced that Brad Ambruso, our current Sec/Treasurer is resigning. Brad is not upset with anyone, but desires more time for travel.

Brad nominated Mike Fritz #198 for Secretary and asked for additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Joe Germino made a motion to accept the nomination by acclamation, 2nd - Joe Hobaugh. Approved unanimously.

Brad nominated Dave Vitale #241 for Treasurer and asked for additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Joe Germino made a motion to accept the nomination by acclamation, 2nd – Bob Renforth. Approved unanimously.

Bruce Gregg asked how the website will be handled in the future. Joe Germino, one of our website administrators, reported that we receive a lot of posts that go to “spam” and must be approved by the administrators to be posted. There is also a lot of “spam” produced by the Chinese that needs to be blocked.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob Renforth asked if there was any progress on chapter shirts. Tom proposed using a one-color logo to save costs. Members would be able to order a shirt and have it delivered directly. Bob said he obtained 5-color printing on chapter shirts for \$14.95/shirt with a min. order of 35. Tom asked Bob to provide the information for the source of the shirts. We will consider whatever would be the best deal for chapter members.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Germino reported that we are selling raffle tickets and bottles at our table in the lobby near the trade floor. Tom reported that there is a sound system available on the trade floor that we should use to announce our raffles and our table location. Tom asked for help to sit at the chapter table. The table cost us \$40 this year but the meeting room ended up being free.

We need article for the Newsletter. Send your articles to Carter Stahl.

We need someone to take over as Webmaster for our Web page. Brad will continue until December 2025, and is available to assist with the transfer to a new page.

Tom announced that Danny Bora can provide us with resources to have Zoom Meetings at no charge. We plan to have 1 board meeting each quarter.

Tom asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Joe Germino #004, 2nd – Bob Renforth #001

Approved unanimously at 5:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Fritz #198, Secretary

CHAPTER PICTURE

After the meeting, we were able to wrangle up everyone for a long overdue group picture!



We were also able to get a picture with our youngest and newest member, Hunter (Jerry Gann's Grandson) A special thank you to all who helped Hunter grow his collection this CANvention!

AB POINT OF SALE ITEMS

Hello Everyone, I have been collecting AB point of sale items for over ten years. I only collect POS items with AB aluminum bottles on them. Even though I'm not a Mets fan it's one of my favorites. It was an item that was sold at auction when they took down Shea Stadium. Shea Stadium was taken down in 2008. It was purchased by someone from New Jersey.



I found it on Facebook marketplace in 2020. I was at home during covid with nothing to do but search eBay and facebook marketplace for AB bottles and point of sale items. I messaged the woman who said it was still available.

I sent her the 30 dollars and hit the road. It was a surreal experience. There was virtually no traffic. A

drive from Connecticut to NJ is usually a nightmare with heavy traffic and accidents. I reached the area and found it to be a gated neighborhood in northern Jersey. The woman wanted me no where near her house. I texted her when I got close and she put by her mailbox. I retrieved it and was on my way home. It shows its age and wear because it was used for several years at the stadium. I feel like it's a part of Baseball and AB history. Hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

Thanks!

John Doran

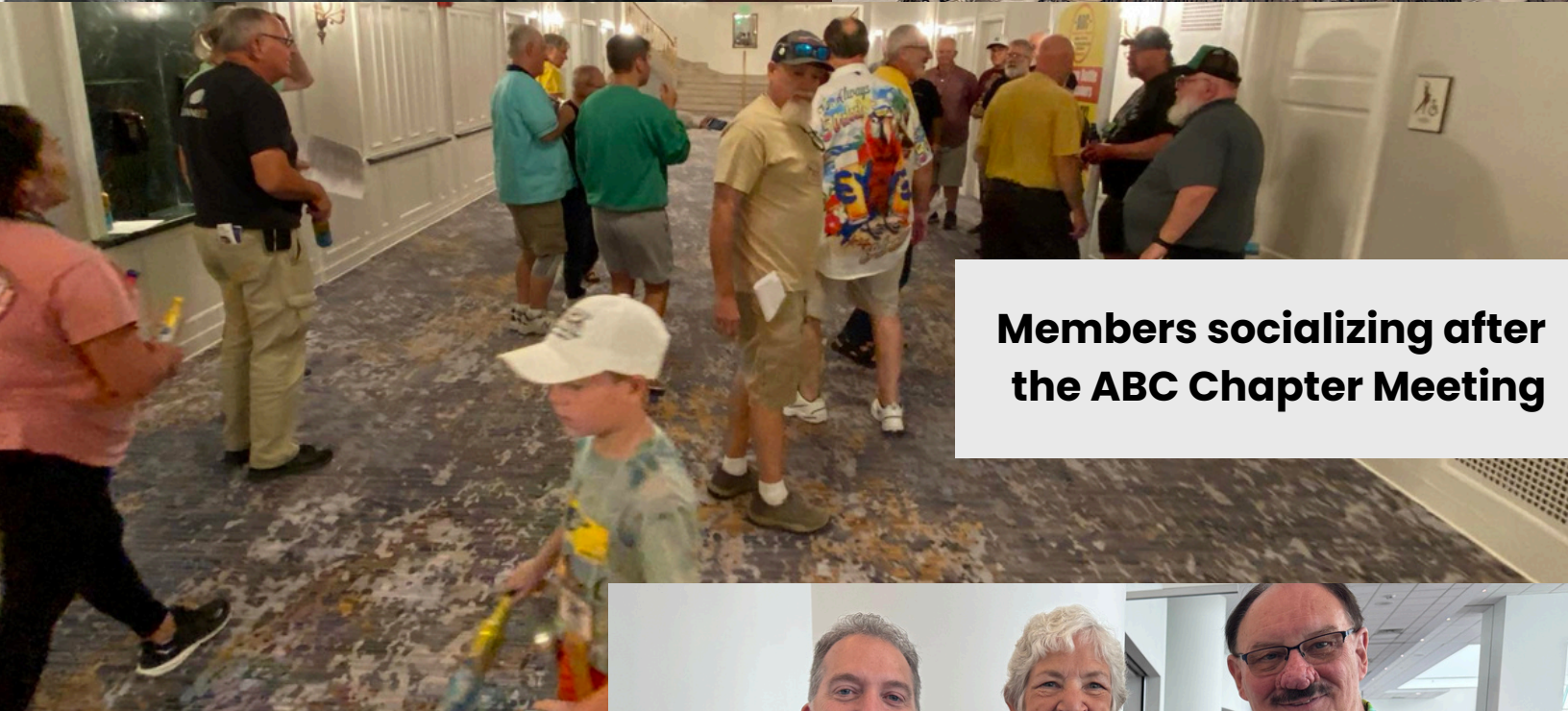




ABC Members Hunter and Clayton emery



Dave Vitale, Carter Stahl, Bette Fay, and Tom Fay at the Awards Banquet



Members socializing after the ABC Chapter Meeting



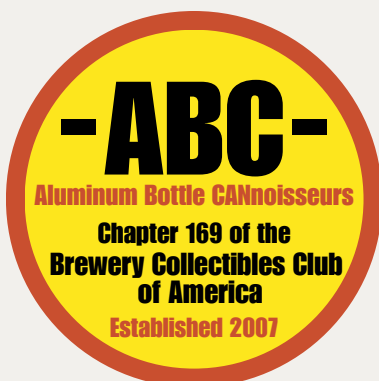
Bruce Higgins pictured with BCCA President Mary Legeret and ABC Presdent Tom Fay

JOIN THE ABC CHAPTER

**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 :

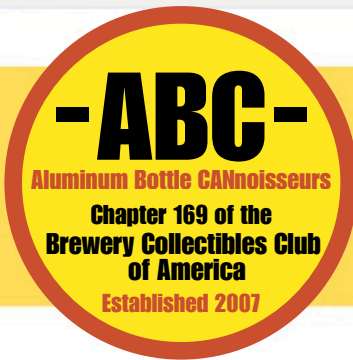
Pay one time fee of \$20 **OR**
pay \$5/year for four years

Non Members :

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

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

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

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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 _____ / /
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Spouses Name _____ Sponsor

Phone Number _____

Mailing Address _____ Apt./Suite

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

*Email Address _____

Membership Type

- ☐ U.S. Resident
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- ☐ Cash
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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!**

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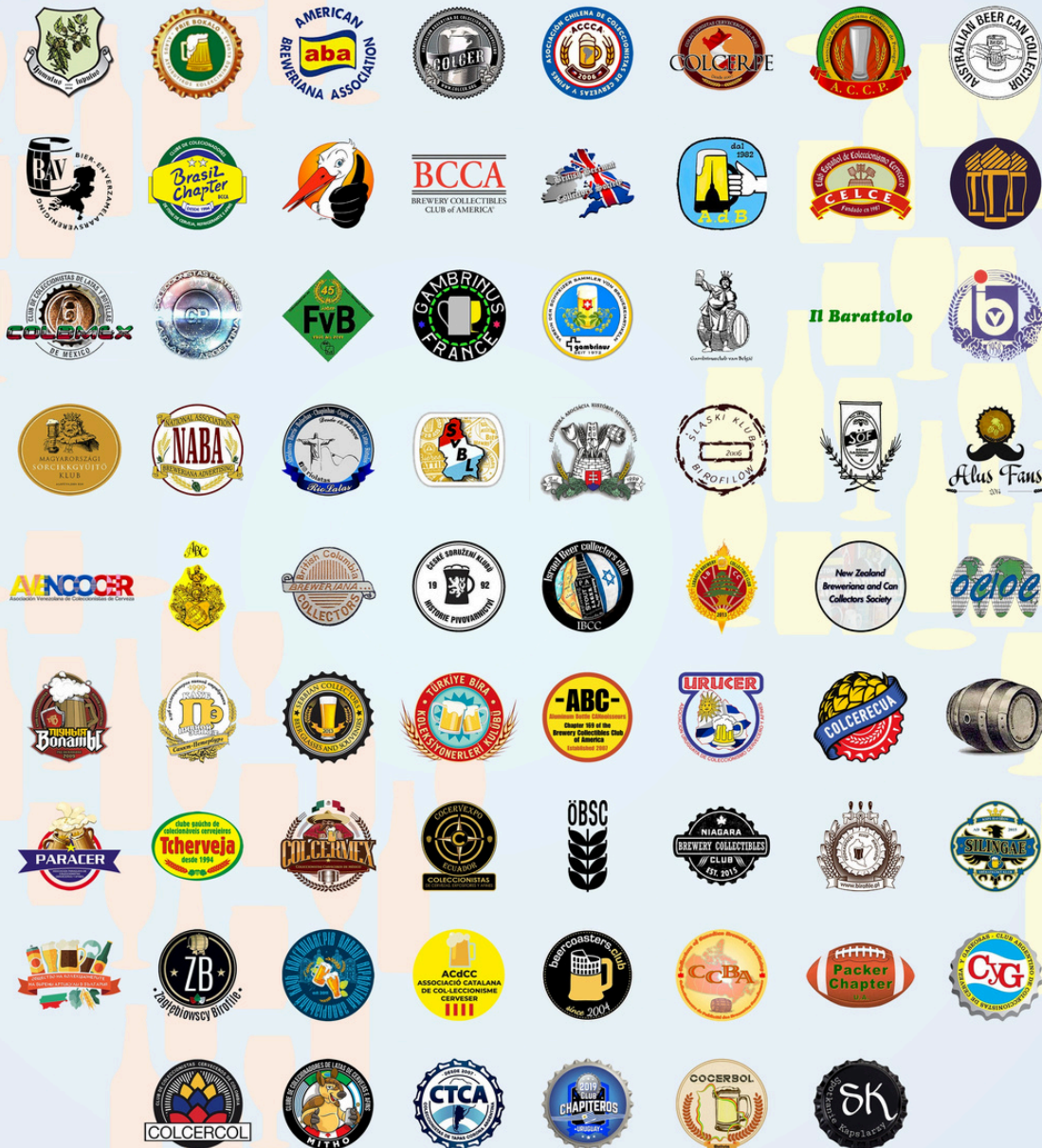
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Brewery Collectibles World Convention



Beer collectors **clubs** working **together**

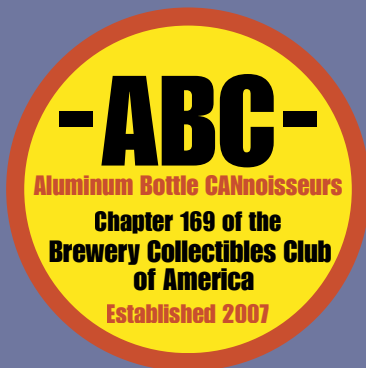
THANK YOU!

ABC Members,

Thank You for reading this edition of The Cabottle Times! Thank you for helping to me make another great edition! If you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to let me know!

You can contact me via email at

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A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Carter Stahl".

Carter Stahl

Newsletter Editor



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