



# THE CABOTTLE TIMES

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You are asking yourself, "What is this new look?" The answer is actually pretty simple. After many years of award winning service, Brad has stepped down as editor. He is still actively managing the website as well as monitoring the Facebook page. Until we can find a replacement, I will try to keep you updated on what is going on in the chapter. For many of you who do not use the website regularly, I encourage you to visit for daily information. Not only will you find information about current releases, you will be able to stay in contact with the membership and perhaps save some money you would have spent on ebay and make some trades just like the old days. Between the website and Facebook you can keep up on most things in our little part of this hobby.

I have included the President's message I had prepared for the better version of the newsletter. It has all the information that leads into Convention. The only thing I will add to that is the slate of candidates that we want to present to you for the elections that will take place at our meeting on Thursday.

President – Bill Viancourt #132

Vice-President – Joe Hobaugh #69

Secretary/Treasurer – Butch Kroskey #8

Board Members:

Cristian De Antoni # 195

Juan Carlos DeMarco #31

Joe Germino #4

Newsletter Editor - ??????

If you would like to be included on the ballot, please let me know by August 20<sup>th</sup> so I can include your name on the ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call (440-476-7505) me for more information.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

The subtitle for this short story is “The collector’s worst nightmare, or how I learned to love the bottle more than the can!” It started as a little drizzle on the way home from the granddaughters’ spring concert. By the time we traveled the 12 miles, 5 inches of rain had fallen. My watertight home held its ground, but the city system could not take the water away. It found relief by traveling back up into the basement through the floor drains. By the time I got home, it was like looking at the fountains at Bellagio. A steady stream shot up on each side of the basement until water was coming up the stairs. Triage begins – save what you can. 30 inch glass bottles start to wobble – got them up. Too late for the furniture, breweriana is much more important. Then two hours later, the water began to subside. Somewhere in the newsletter are pictures of the end of the bottles and cans journey through the basement. There were some that even made the laundry room and came to rest under the sink. The good news, not a bottle or can was lost. A few dings in some of those thin 24 oz. cans, but the bottles merely required a little wipe before going back up. Those cans – they collected water through the punches in the bottom and sunk. This required emptying and drying out in the sunshine for a day before they could be returned to their home. The winner – the aluminum bottle. As an aside, your kids will not care when you tell them that every paper they constructed from preschool through college has been lost to the flood. As a matter of fact, I think they all smiled a little when I told them. Your wife on the other hand will not be so happy.

In what can only be the ultimate case of irony, in the last newsletter I talked about the collector who called me about values after a car crashed through his home and can room. I said that it might not be a bad idea to look into insuring your collection. Of course, I did not. But I did find out that there are three different types of home insurance. By blind luck, I have Type 3 which apparently is the best. I have a few extra bucks – got anything great you want to get rid of? It will help me feel better about all the art projects I had to throw out.

Convention is less than 6 weeks away. I hope you can make it. It is an election year and all positions are up for election. We have a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 Board Members. Our club is only as strong as its members and I welcome anyone who is interested in any position to let me know via email ([billjv@aol.com](mailto:billjv@aol.com)) or give me a call (440-476-7505) if you would like to talk about what is entailed in each of these positions. We will present a slate that the board will recommend and include any members who express an interest in being on the ballot. The one thing that has stood out to me in the past two years is that we have a great group of people who make up our membership.

For those of you attending Convention, set aside an hour between 5:00 and 6:00 on Thursday to attend the chapter meeting in the Carter room of the convention center. I hear there is a nice bottle for all in attendance.

We need to get a membership picture at the conclusion of the meeting. Of course you want to look good in the picture, so make sure you have your chapter t-shirt on. Need a new one; there is information in this edition about how to order your shirts. We have sizes from med to XXXL in Royal

Blue, white, Grey and Wine. If you preorder your shirt for pick up at Convention, you will save postage and we are offering an additional 10% discount on orders of 2 or more shirts.

Now for the plug of the website! There are probably a few members who are glad that so many people don't take advantage of this resource. I see a lot of trades arranged here with a lot of nice bottles changing hands. You know that tough bottle you can't get; it's a local for some of our members who have a case sitting in their basement ready to become your bottle. It is also the complete reference for every aluminum bottle every produced. Not just beer, but soda, energy drinks, and some other oddities of our hobby. I guarantee you will see something new every time you log in.

Did you know we are on Facebook? Next time you log in, you can find the ABC Chapter, and we will friend you. Just another resource provided by the chapter thanks to Brad – our hardest working and most indispensable member. Thanks Brad.

Last item of business. We have a chapter sales and raffle table as always. We would like to have two members there at all times. We are open from 9 to 4 on Thursday and 11 to 3 on Friday followed by the raffle. That's 11 hours and 22 members. If you could please lend an hour of your time it would be greatly appreciated. Let me know if you are available.

See you at Convention. Bill