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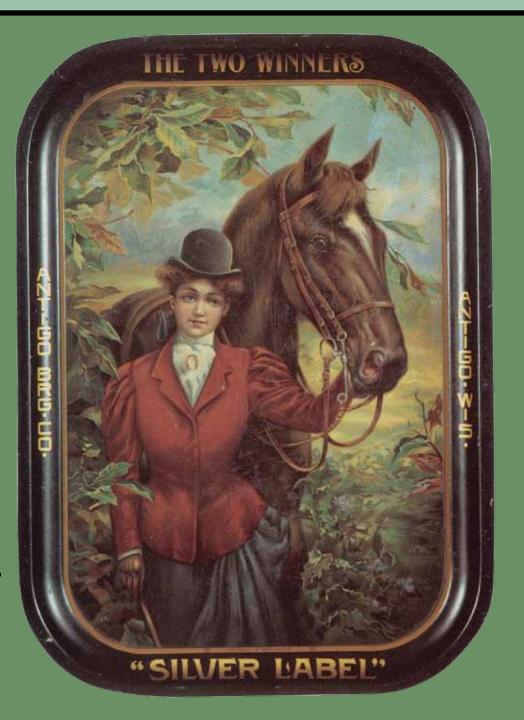
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GREETINGS TO ALL:

It is that time again when members are making plans for the 42nd Annual NABA Convention, this year in Green Bay, Wisconsin. My first time in Green Bay was a couple of years ago for the Packer Chapter Trade-A-Thon held every April. The hotel will be the same one: the outstanding Hyatt on Main (formerly the Hotel Sierra) in downtown Green Bay. Free parking, free breakfast, and free beer & snacks in the hospitality suite. What more could you ask for? Well, there will be plenty to do and things to see within the hotel and around the town. Check for articles in this and the next issue for more details.

Don't forget to get over to Monroe, Wisconsin for a tour of the Minhaus Brewery and dine with the Haydocks the evening of July 29th. The trip is worth it, and especially easy for members coming up from the south. There will be an open house from 9 until 6 at John Huntington's house on Tuesday for early arrivers. Ron Akin is opening his collection of Oshkosh breweriana for viewing. His collection is among the finest anywhere. We expect to have one or two additional open houses on Tuesday at homes in Green Bay with final announcements of all venues detailed in the next issue of the *BC*.

Indications are that this will be a very well attended Convention what with all the things to do around the area, plus a great hotel. Our new website (under the Convention tab) shows a detailed listing of things to do, plus there is a new tab featuring all the microbreweries in the area.

Be sure to fill out the registration page in this issue and get your room reservations early. Every year the Green Bay Packers hold what is called the *Packer Family Weekend* at the stadium and includes viewing one of the team practice sessions on Friday night. You guessed it! This enormous event is *likely* going to be held the same weekend as our Convention. We knew this was a possibility two years ago when we signed up to be in Green Bay that weekend – but we wanted to stay with the tradition holding our Convention the first weekend in August. Of course everyone will want to be at the Annual Business meeting Friday evening of the Convention, so Packer Family Weekend should not be a problem!! As for getting a spot at the hotel, we should be covered for the expected number of rooms projected, but *I would encourage everyone to make your reservations very, very early.* The cutoff date is July 12th and will only be extended if any rooms remain available. **Take note:** all the hotels in the downtown area may have a *higher than normal occupancy*, so we want everyone to be forewarned to get your reservations in early.

Because of the strong interest in breweriana as well as beer cans, we are encouraging members who have cans to trade or sell to bring them along. The Packer Chapter Trade-A-Thon draws good attendance for their Saturday show – not only of breweriana collectors, but also can guys. We expect a positive attendance of new members from throughout the area, as well as walk-ins for the Saturday Public Breweriana Show.

I would like to welcome our newest Board member: **Jim Massey** of Dubuque, IA. Jim is a familiar face to all and has been a NABA member for many years. We look forward to his experience and knowledge of breweriana history. Speaking of Board members, it is that time again for elections of three Board members. If you are interested in participating in the operation of NABA, please let me or any Board member know and we will put your name on the ballot for voting on Friday evening (August 2) during the Annual Business meeting. If you wish to nominate someone, please be sure he or she is willing to be on the ballot. Deadline for nominations is June 1.

Just when you thought it was safe to go into the water....the gremlins come around to frolic and have some fun! The issue at hand is a delay in implementing *some* of the new website's bells and whistles. While the new site is up and running, some of the planned features are a bit delayed.

In the next issue of the *BC*, we will do an in-depth summary of all the features of the new website and how you can use it as an integral part of your collecting experience.

Respectfully George Baley gbaley@comcast.net



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ChapTaps

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COASTER-EATING CRITTERS by Rich La Susa

On the whole, 2012 was a good, normal year for me with the craft beer activities, such as visiting breweries, drinking a lot of good brews and collecting micro coasters, business cards, and labels.

Normal, I guess, if you don't find visiting more than 100 breweries in 12 days unusual. Dale and George Miller, and Ron Jones would understand.

The year had its moments, however, including a few encounters with the odd and unusual, perhaps none as weird as one involving hungry little critters and microbreweriana.

A collector friend was the victim of nasty creatures that populate the desert southwest, although they rarely are seen by humans. No, I'm not talking about rattlesnakes, tarantulas, or scorpions, all potentially nasty. I'm talking about termites.

These tiny feeding machines love to chew on cardboard and wood and whatever else whets their appetites, including little round and square pieces of cardboard that many of us collect.

Late last year, they devoured most of the best 1990s craft brewery coasters in his trade stock, all seemingly snug and secure in a box sitting on metal shelving well above a concrete slab in his garage. The coasters-turned-snacks were in one large box among scores of similar boxes.

For this issue I would like to thank the Craft Brewery Collectibles Chapter (CBCC), the Miami Valley Chapter, the North Star Chapter, and the Dog Gone Good Chapter for their input. Cheers!

Greg Lenaghan





Somehow, the termites found this one box and dined on the coasters within, munching through large blocks of them, leaving hollowed-out shells in their wake.

They obviously had exquisite, discriminating taste because adjacent boxes packed with common micro and

national-brand coasters escaped even tiniest of nibbles. I find it remarkable, amazing even, that termites could tell the difference between the common and the scarce. Not being familiar with the eating habits of termites, I assume that a 20-year-old micro coaster tastes different or better than those of more recent vintage and of lesser importance. I have no explanation, and the termites aren't talking.

Fortunately, I acquired many vintage coasters including some from the box that was ravaged from my collector friend during visits to his house in December 2011 and February 2012.

One Man's Shrine To Schoenling by Greg Gromosiak photos by Doug Groth

It's one thing to have a passion for local breweriana, it's another to have that passion and also be the grandson of the brewery that dominates your collection! Welcome to the collection of Lance Bakemeier. Lance is the grandson of Edward Schoenling, founder of the Schoenling Brewing Company. Lance lives in Cincinnati and was host to the September meeting of the Miami Valley Chapter gathering. This was a great opportunity to see the premier Schoenling collection in the country.

Shoenling Collection Samples







FREEZE YOUR CAN 2013 Recap by Brent Kastler

Freeze Your Can lived up to its name this year with the temperature barely making it to 15 degrees. A light breeze made it feel even colder, but that did not deter a bunch of crazy collectors from participating

in this annual show at the Summit Brewery. Attendance was down on this Super Bowl Sunday, and perhaps the cold air kept some away. A rough count of 30-35 still wanted to catch up on collecting news and make a few deals on breweriana. I believe most everyone found something to take home from the show.

Jody Otto and his family once again were very generous – they grilled brats and mixed Bloody Marys for those in attendance. A hot bratwurst off the grill really hit the spot and the beverages had enough spice to make you forget about the chill in the air – at least for a while. Thanks Jody!

Some nice items were displayed at the show. Tim Gruber was willing to deal on a White Bear flat top. It's not often you see a good, original, unrolled White Bear can with the nasty expression on the bear's face. A clean Menominee porcelain post sign was also present at the show. This was a colorful and unique piece from the Menominee-Marinette brewery of Michigan.



Although it was a brief outing for most, the excitement for future shows like Hamm's and Springfest was evident. Many in attendance were already making plans on what they would bring to these forthcoming shows. So, here we are again, off and running with our 2013 year of shows. Make plans to get to our North Star Chapter events this year. You'll have a lot of fun dealing breweriana and swapping stories.

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Dog Gone Good Chapter winter show by Dave Alsgaard

NABA's Michigan Dog Gone Good Chapter was founded in 1989 and is one of NABA's first chapters. They held their Winter Swap 2013 show on Saturday February 23, at the Tri City Brewing Co. taproom in Bay City Michigan.

Despite the snowstorm the day before, the roads were cleared enough to draw a decent crowd from around the state to this new location. In addition to the dealers, there was good public walk-in traffic as well as curious folks who had stopped by the taproom for a pint or a growler. And in a chapter first, there was a surprise visit from Charles Brunner, State Representative from Bay City.

The show activities followed a familiar pattern, including election of officers. Jim Brown was re-elected Secretary/ Treasurer, Bob Pawlak was re-elected VP, and Dave Alsgaard was elected as the new President. The raffle featured a nice neon clock donated by longtime NABA member Frank Zynda, as well as a Tri City Brewery giftpack (filled growler plus 4 pint glasses) donated by the brewery, plus a table full of other beer signs. For lunch, the usual hot dogs and chips were served, but a nice addition on this winter afternoon was an awesome pot of chili donated by Bob Pawlak.

One of the great things about having a show open to the public is that you never know what will show up. Case in point is a nice condition Kolb Brewing schnitzelbank poster with original frame that made its way into the collection of NABA member (and Kolb family member) Dan McShane. Pictured is the new happy owner and son Seth, with their newest acquisition (below).

The chapter would like to thank the great folks at Tri City Brewing for their support and for the use of their taproom for this show. Overall, a dog gone good time was had by all. The chapter is looking forward to its summer show on August 24 at Veterans Park in Bay City. Details in this issue of the *BC*. (see p. 39)



NABA member, DGGC founder, and longtime president Mark Brooks shows off a nice Frankenmuth cardboard sign.





DGGC VP Bob Pawlak (L) and Michigan State Representative Charles Brunner (R) enjoying a Tri-City beer at the breweriana show. What could be better than that?

NABA Breweriana

Detective

What is the Libbey Edge?

This piece from James Kaiser is our second installment in our "Breweriana Detective" series. Now it's your turn. Do you have an idea for a future NABA Breweriana Detective article? It can be a lesson you personally learned in the "College of Hard Knocks;" a sharing of your singular expertise; or, if you have a challenge for us, we can link your question to a Detective who might be able to share his or her understanding of the clues you're looking for. Please contact Lee Chichester: falconer@swva.net.

The Libbey Edge, or "Safedge" as it was called by Libbey Glass when they introduced their patent in 1924, reduced the risk of rim chips and gave us "a line in the sand" between pre- and post-Prohibition glasses. A "Safedge" glass resulted from burning-off the moil or brunt edge of a blown glass via an automatic process that made a heat-strengthened rim guaranteed against chipping*.

It is unclear, however, whether etched glasses were produced the "old fashioned way" after Prohibition. The fortunate timing of Libbey's patent (dated 1924, smack in the middle of Prohibition) allows us to readily identify the glass shown with the "Safedge" in this article as post-Prohibition.

Now, let's talk about these specific glasses. Christian Kern

first operated a brewery in Port Huron Michigan in 1875 and the brewery continued under the C Kern Brew-

*See: libbeyhistory. com/LIBBEYGLASS-Since1818



Figure 1



Figure 2

ing Co. style until the Koerber Family moved in with Friar's Ale in 1944.

The etched glass in Figure 1 has the smooth, sharp edge we usually identify with etched glasses from the pre-Prohibition period (for detail, see Figure 2).

The etched glass in Figure 3 is in the same general style as the one shown in Figure 1, except the glass is from what is believed to be a branch in Detroit, MI. This glass also has the sharp rim edge generally identified with pre-Pro etched glasses (in Figure 4, note the rim chip).



Figure 3



Figure 5

The glass in Figure 5, however, while much the same as that in Figure 3, has a Libbey "Safedge," (Figure 6), indicating production *after* 1924. What's more, the glass is painted, not etched. This article does not address the question whether this glass was distributed by the brewery—although it may have been, because the brewery was in business after Prohibition until 1944. It does,



Figure 4



Figure 6

however, point out that there is an easily-identified difference between pre-Pro etched glasses and post-Pro, Libbey "Safedge" glasses.

As an aside, note that the letter preceding *Kern* on each glass looks more like a capital E than a capital C. Is it a stylized C or is it an E, possibly for the brother, *Ernst* F. Kern who was the President of the brewery and founder of Kern's Department Store in Downtown Detroit? Sorry, but that's a discussion for another day.

James L. Kaiser

NEON PRODUCTS SIGNS, LIMA, OH (AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO THE TOLEDO GLASS SIGN CO.)

BY DAVE LAUNT



A number of years ago, in an article I wrote for another publication, the last paragraph was a request to collectors of beer signs to check and see if they had signs from Neon Products of Lima, OH. Two responses were all that came of the request.

One was from John Cartwright of California; and the other was from Don and Helen Johnston, of Lima, OH. The Johnstons went a step further: They went to the Lima library and got some history of the company, including copies of ads placed in brewing-related publications of the time. They even sent a photo of an Old Dutch neon in their own collection, manufactured by Neon Products.



On eBay, back during its formative years, there was an Esslinger sign from Neon Products that must have been very popular. They turn up even today on eBay.

Because the number of responses to my request was disappointing; and because my "Neon Products" information was inadvertently misfiled among my business documents, I forgot about the potential article I'd been considering back then.

Fast forward to 2012. At last motivated to recycle my file cabinet contents after a five-year post-retirement lethargy, I stumbled upon the old

Neon Products file and found it to be more inviting today than it was thirteen years ago. I figured there might be some interest in my findings among other collectors, so I decided the article should finally get written, to share at least the information I had gathered so far.

Neon came to the United States in the 1920s, when the patent protection of its originator, the Claude Neon Company of Paris, France, expired. Lima Artkraft, the original Lima neon producer, was a major manufacturer of neon theater marquees. Two Artkraft employees, Sam Kamin and Jim Howenstein, left Artkraft to start Neon Products.

The young company had a broad base of neon sign customers. From appliance to automotive manufacturers, they hit many industries. And of course, there were many beer companies who wanted signs. Lima was to become the "Mecca" for neon beer signs in the US. Neon beer signs were so popular that at one point, the Lima Brewery (Old Dutch) had an open order

1900s LIGHTED REVERSE PAINT SCHLITZ BEER SIGN

Super early Schittiz lighted sign, in excellent working condition. Measures 15° wide, 11° tall, and 7° deep. Coloring on words in sign are more or less 100% present. Frame is metal, face of sign is glass, with the words painted on the inside it seems. I will try to take a picture of it lighted up and add it to the auction or have it available to email to potential bidders, so send an email if interested in a additional picture. Came out of an local estate with many early items, I am not a expert on brewery items but believe this to be a fairly early piece. Good luck



for all the signs Neon Products could produce.

During World War II, Neon Products manufactured bomber wiring harnesses and bomber domes for machine gunners. After WWII, many skilled Neon Products tube benders moved away from Ohio - many started neon shops all over the US.

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A competitor of Neon Products, the Toledo Glass Sign Company, created the signs pictured above, that most collectors would want in their "man caves." The Oldbru sign is from Detroit - because Michigan had a prohibition against lighted beer signs, this Oldbru was most likely meant for Ohio taverns. An ROG exists of that sign as well; for Michigan and possibly, Indiana taverns.

Once neon signs started losing some of their market share to other types of light sources (such as fluorescent), Neon Products diversified. They made large fluorescent signs for many different industries and retail merchants.

Any of us graybeards remember the huge **Coca-Cola** signs over the neighborhood



drug store and soda fountain. In the 60s Neon Products took an order for 3,500 of these signs at one shot.

But all good things have a life span. Neon Products closed their doors in 1976. They had one heck of a run while they were competitive. Just looking at the signs in the ads shown here will give you an idea of how well they captured their Midwestern marketplace. Yet notice, too – evidenced by a Rainier sign, a Schlitz sign, and a Schaefer sign – their sales force went far beyond

the Midwest to find and serve customers.

Wouldn't you love to know how many of the signs pictured here still exist today? Those that are in someone's collection somewhere are true representatives of the "golden age of neon." I'd guess that there are any number of signs in "Breweriana Land" that bear the names, Neon Products or Toledo Glass Sign Co. One hopes so. It would be fun to see each company's complete sign portfolio.

(Belated thanks to Don Johnston and John Cartwright)

Let's Talk Breweriana

By Rich La Susa, Brewery Historian

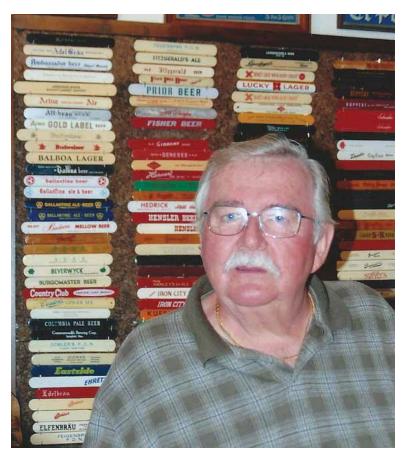


Too much beer foam? Just scrape it off.

They look like tongue depressors—something more at home in a medical clinic than a neighborhood tavern. Although unusual to many, beer foam scrapers are a thing of beauty; cherished and coveted by many brewery advertising collectors.

Just ask Ed Beckmann, a Glendale, AZ, breweriana collector who has a large collection—perhaps the largest—of these pieces of beer history: 575 and counting, Beckmann said. It is certainly the largest collection of scrapers I have ever seen. They occupy a special place in his universe, although his collections—breweriana and others—are diverse and jaw-dropping impressive.

He started collecting scrapers in 1985, at a time in which he was caught up in the beer can-collecting craze. "It was easier to find foam scrapers than good cans in Phoenix, so I started to buy them," Beckmann said. "Frankly, I believe foam scrapers are rarer than beer cans. I know of only two A-1 Beer foam scrapers but a lot of A-1 cans." The cans, Beckmann has—the A-1 scrapers remain elusive. Many foam scrapers are rare or scarce because they were made in



small quantities and few exist today, he said.

Beckmann's collection received a boost when he purchased two small accumulations. The owners weren't actually foam scraper collectors, he explained, but had them among other collectibles. "They weren't serious collectors," he said. He soon was.

Breweriana shows are vital in his pursuit of scrapers; he has purchased many, or traded for them, at these events. Beckmann also acquired them in Internet auctions and from antiques shops and shows. He is particularly fond of scrapers from one region in the US.

"I collect them all, but I prefer scrapers from New York—Brooklyn in particular," said Beckmann, who was born in the Bushwick/Ridgewood neighborhood of that borough. "There were a lot of old breweries in my neighborhood."

A preference is one thing. Having the opportunity to acquire the objects of that preference is another matter.

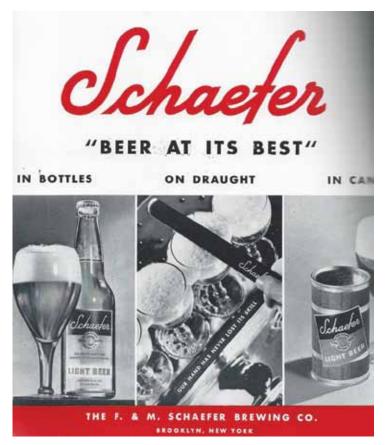
"I would like to own all of the pre-Pro Brooklyn scrapers, but they aren't available and are expensive when they are," said Beckmann, in a distinct Brooklyn accent that he retains, even though he moved to Arizona in 1969. Most known Brooklyn scrapers are in collections, he said.

From the late 1890s into the 1960s, more than 900 US breweries are believed to have used scrapers—also known as scraper combs or beer combs—with their name and brand on them. They were issued to their wholesalers and then to retail customers—saloons, taverns, nightclubs, and restaurants: anywhere beer was dispensed from tappers. Far more would have been in use, if it hadn't been for the Prohibition era (1920-1933).

This tool was used by bartenders to remove, or scrape, excess beer foam (a beer's "head" or "collar") that rose above rims of glasses and mugs. It was removed to prevent it from spilling over the sides and creating a mess of white suds. The scraping usually was done near the spigot or on a drainable metal surface behind the bar, before the bartender handed the vessel of golden brew to a customer.

"I remember as a kid going to a tavern with my father, seeing a scraper and asking him what it was," Beckmann said. The bartender then showed him how it was used.

Most scrapers are a standard size, 8 to 10 inches long x 1 inch wide, and about 1/16th inch thick. The most common body style is flat; but they also were made in S-curve (a wavy pattern that looks like an S when viewed from an end), figural (a carved design on one end), and



A scraper in action pictured in a 1936 ad.

paddle (one end is tapered like a handle, which the bartender could grip).

Some S-curves Beckmann owns are Kuebler Beer (Kuebler Brewing Co., Easton, PA, 1933-1953); Muessel's (Muessel Brewing Co., South Bend, IN, 1933-1936); and Valley Brew Gold Medal Beer (El Dorado Brewing Co., Stockton, CA, 1933-1953).



Among his paddles are: R & H Staten Island Beer-Ale (Rubsam & Horrmann Brewing Co., Stapleton, NY, 1933-1953); and Jacob Ruppert's (Jacob Ruppert, New York, NY, 1933-1966). A wooden scraper advertises Del-Mar-Va Beer, a brand of that Wilmington, DE, brewery (1937-1945).



LACKAWANNA BREWING CO. SCRANTON, PA

Beckmann's favorite is Lackawanna Beer; he beams when asked about it. On a cream-white background are the words, Compliments of the Lackawanna Brewing Co., Scranton, PA. It likely is a pre-Prohibition issue. That name was used only in 1896 and 1897, after which it became the Pennsylvania Central Brewing Co. and did business until the start of Prohibition in 1920. When it reopened in 1933, it was called the Lackawanna Beer & Ale Corp., and it brewed until 1943. This scraper doesn't fit the traditional mold. It is whopping 11 inches long x 2 inches wide! "I have never seen another one like it," Beckmann said.

ers were made of plastic, Lucite, celluloid, cellulose acetate, and Bakelite—a few of wood or aluminum. Brewery and brand names were engraved or embossed on them or embedded into the bodies.

Scrapers came in a variety of solid colors, including blue, brown, gray, green, maroon, orange, red, and yellow. Most prevalent were cream, white, and black. Bright colors and fancy graphics were used to attract the attention of the beer drinkers, Beckmann said.

A few had a marbled motif. A prototype TruBlu scraper I once owned (it is now in a Pennsylvania collection) features a butterscotch swirl. A Sprattler & Mennel Ale scraper Scrapers were made by many US companies. Chicago was a major center for their production, led by the Cruver-Chicago Co., Green Duck Co., G. Felsenthal & Sons, Gits Molding Corp., Parisian Novelty Co., and Plasto Manufacturing Co.

The Robbins Company of Attleboro, MA, famous for its beer tap handles—ball knobs and others—was the major producer of foam scrapers in the eastern US. It made them for hundreds of breweries in that region, particularly the Northeast.

Ten companies were listed as foam scraper makers in the 1956 American Brewer Register Buyer's Guide. Four were in New York: American Hard Rubber Co. and Austin & Austin, New York City; Bastian Bros. Co., Rochester; and Corning Glass Co., Corning. Bastian, like Robbins, was better known for producing tap handles.

Others listed were American Art Works, Coshocton, Ohio (for decades, one of the leading manufacturers of lithographed brewery advertising); Animated Display Creators, Inc., Minneapolis; Goodman Mfg. Co., Los Angeles; Simmons Sisler Co., St. Louis; and Perlick Brass Co., and Reichel-Korfmann Co., both from Milwaukee.

A few enterprising firms, including the General Products Co. of Providence, RI, produced decorative scraper holders



The figural design of Pointer Beer—an image of a pointer dog carved into the right side of the scraper's body—has visual impact. "It's unique," Beckmann said. "It stands out from the others." It was issued by the Pointer Brewing Co., Clinton, IA (1934-1940).

A curved, stylized pre-Pro scraper from the Karsch Brewing Co., College Point, NY (1896-1910) has a slight resemblance to scrimshaw. Delicate blue lettering is etched on a body of bone or ivory. Those materials were used to make the earliest pre-Prohibition scrapers because plastics had not yet been invented.

Virtually all post-Pro scrap-

in Beckmann's collection has a swirl of blue and gray. Tru-Blu Beer was brewed by the Northampton Brewery Corp., Northampton, PA (1933-1950); Sprattler & Mennel by a brewery of that name in Paterson, NJ (1939-1940).

The most common colors for lettering—brand and brewery, sometimes location—are black, blue, gold, silver, and white. Type fonts run from san serif block and fancy script to Old English and a few oddball ones in between.



(some art deco), in a variety of shapes, colors, and materials, including Bakelite, chalk, plastic, and pot metal. The graphics on many of these holders were eye-catching. Most were used by Eastern breweries.

Beckmann's collection is displayed in multiple locations in his amazing breweriana "museum." Most are mounted on thick panels of cork on a large wall behind his bar, affixed with T-pins. Others are on

shelves in vintage oak display cases or under glass on wooden tables of different shapes and sizes.

"When I first started collecting, I had them all in alphabetical order on the wall," he said. That didn't last too long. "I soon learned that I couldn't do that anymore because I was getting too many; keeping them in order was

too hard. I would have to move the whole collection just to add a few and still keep them in alphabetical order."

Although I consider foam scrapers to be an important part of beer advertising history, I lack Beckmann's passion for them. I am not an avid seeker, but have acquired a few outside of breweriana shows. Most are common issues, Ballantine and Schaefer; nothing exotic.

During a visit to an antiques shop in central Arkansas in 2007, I did find an unusual translucent amber Pabst Blue Ribbon scraper. I later learned it was a 1930s salesman's sample or a prototype. A sales tag identified it as a "book marker," which would be a resourceful, although unorthodox, use of a scraper. It's one of five scrapers I own.

What made this scraper even more interesting is that the manufacturer was identified on it, something not usually seen. Likely, that was because it was a promotional item. Engraved or stamped on the front is *Cruver-Chicago*; on the back, *Cruver sample No. 221*, in tiny lettering that requires a magnifying glass to read.

Like all Cruver-Chicago scrapers, this one is cellulose acetate: a product made from



chemically-treated processed wood pulp. The finished scraper looks like plastic.

The Arkansas shop's owner told me it had been on display for two years and no one had ever asked about it. Before purchasing it, I explained what it actually was. He was amused.

The actual date when foam scrapers ceased being distributed and used by bartenders is debatable. But it is a safe bet the decline began during the 1940s. By the late 1950s, they were going the way of buggy whips, high-button shoes, and skimmer hats—into history.

The start of the decline may be traced to 1942, months after the US became embroiled in World War II. Plastics, metals, and other materials required to produce foam scrapers—and beer cans, bottle crowns, and advertising pieces—quickly were requisitioned for the war effort, to make parts for military equipment, and were placed on restricted lists for domestic use over the duration of the war, and beyond: although the war ended in 1945, some of these material restrictions lasted until 1947.

The exact reason scrapers fell from favor also is debatable. The decline in the number of US breweries certainly was

> a major factor. Fewer breweries meant fewer customers for scraper makers. The number of US breweries (407), in 1950 was the fewest since 1935. when there were 750. The decline would continue at a rapid rate: between 1950 and the end of 1953, 78 breweries closed, leaving 329.

Other factors contributed to the demise of the foam scraper. In some quarters, scraping foam from a glass was viewed as an archaic and time-consuming task. Public health concerns arose, critics believing foam scraper use was unsanitary. And allowing too much foam to build in a pour. some said, resulted in a loss of beer, and profits. Instead of filling glasses above the rim and scraping off the excess, bartenders eventually got accustomed to filling only to the rim, thus eliminating a need for the scraping process.

Through the 1950s, canned and bottled beer sales for off-premise consumption—somewhere other than taverns—grew dramatically, often at the expense of draft beer sales. This trend continued into the 1960s

and 70s.

Uncertainty also exists about when companies ceased producing foam scrapers and what brewery was the last to distribute them. "It is believed that Ballantine was the last brewery to issue foam scrapers, in 1964," Beckmann said. He has one in his collection with that date imprinted on it.

One thing we do know: the reason scrapers were invented (beer foam) didn't disappear.

Scrapers may be making a comeback, albeit a limited one,

in brewpubs and microbrewery tasting rooms. Millions of pints of craft brew are poured annually and bartenders in some venues are using scrapers, although I have not seen one in action. Most new models are made of metal or plastic and, not surprisingly, in China. They don't have the classic look of vintage scrapers.

If you want more information about foam scrapers, or some background from a different perspective, here's a starting point for your research: stories written by three NABA

members, namely New York City beer advertising experts George Arnold and Dave Launt; and Beer Dave Gausepohl, who wrote "Wiping the scrape clean" in *All About Beer* magazine (January, 2003).

I might just acquire a few Chicago foam scrapers at the NABA Convention in Green Bay in August. But building a mega-collection like Ed Beckmann's is not in my plans. It would be immensely difficult to duplicate a work of art that took Beckmann years to carefully and skillfully assemble.



Labelology By Bob Kay bobkaybeerlabels.com

Collecting Beer Labels

This article is intended to be a toolkit for aspiring label collectors—it updates the "Working with Labels" terminal on my website. I hope this will inspire other collectors to submit articles on their breweriana specialty for the updated NABA website and help make it a more valuable resource for the collecting community. I invite others to suggest changes or additions to "Collecting Beer Labels" in the interest of clarity and accuracy—sort of like Wikipedia—the "people's" encyclopedia that grows as anyone adds knowledge to the resource.

Displaying Labels

Each collector should choose a display method that suits individual circumstances. Here are some options:

Framing: For a single brewery or favorite labels, framing an arrangement of labels under glass for wall hanging is a common choice. Some micro breweries show historically relevant labels this way and collectors often feature a family or favorite brewery in this manner.

Encapsulation: See-through pockets are a popular choice for storing labels and collectable paper items when display is not a high priority. A wide variety of pocket sizes and types are available from suppliers like Light Impressions, or from stamp collector supply houses. Glassine envelopes are widely used for storing duplicate labels. Archival consultants are available to advise on the pros and cons of the various materials.

Hinging: Hinging is an important consideration when arranging labels in a frame or on a notebook page. Stamp hinges were an early

choice of many collectors, but these have fallen out of favor because removal often leaves undesirable tracks and occasional tear damage. 3M™ company's Post-it® Labeling & Cover-up Tape makes excellent hinges. I refer to them as "Post-it® hinges," and they are the current popular choice because they remove easily, do not leave visible tracks, and are reusable. I have used Post-it® hinges for over 30 years and am very satisfied. The only negative I have observed: after time, they leave faint, invisible glue tracks, which are noticeable by rubbing your finger over the surface. I've found that you can rub most of the gum off by hand. Archivists do not favor use of these hinges because of this glue migration problem. One archivist's recommendation to me was rice paper hinges with starch as an adhesive—not at all practical for the hobbyist with a large number of labels. Fresh input from the archival community is welcome here. At this writing I continue to recommend Post-it® hinges.





Look for 3M™ company's Labeling & Cover-up Tape, Part No. 652. This size is 1/3 in. wide and comes in a 700

inch pull-out and tear-off spool. It's available on the internet or at many office supply stores. I use 2 hinges per-label to keep the label squarely positioned on the page.

Collecting Beer Labels

Three-Ring Notebooks: This is a nice choice for a large collection (illustrated below). Mount and hinge labels on plain white copy paper, then slip two back-to-back pages into a sheet protector. Office supply stores or internet shops offer notebooks, punched paper, and sheet protectors (or top loaders for sheets you don't want 3-hole punched). Organize labels according to your personal choice. My preference is by State, then City, then Brewery. Within each brewery I display labels by date, showing the oldest labels first. As a personal touch, I type American Breweries-II names and dates at the top of the first page for each brewery. I also co-mingle other small paper collectables with the labels. For example, wherever possible I like to add a post card picture or photo of the brewery. Reusable Post-it® hinges make rearranging a simple matter.



Notebook pages for Milwaukee's Cream City Products Company Labels.

Acid-Free Paper: There are different schools of thought here. Of course, it's nice to go all the way acid-free; but this option must be measured in a cost-benefit sense. Early labels were made from good quality low-acid paper comparable to the acidity of today's copy paper. We have to remember that no acid transfer occurs between papers of the same acid content. After almost 40 years of displaying labels on plain white paper I cannot observe any trouble signs in my collection.

Foil-Paper Backing: The paper backing on foil (tinfoil) labels, which were popular in the 1950s, is another matter. The backing paper behind the shiny tinfoil was high acid and I have seen many cases of acid burn from the back side of foil labels. Special care is needed when storing foil paper labels next to paper labels—the high acid back side of the foil label could burn paper it comes in contact with.



Notebook pages for 1990s Michelob Light Labels.

Label Paper Types: (Historical input, perhaps from paper suppliers, is needed here to enhance the body of research.)

Photo Album Pages: The type of photo mounting sheet with a sturdy cardboard backing covered with a gummy adhesive and a sheet protector overlay can cause label collectors disastrous results. After even a short period, the labels can stick firmly to the adhesive and cannot be safely removed. If you use this type of mounting surface, it's important to place backing paper between the adhesive and the label.

Dating Beer Labels: It's nice to be able to estimate the date of your labels and, beyond that, labels provide important clues for dating a wide variety of other brewery collectables. See www.bobkaybeerlabels—Terminal 5—for a guide to dating labels.

Other topics in my *Working With Labels* terminal include Soaking and the Roll Scan.

Collecting Beer Labels

Using reusable hinges to organize labels on notebook pages gives you unlimited possibilities to customize your display and focus on your priorities. It's a chance to add your personality to your collection with typed notes. Here are a few examples:

Schoenling

OH-86

Schoenling Brg & Mltg Co. 1934-1934 Schoenling Brg & Ice Co. 1934-1937 Schoenling Brewing Co. 1937-1987 Hudepolh-Schoenling Co. 1987-1997 Samuel Adams Brewery 1997-



Oops! Pasteurized was misspelled on Schoenling's early half-gallon labels.

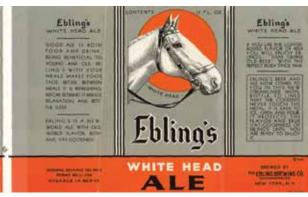


A wartime shortage of tin plate, used for crowns, forced brewers to emphasize larger *Economy Size* 32 oz. bottles, and temporarily spelled the end for many 7 and 8 oz. sizes.

(Blatz neck label)



Pennsylvania Swankey was a temperance beverage flavored with anise (licorice) that was popular in PA in the 1890-1920s era. The name is believed to be a corruption of the German word, *Schwenke* (presumably, a surname). A really neat label but not my choice for added flavor!



This is a paper label for a cone top beer can. It wraps completely around the can. The can in good condition is worth mega bucks but it needs a good label!



This label depicts frontier history during the French and Indian War in 1755 when British General Braddock attempted to take Fort Duquesne from the French. Seneca Chief Guyasuta played a major role in the defeat of the Brits.







World War II essentially spelled the end for one of Blatz's leading brands. *Old Heidelberg* sounded too German and the name was changed to a harmless *Pilsener*. Efforts to resurrect the brand name after the war fizzled.

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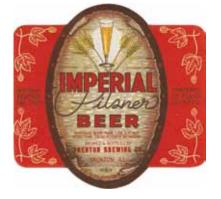




Figure 1 New Find Trenton Bry, Trenton, IL

Figure 2 Imperial Bry, Upper Sandusky, OH

Figure 3 New Find Graphically enhanced

Figure 4 More common Trenton Brand Name

The Imperial Pilsner label from Trenton, IL (Figure 1) is a new find for our data base. I thought it looked a little too much like an Upper Sandusky, OH, Imperial Brewing Co. label (Figure 2) and I was getting ready to brand one of them a copy cat. Then I discovered a family connection—in 1947, Trenton Brewing's president was *Edward* Koppelman, while at the same time, Imperial Brewing's president was *Harry* Koppelman. Thanks to Kent Knowles for the new find, and to a *1947 Brewery Directory* for establishing the family connection.

Trenton Brewing's **Imperial Pilsner** version was renamed **Trenton Pilsner**—only one example of *Imperial Pilsner* from Trenton Brewing Co. is known and it's the picture showing the label still on a bottle (Figure 1). I used a little "pixy dust" to illustrate the same label in a flat position (Figure 3). Figure 4 illustrates the more common *Trenton Pilsner* brand name.

Here's an email I received from Arizona collector Ed Sipos:

I had an exciting new find this weekend. It's a new variant to the Arizona Brewing Company Extra Pale Prescott, AZ label. This bottle was purchased by a local bottle collector a number of years ago from another bottle collector. It was originally found inside a carriage house in Prescott and it is still full! I wish the label was in better condition but I cannot complain. I have known about this bottle for a number of years, but until recently it was not for sale. I never saw it in person until I was able to acquire it at our local bottle show. I was surprised to see that it was an unknown variant. I hope you enjoy adding it to your list!





The New Find is an obvious variant of the only other example of the Extra Pale label of which I'm aware. Of course we always want good condition labels, but when we're talking one-ers you go with what you got.

Nice add to the data base Ed!

Here's a request for help from West Coast collector and historian Gary Flynn:

The California Bottling Co. was the San Francisco bottler and distributor for the Henry Weinhard Brewery until 1907, at which time Weinhard bought out the bottling plant [and renamed it Weinhard Bottling Co.]. In a 1909 letter the manager . . . stated: "For San Francisco bottling purposes, a special beer is brewed, named Gold Seal."

No examples of this Gold Seal label are presently known. Can anyone help?

About the Convention Hotel

Since it's always nice to know more rather than less, we thought some details about our chosen Convention hotel would be nice for everyone to have – details beyond what you can glean from the advertisement at the right.

The Hyatt on Main is located in downtown Green Bay and is adjacent to the KI Center where the public show will be held on Saturday of the Convention. Formerly the Hotel Sierra, they are now a part of the Hyatt chain. This is the same hotel that the Packer Chapter uses for their Trade-A-Thon in April each year.

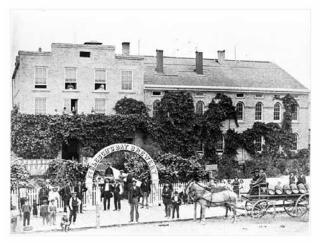
Reservations: You can make reservations on line by going to:

https://resweb.passkey.com/go/nationalassnbreweriana (see the registration note in the ad to the right) or by phone at 1-920-432-4555. You will hear two options by phone. One is to choose the hotel operator, who can transfer you to local reservations; or the second is to hit "3," which takes you to the national Hyatt system. We recommend going through the local reservation system. Check in is 3:00 pm. The hotel is totally smoke free. You will be personally assessed a fine, if it is determined that you are smoking within the hotel!

Parking: Free parking is in an open lot. RVs are welcome.

Hotel Layout: The hotel has 8 floors with 34 rooms per floor. Being an atrium style hotel, most rooms can be viewed from any point on the balcony for ease of seeing who is open and who is not during Room-to-Room.

Room Plans: There are 4 room rate plans. For \$99 for two adults you can choose either a <u>Double Queen Suite</u> or a <u>King Suite</u> (one king bed) or a <u>King Studio</u>. For \$139 for two adults you can get an <u>Executive Suite</u>. The best way to choose is to go online and see the details on each plan. Using the above computer link will



Blesch's Bay Brewery

Brewery employees stand in front of the brewery, ca. 1870. This was one of many established in Green Bay during the middle 19th century. While Hochgreve, Rahr, Hagemeister, and Van Dycke all began breweries, Francis Blesch was the first to brew in 1851, after he settled in the town of Ft. Howard the year before. For several years, it was the only brewery in the area, and demand for its product allowed a larger building to be constructed in 1856. The Brewery continued to prosper until it closed in 1879, around the time of Francis' death.

Photo from Neville Public Museum, Brown County http://www.nevillepublicmuseum.org

get you there. The number of Executive Suites available is very limited. More than two adults in a room is \$20 per day, per person. Children under 18 are free.

Each room has two flat screen TVs, mini refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, and living area separate from the bedroom. There will be plenty of space to spread out all the stuff you want to bring.

There are 4 elevators serving the hotel. Pool, sauna, and a workout rooms are provided at no charge. A nice long bar area is off the lobby to meet and greet old friends.

Breakfast Buffet for 2 Adults and children un-

der 18 are free. If more than two adults share a room, the fee for breakfast is \$10.00 per extra person per day.

Signage: The traditional NABA door signs will be provided. **Only "blue tape,"** which we will provide, can be used to tape the sign to the door. Any other method of fastening anything to any place may result in damage charges to you personally. Signs may be hung on the wrought iron railings outside your room, but again only with "blue tape" or string.

Convention Registration & Hospitality Room:

The NABA Registration and Hospitality room will be on one of the floors in a corner where we will have an Executive Suite and attached room for these functions.

Other Activities: The buffet breakfast is on the main floor. Seminars, micro beer bottle swap, small item exchange, seminars, etc. will be in the KI center, which is just off the breakfast buffet area.

Internet: All rooms have free wireless internet. There is a small "business center" area off the lobby where you can use their computer equipment and printers.



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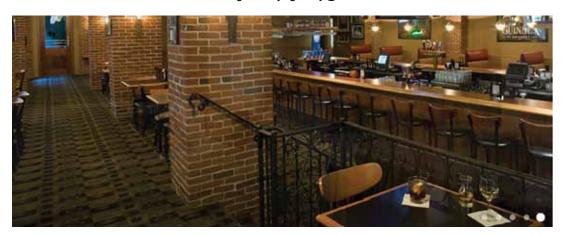
HOTEL OVERVIEW

Of all hotels in the area, Hyatt on Main, Green Bay is the only one to claim the KI Convention Center as its adjoining neighbor. Experience comfortable luxury and Midwest hospitality in Wisconsin's oldest city, home of the Packers' history-rich Lambeau Field.

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Hyatt on Main, Green Bay is an all suite hotel and features a new Stay Fit Health Club, 24 Hour Business Center, Indoor Pool + Whirlpool, Sauna + Steam Room, 24-Hour Market and newly renovated Restaurant.

NABA Convention Registration



Daily Convention Activities, Green Bay, WI 2013

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	Monday, July 29	Pre-Convention Tour at Minhaus Craft Brewery, Monroe, WI	
		Please note separate registration for this event, P. 22 of this issue!	
	Tuesday, July 30		
A	11:00 am to 2:00 pm	Delafield Brewhaus Special for NABA Convention Attendees	
	11:00 am to 5:00 pm	Early Birds Home Collection Tours - See Summer Issue of the BC	
В	4:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Registration and Hospitality - open	
	All Day/Any Time	Room-to-Room - buy, sell or trade	
	Wednesday, July 31		
	9:00 am to 10:00 pm	Registration and Hospitality - open	
40	9:30 am to 4:30 pm	Microbrewery tour (ticket required)	
42	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Brewmaster's Dinner (ticket required)	
	All Day/Any Time	Room-to-Room - buy, sell or trade	
	Thursday, August 1		
	8:00 am	First Timers' Information Breakfast (family members welcome)	
	9:00 am to 10:00 pm	Registration and Hospitality - open	
U	10:00 am to 2:00 pm	Local Tour (free: info in next BC issue)	
	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Seminars and Smalls BST Session (Topics/Times to be announced)	
_	7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Activity in Convention Center (details at the Convention)	
V	All Day/Any Time	Room-to-Room - buy, sell or trade	
	Friday, August 2		
31	7:30 am to 11:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting	
	9:00 am to 11:00 am	Registration and Hospitality - open	
4.0	9:00 am to 11:00 am	Auction Item Consignment	
to	11:00 am to 12:00 am	View Auction Items	
	12:00 am to 4:00 pm	Auction – Registered Members Only	
	4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Full Micro Beer Bottle Swap	
A	3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Registration and Hospitality - open	
U	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Taste of Wisconsin – Micro beer Tasting	
0	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Wisconsin Collector Display - ballroom	
G	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Annual Business Meeting, Banquet and Guest Speaker	
	8:30 pm to 10:00 pm	Registration and Hospitality - open	
U	All Day/Any Time	Room-to-Room - buy, sell or trade	
•	Saturday, August 3		
S	7:00 am to 9:00 am	Set up for Public Show and Sale	
T	9:00 am to 2:00 pm	Public Breweriana Show and Sale	
	3:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Hospitality - open	
03	6:00 pm to 7:30 pm	Banquet and Convention Adjournment	
	8:00 pm to?	Hospitality - open	



NABA 42nd CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Hyatt on Main Green Bay, Wisconsin July 31-August 3, 2013



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•	Spouse/Adult Guest pre-registratio	n fees: Bei	fore July 15 - \$65 p	oer guest		\$
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•	Children pre-registration fee: Und	er 12 free. Befor	e July 15 - \$35 per	child age 12-18.		\$
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•	Wednesday Stone Cellar, Micro be	er Tour & Lunch	Tickets	_ @ \$35 per perso	on	\$
•	Wednesday Brewmaster Dinner (lin	nited seating)	Tickets	_ @ \$45 per perso	on	\$
•	Saturday Trade Show Table* - Qty	@ \$10 per	table w/power	@ \$15 per table		\$
	*All tables first come first serv	ed. I would like	my table next to: _			
•	Saturday Trade Tables (w/o Conver	tion registration	**) Quantity	@ \$30 per table		\$
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		Phone 219	325-8811	email: gbaley@comcast	.net	

No refunds after July 29th

NOTE: LATE REGISTRATION FEE (after July 22) IS \$10 ADDITIONAL PER PERSON

Please make hotel reservations with the Hyatt on Main at 1-920-432-1234 or

Online direct with Hyatt https://resweb.passkey.com/go/nationalassnbreweriana

Deadline for Hotel Reservations is July 12th

See www.nababrew.com or The Breweriana Collector for a summary of Convention Times and Activities.

See www.greenbay.com for other Green Bay activities.

Please Circle: I plan to <u>arrive</u> on Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat and <u>leave</u> on Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

See you in Green Bay! And don't forget we will be in Toledo in 2014



NABA Pre-Convention Visit to Herb & Helen Haydock's World of Beer Memorabilia Museum Monday, JULY 29, 2013

Includes Tours & Hospitality at Minhaus Craft Brewery and buffet dinner Mon. evening at Ratskeller Restaurant in Monroe's famous Turner Hall RESERVE TODAY!

Fill out this form & mail w/check (made out to NABA Pre-Convention) for \$35/person to:
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Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

Please return your reservation **by July 15** to help facilitate planning for this special event.

NABA Member Name:		
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Guest(s) Name(s):		



The **Minhas Craft Brewery** is now home to an amazing collection of artifacts with the "**World of Beer Memorabilia**" exhibit courtesy of *Herb and Helen Haydock*. The museum includes hundreds of brewery advertising artifacts including lithographs from the mid-1800s up to the 1960s. Also in the collection are hundreds of toy cars, trucks and trains, and a collection of growlers from all over the world. While you are here, be sure to allow time to view all three rooms of the museum. This truly is a "must see" for any history enthusiast, beer lover and, of course, the collector of brewery memorabilia.

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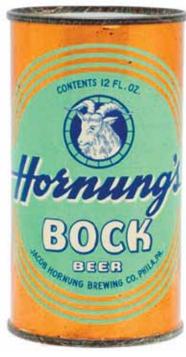
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Auction Hysteria

by Robert Hajicek

Grenke Auction

This is the **second** issue covering some results of the **Adolf Grenke Breweriana Collection** auction conducted by Morphy
Auctions of Denver Pennsylvania on September 21 and 22,
2012. The prices listed include the buyers premium. For full
auction results and more photographs, visit the Morphy website
and search for past auctions.



Hornung's Bock Instructional Can USBC Vol 1, 084-01 (OI-425) Jacob Hornung Brewing Co., Philadelphia, PA \$12,000



Phillip Best Paper Lithograph "The Bock Beer Maid" Frame size: 42-3/4" x 29-3/4" Phillip Best Brewing Co., Milwaukee, WI \$6,000



Ebling's White Horse Ale Lighted Sign Gillco, 13-3/4" diameter The Ebling Brewing Co., Inc., New York, NY \$1,920



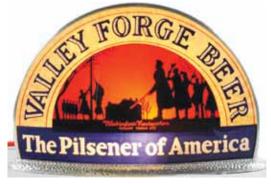
Chief Oshkosh Lighted Sign 11" diameter Oshkosh Brewing Co., Oshkosh, WI \$4,200



Kamm & Schellinger Die-Cut Lithograph 1903 Calendar, 17-3/4" x 11-3/4" actual green and red feathers in headdress Kamm & Schellinger Brewing Co., Mishawaka, IN \$5,700



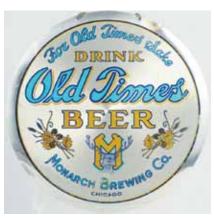
Budweiser Lighted Sign 9-1/2" x 16" Anheuser-Busch Inc., St. Louis, MO \$4,200



Valley Forge Lighted Sign Gillco, 9-1/2" x 14-1/2" Adam Scheidt Brewing Co., Norristown, PA \$6.600



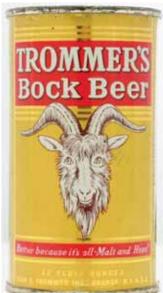
F. & M. Schaefer Paper Lithograph Frame size 44" x 33-1/4" F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Co., New York, NY \$7,800



Above: Old Times Aluminum Sign, 10" dia. Monarch Brewing Co., Chicago, IL \$1,440

Right:

Trommer's Bock Can USBC Vol 1, 139-36 John F. Trommer, Inc., Orange, NJ \$6,600





West Bend Lithia Lighted Sign with Motion , 13" x 10-1/2" West Bend Lithia Co., West Bend, WI \$3,900



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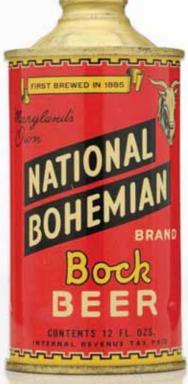
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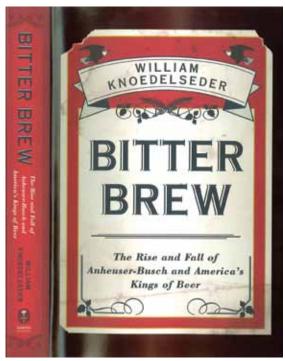
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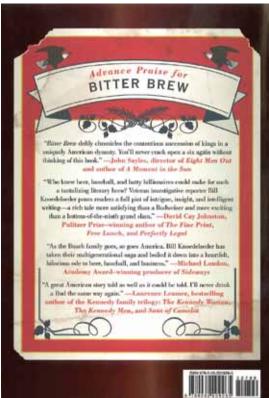


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Bitter Brew The Rise & Fall of Anheuser-Busch & America's King of Beer

by William Knoedelseder (2012)







Collector's Bookshelf

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The inner sleeve of the dust cover states: "The engrossing, often scandalous saga of one of the wealthiest, longest-lasting, and most colorful family dynasties in the history of American commerce – a cautionary tale about prosperity, profligacy, hubris, and the blessings and dark consequences of success."

Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction. Could anyone have fictionalized the Anna Nicole Smith story? Once one reads this book's often lurid and scandalous tales of various members of the Busch family, one can make the same point and realize they lived "large" lives like Anna Nicole. The Busch dynasty's wealth allowed excesses and privileges beyond the average person's imagination.

William Knoedelseder has a background as a financial/business reporter in the *Los Angeles Times* specializing in the recording industry. He currently does television projects and has written several highly acclaimed books. This book is a brewing industry business classic. It ranks as one of my top two brewing industry business books. The first on my list is the 1948 classic, *The PABST Brewing Company: The History of an American Business* by Professor Thomas C. Cochran of New York University. His book is part of the University's "Business History Series."

Bitter Brew starts with a prologue showing August IV too "buzzed" (apparently due to illicit substances) to give a coherent speech at an annual meeting of AB's distributors. This event demoralized a key core component of the AB sales empire; and gave credence to the rumor that a member of a "rotten generation" of AB wealth inheritors had assumed the role of CEO, and was incapable of leading the company in a changing world market.

The first chapter is titled "Beer Is Back" and kicks off the book with the end of Prohibition (a little backstory about the creation of the company and the Prohibition era is tossed in for good measure). The bulk of the book carries the reader chronologically from the end of Prohibition to the takeover by In-Bev, and the sordid scandals of August IV, who was a classic example of wealth, privilege, and power (i.e. – the laws/rules do not apply to me). The book tells the story of the Busch personalities that ran the company, plus related family members and others. It documents business challenges such as the fight with Schlitz to be number #1, advertising campaigns (Spuds & the Frogs), and financial

challenges. There are tales of corporate intrigue, especially when August III (nicknamed 3 Sticks) overthrew his father, August Jr. (Gussie) in a classic boardroom coup d'état. He even had doctors present in the contingency his father had a stroke – think of the emotion and tension generated in this meeting and the estrangement that affected the family for years (the coup split the family into 3 Sticks and Gussie camps).

The book has three main themes: beer, baseball, and business. Obviously the St. Louis Cardinals and Gussie Busch's relationship with the team is detailed. Curt Flood's revolt against the Baseball Bwana's plantations is briefly described. Budweiser was a brand that the Busch dynasty carefully protected as the core of their business. Their desire to be Number 1 in the brewing industry was an obsession and the author details how their CEO-driven business strategy (including modern plant expansion as opposed to procuring obsolete existing plants) and marketing strategy made them #1.

The author's anecdotes are many and as engrossing as the inner sleeve states. Among my favorites: during WWI, Adolphus's wife, Lilly was trapped by the war in Germany at the Busch palatial estate with her 2 daughters. Upon their return to America, Lilly and her daughters (each married to German officers and openly supportive of the fatherland during WWI) were reviled by the American public, as they were at the top of the list of German sympathizers. Upon her arrival in the US at Key West, Lilly (age 75) was subjected by customs to the "ultimate customs indignity" (alas, the fickle finger of fate).

Another story surrounds the legendary tasting skills of August III. Apparently he could tell what plant the Budweiser was from and how old it was in days. He was a "stickler" for quality control and freshness.

A great anecdote started with the firing of Gussie's friend, famous baseball broadcaster, Harry Caray (they drank & womanized together frequently). In a press conference, shortly after his firing, Harry Caray appeared before the press and cameras with a prominently positioned tall boy can of Schlitz as a symbol of the ultimate insult he could offer the The Breweriana Collector

Buschs. Throughout, protection of their core brand was paramount.

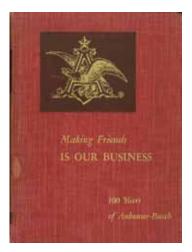
Another famous story is about August Junior's favorite pigmy elephant, Tessie. Many of the exotic animals boarded at Grant's farm were sold during Prohibition to help keep the company afloat during difficult times. Tessie was August Jr.'s favorite but had to be sold to Ringling Brothers. Years later, Tessie came back to St. Louis with the circus, and she led the elephants into the bigtop when August Jr. was in the seats. The story goes: "[August] called out her name - and Tessie, at the sound of his voice, raised her head and broke ranks to stand before him, where he stood in the third row, reduced to tears." After seeing the recent Clydesdale Super Bowl ad, one wonders if this Tessie story was the foundation for the modern ad.

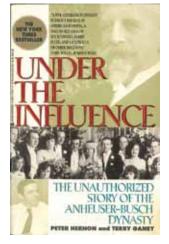
The book concludes with the demise of the company because of August III's two mistakes – the first being the failure to realize the market was international (it should have been important not only being #1 in the USA, but also abroad), and the second being the decision to promote an incompetent family member to the position of CEO: his son, August IV. As with so many dynasties, it is finally hubris, alas, that brings the castle crashing down.

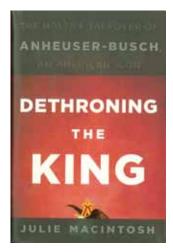
Bitter Brew has my highest recommendation as the best modern brewery business history book I have – available from major book sellers.

Other notable AB books worth studying to understand everything AB:

Making Friends is our Business – 100 years of Anheuser Busch (1953) – AB published Under the Influence – The Unauthorized Story of the Anheuser Busch Dynasty by Hernon & Ganey (1991) Dethroning the King – The Hostile Takeover of Anheuser Busch, An American Icon by Julie Macintosh (2011)







HOPPY TRAILS

Southern Brewery Trip

by Robert Fondren

As President of the BCCA this year, I want to go to as many breweriana collectibles shows across the country as I can. In December I looked at the calendar and saw a show on January 12 in Birmingham, AL and on January 19 in Orlando, FL. So, I planned a southern trip to visit breweries and go to the two shows. Besides, January in the deep south is far warmer than January in Virginia.

So, on Thursday January 10, I left for Atlanta, GA to visit my nephew and go to breweries. On the trip down a friend from home called. He knew I was going on a trip but didn't know where, so I told him that I was going to Georgia, Alabama, and Florida to visit breweries. His comment? "There aren't any." Boy, would I prove him wrong.

After the 8 hour drive to Atlanta, I was ready for some beverages. The plan for the evening was to visit breweries in Atlanta for dinner and beers. We started at the Red **Brick Brewery** where, for \$10, you could get a pint glass and 4 "samples," which turned out to be at least a half-pint of beer per sample. Since we were going to other places, we only got two samples and moved on. When we arrived at Sweetwater Brewing, there were at least two hundred people there, mostly students from nearby Georgia Tech. They had a deal similar to Red Brick's, but for your \$10 you got a pint glass and 6 "samples." Again we had only two - but one of mine was their excellent Happy Ending Imperial Stout, at 9% alcohol. Our next stop was Five Seasons Brewery for dinner and more beverages. I ordered the sampler and they were all good. Our last stop of the evening was at the new Wrecking Bar Brewpub in the trendy area of Little Five Points. We really liked the beers and the food looked excellent. My nephew said that he wanted to come back soon for dinner with his girlfriend.

The next morning I headed to Alabama. On the way I stopped at Total Wine and found the brand new Gangway IPA cans from **Red Hare Brewing** in Marietta, GA.

On the way to Alabama, I drove through the mountains of northwest Georgia. I had never been there before, and

the views were fantastic. My first stop in Alabama was at **Straight to Ale Brewing** in Huntsville, which sold samples at \$1 each. I tried their IPA and Milk Stout. Breweries in

Alabama can't sell their packaged beer to go, but they told me where I could find their new cans of Milk Stout, and I did.

My next brewery stop was at **Blue Pants Brewery** in Madison, AL, near Huntsville. I sampled their Rye IPA and Black IPA before heading to Birmingham to meet Perry and Kathy Paxton. We visited two breweries that night in Birmingham:



Cahaba and Avondale. Cahaba had only been open a few months, and their beers were excellent for a new brewery. Avondale is in a trendy area of Birmingham, and it seemed to be the place to go for young people in the city. We found a seat at the bar (next to an older couple, so we weren't the only people over 30 in the place) and ordered their sampler of 8 different beers. They ranged from a Kolsch to a Double IPA, and included a Mocha Stout and a sour Flanders Brown Ale.



The next day, the first show that "justified" my trip was held at the **Good People Brewery** in downtown Birmingham, and



opened at 9 AM. The brewery had heavily advertised the show and I was very impressed with the number of people that came. Many of them were there just to sample the brewery's products, but I saw a lot of young people looking at the tables and buying glasses, coasters, openers, and other brewery items. By sampling their beers, I discovered Good People Brewery's Double IPA and Russian Imperial Stout were especially good.

After the show I was invited to stay with Perry and Kathy at their house near Montgomery for two nights. We went to the **Railyard Brewery** in Montgomery for dinner both nights, and it was very convenient since we were able to watch NFL playoff football while enjoying their beer.

The next day I headed to Florida to visit friends in St. Augustine. On the way I stopped at **Momo's Pizza and Brewery** and sampled their Big Papa Porter. After meeting my friends in St. Augustine and walking on the beach, we went to **A1A Brewing** for dinner. I had shrimp tacos along with their beer sampler.

The next day I went to the World Golf Hall of Fame and then visited breweries in Jacksonville. I had lunch at **Engine** 15 Brewing in Jacksonville Beach, and then went to Intuition Brewing. Florida's beer laws allow breweries to sell their beer in 32 oz. and gallon growlers (but not half-gallon growlers like most states). Greg Lenaghan had asked me to get a gallon growler for a display showing sizes of beer packages at the National Brewery Museum in Potosi, WI, so I got him one at Intuition. I told the bartenders why I was buying an empty growler and they told me they wanted to see some pictures of the display, so I will make sure I send the pictures to the brewery. On the way back to my friend's house I stopped at the Mile Marker **Brewery** in St. Augustine.

My next stop was Tampa to visit breweries there. I wanted to visit the **Yuengling Brewery** since I had never been. I arrived in time for the 1 PM tour, which was very interesting since the brewery is the location of the former Schlitz brewery (opened in 1958) and they are still using the original brew kettles. The tour guide talked about the expansion scheduled to be complete later this year and opening with new brew kettles. I also enjoyed a very fresh

My next stop was **Cigar City.** I had been looking forward to my first visit there, since I knew their beers were excellent. They did not disappoint me at all. Everything I

Yuengling Porter.



sampled was truly extraordinary.

My next stop was the **Cold Storage Brewery** in downtown
Tampa. Larry Moter had told
me to ask for his friend, who
is one of the owners. Unfortunately, he was not there that
day. I sampled their beers and
then went to the **Tampa Bay Brewing Company** in Ybor
City, where I had gumbo and
sampled their excellent beers.

That night I found a hotel in downtown Dunedin and was able to walk to two breweries. I had dinner and a sampler at the **Dunedin Brewery**, and then went to the **Seventh Sun Brewery**, which has only been



open about a year and they are making fantastic beers. They specialize in hoppy IPAs and Belgian-style beers, which are probably my favorite styles – so I enjoyed that stop very much.

The next day I planned on visiting the **Saint Somewhere Brewery** in Tarpon Springs.

My friend in St. Augustine is a good friend of Bob Sylvester, the owner and brewer, so she had set up a time for me to stop

by. On the way I grabbed lunch at the **Lagerhaus**, a German-style brewpub, and visited the new **Big Storm Brewery**.

I really enjoyed the visit at Saint Somewhere. It was bottling day, and Bob invited some local beer connoisseurs to help him bottle, and of course, to sample beers after bottling. In addition to meeting Bob I met several beer people from the Tampa Bay area, one of whom is the lead tour guide at Cigar City, so I learned some of the "inside scoop." After sampling Bob's excellent beers, he also treated me to a sample of a whiskey that had been distilled from one of his beers. I had plans to visit three more breweries that evening, so I decided to go back to the hotel to rest and recuperate.

After a short rest, my next stop was the new Rapp nanobrewery. Since their brewing system is small they are able to make a large range of styles. Even though they are most noted for their OMG Strong Ale (up to 20% alcohol), I didn't sample it since I was going to other breweries that evening. Instead I tried their Berliner Weisse and Lichtenhainer, another tart German-style that I had never tried before. I also had a taste of their Bacon Porter before heading to dinner at Peg's Cantina, home of Cycle Brewing. The brewer was formerly at Cigar City, so I knew the beers would be very good. I had an excellent IPA that

paired very well with my dinner of fish tacos. My last stop of the evening was at the **Barley Mow Brewery** where I tried their Irish Stout.

The next morning I headed to Orlando. I went for lunch at



the **Shipyard Brewpub** in Winter Park. They feature Shipyard Beers from Maine but they also have a half-barrel brewing system. I tried their own rye beer and then had a Shipyard Monkey Fist IPA. I then went to the new **Hourglass Brewery** where I tried their 5:30 IPA – very

hoppy at 5.3% alcohol – and then sampled their excellent Feral Flower sour ale. I then stopped at the **Orlando Brewing Company** in downtown Orlando where I had their IPA sampler before heading to the

collectibles show.

I stayed Friday night at the hotel hosting the show, then headed north toward home. Saturday, I decided to stop in Savannah and go to the downtown **Moon River Brewpub** for dinner. Downtown Savannah is a great destination on a Saturday night. The brewpub was very crowded but I was lucky, and got a seat at the bar. I had their Saison and Swamp Fox IPA with din-

ner. The next day I completed my drive home.

The total number of breweries I visited on the trip was 31: five in Georgia, six in Alabama, and twenty in Florida. I definitely proved my friend wrong with the excellent beers I sampled on the trip.

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Oops! We Goofed!

And Our Crossmark Crew Caught the Crror

We really botched the spelling of a brand name in the last issue (Winter 2013), not only one time, but repeatedly. Your *BC* "staff" tries very hard to assure accuracy, but all of our proof readers missed this goof.

When the issue went to our professional printer, Crossmark Graphics, Inc., we thought it was in great shape. But one of the pressmen there caught the misspelling and quickly alerted us to the mistake. Unfortunately, we'd printed too much already to call everything back, so we had to let the error stand. Did you find it?

Not that we want to compound the error, but here's a hint: There are two N's in "Leinenkugel." And the pictures we used in the article clearly show this; yet nowhere in the accompanying text was this key spelling correct. Imagine our red faces!

We're telling you this because we are all so impressed with the quality of service and professionalism of our reps at Crossmark Graphics in New Berlin, WI. When they told us their pressman had caught the misspelling, they said, "He really loves Leinie's!"

So we thought we'd pull back the curtain a little and show you the real stars behind the quality of your *Breweriana Collector* magazine. We are pleased to introduce you to Rick Hansen, Crossmark Graphics pressman extraordinaire (and drinker of Leinenkugel beer http://leinie.com, Chippewa Falls, WI).

BC - What does it mean that you're a pressman at a digital printer?

RH - These days, being a pressman for a digital press means that you are operating a press not in the conventional process (i.e. more mechanical in nature), but running the press and its functions via a computer and a server. Along with being able to manipulate the electronic files received, a pressman on a digital press sometimes needs to be a good trouble-shooter, have good computer knowledge and mathematics skills, and have decent mechanical capabilities. On top of all that, we have to have a background in electro-photography, because much of the printing process is laser induced and based on voltage. Not traditional mechanical printing at all.

In the digital field, traditional printing experience is also called upon as far as usage of the correct substrates to print on, the correct line screens utilized with the artwork, as well as ink density and dot gain for correct color levels in the final product. Of course, any digital press operator is responsible for maintaining the press in good running order, keeping electronic print files organized correctly, keeping press components calibrated correctly, changing consumables on the press when required and correctly running jobs.

BC - Do you work in a shop with a lot of other Crossmark staff or are you mostly solo on the floor?

RH - On a sheet-fed digital press one normally works alone rather than with a crew like traditional presses; although at times there are questions that may arise, in which case you need to converse with a Customer Service Representative or a salesperson. This is the case at our company. So, if any errors are caught by a press individual that would be the end of the line or "last eyes" to see it before it gets off the press.



Other types of jobs that we get at Crossmark Graphics, Inc., and I normally work on, are brochures, business cards, invites, replies, posters, calendars, booklets, and variable data jobs, as well as jobs like postcards & mailings, sell-sheets, and flyers.

BC – What do you look forward to the most about your job?

RH - The best part of the job is knowing you worked it to completion to the best of your ability, especially when complications may arise. This happens much more frequently than one would suspect.

BC - Kristin, our Customer Service rep, said you're a Leinie's fan. Do you have a family connection to the brewery or is there a story you can tell us about how you were introduced to Leinenkugel? **RH** - Yes, personally I do enjoy a Leinenkugel beer on occasion. But the only family connection that I can truly relate is that my grandfather is the one who introduced me to the beer to begin with! There was one occasion when we both went to the Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company in Chippewa Falls, WI, for a tour. We both enjoyed it very much and learned a bit of the process of the creation of their product as well as having a few samplings.

BC – What hobbies do you enjoy – things you like to do when you're not at work?

RH – Outside of work I enjoy my time doing things around the house, and spending time with my wife and my 2 Labradors. Other hobbies and things that I like to do are: travel abroad to new places; work out at the gym; read historic books; play strategic & tactical war-games (board games or computer-based MMO games), and keep up with current events.

Found on the Web

http://www.ci.green-bay.wi.us/history/1860s.html

A Snapshot of Green Bay History

Editor's note: Every reasonable attempt has been made to trace the owners of copyright material in this work, and to obtain permission for reprint. We would be glad to receive information leading to more complete acknowledgements, and give full credit to the **City of Green Bay** in the hope that educating our readership will enhance their visit to Green Bay this summer for NABA's 42nd Convention. Meanwhile, we extend our apologies for any omissions.

In 1862 the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad linked the area to other parts of the state, greatly enhancing business opportunities. The depot was on the west side, in the borough of Fort Howard, with the western side of Lake Winnebago and the Fox River Valley the route. The next year the City of Green Bay funded a bridge across the Fox River at Walnut Street. The bridge ran to what was then called Main Street (today's West Walnut), in the borough of Fort Howard. Prior to this free bridge, people relied on a ferry service to transport goods and individuals

between the east and west sides.

Brewing beer, catching and selling fish, newspaper businesses, and the building of retail space; this and more is part of the history of Green Bay. Residents started businesses in hopes of becoming rich or at least making a living by providing goods and services needed.

Rahr Brewery, located at 1317-1331 Main Street was the first brewery to locate within the city limits. Henry Rahr began the business in 1866 and it became the longest running brewery in Green Bay, operating until 1966



Chicago & NW RR Depot



Johnson Fish

(it closed briefly during Prohibition and reopened afterwards). The one hundred year old business's red label with a white crest was well known throughout this part of



Rahr Brewery



Blesch Brewery



Hagemeister Brewery

Wisconsin.

On August 3, 1887, one of the worst industrial accidents in the city's history occurred at Rahr's. There was an explosion and six workers were killed.

Blesch Brewery was started by Francis Blesch in 1850 after he immigrated from Germany in 1849. Blesch had been trained in brewing and cooperage (making of barrels) in his native country. The brewery ran until shortly after his death in 1875. The building was razed in 1998 and at that time was the oldest known industrial building in the city. At the time of operation it was located outside the city limits.

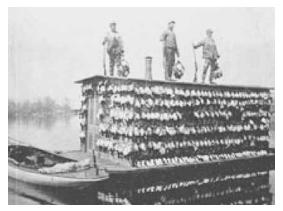
Hagemeister Brewery was started in

1866 by Franz H. Hagemeister, Whitney, Mertz, and Klaus. The brewery was located on Main Street just outside the city limits in the Town of Preble. It never reopened after Prohibition ended.

1870s

Vast marshes along the bay consisting of huge beds of wild rice and wild celery drew waterfowl to these areas. From the 1870s to the early 1900s men known as market hunters paddled their way through the marshes and flats of Green Bay hunting the birds. During their era, large numbers of birds were taken. They were sold to local meat markets and later shipped to Milwaukee and Chicago.

In the 1870s and 80s, there were five iron furnace companies along the Fox River: one in Green Bay and four in De Pere. These furnaces were supplied with ore from north-



Commercial Fishing, 1870s



ern Michigan. The Green Bay Iron Furnace Company was formed in 1870 by John C. Neville, Philip Earle, Anton Klaus, Max Resch, and others. It was located along the north side of the East River between Quincy and Van Buren Streets. The site was later taken over by the John Hoberg Paper Company, which eventually became the East River mill of Proctor and Gamble.

The Green
Bay & Western
Railroad started
to put down track
in 1871. The first

track ran from Fort Howard to New London. The small line ran through the center of the state with a terminus in Winona, Minnesota. It connected the small, rural communities with Fort Howard and Green Bay leading to communities beyond through connections made in Green Bay. The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad made its way to Green Bay in 1873.

With three railroads converging in Green Bay and three sets of workers to support the need to keep the wheels turning, Green Bay and Fort Howard were certainly railroad towns. Extending into the 20th century, Green Bay continued

to have many men involved in railroads as a job. The 1930 census shows the largest employers were the railroads.

Rivalry and Merger

There was always fierce competition between Green Bay and Fort Howard. In 1873, the Borough of Fort Howard became a city. The rivalry between the two cities mounted.

By 1893 streetcars came to Fort Howard, then to Green Bay in 1894. When the streetcar service began, that first convoy of four trolleys was greeted with fireworks display, and well wishers lined the streets.

A referendum on the union of the two cities was held on April 2, 1895 with the following results:

For union* -

City of Green Bay: 1631 City of Fort Howard: 930

Against union -

City of Green Bay: 60 City of Fort Howard: 154 Majority in favor: 2344

*This is slightly less than a 12 to 1 margin.

Even though there was a regular election the day of the referendum on the union, officials agreed to count the referendum first. The ordinance does not state *merger*, but rather *annexation*. And so the City of Fort Howard became part of the City of Green Bay.

A few minutes after 7:30 PM, it became clear the merger was approved. According to long-time residents, the party that followed was unlike anything seen by either Green Bay or Fort Howard. A cannon at the foot of Pine Street roared a farewell to the old and a greeting to the new, and in an instant such a din and uproar followed that was never before heard.

From one end of the consolidated city to the other whistles bellowed and screeched, bells jingled and clanged, gun and cannon shots echoed, and above all arose the squawk of the kazoo, hundreds of which were in the hands of men and women and boys and girls that lined the streets. Every steam whistle in town sounded and a siren whistle that had been placed on the electric railway powerhouse added its earsplitting screech to the din.

While a bonfire of tar burned on a raft anchored in the river, a torch-lit parade moved up Washington Street to Main Street in Green Bay, across the river where it picked up more people on Broadway, then returned to the east side via Walnut Street; two-thirds of the citizens of Fort Howard joined the parade. The crowds on Washington Street between

Main and Walnut numbered between 12,000 – 15,000 and included people of all walks of life and all ages.

Along with the hundreds of kazoos, dozens of men with instruments formed spontaneous marching bands. The marching and horn blowing was kept up by two or three hundred of the more enthusiastic until the morning was breaking. In all the hurrah and excitement, not an ugly word was spoken and not a quarrel occurred.

The proposition of a union was not without opposition. The Green Bay Advocate reported on a group of six, meeting in secret in a Fort Howard office with the blinds pulled down. Fort Howard residents viewed Green Bay residents as a rowdy bunch; as part of the union, they demanded that bars would not be allowed west of the west side of Broadway, a law that remained until 2005 when Green Bay voted to allow alcohol to be served west of Broadway in restaurants and hotels. The proposal to overturn this 1890s liquor ban had been brought up many times and always overturned.

On the day of the referendum, union opponents in Fort Howard flooded the city with flyers explaining



why the two cities should remain as two. Obviously, the effort had little effect.

Thus began the new City of Green Bay. The following appeared in *The Advocate* on Thursday, March 28, 1895 – days before the vote.

"Written for The Advocate"
The Wedding Proposal

Green Bay, one day, came over our way, And asked Fort Howard to marry

Poor old Fort Howard, ancient and gray, Thinks it is better to tarry.

Fort Howard, if you intend to wed, You'd better hurry your thinking, Or soon you will be entirely dead, To insignificant sinking.

Now Fort Howard, you know you are old, Most surely you don't want to die! Is it because Green Bay is so bold, Does his bold wooing make you shy?

Take good advice – get married this spring, And do not tarry still longer, Don't be so shy – just accept the ring, In – union – you will be stronger.

Note: While still a Borough, Fort Howard twice voted on whether to annex to Green Bay, finally deciding in 1873 to become a city.

April 9, 1895

The existence of Fort Howard as a city legally terminated on April 9, 1895 when the Fort Howard city council met for the last time, canvassed the referendum vote and declared itself dissolved.



Past Convention Memories



1977 Convention Committee, Left to right: Dick Krah, John Lindsay, Bill Lawton, Bob Jaeger, Howie Kalt, Mike Nettesheim, Bob Chapin, Bob Flemming, Dick Dallman, Greg Markovic



NABA officers, directors, staff, 1978, Standing, Left to Right: Herbert Haydock, Bob Chapin, John Murray, Jim Cumby, John Pyrek, Joe Fury, Loren Karacki, Mike Bartels. Seated, Left to Right: Bob Gottschalk, David Mathews, Gordon Dean, Paul Haudrich, Ken Hauck



Far Left: 1979 Board members, Bob Kay (left) & Herb Haydock (right)







Far Left: NABA President Dave Matthews (1979 Convention)

Left: Reino (Rei) Ojala (left) & son, Bryan, from Minneapolis, 1979 Convention



Hamp & Sue Miller (Flemington, NJ) & Bob Flemming (right, Waukesha, WI), 1979

Below: 1980 Convention Group Photo





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Spring is here and the buy/sell/trade shows are in full swing. Time to resume the hunt for those breweriana treasures we just MUST have. OK, so it isn't really that we *must* have them, we just tell our spouses that, and hope they agree. Whatever your take on it is – I wish you good luck in your quest.

While you are out there searching for breweriana treasures, be on the look out for new NABA members as well. The guy you meet and introduce to NABA could be the guy who finds and offers you the

next gem for your collection. He could also be the one you can sell some of your stuff to so you have cash to buy at the next show. NABA still offers a free year of membership to anyone who recruits 5 new members. So be sure you have your new recruit put your name on the sponsor line of the application or that he/she mentions it if joining through the website.

It is almost renewal time for most of our membership! Look at the date on the back page/mailing portion of this issue. If it says, "May, 2013" (or earlier), you will not receive the

next issue of the *Breweriana Collector* unless you send us your renewal check. Yearly dues are still only \$25 –best bargain around except for the *5-years-for-the-price-of-4* deal (\$100). You can also turn your individual membership into a family membership for only \$5 more (\$20 on the 5-year special price).

Quite a few of you have been taking advantage of the 5-year plan with your recent renewals. I appreciate your help in reducing my work load!

Kent Newton

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

FILL OUT, DETACH AND MAIL TO: NABA, 340 E. Ashland Ave., Mt. Zion, IL 62549-1275

I wish to join NABA and payent is enclosed. Annual Membership dues are: US \$25, Canada \$30 (US); and overseas \$40 (US); Family +\$5. Please make your check or money order payable to NABA (please type or print legibly!). Alternatively, visit nababrew.com and hit the "Join" button and pay your dues using the secure PayPal system.

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Phone (incl. area code)		Amt. I	Enclosed \$	
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Be sure to fill out ALL the requested information. This is used for the Membership Directory. If you skip an item, you've limited the usefulness of your listing.

New Members

David Akin

1155 Red Wing Trail De Pere, WI 54115 715-587-6157 djakin@mindspring.com

Jack Bloom Jr (Wendy) 10787 Jackman Rd Temperence, MI 48182 734-856-3546 Cel I419-902-0939

jbbuck00@gmail.com Cases, Lithographs, Signs, Tip Trays/ Trays; Prohibition items

Bob Campbell (Sheri) 5652 State Road 4 Mill Creek, IN 46365 Collects Budweiser Sponsor-George Baley

Mike/Nick Halikos (Maria) Family 22004 Martin Rd Saint Clair, MI 48081-1241 nickhalikos@yahoo.com All Breweriana: Cans, Neons, Signs, Statues, Tip Trays/Trays Steve Ketcham (Chris)

Box 24114
Edina, MN 55424
952-221-0915
steve@antiquebottledepot.com
Glasses, Paper items, Bottles, Signs,
Mugs & Steins, Tip Trays/Trays

Dennis Martin (Kim) 442 Eastern Trail Mukwonago, WI 53149 262-363-3941 dennisandkim@yahoo.com All Breweriana; Wisconsin

David Nelson

Box 64 Hanska, MN 56041 507-621-2947

Fred Schwartz 10134 331st Ln Hull, IL 62343 217-432-5796 All Breweriana **Bob Shamel**

PO Box 615 Bridgeton, MO 63044 314-393-0309 stlbeer@yahoo.com

Peter Stark

7824 Cty Y PO Box 165
Oconto, WI 54153
920-835-5733
dcrl@halltitle.com
Bottles, Cans, Cases, Coasters,
Crowns, Lithographs, Mirrors, Signs,
Tip Trays/Trays

Stephen Reames (DJ)

18237 SW Florendo Ln
Beaverton, OR 97007
503-642-7200
pokey_reames@msn.com
Glasses, Labels, Bottles, Cans, Reverse
on Glass, Cases, Clocks, Signs, Tap
Knobs, Foam Scrapers, Tip Trays/Trays

If emails, phone numbers, collecting information for your listing is incomplete or incorrect please send Kent Newton the missing or corrected information at nababrew@comcast.net. Thanks!

Is the EVENTS OF INTEREST Page Of Interest To YOU?

If so, we seek a volunteer to
manage the info your
Breweriana Collector publishes on the
Events of Interest page.
Managing = researching/collecting
accurate date and contact
information, judging NABA
member interest, and prioritizing
events. Ability to email good info by
deadlines required.

Contact: George Baley gbaley@comcast.net or Kent Newton nababrew@comcast.net for more information.

Web Access

For Members-Only Areas
On NABA Website
Go to: Nababrew.com

LOGIN = access
PASSWORD = naba148

The system is case-sensitive, so be sure to type exactly what you see above.

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WANTED TO BUY: Salesman sample (stock) beer LABELS – labels without the brewery name and location. Usually these are Bock, Christmas/Xmas/ Holiday, Easter and so on. ALSO WANTED TO BUY: Salesman sample (stock) beer TRAYS - trays without brewery name. Please send jpeg photos and prices. Edward Carberry, 700 South First Street, Marshall, MN 56258; email carberry@mgls.com; phone 507-532-3553.

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ROUND BUTTON SIGNS

WANTED: Serious collector of 9" - 9.5" round button signs wants to buy your signs, either one or a whole collection. May be TOC, just tin, or Leyse Aluminum. Fair prices paid. Send photo & prices to: Barry Hunsberger, 7057 Queenscourt La., Macungie, PA 18062; 610-391-1920; BarryMGD@

V168

GOTTFRIED BREWING - Collector looking for any and all items from this Chicago brewer. Call Mike Gottfried, 262-512-0472. Email: mlg10472@yahoo.com.

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WANTED: Hussa Brewing Co.,

Bangor, Wisconsin (1858-1920) items for family collection. Please contact Betsy (Hussa) Hessel at home phone: 608-231-2158 or at email: bets4all@ charter.net.

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All advertising materials and inquiries should be directed to: Lee Chichester The Breweriana Collector PO Box 878 Meadows of Dan, VA 24120 540-593-2011 falconer@swva.net



Advertising Guidelines

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

NABA members may advertise up to six lines (about 50 words) in the Buy-Sell-Trade area for \$5.00 per issue. We are unable to provide proof copies or tear sheets of Classified ads.

DISPLAY ADVERTISING

Full page\$1	150
Half page\$	80
Quarter page\$	
Eighth page\$	20
Business card (3.5 x 2 in.)\$	15

Place any classified or display ad for four consecutive issues and pay for three only. We recommend that display advertisers supply high-quality .pdf or .jpg versions sent via email. With text and photos, however, we can compose. Oversized or undersized ads will be changed to correctly fit your paid

PAYMENT

US funds must accompany order. Make check payable to NABA.

DEADLINES

Issue	Materials Receipt	Est. Publish Date
Spring	March 1	April 1
Summer	May 15	July 1
Fall	September 1	October 1
Winter	December 1	January 1

Want ads are accepted only from members of NABA. The Officers, Directors, and Editorial Staff make no effort to investigate the value or authenticity of any item offered for sale or trade, or of the business reliability of the persons placing advertisements. NABA and its Officers and Directors disclaim responsibility for inaccuracies that may occur in its publications, as well as any liability for any transactions to which it is not a party.

Officially Recognized NABA Chapters

"Events of Interest" display ads are for NABA Chapters only. Events of non-affiliated groups are still welcome, but will be listed as text ads.

Buckeye (NW OH, SE MI) Contact: John Huff, 7300 Crabb Temperance, MI 48182; cadiac500@aol.com

Capital City Chapter (Washington DC, MD, No. VA) Contact: Jim Wolf, 9205 Fox Meadow La, Easton, MD 21601; jwolf@goeaston.net.

Chicagoland Breweriana Society (Chicagoland) Contact: Ray Capek, 3051 Ridgeland Ave, Lisle, IL 60532; rbcapek@sbcglobal.net.

Craft Brewery Collectibles Chapter (At Large) Contact: Dale Miller, 72 Lakeside Dr, Plymouth, CT 06782; coasting72@sbcglobal.net.

Gambrinus Chapter (Columbus, OH) Contact: Doug Blegen, 985 Maebelle Way, Westerville, OH 43081; dblegen@columbus.rr.com.

Gateway (MO/IL St. Louis Metro Area) Contact: Patty Kious, 908 Daniel Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234; bccalady@aol.com

Goebel Gang (South Bend, IN)
Contact: Sandy Wacunas, 56200 Riviera Blvd, So. Bend, IN 46619; drewerysbob@sbcglobal.net.

Great White North Brewerianists (Canada) Contact: Phil Mandzuk, philman@mts.net

Hoosier Chapter (IN) Contact: Dave Cichoricki, 54485 Pleasant Valley Dr, Osceola, IN 46561; intocans@att.net.

Just For Openers (Earth) Contact: John Stanley, PO Box 51008, Durham, NC 27717; jfo@mindspring.com

Miami Valley Chapter (Dayton, OH) Contact: Bob Kates, 2474 Apricot Dr, Beavercreek, OH 45431; bkates@woh.rr.com. Michigan's Dog-Gone Good Chapter (Frankenmuth, MI & Detroit area) Contact: Dave Alsgaard, 577 E Chippewa River Rd, Midland, MI 48640; 989-631-7239; dalsgaard@ charter.net.

Monarch Chapter (Chicagoland, Northern IL) Contact: Alan Bormann, 1506 Applegate Dr, Naperville, IL; abormann6735@wowway.com.

North Star Chapter (MN, WI, Midwest) Contact: Dave Wendl, 1060 McKnight Rd S, Maplewood, MN 55119; wjumpy1@aol.com.

Packer Chapter (WI & Adjacent States – IA, IL, MI, MN) Contact: Daniel Hable, 1311 Bedford Ln, Appleton, WI 54915; dwhable@yahoo.com.

Patrick Henry Chapter (Kalamazoo, MI) Contact: Joe Wilson, 3645 30th St, Hamilton, MI; upbeers@sbcglobal.net.

Port of Potosi (SW WI, Eastern IA, NW IL) Contact: Larry Bowden, 960 Broadway, Platteville, WI 53818; listbrew@gmail.com

Queen City Chapter (Cincinnati, So. OH, No. KY) Contact: Dave Gausepohl, 8930 Evergreen Dr, Florence, KY 41042-8713; 859-750-4795 beerdave@fuse.net.

Reisch Brew Crew (Central IL) Contact: Greg Lenaghan, 2507 Huntington Rd, Springfield, IL 62703; g.lenaghan@comcast.net.

Schultz & Dooley Chapter (New York State) Contact: Bill Laraway, 627 Kenwood Ave, Delmar, NY 12054; brew.coll@verizon.net.

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FOR SALE: US Beer Labels

www.bobkaybeerlabels.com or email: beerlabel@comcast.net

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BACK ISSUES of the BC for sale: Issues 87; 91 - 94; 97 & 98; 100 - 102; 104 - 109; 111 - 132; 134 - current. Issues are \$3 each and ten for \$25. Shipping is \$2.50 for one issue and free for 3 or more. Make check payable to NABA and send to 340 E. Ashland Ave., Mt. Zion, IL 62549-1275 NABA

BE SURE TO CHECK WITH THE CONTACT PEOPLE LISTED WITH "EVENTS OF INTEREST" TO ASSURE SCHEDULE ACCURACY

Events of Interest

NABA Chapter Events

Aug. 24, 2013
DogGone Good
Chapter
Summer Swap

Bay City, MI Veterans Park Pavilion 9a - 2p (rain or shine)

Free public admission Vendor tables \$8

Dave Alsgaard 989-631-7239 dalsgaard@charter.net

NABA - 2013
Convention #42
July 31 - Aug. 3
Green Bay, WI, Hyatt on Main
George Baley
gbaley@comcast.net

ABA - 2013 XXXII Convention June 11 - 15

Sheraton Westport, St. Louis, MO americanbreweriana.org

ECBA - 2013 41st Convention July 10 - 13 n "The Belle," New Castle, D

Clarion "The Belle," New Castle, DE Larry Handy ohhugo1@aol.com BCCA - 2013 CanVention 43 August 29 - 31 Ft. Wayne, IL

bcca.com

North Star Chapter 2013 Events

May 4: Annual Show (with Old Style) 9-2, Moose Club LaCrosse, WI Contact Tye Schwalbe 608-519-0451 or Willy Novack 630-291-7943 oldstylewilly@att.net

May 18: Summit Brewery Show @ Summit Brewing Co., 9-3 St. Paul, MN Contact Dave Wendl, 651-731-9573

May 31 - June 1
Hawkeye & N Star
Tri-States Show
Riverfront Pavilion
Dubuque, IA, 9-3
Contact
Mike England 515-360-3586

mike.england@bcca.com

Fall Issue Deadline Change

Due to a one-time vacation schedule conflict, the **FALL issue** of your *Breweriana Collector* will be delayed by about 2 weeks.

Deadline for materials for the Fall 2013 issue (includes advertising) will be September 23, 2013.

<u>Distribution</u> will be in **Late October & November**. Plan your event notices & advertising accordingly.

Questions? Contact *BC* Editor Lee Chichester, 540-593-2011 or falconer@swva.net



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