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## A Message from your President Bill Viancourt ABC# 132

It seems that winter cannot quite make up its mind. Unless you are in Florida where winter lasted from January 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, your winter has swung between spring and Antarctica. I hope wherever you are you have survived it in good health.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to put in your nominations for bottle of the year. After all of the nomination were in the following aluminum bottles were nominated: Bud Light Texas Music Festival, Bud light Denver Super Bowl, Corona Sunset, Dorado Carnival, and Warsteiner Soccer bottle. Make sure you vote for your favorite. Thanks to Brad for doing all the hard work to make it possible. I have still not given up on return of the two bottle winners, domestic and foreign, in the future. I get a sense that the sentiment might be towards returning to the old way. If they are going to please the craft collectors, why not the aluminum bottle collectors also!

As a chapter, we have the ability to place a name in nomination for BCCA Hall of Fame. The timeline for this is short, so if you have any thoughts, you can express them on the members' page on Facebook, of call or email me directly with your thoughts.

Does AB have some sort of bias against Midwesterners? First there was no bottle for the Cavs NBA title, now there was no bottle for the Cubs MLB title. A few years back, they had 4 different bottles ready for the Super Bowl champs. I wonder if we will see a Super Bowl bottle this year. It would be interesting to have some insight into how they decide what bottles to produce for sporting events and other special events that somehow make the cut. Maybe a Convention would be worthy.

Speaking of AB, there are plenty of new issues coming out. You can see pictures of these new issues on the member Facebook page. It does not appear that Miller/Coors is interested in the aluminum bottle war. Except for a random Kings Reserve, the micro brewers are also not releasing their wares in aluminum bottles.

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There certainly plenty of foreign (to US members) bottles on the market. You could keep busy keeping up with the Corona Sunsets and Tomorrowland bottles alone. China's two big brewers like to celebrate the New Year and most other events with bottle releases; and everywhere else in the beer drinking world, aluminum bottles seem to be growing in popularity.

While attending Convention in Cleveland this year, you will be about a 90 minute drive from the home of Excal Bottling. They were the original producers of all AB aluminum bottles. They can accommodate about 12 to 18 guests for a tour that lasts about 2 hours. If you would be interested in making this trip, I will try to make arrangements and provide transportation. Please call me (440-476-7505) or send me an email ([billjv@aol.com](mailto:billjv@aol.com)). If there is enough interest, I will make the necessary arrangements for as many as possible on a first come first serve basis. I would also like to host a gathering at my home on Sunday after the show. I also would like to extend an open invitation to visit my home before or after Convention. There are some bottles to look at and cold beer to drink. I will put details on the Facebook page prior to Convention.

I can't wait for the big party in Cleveland. If you have never been here, I think you will be pleasantly surprised at our fine city.

Bill



## Chapter Tidbits

**New Members:** A hearty welcome to our newest members: Pete Childress #260 of Albany, CA and Juan Dalmás #261 of Uruguay.

**Dues:** The ABC Chapter dues cycle has been completed. We have an active membership of 130, of which 104 are now 'Lifetime Members' Many thanks to all who renewed and took advantage of the LTM. On the flip side, we also have 13 members still delinquent on dues. Of those 13, 6 are LTM eligible with just a one year renewal. If you are one of those 13 and you do not want this to be your last newsletter, renewals are still \$5 per year and renewal info can be found at [www.abcchapter.com/members/members.asp](http://www.abcchapter.com/members/members.asp).

**Facebook:** The ABC Chapter now has two Facebook Pages. Our general page, Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs page, which is open to anyone can still be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/abcchapter/>. Our new page, ABC Chapter Members, which is a closed group just for active ABC Members can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/abcchaptermembers/>. Both groups can also be found by simply typing abcchapter into the Facebook search bar.

**Website/Forum:** The ABC Chapter website galleries now lists +/- 4000 bottles. But there are always newer bottles, and some from the past, that get missed. If you run across a bottle not listed, or can provide better pictures of one that is, please contact Brad at [webmaster@abcchapter.com](mailto:webmaster@abcchapter.com) or use the Bottle Submittal Form available from the webpage. The ABC Chapter Forum is still up and running. With the popularity of Facebook it doesn't get the traffic it used to, but still a good place to trade/find info on bottles. Check it out at [www.abcchapter.com/forum/](http://www.abcchapter.com/forum/).

**Chapter T-Shirts:** Don't be left out at your local shows or CANvention as the best dressed CANnoisseurs will be wearing their chapter t-shirts. You can get yours at any time by simply sending an email to Bill Viancourt at [billjv@aol.com](mailto:billjv@aol.com) or giving him a call at 440-476-7505. We have shirts available in sizes from Med to XXXL and shirts come in Royal Blue, White, Grey, and Wine with the ABC logo on front and either the logo or our QR code on back. Shirts are ~~\$15 each or 2 for \$25.~~

**Now \$10 each or 3 for \$25!** Shipping is \$5.00 for 1 shirt. Contact Bill for shipment cost if you want 3 shirts. Check out the order form on the back page.



The ABC is an active at-large chapter of the **Brewery Collectibles Club of America, BCCA**. The BCCA is a national organization of collectors specializing in any kind of Breweriana. The club boasts a membership of 3500+ and hosts a National CANvention yearly. Perks of belonging to the BCCA include a subscription to Beer Cans & Brewery Collectibles—the high quality magazine, a membership roster, access to members only areas of the website, the right to attend the National CANvention, to name a few.

Check it out at [www.bcca.com](http://www.bcca.com) or give them a call at 636-343-6436. After you join, let us know at [www.abcchapter.com](http://www.abcchapter.com) and your first year at the ABC is covered!

**Join the BCCA and your first year in the ABC is free!!**

**Don't Forget! We are also on Facebook!**

Find us at [www.facebook.com/groups/abcchapter](http://www.facebook.com/groups/abcchapter) or type abcchapter in your Facebook search box



### BCWC update



Here is where you can find all of the information about the BCWC: <http://www.bcwc2017.pl/index.php/en/main/>.

Registration fees: (after April 15th, registration fees will double)  
1 day – 15 PLN (~ \$3.69 USD)

2 days – 25 PLN (~ \$6.15 USD)

1 table – 5 PLN per day

Registration is open only until May 10th only.

Tuesday, May 16th - Thursday, May 18th—sightseeing trips

Thursday, May 18th, 20:00 - Inauguration Party, 60 PLN / person  
only 200 tickets available

Trading floor opening hours:

Friday, May 19th: 12:00 – 20:00

Saturday, May 20th: 9:00 – 14:00

# What's New in A-B?!

## Brad Ambruso ABC# 007

Just about the time everyone had rounded up all the new Budweiser AB Crest bottles, they go and tweak the label. The new Budweiser 'AB Crest' bottles are extremely similar to the first release and probably went un-noticed for a while. The most notable change is to the neck logo, the Budweiser Bow-Tie fill color is the same as the bottle color where the previous version was a darker red. All three variations have been confirmed in twist, 502809 redem, 502810 n/r and 502811 3.2. No pry top variations have been confirmed yet.



It has been a few years since Budweiser did anything for Christmas in aluminum bottles. This year they released an all red, almost metallic, aluminum bottle for Christmas which was sold in eye catching red metallic secondary packaging. Both the bottles and the packaging said nothing about Christmas but one would had to have been half blind and totally drunk not to have noticed them on store shelves. All three twist variations were released, 502853 3.2, 502854 redem and 502855 n/r. No pry tops released.

A new cap has also shown up on both the AB Crest bottle and Christmas. Another red crown cap with wider spines and the trademark logo.



The Budweiser 'America' bottle, 502926 redem, was released as an employee only bottle around Veterans Day. More info on this bottle can be found in the full page article.

The first of the baseball bottles to show up is the Budweiser 'Cubs World Series' bottle, 502958 n/r. The bottle was rumored to be an after the World Series game locker room bottle, which is untrue since the design wasn't complete until December. It is to be a Cubs organization bottle presented by Budweiser for a job well done. There will be another bottle released for general sales and this bottle will be the harder one to acquire. Not exactly sure how hard to acquire they will be but enough of these special editions usually make it out to keep everyone happy.





The FIFA World Cup bottles seem to never end, so here's another. This 'Bud FIFA' bottle has been discovered and still a few questions on it. It is a US version with the redemption states, government warning, etc., but no GAN number. Since it is Bud instead of Budweiser, it may have been considered for use in foreign markets and then stickered. Or it may just be a promo bottle that we didn't happen to see until now. Either way, something to keep an eye out for and if anyone does happen to find it with an import sticker on it, please let me know.

Commemorative bottles usually get found right out of the box, this one has been in limbo for 10 years. The Budweiser red neck 'Freeport' bottle, 500358 redem, is a stickered commemorative from July 2006. It was to commemorate a Clydesdale appearance in Freeport, Illinois. An extremely limited amount of bottles were stickered and practically impossible to find.



It has pretty much gotten to the point where it's not Super Bowl time without Bud Light Super Bowl bottles. This year, like last year, there are both a pry and twist version. The all blue bottle has the new boxed graphics with Super Bowl LI and the NFL logo predominately shown. In the twist top 502882 n/r and 502884 redem have been confirmed along with the pry top 502883 redem.

Bud Light has released a 'St Louis Blues 50th Anniversary' bottle, 502892 redem. Again using the new boxed logos on an all blue bottle. Bottle is a simple design with the blue note over the number 50. One has to wonder if we were to see any additional hockey teams with a 50th anniversary. Six teams joined the NHL that same year, but nothing as of yet.



One that had been missed from a few years back is the Bud Light 'Super Bowl XLVII' bottle, 502067 3.2. The only bottle from that year had been the redemption version. There are several years like that where not all versions had ever been confirmed so there may even be more from Super Bowl's past that we have missed. Thanks to John Doran ABC 240, for reporting this, along with several others.



Michelob and Michelob Light are long gone in aluminum bottles and Michelob Ultra is spotty to find if at all. Why not try another so A-B has decided to run 'Michelob Golden Light' bottle, 502914 redem. The bottle is silver with a gold neck and has a pleasant design, pretty much what one would expect from Michelob. Bottle release, so far, has primarily been in Minnesota and a 3.2 variation should exist since Minnesota has Sunday/grocery store 3.2 liquor laws.

Chile and China have had their Tomorrowland bottles so why not Ukraine. The Bud 'Tomorrowland' 355ml bottle from Ukraine is brewed by AB/InBev in Belgium and imported to Ukraine. The twist top bottle has a design similar to the Chile version with the obvious 'Bud' instead of Budweiser. One strange note is the fact that the Tomorrowland event was in Belgium and the only bottles have been from somewhere else or for somewhere else, even if brewed in Belgium.



China seems to keep us pretty busy with new bottles and they're not letting us down this time around. The 'Budweiser Halloween' 355ml, Wuhan Brewing bottle was a welcome surprise. Heck, I didn't even know they knew about Halloween in China let alone make a bottle.



The Year of the Rooster is upon us and the 'Budweiser Happy New Year' 355ml, Wuhan Brewing bottle is a bit of a change in style from years past. This time they have used a more realistic graphic of the animal instead of a gold outline over a red bottle or visa versa. They have also included the year below the neck logo. So far just the one Rooster bottle has shown up, compared to the four Monkey bottles we had last year.



A red 'Budweiser Thank You' 355ml, Wuhan Brewing bottle has shown up to some dismay. What are they thanking? Other than saying Thank You in Chinese characters across the top of the AB Crest, there isn't any other info to explain the bottle. It could have something to do with the New Year since 2017 is below the neck logo. If anyone has a theory, would be happy to hear it.



The 'Mixx Tail Krismopolitan' 355ml, Wuhan Brewing bottle arrived on the scene close after the other three Mixx Tail bottles profiled in the last edition. The all black bottle is a commemorative bottle for Wu Yifan, a Chinese singer/actor and the drink made for a 'Magic Night' party in his honor.



Back in 2013 Budweiser in China released their first 355ml bottle, a Red Bottle/Gold Bowtie. Well, unbeknownst to me, at least two additional variations of that bottle have been released. They are both Red Bottle/Gold Bowtie, 355ml, Wuhan Brewing bottles. The first change which applies to both new variations is they are slightly shorter than the 2013 variation. The second change is on both variations back panels and the only difference between both new variations is on the back panels, variation 2 is from 2015 and variation 3 is from 2016.



Variation 2

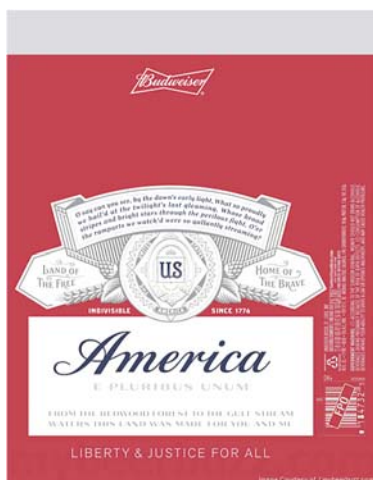
Variation 3



Finally we get our first Budweiser bottle from Taiwan. Actually it's a Budweiser 'AB Crest' 502602 redem with a Taiwanese import sticker. The bottle was sold around Christmas time and spruced up a bit with a Santa hat and a QR code on neck that, when scanned takes you to the Budweiser Taiwan FB page.



If I was to list all the new AB bottles supposedly coming out soon, we would need an addendum to this newsletter. Along with the few flat sheets below, there will be new bottles for Bud Light Lime, Bud/BL St Patrick's Day, Bud Major League Baseball, BL NCAA, BL Firefly Festival, BL Mexico Soccer League, etc. Will make for a busy spring and summer...



## Ibiza

by Pete Childress



Pictured is the aluminum bottle “Islena” from Ibiza, a Spanish island. It was issued in 2013, and is obsolete now, but I was lucky to get one from fellow-collector Cristian De Antoni recently. The beer was a pet project of a group of island residents with international connections. They arranged for barley that was grown on Ibiza to be shipped to “somewhere in Germany”, and added the other necessary ingredients for a Kolsch-style Reinheitsgebot beer. Then the beer was put into these nice aluminum bottles and shipped back to the island. They knew they could sell all the cerveza

they could contract for, because a lot of Euro-tourists flow through Ibiza on vacation with a party agenda. They come for the beaches, boating, electronic music festivals, and all-night dance parties.

The cabottle design is a clever mix of symbols that highlight different aspects of the “island experience”. The symbols include boats, bathing suits, fish, sunshine, local lizards, a peace sign, and an ecstasy pill. The bottle cap has a map image of the island and a mantra/motto which says “don’t collect things, collect experiences”. This slogan is particularly ironic for me because I still own and display some 12 oz. cans that I collected on Ibiza, way back in 1976.

When the wife and I were doing Europe on a student budget for a few months, France and Germany were expensive, but Spain was a bargain. On Ibiza, we found a hotel overlooking the ocean that cost \$4 a night. In the local store nearby, you could get a quart of beer for 40 cents. We could catch a bus to the best beach on the island for 20 cents each.

The cafes and restaurants featured all kinds of music and food choices ranging from English breakfasts to paella. The port area bustled with sail boats, yachts, and small fishing vessels. Walking through the old town was fascinating. Even though the buildings were hundreds of years old, they all had a fresh coat of white paint that shimmered when the sun set. If you climbed the hills outside of town, you’d get a real sense of appreciation for the long history of the island. You could visualize Carthaginian trading boats sailing inbound in the 600s bc, or walk through the area where “beatniks” lived in caves in the 1950s. Every point on the island had a view and a story. It was a magical place.



Steel beer cans back then were tough, and the empties could be tossed in a bag along with dirty socks, and still arrive home in displayable shape. Three of the cans that made it back were Voll Damm from Valencia, Lederer brau from Nurnberg, and San Miguel from Lerida.

It’s fun to reflect on the bottle cap motto, remembering that I not only “collected experiences” on Ibiza, I also collected cans. Those cans bring back mental snapshots of a Europe that’s gone and a youth that’s gone, and that’s why the Ibiza metal cabottle has its’ special place on the shelf.



## Baseball Game and Craft Beer Event!

*by Rodger Brane, #9953*

On Tuesday, August 22, 2017 the Cleveland Indians play the Boston Red Sox at Cleveland's Progressive field, about 1.2 miles from CAN-vention. First pitch starting time is 7:10 p.m. Ticket prices are \$26.00 per person including transportation to and from the park. This group rate for discounted seating is open to all BCCA members as well as their family and friends. To place your reservation or for more information please contact:

Rodger Brane #9953 at [rbrane@att.net](mailto:rbrane@att.net), or call 440-334-7561.

These are very good lower box seats. They are in section 171 (third-base side). I will be accepting PayPal as well as personal checks made payable to & mailed to me as payment in advance. You can call or email me and make other arrangements for payment as well.



Going to Progressive Field for the Cleveland Indians vs. the Boston Red Sox baseball game on August 22 at 7:10 PM will be like going to a Cleveland Area Craft beer and food festival. Baseball fans can expect a large variety of food and drink options that go well beyond your basic hamburgers, hotdogs and watered-down lager beer found at traditional stadiums.

Here is a very brief list of the beers and food you can expect to find inside the stadium:

Fathead's Brewery will have many of their famous beers offered for sale such as Headhunter IPA, Bumble Berry, Honey Blueberry Ale, Sunshine Daydream session IPA and Jack Straw Pilsner. Fathead's food offerings will include the Fat Italian Headwich, the South Side Slopes Headwich (a chargrilled kielbasa topped with sautéed pierogi and onions, American cheese and horseradish sauce), and many other Fathead's famous dishes.

The Brew Kettle will offer a half dozen beers including my favorite, White Rajah, Summer Solstice, & Four C's, in bottles and drafts. Sandwiches including a zesty brat burger with homemade relish on a pretzel bun are a big hit at the game.

Great Lakes Brewing Company is the largest local brewery presence in the stadium. They will have a beer garden along the third-base side (close to our seats) featuring Rally Drum ale, Burning River, Dortmund Gold and Commodore Perry, along with all the brewery's main offerings and an occasional pub exclusive as well as seasonals that will rotate throughout the year. Great Lakes Brewing will have 10 taps and many food offerings as well as beer presence almost everywhere in stadium.



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Another unique offering at the stadium is the stand called Your Dad's Beer serving a number of brews from yesteryear. Look for Busch, Genesee, Iron city, Miller High Life, Old style, Pabst, Rolling Rock, Schaefer and Stroh's.

Progressive Field in Cleveland also has a fantastic offering of bottled beers at the Batters Up Bars, located behind sections 144 and 175

Brands included at Batters Up include: Cellar Rats Rat Tail Ale, Indigo IMPJester, Jackie O's Fire Fly Amber, JW Dover Crooked River Settlers, Plumbers Crack, Rivertown Hop Bomber, Thirsty Dog Old Leghumper, Mt. Caramel Amber Ale, and more brands are expected to be added .

There is more good news about the cost of this event. According to a new study by Business Inside, the Cleveland Indians Progressive Field sells some of the lowest priced beer in the major leagues. Some of the beer prices start at four dollars for a small draft. Not into fancy craft beer you say, don't panic you can still find Miller Lite and Bud throughout the park. If you're looking for the exceptional local craft beer and a quality baseball game, please don't miss this CANvention 47 event hosted by the Lake Erie Chapter of the BCCA that doubles as a Cleveland area craft beer and food festival.

Thanks to Alain Houbrechts for the Brasserie Lion Picture



Here are cabottles from the Lion Brewery of Waterloo Belgium. The Imperiale cabottle was the first cabottle to come out from this Brewery and limited to just 5000 pieces.

Thanks to Jose De Freitas for the Arsenal cabottle picture



These (3) 496ml cabottles are from the Arsenal Brewery in Quebec Canada. There is also a fourth cabottle - Saison Noire and a fifth cabottle - Red Ale.

## A-B Honors Veterans with Exclusive Bottle



This Veterans Day, Anheuser-Busch paid tribute to more than 1,000 A-B colleagues who are veterans or serve our country with a special-edition aluminum Budweiser America bottle. Inspired by the bravery and sacrifice of our veterans, we have produced a limited run of 4,000 bottles exclusively for our veterans at A-B.

This initiative is a small gesture of gratitude for the dedication and service of our employees, so we're not planning to make these available for sale, but we wanted to share the initiative with you, as we know you also deeply value the

contribution of America's veterans.

Like so many of our wholesaler partners, we've been a proud employer of veterans throughout our long history. We have more than 5,500 employees who have served in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan and many other deployments. Together with your support, we've also proudly supported our troops at home or abroad by providing resources, fundraising for veterans and their families, and many other support activities over the years.

Our dream of a better world could not be realized without our veterans. We are proud to serve those who serve.

Bottle Inscription:

*The land of the free, Because of the brave*

*With every waving flag, with every hand-covered heart, we declare our gratitude. To those who have walked the line to defend our freedom. To those who have served to protect our way of life. To those who have fought to keep us safe. America thanks you.*

*For your service, courage and sacrifice, men and women of our armed forces, this Bud's for you.*

*Proud to serve those who serve*

*Excerpts taken from an article at [newsroom.anheuser-busch.com](http://newsroom.anheuser-busch.com)*



# The Thrill of the Hunt

*By Bob Renforth*

Anyone who has ever collected anything can attest to the excitement (or anxiety) of acquiring their next item. We in the cabottle hobby are no different. It is great seeing new releases as the heart quickens in one's attempt to acquire them. Whether you do so by trading or buying, the thrill is much the same.

Recently I have concentrated my efforts on three subsets in an attempt to complete the entire series. They are; 2014 FIFA Rise as One, Corona Sunsets, and bottles from China. Since two of these groups are still evolving (Sunsets & China) the next release adds to the excitement. Chinese bottles are not really a subset but given how hard (and expensive) it is to acquire them, that is what I decided to categorize them as.

**2014 FIFA Rise as One:** *I had never collected sticker labeled AB bottles sent to other countries. The ones that had a sticker attached to it stating it was from a specific country. To me it didn't make sense, as the bottle number was the same as one released in the States. The Rise as One set took on a new meaning (for me at least) of sticker labeled bottles. The difference being that one of the bottles from the US was numbered specifically for export, receiving stickers upon import to individual countries interested in showing their support for FIFA. This I assume was an opportunity for AB to enter multiple markets without having to make a specific bottle for each country. There are however several countries that had bottles released with their own individual bottle numbers.*

*My attempt to collect the entire series actually took off at Convention 44 in Milwaukee. At that time it was unclear how many countries AB had sent bottles to, so a piece meal listing grew as more bottles surfaced. There was quite a fervor going on in what members were saying they knew was out there. Of course when putting a list together, proof is in the pudding. We now know that there are at least 23 bottles representing 20 countries. Three countries; Canada, China and the US each had 2 different bottles.*

*For me the search goes on, as I still need at least 4 bottles to complete the set. That is unless something new is uncovered.*



**Corona Sunsets:** Released at various Corona Music fests, this series of bottles was first released in 2014 as well, and as of today there are at least 18 different variations from 8 countries. According to various online sites, they will continue the concerts into 2017 so look for more bottles to be released.

I feel as if I got a late start on these as I only have around 7 different ones. Hopefully many needed versions will show up at CANvention this year.



**Chinese Bottles:** Anheuser Busch' first cabottle released in China was in 2006 and they have been releasing new ones there ever since. In 2012, they released the first in a series of the Chinese zodiac bottles, which based on animals is a repeating 12-year cycle. These have been released in both 355ml and 473ml bottles with help from Wuhan Brewing using the Budweiser label. If luck will have it, they will continue with these zodiac bottles throughout the entire 12-year cycle.

Bottles from China do not stop with AB however. There are at least six other breweries that release at least some of their products in aluminum bottles. Tsingtao Brewery is the largest supplier with over a dozen very colorful labels. Each one being a nice addition to any shelf. Tsingtao also started releasing their own zodiac bottles in 2013.

I recently made a contact in China who is willing to trade bottles so hopefully I will be able to keep pace with these as they are released.

So indeed the hunt goes on! To help keep your interest in our hobby, don't be afraid to collect outside the box! Did I hear someone say OCOC (One Cabottle, One Country)? Happy collecting fellow ABCers!

Bob Renforth

BCCA #22410 / ABC #001



# Foreign Bottles

## Juan Carlos De Marco ABC# 031

**ANTIBES:** This French trilogy has become a headache to collectors. They are only sold by the brewery, in the resort town in southeast France. So far, there has only been only their signature brew, blanche, and amber. More are to come.



**TSINGTAO:** A remarkable parallelism is established in China between the local Tsingtao and Budweiser. Models that appear are as copied. Sometimes hard to differentiate them, but hey, here the version of the year of the Rooster Chinese Tsingtao, and an interesting novelty, 330 ml. for the KFC Tsingtao.



Although perhaps by his nationalist conception, Tsingtao here presents a very traditional model with its usual colors and sober design.

**CHINESE ALUMINUM PRODUCTION:** In my particular opinion, Chinese bottles have gained an area of very important recognition for their quality of creative aesthetics. Here is a comparison sample of their latest productions.





**CORONA ITALY:** Italy was not a country that has excelled in the production of aluminum beer bottles. This confirms it that several of which circulate in their territory are imported with any legend of the importer. Corona continues to advance in the world with its festival SUN SET.



**CORONA MEXICO:** If CORONA is advanced in the world, in their country of origin cannot stagnate and their new models are really revolutionary. This version "Ponle musica" in a striking pure white is the clear sign that creative Mexicans won't stop to surprise us. Welcome.



**CORONA URUGUAY:** Like Italy, Uruguay takes advantage of the fame of the festival SUN SET, which is made on the beaches of Punta del Este, in the summer of the southern hemisphere, and also imports the CORONA cabottles. In Uruguay every year they wait with anxiety.



**CORONA SPAIN:** We talked about Italy and Uruguay for their local versions of the CORONA SUN SET. Well, Spain does not want to be outdone. Here is the Spanish model that differs from the others.



**HEINEKEN TEST BRAZIL:** meet a legitimate test of Heineken with a different size and format, with a traditional look. This experience was made in Brazil and it's a mystery why they did not produce them in series.



**DORADA CARNIVAL:** Carnival "Indianos" again in bottles of DORADA, the traditional brand of the Canary Islands, Spain. The Red model was recently nominated for "best international year aluminum bottle" in our club, to be elected in Cleveland. This will be third year, having earned distinction in the last two years that they were presented. They're going for the triple Crown!

**BRASSERIE LIONS.** The LIONS brand of Belgium has just completed its series of three cabottles, with these two beautiful specimens. The Belgian production is not abundant but certainly whenever it appears, is something is of superior quality.



**SAN MIGUEL:** San Miguel, famous in the whole world, celebrates 50 years of the excellent "anchovies" boquerones (sea food in Spanish). A special edition that should not be missed on the shelves.







**WATTS:** Germany and its brewing tradition does not abandon its permanent creativity and instead launches a SUPER special edition of two cabottles that are almost impossible to find on the market. but you never know...

**GLITTER:** Another Belgian version from an excellent presentation. The Glitters are on the market, giving a feeling of fine manufacturing. This is also a Special Edition, not to be missed.



## *Dave's Ramblings*

Greetings all.

I recently sent out an e-mail asking all of our members for help because I didn't have much to put into the newsletter. I received three articles and three pictures! Thanks for articles from Rodger Bane, one of our newest members, Pete Childress and our member with the most seniority, Bob Renforth. Also thanks to Alain Houbrechts, Jose De Freitas, and Mark Pallito for pictures.

For the next newsletter, we will need more of your help. We always have great articles from Brad, Bill, and Juan Carlos, but more articles and pictures are always needed.

I was thinking of naming this column, "Where in the World to Vacation to not find any Cabottles". Last month we vacationed in Antigua. It wasn't a complete bust finding new Guinness and Carib cans; but no cabottles in sight. So I had to spend my whole week there with nothing but sunny skies, mid-eighty degrees, on the beach, at an all-inclusive resort. We ended up spending most of our time walking up and down the beach, looking for cabottles.

Last year we vacationed in Taiwan and again found no cabottles. So it was a quite a surprise when Mark Pallito posted this picture on Facebook about the Budweiser s with Taiwanese stickers he found in Taiwan around Christmas time. So it's not just where you look but when you look.



Cheers, Dave Vogl

# Dorada wins Foreign Bottle of the Year

Dorada is again internationally recognized. In this case, the Brewery Collectibles Club of America (BCCA), one of the most prestigious international entities in terms of beer packaging collections, has chosen the aluminum bottle of Carnival 2015, The Return of Jenni, as The best in the world in its category.

The mentioned bottle was one of two that the brand of Compañía Cervecería de Canarias brought to the market inside the campaign the Boncho of the galaxies and that was accompanied of a limited edition of bottles for the festival chicharrera.

In this case, the package reflected a trip to the future, in which the carnival princess Jennifer made a tour of the streets of the Island shouting that the party will accompany you, along with Captain Aloe Vera and a large following of space policemen.

The bottle was presented by the Argentine collector Juan Carlos de Marco. The proposal was subsequently submitted to a selection process among the collectors of aluminum beer bottles, who valued the original design and aesthetics and agreed in a majority way to award the prize.

This is the second time that BCCA awarded a prize of this kind Dorada, since in 2013 awarded the same distinction to the aluminum bottle Dorada that paid tribute to Los Indios and was released on the occasion of Carnival 2012.



*Excerpts taken from an article at La Opinion Magazine*

# 2016 Bottle of the Year Nominations

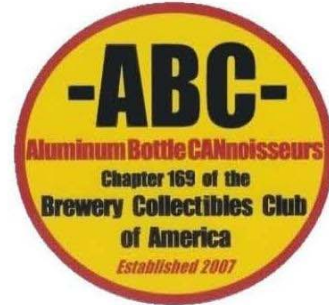
This year the BCCA decided to relinquish the task of nominating bottles and cans for the yearly contest to the chapters. In our case, obviously, we get the honor of coming up with five aluminum bottles.

Two groups of seven each bottles were chosen from the US and international categories. These were then voted on by our members on the ABC Chapter Members Facebook page. The top five vote getters are pictured here and will be in the BCCA Jul/Aug edition for membership wide voting. Be sure to vote for your favorite bottle once the BCCA opens the contest.



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

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