



The Aluminum Bottle Cannoisseurs Newsletter
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A Message from your President Bill Viancourt ABC# 132

Hello fellow Cannoisseurs! It has been awhile since we have had an issue of the newsletter sent to the membership. Due to a series of personal and professional situations, our new editor Sergio was only able to put together one issue which was award winning quality in the tradition of our two past editors. After a couple of false starts, Sergio decided it was in the best interest of the club to hand the reins over to someone else. After several different calls, Dave Vogl, one of our past award winning editors, agreed to put together this newsletter for the membership. Thank you Dave and thank you Sergio.

If any of you remember my attempts at editing a newsletter, you know that we are now in dire need of a new permanent editor. So – **HELP WANTED! The ABC Chapter of the BCCA is looking for a new editor for its newsletter. The job requirements are the production of 3 (maybe 4) newsletters per year. EXTENSIVE TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED WHICH WILL CONSIST OF AN EMAIL WITH A TEMPLATE USED FOR THE CURRENT VERSION, AND THE CREATIVE FREEDOM TO ADD HIS OR HER OWN STYLE - AS WELL EMAIL AND PHONE ACCESS TO PREVIOUS EDITORS FOR CONSULTATION. PAY WILL BE THE THANKS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AND A FEW BEERS FROM THE PRESIDENT. CALL (440-476-7505) OR EMAIL (billjv@aol.com).**

Because of Covid, we did not hold our regular election in 2020. This is now the year for election of all Officers and Board Members. If anyone is interested in the position of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or one of the four Board positions, please let me know. As of this time, all of the current Officers and Board Members have agreed to continue in their positions if no one else steps forward to take the position.

Plans are in the final stage for Convention in Norfolk. The Convention hotel has been sold out and there is an overflow hotel across the street. I suppose you can always call the hotel to see if there was a cancellation. The chapter meeting will be held on Thursday at 5:00 at a room TBD. The chapter will also have a table with membership info and raffle tickets. The raffle is our only source of income so we are always looking for quality items or the raffle. If you have something to donate, you can bring it to Convention, or contact Joe Hobaugh (hobaughjoe@yahoo.com).

Things were getting very close to normal at St. Louis. Let's hope we are back to normal in Norfolk. It will be great to see everybody at some local shows and Convention. I became a great grandfather this year, and that is the biggest highlight next to seeing you all at Convention.

Stay Healthy, Bill

- ABC Officers:**
 Bill Viancourt
 President
 ABC# 132 BCCA 18288
 Joe Hobaugh
 Vice President
 ABC# 069 BCCA 29845
 Dave Dosier
 Secretary/Treasurer
 ABC# 204 BCCA 21875
 Brad Ambruso
 Web Master
 ABC# 007 BCCA 32859
 Your name could be here!!!
 Newsletter Editor
- ABC Board:**
 Joe Germino
 ABC# 004 BCCA 24997
 Cristian De Antoni
 ABC# 195 BCCA 33669
 Dave Vogl
 ABC# 174 BCCA 5560

Chapter Tidbits

Membership

New members since last newsletter:

- 275 Zhang Yi, China
- 276 Carter Stahl, Godfrey, IL
- 277 Dave Reinhard, Marrero, LA
- 278 Claude Tunison, Howell, MI
- 279 Larry LaFoe, Greenwood, IN
- 280 Scott Murray, Loudon, TN
- 281 David Cashell, Utica, OH

Former members (did not renew):

- 261 Juan Dalmas
- 269 Roy Schwenck
- 271 Bernd Frank.

Attached is an updated roster for you.

Dues: Chapter dues are still \$5 per year with Lifetime Membership granted after 5 consecutive years. Currently 95% of our members are lifetime members.

Website: The ABC Chapter website galleries now lists well over 5000 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 or use the Bottle Submittal Form available from the webpage.

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.



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

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

Don't Forget! We are also on Facebook!
 Find us at www.facebook.com/groups/abcchapter or type abcchapter in your Facebook search box



Thanks

For this newsletter, many thanks to Bill Viancourt, Sergio Garcia Reynaud, and Philipp Bruell for their contributions. Thanks to Bob Renforth for the article. Also thanks to those who gave permission to use their Facebook photos for the newsletter: Chilam Yun, Danny Gooch, Rock Cheung, and TW Coke.

Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs
Fourteenth Annual Meeting; August 19, 2021; St. Louis, Missouri

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Viancourt #132 at 5:02.

A brief moment of silence was observed for member Juan Carlos DeMarco #031, who we lost in the past year.

Officers and Board member were introduced: Vice President Joe Hobaugh #069, Board Members Joe Germino #004 and Dave Vogl #174. Not present were Secretary/Treasurer Dave Dosier #204, Newsletter Editor Sergio Reynaud #238 and Board Member Cristian DeAntoni #195. Brad Ambruso #007 was introduced as interim Secretary/Treasurer.

Brad Ambruso #007 read the minutes from the previous meeting. Joe Germino #004 moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Bruce Woolley #070.

Brad Ambruso #007 gave the Treasurers report. At this moment, the balance of all accounts was \$2657.64 with no outstanding debts. We have a current active membership of 124. The Chapter had 3 new members since the last meeting. Of the active membership, 122 are now Lifetime Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

The task of adding a section to the roster for our passed members was again discussed. The discussion emphasized the point that active members who passed would be the only ones included in the listing. Bill Viancourt #132 will work with Tom Fay #092 and Bob Renforth #001 to compile the spreadsheet with all eligible members and submit to Secretary/Treasurer for adding an additional tab to the roster.

NEW BUSINESS:

Since the last meeting was cancelled due to the pandemic, chapter elections were not conducted. Several positions were changed to the current board roster. Elections will be held at the next chapter meeting in Norfolk, VA.

Bill Viancourt #032 announced that he will get an online apparel contract set-up to allow ABC members to directly order ABC logoed items. Tom Fay #092 advised he would be interested submitting a bid on behalf of his company.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Newsletter submission should now be sent to Bill Viancourt #032 until a new newsletter editor is found.

A recent rant was observed on the ABC Chapters 'Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs' Facebook page. Responsible individual has been censored by both page admin and the Facebook police. This individual was not an active ABC member and was given his first and final warning.

ABC Chapter 15th Anniversary aluminum water bottles were distributed to all in attendance. Bill Viancourt #032 will make provisions to get bottles to all active members who would like to have one.

Chapter raffle tickets were sold and more will be available at the chapter table up to raffle time at 5:00 tomorrow.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Germino #004 and was seconded by John Doran #240 at 5:36.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Ambruso, ABC Secretary/Treasurer #007 (interim)

Great Finds

By Bob Renforth

Last issue I promised to discuss a few aluminum Coke bottles that I had received (for free) in a large box of bottles purchased on craigslist. The seller said he didn't feel like making a second Craigslist listing for them so he just decided to include them in the deal. I didn't really collect them, but as it turns out I'm glad he did.

I'll have to admit, I know very little about Coco-Cola collectibles. I do have a few aluminum bottles in my collection, but I do not seek them out. The reason for this is that I know that there are probably more aluminum Coke bottles than there are aluminum beer bottles and the last time I looked, I'm having problems keeping up with them.

At the beginning of this year I was going through said box and getting ready to throw some of it on eBay. Much of its contents were doubles of bottles I already had in my collection but nothing special that would bring more than a few dollars. When I got to the Coco-Cola bottles I decided to take a closer look. What I hadn't noticed before was that most of them were international bottles. Some had UPC's on them and some didn't. This led me to believe that they might be either prototypes or test bottles. Question was, how did they end up in Ohio?

I did a search on eBay and found a few similar bottles but none of them matched perfectly. Most of the bottles I had were not pry off types but rather had a plastic threaded sleeve attached for a screw on cap. To top it off (no pun intended) none of these bottles had caps which again led me to believe they may be prototypes. So, to test the waters, I listed a few of them, stating that they may be prototypes but that I didn't know for sure. Thankfully I listed them as auctions and not in a "Buy it Now" format. What came next was unexpected. Almost instantly I started receiving messages asking how much I wanted for specific bottles and even had several offers thrown at me. I simply replied that I would not end the auctions early and that they would just have to wait it out like everyone else. When the first three auctions ended, two French and one Argentina bottle sold for close to \$700.00. Unbelievable!

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I waited awhile before I listed anymore as I wanted to make sure the first bottles arrived safely and that everything was good. It was. I then decided once again to list a few more bottles. Once listed, I was again inundated with messages for offers. Again, I let the auctions play out. This time only one bottle sold but it sold for close to \$700.00. I couldn't believe it. When all was said and done, I made close to \$1,500.00 on a hand full of Coke bottles that I received for free. Along the way I received quite the education about Coca-Cola bottles, and I questioned myself if I was collecting the wrong type of bottles. Interesting enough, is that while bids on these bottles came in from all over the world, all these high dollar bottles ended up going to China. I guess they like their Coca-Cola!

Next issue I will touch base on some great finds I purchased on eBay. Stay Tuned.....



Cabottles from Argentina



Cabottles from Brazil



Cabottles from Canada



Coca-Cola Cabottles

JAPÓN 2021 Coca-Cola
Grupo musical: "MAKO" "MIHI" "AYAKA"
+S4/G14TH 2022#06#



JAPÓN 2021 Coca-Cola
Grupo musical: "MAYUCA" "NIÑA" "RÍO"
+S4/G12WE 2022#06#



JAPÓN 2021 Coca-Cola
Grupo musical: "RIKU" "MAYA" "RIMA"
+S4/G12WE 2022#06#



JAPÓN 2021 Coca-Cola ZERO SUGAR
JUEGOS OLÍMPICOS TOKIO 2020
Edición Especial 2021
+S4/F12SK 2022#05#



JAPON 2021 Coca-Cola
Ciudades de Japón "TOHOKU"
+S4/G150B 2022#06#



JAPON 2021 Coca-Cola
Ciudades de JAPÓN "HAKATA DONTAKU"
+S4/B25ID 2022#01#



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more Coca-Cola Cabottles

**JAPÓN 2021 Coca-Cola
HOKKAIDO (4ª versión)
+S4/B25LG 2022#01#**



**JAPÓN 2021 Coca-Cola
HOKKAIDO (5ª versión)
+S4/B25LG 2022#01#**



**JAPÓN 2021 Coca-Cola
JUEGOS OLÍMPICOS TOKIO 2020
Edición Especial 2021
+54 / FO6NG 2022#05#**



**JAPÓN 2021 Coca-Cola
NAVIDAD**



KOREA DEL SUR 2021 Coca-Cola



**CHINA 2022 Coca-Cola
JUEGOS OLÍMPICOS de Invierno
Beijing 2022**



Chinese Cabottles from coolrock Collection Store



More Pictures from coolrock Collection Store



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And more pictures from coolrock collection store





Guatemala



Thailand

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Cabottles from Peru

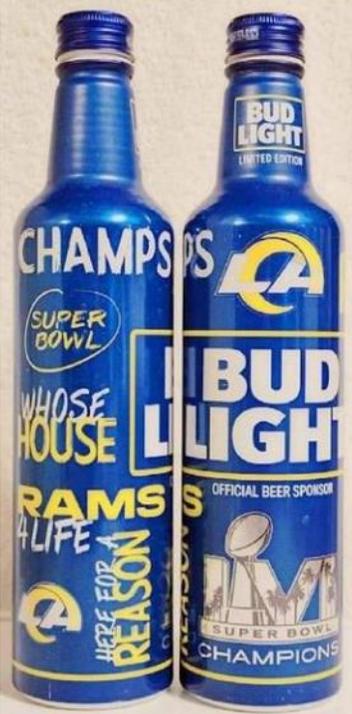


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More cabottles from Peru



Budweiser Cabottles



Cabottles from the United States



Water Cabottles



My Friend Carl Ruzich #183

by Dave Vogl #174

With Covid finally calming down (until it recently started up again), I took the opportunity to visit my friend Carl Ruzich. Carl lives in a Chicago suburb about 1 1/2 hours away from me. Carl has a very nice US collection and has a passion for cabottles.

After a visit and a phone conversation, I put together the following very short bio of Carl.

Carl originally is from the coal mining town of Johnson City, Illinois, located in southern Illinois. During WWII, Carl served in the Navy, in the Pacific on an AKA (Amphibious Cargo Ship) keeping a low profile since sometimes his ship was full of ammunition.

After the war, Carl became a carpenter and has been retired for 30 years. While looking for fishing lures for sale, Carl met Rich La Susa who was selling lures and beer cans. Rich gave Carl several cans which started Carl's collection. This was followed with a fishing trip to Minnesota where Carl couldn't believe all the different brands of beer for sale. Thus the beer can collecting bug was planted.



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

Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs Chapter Application BCCA At-Large Chapter #169



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

BCCA #: _____

PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Chapter dues:

New members - Annual dues are \$5 per year.

After 5 consecutive years member will become a "Lifetime Member" and annual dues will not be required. Advance payment of \$25 for "Lifetime Membership" accepted.

Former/rejoining ABC members - A onetime fee of \$20.

Former members will also retain their original ABC member number and become a "Lifetime Member". If you remember your ABC number, note it on this application or contact the ABC Treasurer.

New BCCA Members - First year ABC dues waived if you join BCCA.

First time BCCA members only. Contact the ABC Treasurer for this option.

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BCCA Membership

US Membership \$45.00/year

Canada/Mexico \$55.00/year

All other countries \$65.00/year

Annual membership to the BCCA which includes 6 issues of the Beer Cans & Brewery Collectibles magazine, a membership roster, the privilege to register for the CANvention, member only pricing on BCCA merchandise, and access to the Members Only section of website.

Benefits of Membership

In exchange for their annual dues, members receive a bundle of benefits that are hard to beat. Compare these benefits with those offered by other collector clubs — in any hobby — and you'll see why the BCCA is still growing strong after 40 years. Here's what members get:

Welcome Package

New members receive a welcome package that contains a number of collectibles such as labels, BCCA commemorative CANvention cans, crowns, coasters etc. along with your copy of the membership roster and a membership card and your membership certificate, suitable for framing.

New and renewing members receive the following: An annual subscription to Beer Cans & Brewery Collectibles

The club's high quality magazine, published 6 times yearly.

Find out more about this publication and others.

Membership Roster

A complete roster of the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of all active BCCA members. Bylaws, officers, chapter info and much more.

Find out more about this publication and others.

Membership Card and Certificate

Your BCCA membership card and number identifies you as a member in good standing with the club. Your membership number is vital to any correspondence you may have with the club and is unique to you. It will never be reissued to another member, even if you are no longer active.

CANvention

The right to attend the BCCA's annual CANvention, held in a different North American city each year. This show-of-shows usually draws about 1,000 collectors from far and wide and is a don't-miss event.

Sign up at: <https://www.bcca.com/shop/bcca-membership/>

BCCA's website: <https://www.bcca.com/>

