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It's a great time to be an Aluminum Bottle Cannoisseur! A lot has happened since our last newsletter with new releases, rare finds, and changes within the BCCA itself.

During the winter months, new releases at both AB-Inbev and Miller-Coors seem to slow to a trickle. This usually picks up in the spring with the arrival of the St Patty's Day bottles, and continues throughout the baseball season. I will not dwell on anything too long as we have column editors for this, but the future looks promising. Budweiser has just released their redesigned St Patty's Day bottle and it looks great. I wish they had done something to change up their Bud Light bottle as well, as I believe that it is just too much green year after year. How awesome would it have been if they had added a few Leprechauns or maybe a rainbow with a pot-o-gold? Meanwhile Miller Lite has started releasing their newly redesigned baseball bottles, with the Detroit Tigers making the first appearance followed closely by the Cleveland Indians. Along with adding new teams to their lineup, the new white background really looks sharp. Play Ball!

Further inside the newsletter is an article I wrote pertaining to the unplanned release of a pair of rare sports bottles. The Texas Rangers World Series bottle and the New England Patriots Super Bowl bottle. The article is entitled "The Agony of Defeat." Check it out as it explains how they came to being.

At the recent BCCA Board of Director's meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, your ABC Board of Directors petitioned the BCCA with two motions. First, was to include a separate category for aluminum bottles in COY voting, and second was to have our own column under "Brand News" in the BCCA magazine. We presented a very strong case for both issues and received overwhelming support. The first motion concerning the COY voting was accepted and passed unanimously. The second motion was accepted and although it garnered everyone's support, it was tabled until the next BOD meeting so they could get the editor's inputs. Having a volunteer (yours truly) as the column editor for the new column was a big selling point as any board would be skeptical on approving a motion if things weren't in order. I have no doubt that this motion although tabled, will pass as well.

This not only gains us more BCCA exposure as a chapter, it provides the aluminum bottle with the credibility that it deserves. As you know, under current voting procedures it has been all but impossible to get an aluminum bottle voted in as Can of the Year. Trust me we have tried. The new category will appear on next year's ballot and will include sub categories for both International and US bottles. What I will need from you are photos of all new releases, in both categories. If you would like to help our cause (promoting what we collect) then please email me at canobeer@cox.net and I will provide you with the photo requirements. As the old saying goes, "If I can do it, you can too!"

Something that should not go unnoticed here is the support we received from our national organization. The willingness to work with its members to develop growth is a credit to the current administration. President Boyles, Vice President Fondren, Secretary Groth, and the rest of the Board of Directors are not afraid to think outside the box. This positive attitude will help propel the BCCA well into the 21st century. If you happen to see any of these gentlemen at a local show, please be sure to thank them for their support.

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Ball Targets Premium Brands

Ball Packaging Europe is offering a range of aluminum bottles that can be filled on a conventional bottle filling line.

The new aluminum bottles offer Ball customers an eye-catching way to present their beverage brands and are especially well suited for premium brands.

They can be used on a normal bottle filling line, without time and cost-intensive retooling. The bottles are suitable for any drink and are closed with a standard crown cap. The extruded aluminum bottles will be available in 33 cl and 50 cl sizes from the start of 2012 and are being produced by Ball's Aerocan division in the Czech Republic.

Ball has also further improved its multiple award winning beverage can resealing system. The Ball Resealable End+ can now additionally be used with all drinks that need pasteurizing, including fruit juice flavor energy drinks and (ice) teas.

From the outside, BRE+ is indistinguishable from the normal BRE. A new plastic mixture makes BRE+ resistant to higher temperatures. The laser-perforated label has the added function of conducting condensate formed during pasteurization on the inside of the plastic elements (not inside the can) to the outside. A first energy drink in a beverage can featuring BRE+ is expected to hit the German market at the start of 2012.

Excerpts taken from an article at CanTechOnline.com



Burger King to sell Beer in Aluminum Bottles



Gimme a Whopper, fries — and a beer.

Those words are no longer wishful thinking. Burger King has unveiled plans to sell beer and burgers at a Whopper Bar — a new BK concept to compete with casual dining restaurants — in Miami Beach's tourist-heavy South Beach. The South Beach Whopper Bar is scheduled to open in mid-February.

Don't look for beer at conventional Burger Kings. That's not in the plans. But more Whopper Bars — which offer an assortment of burgers, toppings and beer — could be on tap in tourist hot spots such as New York, Los Angeles and Las Vegas, says Chuck Fallon, president of Burger King North America.

A brewski at the new Whopper Bar — served in special aluminum bottles to keep them extra cold — fetches \$4.25. Or, order beer as part of a Whopper combo and your bill will be \$7.99 — roughly \$2 more than the same combo meal with a fountain drink.

By trying to wedge into the fast-casual dining arena with Whopper Bar, Burger King is chasing the 30-and-under crowd, which is the industry's future growth, says Bradford Hudson, marketing professor at Boston University. But the move is very tricky, he says, because "Burger King means fast food." But Linda Lipsky, a restaurant consultant, says the move makes sense. "The Burger King customer is aging, so they're just trying to grow up with the customer."

The restaurant will initially sell Anheuser-Busch and MillerCoors beers. "You can have America's favorite beers with America's favorite burger," Fallon says. More will eventually be added, he says.

Burger Kings in Germany and Whopper Bars in Singapore and Venezuela sell beer. But this will be the first BK brand in the USA to sell beer.

The restaurant also will offer delivery of all items — except beer.

Excerpts taken from an article at USA Today.com

The Agony of Defeat

Bob Renforth ABC# 001

"They're a match made in heaven" or so the saying goes. Everyday life supplies us with many such matches that we barely give them much thought. Bacon and eggs, shoes and socks, thunder and lightning are but a few examples of an endless list. For most of us beer drinkers, there is no better match than beer and sports. Actually, this match comes in a close second to boy and girl, but that's a whole nuther story.

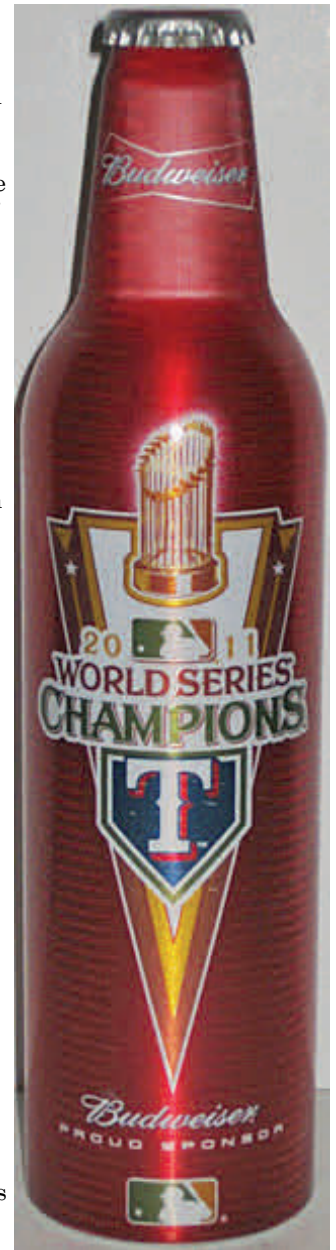
Who can blame someone for wanting to toss back several cold ones while watching their favorite team take it to their opponent especially in the championship? With any luck and a whole lot of cheering one's team may even win. For the losing team however the agony of defeat ends their dream for another year. As we all know in any sporting event there is only one winner. For us aluminum bottle collectors this may no longer be the case. "What you talking about Willis?"



By now, most of you have seen the Texas Rangers and the New England Patriots bottles. For those of you who do not follow sports, these teams came out on the losing end in their respective championship game. The Rangers lost to the St Louis Cardinals in the 2011 World Series, and the Patriots lost to the NY Giants in this year's Super Bowl. The fact that these two bottles were produced in hopes of a championship, make them highly sought after.

During the past few years, AB-Inbev has made bottles for both teams anticipating the outcome of the championship. At least one pallet of each bottle is iced down awaiting the victorious team in their locker rooms. At the outcome of the championship, the bottles for the losing team are supposed to be rushed back to the distributor and destroyed, while the winner's bottle is then mass-produced. With last year's appearance of the Texas Rangers bottle and now the New England Patriots bottle, we have learned that not everything goes according to plan. I won't speculate on how these bottles escaped the crusher but I am glad they did. How many of these bottles exist is unknown. However if I were a betting man, I would say less than 40 of the Rangers bottle, and even fewer of the Patriots bottle.

How many other "losing team bottles" are out there awaiting discovery is hard to say. I find it hard to believe that some of these bottles haven't found their way into private collections by either clubhouse personnel, or even players themselves, although I'm not sure who would want to hold onto something that would constantly remind them of what might have been. I've seen the Pittsburgh Steelers bottle first hand, so I know it exists. A reliable source at AB-Inbev says that there were also bottles made up for the Rangers when they lost the World Series to San Francisco in 2010, and another for the Vancouver Canucks when they lost to the Boston Bruins in the Stanley Cup last year. Unconfirmed but rumored is one for the Miami Heat who lost to Dallas in the NBA Championship in 2011. This seems highly probable, as we know of three more team labels designed for teams who made the playoffs that year. Brad had these posted on the website. Unless some of these other bottles surface, we'll never know for sure. We do know that the Green Bay Packers who defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers in last year's Super Bowl did not have one made. Some teams are bound by contracts of another brand. Miller Lite gave them a 16 oz commemorative can. A can.....really!?



Top right: Texas Rangers World Series Champions, 16oz redemption, 501722

Left: New England Patriots Super Bowl Champions, 16oz redemption, 501853

My Collection

Ron Geisler ABC# 121

To look at the collection of aluminum bottles I have now, it's kind of ironic to think that 8 years ago I really didn't have any interest in collecting them. The reason was simple; these new, tall bottles wouldn't fit on the shelves I had constructed to house my beer cans. After awhile I started receiving a bottle here and there from people I was making trades with and I was really struck with the attractiveness of the bottle...they were very colorful. It occurred to me that this was my chance to be getting into something from the beginning, from the ground floor. I had missed that opportunity with *beer cans*... if only I had begun collecting them when I first started tasting local beers back in the 50's!

It's funny to think how things have changed over the years. I remember the first bottles I received had 2 holes drilled in the bottom...we were still discovering the best way to open these new bottles. Since then we've become more sophisticated. We've gone from using a coin on top of the cap as protection to someone actually fabricating a special bottle opener...which I acquired while attending the Blue-Gray show.



Over the years my collection has continued to grow. I have to give credit and thanks to Brad Ambruso and Butch Kroskey for all their help in making my collection as complete as it is. I'm now up to approximately 335 Anheuser-Busch bottles, 64

Pepsi and Mountain Dew, 56 Miller Lite, and 10 Coors Light—plus all the other brands that have come and gone. (With all the Coke bottles that have been issued I decided to stay away from them.) I'm still on the look-out for four A-B bottles, which are listed on the Forum under "Ron's Wish List."

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My collection has become something special to me, and something I'm proud of. I must say I am extremely lucky to have a wife who recognizes that and has graciously allowed me to display them all around our family room. In 2010 my son-in-law came up with a great plan for shelving. After a few hours of measuring twice and cutting once he had the shelves up, as you can see in the pictures. Now I don't have to keep my collection in boxes.



I'm also fortunate to have a son who wrote a computer program that helps me inventory my bottles alphabetically and numerically. It's been a great help when going to shows, it really cuts down on coming home with duplicates...as I'm sure we all have.



I'm now driven to continually add to my collection, the collection I was so reluctant to get involved in. I thoroughly enjoy going to the annual CANvention and the many local chapters shows, on my quest for something new.

What's New

Brad Ambruso ABC# 007

In addition to the usual Red Wings bottle we get every year, Miller surprised us this year with a new addition for the NHL, the Columbus Blue Jackets. A much more colorful bottle than the usual, 840203 16oz non-redemption.

Another new bottle from Miller gives the sports bottle collectors something new for a change. The Houston Rodeo bottle is just now hitting the market and will give us a whole new category of sports bottles. In addition to the bottle, 840213 16oz non-redemption, there is a 16oz can which is real similar in design, 840212.

We've all known for sometime that Miller Lite will once again be releasing MLB bottles. The Detroit Tigers bottle, 840405 16 oz redemption, however was not on the original release sheet. The new design is, once again, totally different from years past. Instead of a fielder or batter, this year we get a baseball.

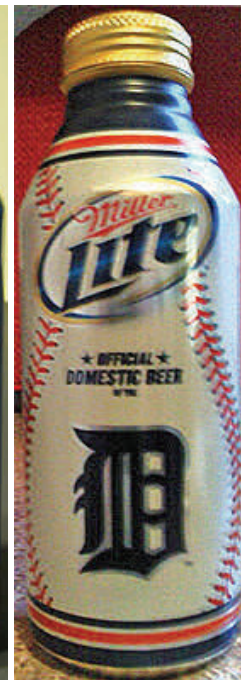
From the original release sheet mentioned above, be on the lookout for Brewers, Cubs, Diamondbacks, Dodgers, Padres, Royals and White Sox. Of course, with the addition of Detroit there may be others or we may not see all that were intended for release. (see release pics)



Blue Jackets
840203



Houston Rodeo
840213



Detroit Tigers
840405



Mardi Gras has been over for a few weeks but the new Miller Lite Mardi Gras 2012 (Geaux for Great Taste) bottle, 840198 is just now showing up. It has probably been out for a while but with all the partying going on down there, who had time to post them on the internet...

Coors Light jumped back on the bandwagon late last year with a re-release of their 838389-91 bottles. It was short lived as they quickly released their new '2 Stage Cold Activation' bottles. With just a few changes they are kinda hard to spot. Most notable is the addition of the '2 Stage' bars near the side panel. They also removed the mountains on the neck between the English and Spanish taglines. The 16oz redemption

version is 840298 and the non-redemption is 840332, 3.2 not yet confirmed.

In addition to the new Lights, Coors will also be releasing their 'Banquet' Beer in aluminum bottles, probably sometime in April.



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Not beer, but a very notable addition to the U.S. bottles is the new Sandy Bottom. This is a rum drink with coconut, lemon, lime, etc, and clocks in at an astounding 15% alcohol content. From the Sandy Bottom Group out of Michigan it is a very limited release and comes in a 355 ml bottle with twist cap.

The first of a few variations is a forgotten Miller Lite 'Large Lite' from 2010. Probably not forgotten by all but was not in the listing so check your variations. The missing/recently confirmed 3.2 variation is numbered 838368.

The last of the Miller Lite NFL bottles to be released was a 3.2 variation for the Dallas Cowboys. Probably intended for all the NFL fans up in Oklahoma. Bottle number 839441.

Just when we thought the Heineken STR bottle was a one shot and done, a variation is discovered. The bottle originally listed and the one most of us found was the 01002, which has the 'Enjoy Responsibly' logo and web address on the bottom of the back panel. The variation, 01004, has the same info at the top of the back panel. Once again, check those variations.



Miller Lite 3.2 838368



Cowboys 3.2 839441

Last but not least, is another one from Heineken. This was an overlooked release from 2007 or so which was intended for bars. The 11.2 oz redemption bottle includes a government warning yet no UPC bar code, making store sales somewhat tough.



Heineken STR 01002



Heineken STR 01004



Foreign Bottles

Juan Carlos De Marco ABC# 031

The production of cabottles in the world continues. Factories and brewers work with their top designers each day to offer us more and better designs. Our shelves show their best profile and the quality goes hand in hand with the quantity. I am very happy with the new releases and it's very pleasing to see new bottles from distant lands not seen before. So, in this issue I have tried to bring you a little flavor of some of the new bottles that anyone would be proud to display.

I believe this to be one of the best productions since we started with this article. See for yourselves and judge.



JAPAN: Three small ASAHI bottles don't vary too much in their usual deliveries of 350 ml. They do retain that delicate Japanese touch that distinguishes them from all others.

In its almost exclusive size of 1 Liter, BEER FUJIYAMA threatens sobriety with good amount of fluid. A first for the Japanese micro brewery.

FRANCE: The arrival of the unknown HP2 BEER, 330 ml from Phenix, is a welcome addition and adds a very youthful aesthetic. The combination of beer with Guarana (Brazilian fruit) first appeared a few years ago in Monaco. Phenix is also producing an energy drink in a bottle with a very similar design.



Licorne brewers has released their BORIS Beer in 250 ml aluminum bottles. This revolutionary design, typical of the traditional French spirit, is a stand out. One of these recently fetched a stiff price on eBay and they seem to be few and far between when one is looking for them. Will have to reserve a spot on the shelf for one...



SPAIN (Canary Islands): These four DORADA, 330 ml, bottles are extraordinarily beautiful. Again this year we have a commemorative set for the annual Carnaval de Santa Cruz. The four bottle series will be available during the Carnaval and they are named, left-right, Concurso, Cabalgatta, Noche and Indianos. These would make a great submission for 'Bottle of the Year' once the category is open.

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HOLLAND: Is not a surprise that HEINEKEN provides new wonders in the aluminum bottle format. The white ICONE, 330 ml, appeared already some time ago, which breaks with the traditional bottle green, as a luxury. I added this photo of a number of them because it's like a painting by a famous artist, but is a single model.

HEINEKEN has also released a four bottle commemorative series. This series profiles bottles from 1873, 1933, 2012 and the future. Bottles are all 473 ml and sold in a very nice box set, which has been seen in several countries.



RED BAVARIA 86 has finally changed up their bottle a bit. The 'Special Red Beer' tagline has been moved up to the neck. Bavaria Brewers, 330 ml.



AUSTRIA: In the previous issue we had tabled the differences of the two known models of EGGENBERG, 330 ml. Now we have discovered a third version. This version is real similar to the 2010 version except they added brown tape that can be seen on the back neck of the bottle. Something for you variation collectors to be on the look out for.

GUATEMALA: To the already well-known "Gallo" which appeared a couple of years ago, the same brewer now gives us DORADA ICE, 472 ml.

SINGAPORE: Asian Pacific breweries, a giant in the Pacific, has finally released a cabottle. The new TIGER, 330 ml, was well worth the wait.



ARGENTINA: It has been a long time since my country had put out a new release. The new 330 ml QUILMES has shaken things up a bit. This unusually designed cabottle is a very busy and when placed under a black light, it gets even better. A very good piece that I will hand carry to Springfield for trades at CANvention.

AUSTRALIA: A new one, or from the information received, an older one has been discovered down under. The HAHN SUPER DRY, 330 ml, from Tooheys has appeared. This was said to have appeared a certain festivals and then proven false. This was a promotional bottle from a couple years ago and should be somewhat tough to acquire, but would make a great addition to any shelf.



What's New in A-B?!

Brad Ambruso ABC# 007

As mentioned in the last issue, A-B was to release four new bottles and I'm glad to say, they all made it.

The first was the Budweiser St Louis Cardinals World Series Championship bottle, 501860 16 oz redemption, similar to the usual World Series bottles we see every year. A surprise we did see was a Texas Rangers Championship bottle which was an inadvertent release which Bob covers in his article back on page three.

The new Budweiser 'Bowtie' design is finally showing up in stores. A very radical and welcome change to the same old red bottle we've seen for years. The 501770 16 oz redemption, 501769 16 oz non-redemption and 501771 16 oz 3.2 have all been confirmed.

When the Bud Light Super Bowl XLVI bottle was first released I thought I was going to get a break and score a good trader, after all I do live in Indianapolis. Well so much for that idea. I actually found them in Florida two weeks before they were released in Indy. As it turns out A-B ran these as their national Bud Light offering so they were (and still may be) available everywhere. I was downtown during some of the Super Bowl festivities and not only were the trashcans exploding with these, you could actually wade in them in the streets. Anyway, being a national release there are all three variations to be on the lookout for, 501852 16 oz redemption, 501875 16 oz non-redemption and 501854 16 oz 3.2.

The Budweiser Year of the Dragon bottle, 501837 473 ml, was originally thought to be a U.S. release. Well as the orders from distributors turned out to be less than expected, a U.S. release was scrapped and they ran exclusively for China. They are already all over eBay so it shouldn't be too hard to acquire a few but the shipping can be outrageous.

Championships seem to be a theme with A-B bottles so why should the Super Bowl be any different. The Bud Light New York Giants Championship bottle, 501859 16 oz redemption (a 16 oz non-redemption is also rumored to exist, but no confirmation yet), actually showed up about a week before the Super Bowl, along with a Patriots bottle. This was another one of those cases where bottles mysteriously show up on eBay and false information is spread everywhere. The first rumor was these bottles were for the Conference titles and only 75,000 of each were made, which turned out to be totally false. Both bottles were ran for the potential champs and only a pallet or so were filled prior to the game. The winners, Giants, are then mass produced and available everywhere. The losers were to be destroyed, but a few have survived. For more info on the Patriots bottle (along with the Rangers) see Bobs article on page 3.



Budweiser
Cards Champs

Budweiser
Bowtie

Bud Light
Super Bowl XLVI

Budweiser
Year of Dragon



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Another year, another Budweiser St Patrick's bottle, 501876 16 oz redemption. New design again and this could possibly be one of the better St Pats Day designs yet. The Bud Light release is the same as the last two years, 501594. Still unconfirmed are any 3.2 or non-redemption variations.

Here's a golden oldie. A long thought to be non-existent variation has surfaced. The Budweiser Fiesta, 500958 16 oz non-redemption, bottle from 2007 does exist. Since it took so long to verify it kinda makes one wonder how many were actually produced and can the Bud Light 500961 be verified as well. Check those variations as you may have a tough one and not even know it. I'm sure a few variation collectors will soon be on the lookout for these as well as the still unconfirmed Bud Light.



Starting with the Bud Cardinals bottles, a new crown, Budweiser Flavor-Lock began showing up. Once Budweiser depletes their stock of the old 'World Cap' crowns these should be the prominent crown on all the Budweiser bottles.

A-B will be releasing MLB teams on their 12 oz cans this year and not sure yet what aluminum bottles may be released for the baseball season. An unconfirmed report is there will be a re-release of the Cards World Series bottle but this bottle will mention something about all 10 of the Cardinals championships. I always try to keep the rumors to a minimum so that's about all I'll say about that, just keep a lookout and as always, let me know what you happen to find.

Soda Bottles

Brad Ambruso ABC# 007

The aluminum soda bottle coverage has been a little lacking so in an attempt to keep the information available and somewhat up-to-date, let's restart it. It is my hope that someone within the chapter will be willing to take over this column, someone who is really into the soda bottles and can provide us with a wealth of information, but in the mean time...

Pepsi, the Official Sponsor of everything, jumped on the Super Bowl XLVI bandwagon with Pepsi, 16 oz redemption and Pepsi MAX, 16 oz redemption bottles. A slight change from the Pepsi Super Bowl bottle of last year and the addition of the black Pepsi MAX makes for a pretty nice set.

Coke, who seems to have aluminum bottles out in every country just released a new one in France featuring David Guetta, a prominent DJ. I personally had never heard of him but the bottle is a very nice design, 250 ml.



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From Mexico, Pepsi has teamed up with Angry Birds to give us two really cool and unique 473 ml bottles. So far these have only been seen in Mexico and there isn't any news on whether or not these may be released in other countries or additional designs will follow.

A special 'on-line order only' bottle series from Diet Coke is now available. This 8.5 oz, 4 bottle series designed by Diane von Furstenberg, a famous fashion designer is being sold for \$30 per set with all proceeds going to the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health. Of course the bottles are all empty and shipped without caps.



An Australian first in Aluminum Bottles



The Ardagh Group has announced that it has begun manufacturing the first Australian-made aluminum beverage bottles at its facility in Taree, NSW.

Ardagh said it took the decision to extend the Taree aluminum portfolio from aerosols to aluminum bottles after its research identified an opportunity to enter a niche, but growing, market segment.

"Aluminum bottles offer some specific advantages to beverage brand owners," said Ardagh Group business development manager Sion Orritt. "The bottles offer excellent on-shelf branding opportunities. They especially lend themselves to packaging a special promotional product – for example, for a sporting event, product launch, anniversary edition drink, or just to differentiate a product from the competition."

"These bottles could contain a wide range of beverages and we see them as ideal for beer, RTDs or energy drinks. The bottle offers consumers the premium look, feel and functionality of a glass bottle, with the added benefits of being unbreakable. It can be used at outside events or functions, where for safety reasons glass cannot."

The company said the aluminum bottle's ability to host high-quality decoration would provide a major opportunity for brand owners. The Taree manufacturing process permits world-class graphics with a wide range of special finishes. Ardagh Group said it is currently in discussions with a major beverage industry supplier to bring the bottles to market, with plans to expand the product range. The aluminum bottle is initially available in sizes from 330-355ml with a crown seal closure.

Taree operations manager Dave Downey said the project was a huge learning curve for the plant, with Ardagh investing significant time and resources in producing the Australian-first aluminum cans. "Ultimately the delivery of the project is down to the ability and dedication of the whole Taree team," he said. "We have high hopes for the success of this product and are already making plans for the extra volume it will deliver to the business."



Excerpts taken from an articles at FEN and Australian Food News

Mike Modano Partners with Legends Beer



Legend Beverage, Inc. announced that they have signed legendary hockey player Mike Modano to join their existing Texas launch lineup this spring.

Mike Modano joins an existing group of regional Legends that will be featured on their containers for distribution within the Texas marketplace. Mike Modano is the all-time American-born points and goals leader and was the number one overall draft pick in 1988 by the Minnesota North Stars. Mike retired from the NHL in 2011 after a 21-year career, of which 16 were played for the Dallas Stars, and is a likely future Hall of Fame inductee.

Modano joins former Dallas Cowboy Legends Randy White and Tony Dorsett, as well as NHL Hall of Famer and former Star, Brett Hull. Mike will be in great company since the other two existing hockey players on the Legends bottle (Gordie Howe & Hull) represent two of the top three scoring leaders in the history of the league.

"I am extremely excited and proud to add Mike to our team in Texas and we are honored as a company to have yet another hockey Legend join our brand." Said Jay Talley, President & Founder of Legends. He added, "Not only is Mike a Legend in sports, but he exemplifies greatness both on and off the ice and will be a tremendous brand ambassador for our company."

"I couldn't be happier about my partnership with Legends, and being included with the other iconic athletes represented by the Legends brand is a true honor," said Modano, "And the beer is really good too!"

Legend Beverage, Inc. launched the Legends brand in June, 2011. Legends is focused on producing premium, craft beers while using containers that feature legendary figures in both sports and entertainment. Premium craft beer with content.

Excerpts taken from an article at BrewBound.com

Get Out and Take in a Show

Mar 2-3	South Bend, IN	Cabin Fever Reliever Sponsored by Hoosier Chapter
Mar 3	Colonie, NY	Schultz & Dooley Chapter Spring Show
Mar 3	Denver, CO	Kick the Winter Doldrums Show
Mar 9-10	Augusta, GA	Annual Anti-Freez Beer Can and Breweriana Show
Mar 10	Toledo, OH	38TH Annual Buckeye Beer & Collectibles Show
Mar 10	Portland, OR	35th annual NOT-SO-IRISH Show
Mar 10	Bloomington, MN	SPRINGFEST Sponsored by North Star Chapter
Mar 11	Berwyn, IL	Windy City Spring Trade Session
Mar 11	Omaha, NE	Beer Advertising & Beer Can Show Sponsored by Cornhusker
Mar 15-17	Erlanger, KY	Luck O' the Irish Sponsored by Queen City Chapter
Mar 17	Potosi, WI	Annual Breweriana & Collectible Show Sponsored by Port of Potosi
Mar 18	Davenport, IA	Quad City Brewery Collectibles Show Sponsored by Hawkeye
Mar 22-24	New Cumberland, PA	PA Spring Thaw Breweriana Show & Crownvention
Mar 24	Tonawanda, NY	Simon Pure Spring Show
Mar 25	Austintown, OH	Renner Old Oxford Spring Show
Mar 25	Eureka Springs, AR	Vic Olson Memorial Show Sponsored by Ar-Can-Sas and Progress
Mar 31	Aurora, CO	Bloomin Spring Show Sponsored by Mile Hi
Apr 1	Elk Grove Village, IL	Spring Fling Show Sponsored by Westmont Stroh's
Apr 1	Phoenix, AZ	Phoenix Ale Brewery 1st Annual Beer Collectibles Trade/Sell Show
Apr 7	Belleville, IL	Breweriana Blowout XIII
Apr 14	Des Moines, IA	35th Annual Krausen Days Sponsored by Rainier Chapter
Apr 14	Sioux Falls, SD	Dakota Chapter Breweriana Show Sponsored by Dakota Chapter
Apr 15	Blue Springs, MO	Blue Springs Beer Can & Breweriana Show

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Apr 15	New Ulm, MN	A Day at August Schell Sponsored by Schells Border Batch
Apr 15	Elk Grove Village, IL	Spring Show Sponsored by Chicagoland Breweriana Society (ABA)
Apr 18-21	Las Vegas, NV	JFO - Just For Openers 34th Convention
Apr 19-21	Green Bay, WI	Titletown Trade-A-Thon XXXII
Apr 21	Montgomery, AL	Spring Fling Sponsored by Bama Cannas
Apr 28	Schnecksville, PA	Horlacher Chapter Spring Breweriana Show
Apr 28	Rochester, NY	Flour City Trade Sponsored by 12 Horse Chapter
Apr 29	Hilliard, OH	King's Spring Fling Sponsored by Gambrinus
Apr 29	Clark, NJ	4th First Annual Bob Taylor Memorial Show
Apr 29	Wichita, KS	Carrie Nation Spring Show
May 3-5	Fort Collins, CO	Rush to the Rockies Sponsored by Columbine Chapter
May 6	Delafield, WI	Annual Spring Beer Can & Breweriana Show
May 12	LaCrosse, WI	Gottlieb Tolstyga Memorial Trade Session Sponsored by Old Style
May 12	Portland, OR	35TH Annual D B COOPER Swap Meet Sponsored by Cascade
May 19	St Paul, MN	Summit Brewery Show Sponsored by North Star Chapter
May 19	Brattleboro, VT	McNeill's Brewery Antique Breweriana Show Sponsored by Pickwick
Jun 3	Phoenix, AZ	Brennan's Pub 'n' Grub inside 'n' cool show! Sponsored by A-1 Chapter
Jun 3	Leesport, PA	Leesport Tri-Chapter Show
Jun 5-9	Columbus, OH	ABA 31st Annual Meeting
Jun 8-9	Florissant, MO	34th Annual "SWAP ARAMA" Sponsored by Gateway Chapter
Jun 8-9	Dubuque, IA	Tri-States Beer Can & Breweriana Show
Jun 22-24	Abilene, KS	33rd Annual Kansas Kollosal Kan Kaper
Jun 23	Elk Grove, IL	Windy City Summer picnic / trade session

For more info on any of these shows check out the [Calendar of Events](#) at BCCA.COM or check your latest issue of

Chapter Tid-Bits

Our Members: The listing of members in the newsletter has been discontinued. Too much repetition and wasted space. A member listing is available on the website and a complete roster with address, email, etc is available to any ABC member on the [forum](#) in the Members area or upon [request](#).

Roster Updates: Please double check your roster information and [email](#) over any corrections and/or changes needed.

New Columnists Needed: You may have noticed that, in addition to my regular A-B Bottles column, I did both the U.S. What's New column as well as the Soda Bottles. If you would be interested in taking over either of those columns, please let me know. It's not that difficult and about the only qualifications needed is the willingness to do it and keeping track of all the new releases. Just drop me an email if you're interested and help to keep your lowly editor from certain insanity. (well at least not any worse than the usual) budcanbrad@comcast.net



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