

## The Prez Sez

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Greetings fellow CANnoisseurs!

Well, here we are in the heat of summer. That usually means a daily high of 105+ where I live just outside of Phoenix. These high temperatures usually last until mid to late September before it gradually drops below 100. What better way to cool off than with an ice-cold beer in an aluminum bottle. The choices of beer available in our favorite container are getting better with the addition of Coors Banquet and Miller Genuine Draft coming onto the scene. Although both are currently a little hard to find due to limited distribution, our membership has once again come through for the rest of us. If you're not a frequent viewer of our chapter's forum page, being able to acquire these two new additions as well as others, may change your mind. Within its many postings, there is a lot of trading, as well as buying and selling, going on. Check it out, you won't be disappointed.

Speaking of new bottles, craft breweries Oskar Blues and Sun King collaborated on a Belgian Style Ale call Chaka and released it in Ball's Alumi-Tek bottles. The neat thing here is that each brewery had their own graphic design on their respective bottle, so we get two very unique bottles to add to our collections. This is the first time a craft brewery has used the Alumi-Tek bottle to distribute their product; and let's hope it's not the last. As a side note the beer was damn good too!

Inside, Andy Passande #166 from Australia and Joe Hobaugh #069 from Lafayette, In give us a glimpse of their collections. As you will see Andy's massive collection not only contains beer bottles, but soda bottles as well. Joe's collection is also loaded with beer and soda bottles along with some pretty cool breweriana items. I want to thank Andy and Joe for their article contributions and encourage other members to do the same. It's always nice to view fellow member's collections not only to see what they collect, but also to see how they display their bottles.

With CANvention 42 quickly approaching, please be sure to book your room early if you plan on attending. The BCCA usually has plans for an overflow hotel, but these seem to draw little if any room to room trading. Once again, we plan to have a chapter sales table outside the trade floor with several items for sale, as well as a central location to sell tickets for our annual raffle. Word should be going out shortly looking for volunteers to man the table. Slots usually fill up fast as sitting out front of the trade floor always brings some exciting moments. It's a lot of fun, and if you've never done it, I encourage you to give it a try. This year's raffle is lining up to have some real nice prizes up for grabs. As always we are looking to you, our membership, for donations, or reasonably priced high quality items to ensure another successful raffle. If you have such an item please contact one of our board of directors.

In a parting note, there has been no word as of yet from the BCCA concerning the addition of a separate column in the national magazine for aluminum bottles. As you may remember, this was one of two items our chapter petitioned the BCCA for back in February. Hopefully we will hear something positive in the coming months.

Well, that about does it for this issue, so until next time, enjoy the newsletter!

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## Chapter Tid-Bits

**New Members!** A hearty welcome to our newest members; Michelle Terbot #219F from Wheatfield, NY; Mike Farrell #220 from St Paul, IN; Jaap Bolwijn #221 from Rolde, Netherlands; Gerald Borger #222 from Bowmanstown, PA; Alain Houbrechts #223 from Tongren, Belgium.

**Elections:** In accordance with Articles V and VI of our Chapter's Constitution, we will be holding chapter officer and board of directors elections at this year's annual chapter meeting. If you wish to place your name on the ballot for one of the positions, please contact one of our Board of Directors. Currently scheduled for 5 pm on Thursday, August 30th, our chapter meeting will be held in the King Edward Suite inside the Sheraton. Hope to see you there!

**Raffle Prizes:** We are in need of a few more prizes for our annual raffle. If you have any aluminum bottles or related breweriana you would like to donate/sell to the chapter at a reasonable price, please contact Butch Kroskey. The raffle will be held at the chapter table at about 4:30 pm on Friday, August 31.

**Chapter Table:** Again this year we will have a table at CANvention. We still have several slots available and are looking for volunteers to cover the slots. The table will be open on Thursday and Friday and the slots are one hour each. If you would be interested in helping out, contact Butch Kroskey.

## Australian Packaging first for Strongbow

With the growing concern over glassing incidents in Australia, safe alternatives to glass packaging for public events are in demand. While plastic is a lightweight and popular alternative, for premium beverage products, aluminum bottles are fast catching on.

The latest launch in this packaging format is from Carlton United Breweries (CUB) for its leading cider brand Strongbow's Original Apple and Pear cider variants. The 335 ml aluminum bottle, with a crown seal closure, is manufactured by Ardagh Group at its Taree, NSW facility and represents the first pack of its kind in the cider sector in Australia. The premium bottle is jointly marketed by Ardagh Group and Amcor, and has many advantages including being unbreakable, quick cooling and 100% recyclable.

Clive Coleman, Strongbow's Group Marketing Manager, said that bottle is a good fit for the Strongbow portfolio. John Bigley, Managing Director, Metal, Ardagh Group, Australasia said "the project" brings the true essence of style and premiumisation to a quality and well established brand. He adds: "The availability of 360-degree full color graphics and special inks offers a major opportunity for brands such as Strongbow to develop a unique shelf identity."

Aluminum bottles currently hold a small share of the total premium beverage packaging sector, with some four million units produced per annum, compared with 4.6 billion glass bottles. Nevertheless, if US and European trends are any indication, this figure could grow to as high as 15-20 million, off the back of growth of niche product categories like cider.

*Excerpts taken from an article at [ardaghgroup.com/news](http://ardaghgroup.com/news)*



## Micro Brews in Re-sealable Aluminum Bottles

Colorado-based Oskar Blues Brewery and Indiana-based Sun King Brewery have created a CANlaboration project to unite the brewer's friendship and passion for pushing the boundaries of craft beer in a can. The two brewers have traveled between locations for months and are excited to bring you CHAKA, a limited-release Belgian-style ale -- the first craft beer to be packaged in the Alumi-Tek® re-sealable pint bottle from Ball Corporation. CHAKA was released May 3rd 2012, at the Craft Brewers Conference in San Diego in each attendee's hotel room and special events throughout the weekend. The following week the brewers will make limited quantities at Oskar Blues Tasty Weasel and in Sun King's home market.

The connection between these two breweries is deeper than the fact that they both can their beer. Oskar Blues Head Brewer, Dave Chichura, began his professional brewing career in Indianapolis fifteen years ago where he became friends with Dave Colt and Clay Robinson, the two brewers who created Sun King. The three friends have been talking for years about working together on a collaborative beer, so when the opportunity came to assist in the introduction of a new packaging option for craft beer, it was an easy yes.

The end result is an 8 percent A.B.V. Belgian-style ale crafted with a blend of ingredients from each brewery's home state: Shagbark Hickory Syrup from Hickoryworks in Trafalgar, Ind.; grain from Colorado Malting Company; and a special yeast blend from Brewing Science Institute, also in Colorado. Brewers from both breweries worked together to formulate the recipe and traveled between Colorado and Indiana to brew at both locations.

"Until we undertook this project, only large breweries and beverage companies had access to this type of packaging," said Clay Robinson, Sun King Co-Founder. "Sun King and Oskar Blues worked closely with the Ball Corporation and Cask Brewing Systems to design and build a simple, functional small scale system that will allow craft brewers to take advantage of this unique packaging option."

Oskar Blues is a pioneer in the craft canning movement as the first American craft brewery to can their beer with the release of Dale's Pale Ale in 2002. They have grown to become the largest American craft brewery to package beer exclusively in cans, producing 59,000 barrels of beer in 2011.



Chaka, a limited release Belgian-style ale by Oskar Blues Brewery and Sun King Brewing Co is brewed by both companies and packaged in similar but distinctive company-branded Alumi-Tek bottle by Ball.

Sun King began crafting beer in the summer of 2009 and has grown to become one of Indiana's largest breweries, producing nearly 10,000 barrels of beer in 2011. Sun King was the first Indiana craft brewery to can their beer and the first brewery ever to create a customizable can for their seasonal and specialty beer releases.

"Unique packaging like the Alumi-Tek bottle provides both Oskar Blues and Sun King the differentiation we need to make our limited-release beers and B.Stiff & Sons Old Fashioned Root Beer (Oskar Blues Brewery) distinct from our core lines." said Chad Melis, marketing director of Oskar Blues Brewery. "Craft beer in aluminum bottles is another step forward in the evolution of craft beer."

*Excerpts taken from an article at [Craftcans.com](http://Craftcans.com)*

# My Collection

## Andy Passande ABC# 166

I only started collecting aluminium bottles about four years ago now. I was looking at collecting sports cans from around the world and I received a Steelers 75<sup>th</sup> season bottle and it was so unlike anything I had seen before that I started looking into how many there were out there and was surprised to find that there were so many out there.

While still pursuing my sports can collecting I ended up in contact with an ABC member (thanks Fred) who let me know about the ABC and from that moment on I was hooked on collecting cabottles.

My first intention was only to collect beer cabottles and then I received some photos of the Green Label Art Mountain Dew bottles and they looked so good that I had to start collecting them as well (I wish that they would make some more by the way) These days my sports can collecting has nearly stopped-except for when they have sets like this years MLB cans which I still look at collecting. The other thing which seems to have fallen by the way-side is my collecting European bottles.

I try to collect any variety of a bottle which may come out so at the moment I have around 460 aluminium beer bottles and around 175 soda bottles. Trying to collect the different variations means that there is always something to keep an eye out for-especially the 3.2% variation.

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## My Collection (part 2)

### Joe Hobaugh ABC# 069

I started collecting beer cans back in the early 1970's when my family moved out of the city into the country. The subdivision we moved into had about 15 houses and was surrounded by corn fields and wooded areas. Two of my new friends collected beer cans so my brother and I started to collect also.

There were a few dumps in the area so we could find some decent flat tops. My brother lost interest so I traded him my baseball cards for his part of the beer cans. My father wasn't much of a beer drinker but he would buy me some of the odd brands they would sell and let me have the cans.

I started out collecting all sized beer cans. I really liked the larger cans like the 16 and 24 oz. cans. As I got older and into high school I got busy with girls and work and I didn't collect actively, but I kept my collection. Every now and then I would find a can somewhere and pick it up for my collection. When I turned 21 and could buy beer, I started to collect again. I started to travel to places that were not too far away like St. Louis, Louisville, Chicago and Milwaukee to look for beer cans.

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As my collection started to grow, I began to run out of room so I started to downsize what I collected. Presently I am collecting 24 and 32 oz. beer cans and the aluminum bottles. I also have about 400 beer logo golf balls and a large collection of Budweiser collectibles. I am also collecting American 5 liter cans.

I have had a few different shelving systems over the years and some time ago I came up with the idea to use hinges so I could conserve room. I installed the hinged shelves about a year ago and have room to add more shelves if I need to.



## What's New

### Brad Ambruso ABC# 007

Been a pretty busy spring and summer so far with all the new U.S. releases. Let's start out with the Miller Lite baseballs. As of the last issue the only bottle documented was Detroit, however eleven addition baseball bottles have shown up, they are:



Milwaukee Brewers, 840386 non-redem; Arizona Diamondbacks, 840387 non-redem; Los Angeles Dodgers, 840406 redemption; Cleveland Indians, 840388 non-redem; Washington Nationals, 840389 non-redem; Baltimore Orioles, 840390, non-redem.



Tampa Bay Rays, 840391 non-redem; Kansas City Royals, 840402 non-redem; Wrigleyville (Chicago Cubs), 840404 non-redem; Chicago White Sox, 840403 non-redem; Hops Logo (Generic release) 840607 non-redem.

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Now that all the baseball bottles are out of the way, let's move on to a few other Miller releases.

A Miami Heat bottle (Witness Greatness), 839910 non-redem, was released earlier in the season and then they actually win the Championship, almost sounds rigged.

Three bottles were released for racing so far this year. The Indy 500, 840643 non-redem, was also a contest can to win 'Carb Day' passes. The First Nascar bottle to show up was for Talladega, 840353 non-redem, and also had a contest to 'Join Brad's Crew'. The Brickyard 400 bottle, 840766 non-redem, didn't include a contest and simply commemorates the race.



In addition to all the sports related releases Miller Lite had, they also put out a couple commemoratives. This years St. Patrick's Day, 838611 non-redem, 838622 redemption (3.2 not verified), went to more of a green generic type not mentioning "Chi-rish". Will probably be a yearly release.

Out of the blue, a Las Vegas bottle, 840641 non-redem, has been released. Somewhat hard to find and still no explanation as to why they did a commemorative for Vegas, other than the fact that it is 'Vegas'.

Miller Genuine Draft, 840617 non-redem, 840618 redemption (3.2 not verified), is now available in aluminum bottles.



As mentioned in the last newsletter Coors Banquet is being released in aluminum bottles. Well it was released and within the timeframe of one issue, the design has changed.

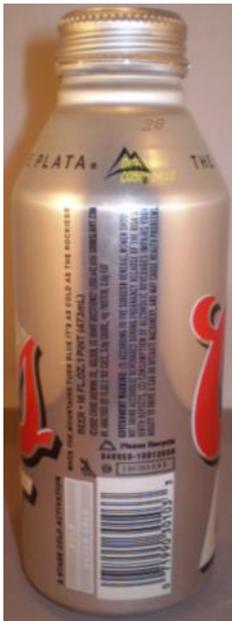
The early Coors Banquet, 840598 redemption, 840679 non-redem (3.2 not verified), arrived back in April with a design similar to their cans.

Before the ink on the new bottles had a chance to dry, Coors Banquet has already released a newer bottle, 841244 non-redem (redemption and 3.2 not verified), with some changes to the front along with a change in the tag-line (bottle on right).

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Both versions of the Coors Baquet bottles have caps 840597-10010426 which are numbered 1 thru 6. There has been some speculation as to why there are 6 different numbers and so far one can only guess that it's to keep track of how many have been drank. Not a scientific study but if you have a better idea as to why, let us know...



Coors Light didn't waste any time changing around their design either. The new Coors Light, 840959 non-redem (redemption and 3.2 not verified), shows the return of the mountains to the neck along with the 2-stage box made a little smaller.

Coors Light has also released four bottles for baseball. Miller/Coors probably did this to compliment/fill out the other dozen or so teams they have already released Miller bottles for. The bottles are: San Francisco Giants, 841192; Seattle Mariners, 841191; Atlanta Braves, 841189; Colorado Rockies, 841190.



LaBatt USA has released their Blue Light Lime in a 16oz aluminum bottle. Finally something not in an alumi-tek bottle.

Cold Spring Brewing has released 5 aluminum bottles for some of their specialty brews. They are the usual alumi-tek bottles but these are shrink wrapped. Probably helps Cold Spring to save a little money. Released are: Cran-Razz, Honey Almond Weiss, IPA, Sweet Tea Lime and Moonlight Ale. A sixth bottle, Olde Johnnie Amber, to be released soon.



# Soda Bottles

## Brad Ambruso ABC# 007

The U.S. release of soda in aluminum bottles has been a little slow so we'll knock it out first. About the only bottle to take note of is the Oskar Blues B. Stiff & Sons Root Beer. Released about the same time as the Chaka's, it's turning out to be a tough one to find.

With the Olympics coming up and the recent UEFA Soccer Championships in Poland, it has been like opening up the floodgates for new Coke releases. Not being a collector of soda bottles I find it somewhat hard to keep track of all these. The ABC Chapter website is kept somewhat updated and is the place to go for more information on any bottle. Just for the purpose of quick identification and to give you an idea of what's out there, listed below is just a sample of some of the international bottles released/being released this summer.



UK, Coke Olympic Torch Relay    UK, Coke Olympic Union Jack    UK, Coke Olympic Gold UJ    Australia, Coke Zero Olympics    France, Coke Olympics    Norway, Coke Olympics    Australia, Diet Coke



Austria, Coke UEFA    France, Coke UEFA    Spain, Coke UEFA 1    Spain, Coke UEFA 2    Spain, Coke UEFA 3    UK, Diet Coke Gaultier    France, Coke Light Gaultier



Italy, Pepsi Twist

# Foreign Bottles

## Juan Carlos De Marco ABC# 03 I

When signs of the recession gave indication that our beloved collection pieces were going to be increasingly scarce, the breweries of the world reinforce their commitment to these containers.

In this article we are going to present new pieces, but we're also going to look at small differences in bottles that have been reprinted.

**GERMANY:** Here we present these two beautiful bottles of the BIT-BURGER brand which held two important aspects: the income of the brewery to market this type of packaging, and its agreement with the German Soccer League, as an official sponsor, in the most popular sport in the world. DOUBLE HIT !!!

Also the Bavarians gave us an interesting surprise; 52% of beer with 48% of citrus fruits, a very popular combination in Mexico and Spain, which turns off the thirst and avoids getting too drunk...LOL. The Sprizz FRÜH presents allegorical drawings of the city of Köln/Cologne, very attractive... A really beautiful piece.



**SPAIN:** The Spanish did not stop their parade to be “always present”. In fact, there is an apparent competition between brands leading manufacturers of beer to show the best designers at their service.

San Miguel is the leader in this aspect a bit, and they bring us two editions linked to the arrival of the summer “fresh and youthful”, and celebrating the dispute of the final of the “Copa del Rey” (King’s Cup) by team Athletic Club de Bilbao, the Basque countries most popular team.

Spanish Islands are not lagging behind, and while Ibiza launches a spectacular ISLEÑA always warm and with vivid colors, the Canary Islands respond with its traditional TROPICAL with colors colder and conventional. A style in every one of the breweries.



**LUXEMBOURG:** Here we see what I pointed out at the beginning of the article. Luxembourg has not edited the cosmetics on their cabottles, but has changed the stoppers in two of its traditional brands: BOFFERDING and SIMON. In the first bottle the silver screw cap now has a green cap, and in the second bottle the silver crown cap has been changed to a red one.

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**JAPAN:** ASAHI changed up their Super Dry and Clear bottles in the last edition and they went ahead and did it again. This time a much more noticeable change with diagonal logos.



**FRANCE:** The French do not seem to be seduced by aluminum bottles, but after a long time with little news, the PHENIX has arrived to go with the HP2 beer from last edition. It's a novel mixture of beer with essence of Guarana (Brazilian tropical fruit) and Apple juice.

Heineken France also changed up their white Icone bottle, removing the limited edition from the bottom front and sides. Must not be too limited any longer so hopefully it's easier to find.

**BRAZIL:** For those who also collect the cabottles with the stickers of the importers, here I present the Luxembourg SIMON exported to Brazil.



**CANADA:** The Canadians had a flurry of activity a few years ago with aluminum bottles then it just tapered off. Finally Molson/Coors has delivered three new Alumi-Tek bottles. The COORS LIGHT regular aluminum bottle along with an Iced Tea/Beer variation. Not forgetting their MOLSON brand, they also released an aluminum bottle for the 'Red Leaf' project.

HEINEKEN is a universal brand, and for all the collectors it is difficult to locate in one particular area because they are produced in all parts of the world. As a product of my researching, I have found this model of the long neck, with the large silver star, to have the following numbers:



- 1001 (in Portuguese)
- 1001 (in Chinese and other languages)
- 1002
- 1003
- 1004
- 1005

- 1006 (Boxal made)
- 1006 (Alusport made)

If you know of any other variations, please let me know so we can document properly..

# What's New in A-B?!

## Brad Ambruso ABC# 007

Budweiser this year has just released four baseball battles so far. They seem to be sticking with commemoratives for the teams special events.

Budweiser Boston Red Sox/Fenway Park 100th, 501934 redemption was the first to arrive quickly followed by the Budweiser New York Mets/50th Anniversary, 501933 redemption. Both of these bottles are somewhat hard to find and eBay seems to be the best option for now.

The Budweiser Kansas City Royals/All-Star Game, 501906 redemption and the Budweiser St Louis Cardinals/11 Time Champs, 501926 redemption, came out later in the summer.

The long awaited change to the Bud Light Lime, 501848 redemption (non-redem and 3.2 not verified), has finally arrived. A much different design from previous bottles, finally going with an all green bottle. The crown was also changed a little, notice the swoosh is much wider than before,



Budweiser RSox/Fenway    
 Budweiser Mets 50th    
 Budweiser Royals/All Star    
 Budweiser Cards 11 Time



Bud Light Lime    
 Budweiser Bowtie White    
 Bud Light Kings Champs    
 Budweiser Heat Champs

In the last issue we discussed the new Budweiser 'Bowtie' bottle which finally gave us something different. Well, A-B didn't waste any time changing the new 'Bowtie' bottle, 501986 redemption (non-redeem and 3.2 not verified), by making the white look almost painted. The earlier version has a silver tint to it.

Bud Light LA Kings Champs bottle, 501985 redemption, has been verified. A much brighter and noticeable bottle than the hockey commemoratives of the past.

A-B seems to be releasing a commemorative for just about all the championships played in the U.S. so why not another for basketball. The Budweiser Miami Heat Champions bottle, 501963 redemption, has been released. The design is similar to all the baseball bottles we have seen and they are starting to finally get into circulation, shouldn't be too hard to find.

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After patiently waiting all summer, the Budweiser Olympic Sponsor bottle, 501903 redemption, 501902 non-redem (3.2 not verified), has been released nationally. I was happy to see that there was just one bottle design released but somewhat surprised to see all the different crowns. The bottles were capped with 5 different crowns, if you're a stickler for variations, that could lead to 15 bottles to hunt down, once the 3.2 is verified.



Budweiser Olympics

Budweiser Carrera Cup

A new one for the Asian market has caught most of us by surprise. The Budweiser Porsche Carrera Cup bottle, 501976, is still pending release in China. One can only hope that once it gets released some of our friends from Asia will come through.



Bud Light California

The Bud Light California Republic bottle, 502030 redemption, is out and obviously being released in California. Pretty much a standard Bud Light bottle with a California map on two sides. Nice to see something different but what if they go on a rampage with all the states, maybe time to add shelves, again...

As A-B is on a roll with the championship bottles, there seems to have been a surge in the unintended release bottles making their way into circulation. First the Rangers, then the Patriots and now a Budweiser Oklahoma Thunder bottle, 501963 3.2, has surfaced. Notice the number is the same as the Heat bottle.

A couple in the hopper for later release have been discovered. Bud Light Lime looks to jump into the football season with a somewhat generic bottle. Notice the football laces on the swoosh on the front panel and neck. No word yet as to any particular team sponsorships with Bud Light Lime but sure this will be a national release.



Budweiser OKC Thunder

Bud Light Lime Football

Budweiser Made in America

Finally another one to be on the lookout for from Budweiser. The Made in America bottle should also be a national release and once all the Olympic bottles start to disappear from the store shelves, these should roll in.

# The Art of Shipping Full Bottles (revisited)

## Bob Renforth ABC# 001

Since I wrote the original article for the Feb-Apr newsletter in 2008 and after receiving numerous packages of bottles in the mail (good and bad), I have learned a few more things in regards to shipping bottles. Mainly, that care in shipping bottles does not only pertain to shipping full bottles.

With the introduction of Ball's Alumi-Tek bottles, special care is required when shipping them empty. Why you may ask? Well, it appears that if you tighten the lid down on the bottle, it forms such a seal that the bottle decompresses when in flight as an air filled can does, totally destroying the bottle. Who woulda thunk it?

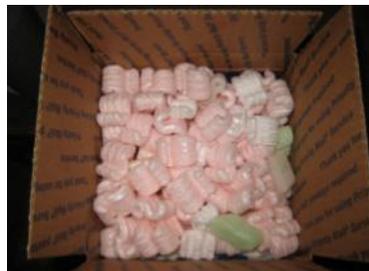
Do not let this discourage you, as there are a few options you can take in order to prevent this. One, you can remove the lids and place them in a zip lock bag and place them in the shipping box, or two, after threading the cap on the bottle with one or two threads, tape it down to the bottle. Both options work and should prevent any damage to the bottles.



Here are a few Do's and Don'ts (see original article for more) to follow while preparing for your next shipment.

1. Do use an inner container (such as tubes or another box) if possible (especially when shipping full bottles).
2. When an inner container is not feasible, wrap bottles in new bubble wrap (a must) and secure bottles together with tape so they do not bang around in the box.

1. Do not ship full and empty bottles together. Full bottles have a tendency to become bullies while in transit.
2. Do not wrap bottles in newspaper or plastic grocery bags alone, throw them in a box and consider that suitable packaging. Remember, the Post Office is not our friends.



Some may complain that this is too much effort for shipping bottles. That the extra weight is going to increase the postage. If you think about it, taking the extra time in packing things right will prevent one from having to replace any damaged bottles and pay for more postage. No one likes getting an unwanted surprise when receiving a box of bottles, and the last thing you want to do is lose a trading partner due to your own negligence.

Good luck with your next shipment friends!

## FREE BEER in Aluminum Bottles!

Free beer? In an aluminum bottle? Delivered to you?

That's exactly what the folks at Carling offered for the Big Jubilee Lunch on June 3 in England. June 3 was when Queen Elizabeth was crowned.

As the official beer for the Jubilee, Carling said you could go on the Carling website and claim a free aluminum bottle of Carling for "every adult attendee in your Jubilee party. Then they would deliver the beer to your address. Sounds almost too good to be true.

There were only be 300,000 aluminum bottles of Carling made available for this generous promotion. No doubt, there were some restrictions and some legal terms and conditions.

But, all in all, it sounds like a "jolly good deal"!

*Excerpts taken from an article at [elementalcontainer.wordpress.com](http://elementalcontainer.wordpress.com)*



## Get Out and Take in a Show

Jul 6-7	Cloquet, MN	Cloquet Northeastern Saloon & Hotel Show
Jul 7	Little Rock, AR	Sizzle 'n Sweat Sponsored by Ar-Can-Sas
Jul 11-14	Utica, NY	ECBA 40th Annual Convention
Jul 13-14	Dayton, OH	38th Annual Ohio Mini-CANvention
Jul 15	Medina, OH	30th Annual Summer Blast
Jul 20-21	Zion Crossroads, VA	Monticello Extravaganza XXI
Jul 21	Frankenmuth, MI	Mid-Michigan SUMMERSWAP
Jul 21	Albuquerque, NM	Roadrunner Chapter Show
Jul 26-28	Altoona, IA	Beer, Soda & Bottles Collectibles MEGA SHOW
Jul 28	Depew, NY	Simon Pure Summer Show
Jul 29	Joliet, IL	Hartog Memorial Picnic and Trade Session
Aug 3-4	Branson, MO	Branson Breweriana Extrava"CAN"za
Aug 4	Prescott, AZ	Kramer's Prescott Show! Everybody's Hometown!
Aug 11	Spring Hill, FL	Sunset Lounge Bash Sponsored by Gator Traders
Aug 11-12	Milwaukie, OR	15th Annual Cascade Chapter Garage Sale
Aug 11	Schnecksville, PA	Horlacher - Weekender Show & Picnic
Aug 11	Chippewa Falls, WI	A Day at LEINIES Sponsored by North Star Chapter
Aug 17-19	Omaha, NE	30th Midwest Brewerian Convention
Aug 18	Haverhill, MA	New England Beer Show Sponsored by Pickwick
Aug 19	Green Bay, WI	Packnic 2012 Sponsored by Packer
Aug 30-Sep 1	Springfield, MA	BCCA CANvention 42
Sep 8	Denver, CO	Fall Show Sponsored by Columbine Chapter
Sep 22	Portland, OR	35th Annual OKTOBERFEST Swap Meet
Sep 23	Topeka, KS	18th Fall Topeka Beer Can & Breweriana Show
Sep 28-29	State College, PA	ECBA / Olde Froth FallFest

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Oct 5-6	Maplewood, MN	39th ANNUAL GUZZLE 'N TWIRL
Oct 6	Scottsdale, AZ	Pinnacle Peak Oktoberfest Show!
Oct 7	Elk Grove Village, IL	OktoBIERfest Show Sponsored by Westmont Stroh's
Oct 12-13	North Canton, OH	2nd Annual HALL OF FAME Brewery Collectibles Show
Oct 13	Des Moines, WA	33rd Annual Oktoberfest Sponsored by Rainier Chapter
Oct 13	Liverpool, NY	Congress Insanity Sponsored by Congress
Oct 14	Tokyo, Japan	BCC of Japan Trade Show
Oct 14	Joliet, IL	Prison City Chapter Trade Session
Oct 14	Medina, OH	26th Annual Octobeer Can & Breweriana Blast
Oct 20-21	Tulsa, OK	Progress Chili Cookoff Sponsored by Progress
Oct 20	Newton, IA	4th Annual Newton I80 Breweriana Show
Oct 20	Kennebunkport, ME	Federal Jack's Sponsored by Pickwick
Oct 21	Milltown, NJ	The Mike Grant Memorial Full Moon Show
Oct 26-27	Wilkes Barre, PA	Coal Cracker Oktoberfest Sponsored by Coal Cracker
Oct 26-27	Indianapolis, IN	The Indy Show! Sponsored by IBC Chapter

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

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The ABC is an active at-large chapter of the Brewery Collectibles Club of America, BCCA. In order to be an ABC Member you must be an active BCCA Member.

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. Some of the 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.abchapter.com](http://www.abchapter.com) and your first year at the ABC is covered!

## Final Words

It's been a long run, 5 years and 20 editions, and it's finally time for me to call it quits. I will not be seeking re-election for the Newsletter Editor position at our upcoming CANvention meeting.

I have enjoyed publishing the Cabottle Times and not only have I learned a massive amount about aluminum bottles, but I have also made some great friendships. The people I've worked with on the newsletter have been awesome and many thanks go out to Juan Carlos De Marco, Jerome (Spinney) Spindler, Joe Prin, Bob Renforth, Bruce Gregg, Butch Kroskey and to all who have submitted an article or collection profile over the years.

I will still continue to run the chapter website and forum. And like I say in almost every edition I've published, 'If you're not using the Forum and Website, you're not getting your moneys worth'.

Well obviously, now the chapter needs a Newsletter Editor. If you are interested in the position, simply contact any of our current officers and you can be added to the ballot for the upcoming elections.

Thanks again to all and hope to see most of you at CANvention.

Brad...

