It looks like winter is finally ending and spring is bringing the bloom of new bottles from Bud, Coors and Miller. When you add in the foreign bottles from every corner of the globe, you have an exciting time for our hobby. Spring also brings us a "new" editor for our newsletter. I am sure that some of you have missed the past two issues of the award winning publication. A couple of notes from me is not quite the same. As you can tell, we were able to secure the service of an award winning editor. Please welcome Brad Ambruso back as our editor. Although Brad took a short break, he has been busy maintaining our first class web site and keeping up with the composite list of all bottle issues from around the globe. I think that enough of us kept it up until he decided that doing the newsletter was easier than listening to us ask him to return.

Why do we go to local shows? Let me tell you about an experience I had when I visited the Renner show on April 14th. I have been to this show on several occasions in the past. It usually has about 30 tables and the trading, buying and selling is pretty active, the beverages are cold and the sloppy joes are hot. After I set up my table, I walked around to see what I could find. In the aisle next to me a collector had a box of 6 bottles on top of his totes. Inside this box were the following bottles - Bud Super Bowl Champs San Francisco, New England, and Steelers, an OK City Thunder NBA Champs and a couple black lights which I forgot to ask about since I was so excited (picture on page 3). Unfortunately there wasn't enough change in my cars ashtray to make a purchase. But it does raise the question about just how scarce these bottles might be. We have seen the "loser" bottles show up for just about every major sporting event in the past few years. A lot of hands touch these bottles between the time they are filled and supposedly destroyed. Maybe you will find some of these at a local show also and just maybe they will become more affordable.

On any given day, a dozen or so members visit our forum/web site. They post information about new issues, and often look to trade theirs for yours. If you are part of the majority who do not use this site, you are missing a valuable resource. In the absence of the newsletter, it still offered you the chance to see all the new issues of domestic and foreign bottles, soda and energy bottles, and even new issues of cans from the major breweries. Brad has maintained this site with the same quality that he does with the newsletter. Check here before you buy a new issue bottle from eBay and you might save a few dollars. As a side benefit, you will probably also make a new connection for future trades.

We are still working diligently to have bottles in their own section of the BCCA magazine. Space seems to be the issue now, but we are at least getting them included in the various sections of new issues. For the first time, we will also have a domestic and foreign bottle of the year awarded at CANvention. Look for expanded coverage of bottles in the electronic version of the BCCA newsletter when it gets up and running.

Before I close, I would like to extend a thank you to past president Bob Renforth for all his efforts to get this chapter off the drawing board and into existence. I also want to extend thanks to Tom Fay who served on the board for the past term. Tom was elected Secretary of the national organization. We now have one of our own on the inside.

I hope to see many of you in Fort Wayne in August. CANvention is always a great time. If you happen to run into Brad in the meantime, make sure you welcome him back.
New Members! A hearty welcome to our newest members; Micheal Deegan #224 from Riverville, NY; James Paulik #225 from Alexandria, VA; Michael Underwood #226 from Phoenix, AZ; Roger Brane #227 from Broadview Heights, OH; Timothy Seitz #228 from Warrington, VA and Terry Allen #229 from Bonython, Australia. Welcome back to Patricia Brack #150 from Miami, FL.

Officer position filled: With the interest Brad showed to return as Newsletter Editor, on Apr 8, 2013 a motion was made (per Article VI of the Constitution) by Joe Hobaugh and seconded by Juan Carlos De Marco for Brad Ambruso as Newsletter Editor. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Dues: About half of the chapter members 2012 dues are past due. With the temporary absence of the newsletter, communication has been a little lacking (which the board deeply regrets and has remedied) so if you have not paid, please either send a $5.00 check for your dues to Secretary/Treasurer Butch Kroskey, 2502 Beaver Ave, Monaca, PA 15061. Or, you may also pay your dues via PayPal from the website members page at www.abcchapter.com.
A Few Pictures

The Chapter raffle prizes at CANvention

Checking them tickets, for the grand prize!

Larry Sampson ABC 073
Takes home the Grand Prize
(Bud Thanksgiving Bottle)

Never know what you might find at a local show.

All kinds of activity around the Chapter table
Miller Lite, again in 2012 released bottles for Football season. Like 2011, the bottles do not have any team logos but do sport the teams colors.

Generic Football release in six different variations: 841260 n/r; 841261 redem; 841342 redem, 841343 in n/r, redem, 3.2

- Falcons: 841377 n/r
- Ravens: 841393 n/r
- Panthers: 841388 n/r
- Bears: 841356 redem, 841890 n/r
- Bengals: 841361 n/r
- Cowboys: 841404 redem
- Packers: 841382 redem
- Vikings: 841397 redem
- Eagles: 841372 n/r
- Buccaneers: 841366 n/r
In just a couple months, Miller changed their Lite label twice. Making the label a little smaller and moving the Hops logo to the side. Most notable they added 'It's Miller Time' to the bottom side panel in black and then later changed it to white and red.

Two variations of the Generic baseball bottle also showed up, both redem. If anyone happens to spot the 840609, please let us know.

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A variation for the Vegas bottle surfaced, just minor back panel changes.

Two new MGD variations, again just minor back panel changes and the addition of the 8 digit GAN supplement.

Coors Light’s one and only Hockey bottle to date is for the Washington Capitals.

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Probably in an effort to recoup some of the sales Miller always gets with the football bottles, Coors Light released bottles for nine teams plus a generic.

The only bottle to show a team logo was the Texans (10 Year Anniversary) and all the rest had the team colors mixed into the turf on the bottle graphics.

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Cold Spring released the another of their wrap bottles, this one a Red Raspberry Watermelon cocktail drink.

Oskar Blues and Sun King in another CANlaboration both released ‘The Deuce’, a hopped up brown ale.

Sun King has also started releasing specialty beers. They are using a generic can with stickers on the back to identify the beer. So far a Velvet Fog and Bourbon Barrel Jonah have been released. The Jonah was limited to 250 and available at the brewery only, hence no barcode on the label.

Finally a new comer to the scene is a 22 oz lager from Base Camp Brewing in Oregon, In-Tents IPL.
Dr Pepper release two bottles, much to everyone's surprise, for the 2012 football 'Tailgate' season. Dr Pepper and Dr Pepper 10, both 16oz.

Coke made a few changes to all four of their 8.5 oz bottles. Adding a calorie contents banner to the bottom of the Coke, Diet Coke, Coke Zero and Sprite.

Something a bit different and in a very appealing bottle is the 12oz Cowboy Up energy drink. Release by ZIA beverage and mostly available in Texas, go figure, Texas and Cowboys.

Several addition brands of energy drinks have been popping up on store shelves, making it a somewhat active season for you collectors of everything. (additional pics/info on all these at the chapter website at www.abcchapter.com)

Fuel Energy, 16oz by US Premium Brands is available in four different flavors, 2 pictured.

Snake Eyes, 16oz by Holiday Stations has several flavors and the bottle has that novelty appeal.

Vuka, 16oz by Vuka LLC is a get thru the day type of thing with drinks to Awaken, Renew, Think and Workout. If it actually works, I may have to give it a try to finish this column quicker.

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As always, soda bottles overseas are coming out at a steady click. Seems like when a bottler (especially Coke) comes out with a design, they will use it in several different countries. Makes for a bunch of variations and can get confusing at times. But it can’t be much worse than trying to pick-up all the different variations on a typical US bottle.

Listed here are just a few examples of bottles released around the world over the past few months. As one would expect, a very nice selection of some pretty cool bottles.

The Chapter is still looking for someone to take over the ‘Soda Bottle’ column, preferably someone who collects them. If interested contact the Newsletter Editor.
AUSTRIA: A super limited edition from Austria, which was on sale only for a week, and just at the Vor-dergrub Landhotel in Wirsthaus, Austria, is the Kitz Brau. It is almost a miracle to find it.

NETHERLANDS: Heineken released another 4 bottle series of the Open Your World aluminum bottles (similar to the 2012 series). They are again available in a beautiful cardboard box and this series denotes the years 1889, 1931, 2013 and the Future. They were exported to many countries of the world and they can be purchased in several of them with attached sticker of importer. As usual a great product of the Dutch brewer.

Another Heineken bottle is the “Skyfall”. A cross promotional bottle with the James Bond film makers to promote the latest 007 installment. Edition with phosphorescent paint for the night clubs with black lights. Multi-country release with stickers of importers.

GERMANY: Germany gives us four beautiful bottles this time around. The first from a German microbrewery is White Bob Premium Lager of Pfaffenhofen. A sober and very attractive black bottle.

Salitos, for the lovers of beer with Tequila, has been using this label for years and very pleased to see they finally saw fit to put it on an aluminum bottle.

Warsteiner jumped into aluminum bottles and quickly released two versions. Both bottles are gold with the Warsteiner logo and tagline. One version was a very limited release for the MTV European Music Award which took place in Frankfort. Very similar design as they just added the MTV logo right on the front, a tough variation to find.
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SWITZERLAND: This new edition of the Brauhaus Summerfest/Blanche is a traditional summer season release. This paper label release is adorned with the classical cosmetics and traditional gestures of the countries of Central Europe. Since summer is almost upon us, hopefully Sternen will roll out a few more of these bottles.

SPAIN: Everyone knows what huge soccer fans the Spanish people are, especially with two of the most powerful teams in the world: Barcelona and Real Madrid. Most of the Spanish breweries are still using the soccer fever to catch fans, and Mahou is no exception. This edition of Real Madrid with the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in the background is another striking example of the beauty and creativity of the Spanish bottles.

CANARY ISLANDS (SPAIN): Again this year, Dorada has released a series for Carnaval. As in previous years these bottles boast the design creativity, colors and express the joy of a popular party were Dorada already is a permanent guest. The three bottles in the series are named; Party, Costume and Indianos.

PORTUGAL: Sagres has shaken the market with their version of its new aluminum MINI bottle (also in a glass version). A new and welcome concept, the 250 ml aluminum bottle is a first for Sagres. Small but with big Portuguese heart.

AUSTRALIA: This is what I call elegance in design. Crown Lager continues with its “sharp champagne” to help the Australians who want to retain their identity of manufacturing excellence. Consumers and collectors both are grateful...

CANADA: Aluminum bottles from Canada seem to be coming out in spurts lately. Molson/Coors came out with a few followed by Labatt with a bunch of Budweiser bottles (featured in the AB section) and now Miller has released their MGD up in the Great White North. A distinct change from the US release version which is actually much more appealing and one can hope that they might change the US version to follow suit.

GUATEMALA: 125 years in the beer production is not a small thing and in Guatemala the designers of Gallo, to celebrate this feat, give us this excellent cabottle that everyone would love to have grace their display shelves.

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JAPAN: The Japanese have been flooding the market with aluminum beer bottles from all their brands on every island for years. Suntory is probably not one of the most famous cabottle producers, compared with Kirin, Asahi and Sapporo, so these new editions of containers has somewhat shocked the market. The Suntory Draft and Draft ‘Bombe’ are both 1.4 liter bottles with a mostly brushed silver look. As collectors we love it when the brewers fight and compete to try and gain market share, isn’t that right?

Brewery Aya in Miyazaki is a micro-brewery which is well known for producing some of the best beers in the region. At first glance the two new bottles appear to be same, but for those of you who may happen to read Japanese, I guess it wouldn’t be too hard to determine the regular Beer from the Kolsch, most of us would probably have to go by taste.

Another Japanese microbrewery, Kirishima, has also released two new aluminum bottles. This brewery has been around since 1995 and up until now has mostly bottled with glass and filled growlers at the tasting room. The Classic and Pilsner Classic bottles are both eye-catching and who knows, hopefully we’ll see more micros soon.

China: How could it be expected, the Asian giant could not sit idly by forever without releasing a few bottles of their own. Their most well known brand, Tsingtao, has jumped on board with two new aluminum bottles. The first is a green and white bottle which looks to have some influence from the Heineken Icone bottle.

The red and silver Tsingtao bottle was released for the Chinese New Year. It doesn’t have the Snake all over it like the imported Budweiser bottle, which one might expect since it is the same size and shape. Actually, glancing at it I would say that it is a camouflaged Budweiser...

The ABC is constantly finding, editing, categorizing pictures and information on aluminum bottles worldwide. The foreign bottles, both beer and soda, are always the hardest to find and any assistance you can lend will be greatly appreciated.

Visit the ABC Chapter website and if you have a bottle not listed or can provide additional information, better pictures, etc. on any currently listed bottle, please let us know.

www.abcchapter.com
What’s New in A-B?!
Brad Ambruso ABC# 007

After every baseball season we get a Budweiser World Series Champions bottle and this year was no different with the release of the Giants bottle, 502135 redem.

Football season this year gave us several Bud Lights. First was a Kickoff bottle at the beginning of the season, 502023 n/r, 502026 redem, 502027 3.2.

The Super Bowl bottle, almost identical to last years except for the number and city, obviously since it was in New Orleans. 502066 redem.

Again, like last year, Bud Light also released a team specific bottle for the Baltimore Ravens Super Bowl win, 502025 redem.

In what seems to be a theme, the unintended release of a few of the Bud Light 49ers championship bottles have surfaced, 502025 redem.

I suppose it wouldn’t be St Patrick’s Day without the Budweiser and Bud Light bottles. This year the Budweiser, 502151 redem, 502152 3.2, is similar but has the addition of ‘Limited Edition’ across the bottom. The Bud Light, 502119 redem, 502119 3.2, was changed up even more with a vertical and horizontal panel and the addition of ‘Limited Edition’ across the bottom also.

Budweiser Year or the Snake, 502109, is probably one of the better looking bottles from A-B in a while, well at least since their Year of the Dragon last year.

The Budweiser NBA All-Star bottle, 502111 redem, is the first bottle Bud has released for an All-Star game since 2007. Finally something additional for the NBA season rather than the single championship bottle we usually see.

To catch-up on a few variations mentioned in the last column. The new Budweiser Bowtie has confirmed releases of the n/r 501989 and 3.2 501991 to go along with the 501986 redem.

Bud Light Lime 3.2 501849 has also been confirmed.

Bud Light Lime also released a football bottle which was pictured in the last issue but no number, which is 502021 redem. The change to the cap was a decent idea, too bad they haven’t done it for the regular Bud Lights yet.

Also pictured in the last issue with no number was the Budweiser Made in America bottle, 502065 redem. This bottle turned out to be a local release to the Philadelphia market but still wasn’t very hard to find.

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While we were on the subject of the Made in America bottle, we will get another this year. This time it is to be a national release with contests to win trips and whatever. Release date will be early June.

A bottle that showed up late last year and got everyone excited has turned out to be pretty hard to find, it is the Bud Light Platinum ‘Sensations’ bottle, 502098 redem, 502097 n/r. These bottles were made for the Sensations concert in New York City back in October. There may still be hope in finding these though as Bud Light Platinum is still sponsoring the Sensations concert and 2013 dates are already out.

This Bud Light Platinum bottle, 502163, is 11.5 oz with a twist top. This is one of the first bottles out of the A-B production facility and is being used to test the filler lines, not sure if this will be a regular release bottle or not.

Until now, all of the A-B bottles released in Canada have been imported. Labatt, being A-B’s northern partner for years has started filling them for release up in Canada. In no time at all, we’ve seen 6 new bottles and even though they’re the same Exal bottles, the graphic changes are a welcome change of pace.

Bud Light and Budweiser were the first to show up quickly followed by three Budweiser Hockey bottles, the Calgary Flames, Vancouver Canucks and Winnipeg Jets. All the Bud and BL bottles are 473 ml. Bud Light Platinum got it’s aluminum bottle debut from Canada. Released in a 355 ml bottle, the Platinum caught most of us by surprise and keeps us wondering where is the 16 oz and/or 473 ml. All the Canadian bottles have an 8 digit GAN and the Labatt identifier code.
## Get Out and Take in a Show

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## Join the BCCA and you’re in the ABC!!

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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.

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