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

It is great to have the real newsletter back. It has been noted on several occasions that I don't seem to have any trouble talking, and talking and talking. (I will try to remember that at our next meeting.) But I can tell you this, I was dreading having to produce even a limited Cabottle Times for distribution. Brad did such a great job that there was no way I could do anything that would be of justice to the chapter. I cannot give a big enough **THANK YOU TO Dave Vogl** for taking over the position of editor. I hope you all took the opportunity to read the intro that was sent out regarding this change and will try to find a way to contribute to the continued success of our chapters' publication.

Convention was as much fun as ever. On the positive side, the elevators took you right from your rooms to the entrance of the convention center. The Convention was well organized, and the hotel and convention center staff were very attentive to our needs, and tolerant of our behavior. I am not sure that I liked the fact that there were two separate halls for set up. Being on the airport property posed some logistical problems for "going to town" and quite a few people were never outside of the hotel from the time they checked in until they left. I am also going to cast my vote for atrium style hotels as they are much more conducive for room to room trading. That being said, moving west for a Convention brought in a lot of different members who may have not ventured east for previous Conventions. I had an opportunity to meet collectors I have traded with over the years and make many new friends. The beauty of this hobby is the friendships we make in the quest for the shiny bottles and cans. I look forward to each new city and our journeys to get there. (Maybe I'll fly to Portland though)

It will be interesting to see what the change in our constitution to allow non BCCA members to be ABC Chapter members will mean for CANnoisseurs. The production of new US bottles, both AB and Miller/Coors has slowed down dramatically. The few micro brewers who are putting out bottles have created almost the

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same volume of new issues as the big boys. On the other hand, foreign brewers, and there are a lot of them, are issuing bottles at a pretty good pace. There is an enormous amount of traffic from all over the world visiting our Facebook page and viewing the public portions of our website. Even if you are not collecting the non-US bottles, we could have a large number of these non-US collectors interested in the bottles we carry from show to show in the hope that someone will take the time to find that variation that they are missing. I would rather be trading or buying/selling from a chapter member than a whoever this guy is.

Need a Christmas present for that special CANnoisseurs in your life? Check out the order form in the newsletter for chapter T-shirts. Get one in each of the four colors and you will have the snappiest dressed collector at the show. The order form is on the back page.

2015 dues are due. As in the past, you can mail a \$5.00 check to Butch Kroskey at 2502 Beaver Avenue, Monaca, PA 15061 or make a \$5.50 payment to [treasurer@abcchapter.com](mailto:treasurer@abcchapter.com) through PayPal.

Convention 2015 in Milwaukee will be held in conjunction with the Brewery Collectors World Convention. The BCWC meets every other year, and this will be their first meeting in the US. Our chapter voted unanimously to request membership to the BCWC, and in Milwaukee will be part of the International brotherhood. We will be working with the BCCA to commemorate this event. I should have more detail by the next newsletter.

Finally, a big thank you to all the members who staffed the chapter table, donated raffle prizes, and attended the meeting. I hope to see many of you before the next Convention. Remember, I am always looking for your input on chapter matters, your concerns, complaints or compliments. You can email [billjv@aol.com](mailto:billjv@aol.com) or call me 440-476-7505 because you know I like to talk, and talk and talk.

Bill

PS – a special thanks to the Jersey Shore Chapter for having such a nice 50/50 raffle

Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs  
8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, August 28, 2014 Fort Worth, Texas

## Chapter Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Viancourt #132. Officers and Board member were introduced: Vice President Joe Hobaugh #69, Newsletter Editor Brad Ambruso #7, and Board Members Cristian DeAntoni#195, Juan Carlos De Marco #31, and Joe Germino #4. The president also introduced the founding member of the ABC chapter, Bob Renforth #1, who was in attendance at the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Butch Kroskey #8 was unable to attend due to medical reasons.

Vice President Joe Hobaugh #69 read the minutes from the previous meeting. Al Kell #17 moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Kurt Schmidt #111.

President Bill Viancourt #132 gave an abbreviated Treasures report. At this moment, the balance of accounts was \$2,907.44 with no outstanding debts. We had 121 paid members and have recently purged 32 members for non-payment of dues.

**OLD BUSINESS CHAIR:**

President Bill Viancourt #132 reminded all members about the importance in participating in the nomination of bottles of the year. He also indicated that there were no responses to the tabled issue of becoming involved in some form of philanthropic activity revolving around our hobby. The idea will be revisited based on interest expressed by the membership. Bill reminded everyone that the chapter still had plenty of T shirts available for sale.

Newsletter Editor Brad Ambruso #7 announced his resignation from his position as editor. With the help of the board, he is actively looking for a replacement. He also talked about the use of the chapter Facebook page. There has been a great amount of traffic and he will continue to monitor the activity. He also indicated that the Website is currently being updated. Brad will continue to be the "webmaster" for the site. The President, will send an abbreviated version of the newsletter every two months until a new editor is found.

**Old Business FLOOR:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS CHAIR:**

President Bill Viancourt #132 announced that dues for most members were due at this time. Dues will be collected at the end of the meeting and at the chapter table tomorrow and Saturday.

Juan Carlos De Marco #31 gave a report about the upcoming Brewery Collectors World Convention that will be held in conjunction with the BCCA Convention in 2015 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They are expecting a sizeable number of foreign members to be present. As aluminum bottles are a major collecting area for these members, Juan asked the chapter to participate in the activities involving banners and signage at Convention.

John Fatura #15 spoke about the desire of the BCCA to work with the BCWC on Convention activities.

Juan Carlos De Marco #31 made a motion the ABC chapter become a member of the BCWC. He stated that there would be no cost to join. Keith Bennett #138 from Australia affirmed the desire of the BCWC to have the ABC as a member organization. Motion was seconded by Steve Blume #13. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

President Bill Viancourt #132 reopened a discussion about the failed vote from 2012 to allow non BCCA members to belong to the ABC Chapter.

A very lengthy discussion followed. Bob Renforth #1, Toby Hicks #5, John Fatura #15, Tom Fay #92, and Bruce Gregg #3 all spoke of the original intention of the chapter to be exclusive to BCCA members. Toby Hicks #5 clarified the fact that two officers and 10 members are needed to have a chapter affiliated with the BCCA. Bruce Hicks indicated that less than 10 of the 109 active chapters had the requirement of membership in the BCCA to belong to their chapter. Kurt Schmidt #111 made the motion to allow non BCCA members to become members of the ABC Chapter. Juan Carlos De Marco #31 seconded the motion. The motion passed by the count of 22 for and 19 against.

Toby Hicks #5 made a motion to set dues for non BCCA members at \$10.00 per year. Juan Carlos De Marco #31 seconded the motion. The motion failed by a count of 18 for and 19 against.

Election of Officers – The chair presented the slate of officers for the next two years:

President - Bill Viancourt #132;

Vice President - Joe Hobaugh #69;

Secretary/Treasurer - Butch Kroskey #8 Secretary/Treasurer; and

Board Members - Cristian De Antoni #195, Juan Carlos De Marco #31, and Joe Germino #4.

There was no nomination from the board for the position of Newsletter Editor. There were no other members who had indicated a desire to run for any office. The floor was open for nominations. Al Kell #17 moved to accept the slate of officers presented. Ron Geisler #121 seconded. By acclamation, the motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brad Ambruso #7 and was seconded by Steve Blume #13 at 6:00.

Raffle Prizes - Ron Geisler won a Bud Light Patriots bottle;

Juan Carlos De Marco won a Bud Cardinals loser bottle.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Hobaugh

Vice President

ABC# 069 BCCA 29845



Thanks to Tobi Hicks #5 for the photos



## Chapter Tid-Bits

**New members!** A hearty welcome to our newest member; who joined at the CANvention: Robert Brack #236, Jeff Campbell #237, and Alejandro Reynaud #238 who also joined the BCCA.



**Chapter T-Shirts:** Don't be left out at your local shows or CANvention as the best dressed CANnoisseurs will be wearing their chapter t-shirts. You can get yours at any time by simply sending an email to Bill Viancourt at [billjv@aol.com](mailto:billjv@aol.com) or giving him a

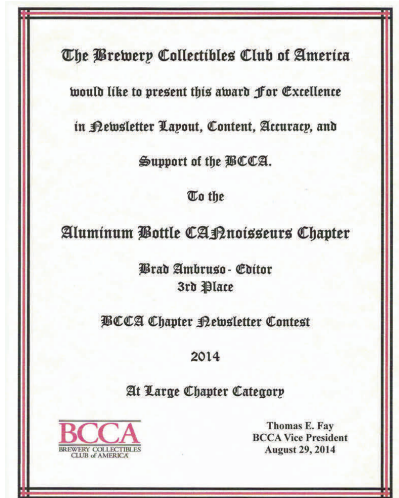


call at 440-476-7505. We have shirts available in sizes from Med to XXXL and shirts come in Royal Blue, White, Grey, and Wine with the ABC logo on front and either the logo or our QR code on back. Shirts are \$15 each or 2 for \$25. Shipping is \$5.00 for any order of 1 or 2 shirts. Check out the order form on the back page.

**Congratulations:** Once again, our newsletter was an award winner announced at the BCCA CANvention this year. Congratulations to Brad and the newsletter contributors for winning third place in the At Large Chapter Category.

**Dues:** The ABC Chapter dues, as always, are still \$5 per year. If you haven't renewed for 2015, contact our treasurer to keep yourself are in good standing.

**Forum/Facebook:** The ABC Chapter website is the best reference for cabottle collectors. If you have a cabottle that isn't shown, please contact Brad ASAP. Our Facebook page is extremely popular and should be a useful tool for gaining new members. The Facebook page can be found by simply typing abcchapter into your Facebook search box.



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

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.

ABC Chapter members receive three information packed newsletters, a membership roster, members only forum areas and several other perks offered from time to time.

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





## CANvention HAPPENINGS!

CANvention 44 in the Dallas (Grapevine), Texas was another exciting show. The overall attendance was on the low side, but if you attended and didn't have a good time its your own fault. I've been to 29 CANventions, and look forward every year seeing members from all over the US and lately International and share beers and stories with everyone.

Although we were at an airport hotel, this hotel was very lax with their occupancy rules compared to other hotels who have hosted our group. Case in point, from personal experience with the Hyatt hotels we've stayed at, the others were real sticklers regarding beer distribution (serving) areas where you can carry open containers and even open rooms after certain hours. I didn't experience any of these issues and our own membership actually poured beer at the watering holes and hospitality rooms that were open which seemed endless (from Tuesday night until Saturday early morning). Yes there were hotel employees monitoring consumption, but beer flowed continuously.

I would like to give the CANvention Committee and local chapters kudos for the quality of beer served throughout the whole CANvention. Definitely a fantastic variety of beers were available and consumed. (Maybe it was good the attendance was down because I know I consumed more than my fair share!!) I believe the Hyatt DFW used common sense and actually evaluated our group the first two nights to see if our CANvention was going to turn into an Animal House Frat Party. I'm sure we surprised them!!

Since I flew into DFW, I did have limited space for the new cabottles and cans I could obtain. Lately I have been focused on cabottles, sports cans and craft brewery cans. The BCCA Supply Store has a tote bag that is real convenient and durable and enables you to travel with 2 totes of cans which I modified to bring a supply of cabottles and craft beer can traders. Usually your trading stock gets there in good shape and carrying an extra bag on planes is cheaper than sending your stock by mail, UPS or Fed-ex.

Since I've been very involved with the BCCA on different levels for quite a number of years, my room to room is kind of limited as is my time on the trade floor. My trading method over the last few years has been to locate previous trade partners and get what I can from them and then free lance. It usually works. This year however, it didn't work to my favor because I lost a few cabottles I saw that I didn't have time to trade for or when I went back it was gone. My loss but now I have hopes of finding the ones I missed at future shows. I did rather well as I picked up 11 new cabottles and over 50 new sports or craft cans (a lot of them filled so I had a chance to sample new brews!).

Meetings! This is where a lot of my time is consumed. I attended the BCCA Board Meeting and 5 At-large chapter meetings including the tail end of the ABC meeting. Just to make an observation, the ABC meeting was the most well attended meeting of all of them. I hope its because cabottles are still an upcoming and active part of the hobby. Congrats on all who attended! Since this is the main meeting for the chapter each year, I know it can be rather boring going over elections, by-law changes, Bill's ramblings and pleas for newsletter articles to name a few things. This year was no exception.

We did have an issue that we revisited and again spurred numerous discussion. A motion was made to allow non-BCCA members to become chapter members. The vote went in favor of the motion and we now according to some of the discussions have the potential to increase our chapter membership and open up new trading partners. My personal opinion is while I like the opportunity to bring in new members to the chapter, I still believe the benefits derived from that member joining the BCCA only strengthens our parent organization. I suggest that we keep this in mind when we receive new chapter membership requests and still send BCCA applications after signing

them up. A word of caution since we approved this amendment to the by-laws, when trading, buying, selling to non BCCA members, be sure they are stand up collectors, because a member of the BCCA would have a history of collecting and the BCCA can assist with any delinquent trades and also advise of scams. So buyer or trader beware. Because of my time constraints attending meetings, I want to thank all chapter members who spent time at the raffle table. I think spending an hour or so at the table you get to meet new collectors and talk to other chapter members. Congrats to all who donated time.

### **LAST BUT NOT LEAST!**

As you may or may not know, I was in the running for BCCA Hall of Fame. This was my third shot as the previous years I lost to some very qualified recipients. This year the competition was equally challenging. As I walked around the CANvention and encountered numerous friends and members (some members I wasn't acquainted with) quite a few boosted my confidence by indicating they voted for me and I was going to win this year.

For those of you in attendance during the banquet, there was no surprise at how elated I was when my picture appeared on the screen during the announcement. If you really want to know how elated I am about being elected to the BCCA Denver Wright Hall of Fame, just open up your roster and look up the list of previous recipients of this award. Everyone from founding fathers, to long term contributors, to still active club members have been awarded this honor. Trust me when I tell you I was on cloud 16 (the size of the cabottles I prefer!) when I accepted this award. It seemed like an eternity during the applause, picture taking, hand shaking and kisses for me to fully realize I was being recognized by members of the BCCA for accomplishments to the club and hobby. I was also thoroughly pleased that a member who I have become very good friends with awarded me the plaque, President Doug Groth. Doug will be the first to tell you I roped him into donating time to the BCCA as Supply Chairman and now he's one of the has-been presidents who helped run this club. Be aware, I may rope one of you into serving the club as a board member or future officer!

**THANK YOU ALL WHO VOTED FOR ME TO HELP ME ATTAIN THIS MILESTONE IN OUR CLUB AND HOBBY!**

**CHEERS!**

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# What's New in A-B?!

## Brad Ambruso ABC# 007

Although I am no longer your Newsletter Editor, I still enjoy writing the occasional column for new AB releases. I will try and keep this column up to the standard you've all grown accustomed to and of course your input is always welcome when new releases arrive and/or I've missed something.

Let's jump right in with a yearly staple. The Budweiser and Bud Light St Patrick's Day bottles were both released back in March. Both are similar to the 2013 release with just a few minor differences on the bottles, mostly just the back panels.

A commemorative for a supermarket?! Well, why not. Bud Light released a twist top bottle for the 75th anniversary of Schnucks supermarkets, a popular chain around St. Louis.

It has been a long time since Budweiser Select changed up their label. I was actually beginning to wonder if AB was still putting it in aluminum bottles. Well finally a three sided bottle has been released. One side is similar to older styles with the horizontal label while another side has incorporated a large 'Select' vertically. A welcome change and a new silver text crown to go with it. Another baseball season and another All-Star Game bottle. This year the game was up in Minneapolis and this bottle has proven to be a bit harder to find than years past. Other than that, it's pretty much the same we see every year with the team logo, All-Star with year in the large V on bottle front. Maybe next year AB will change things up a bit.

Still on the subject of baseball is another Budweiser bottle for the 2013 World Series, Fall Classic. It was not a team specific bottle and was to be sold at either stadium during the games. For some reason they were never released. Not sure why as it would have been a cool souvenir for anyone attending a World Series game. A few did escape the recycle bin and a little pricey but not too hard to find. Maybe AB will try them again for this years World Series, fingers crossed....

A new tradition that AB seems to have started is releasing a Super Bowl championship bottle at the end and beginning of the season. In keeping with this Bud Light released a twist top bottle for the Seahawks Super Bowl win. Bottle is pretty much a carbon copy of the first bottle with the obvious difference of the twist top making it stand out. With every Super Bowl winner there has to be a loser. In

yet another AB tradition, making bottles well in advance of events, another 'unintended' sports release is floating around. The Bud Light Broncos Super Bowl championship bottle is circulating around. As is the story with all the 'Loser' bottles, somewhat tough to find and when found, expensive.



St Pats Day  
502387 redem  
502392 3.2

St Pats Day  
502385 redem  
502386 3.2

Schnucks  
502423 redem

Bud Select  
502218 redem



All-Star  
502365 redem

Fall Classic  
502274 redem

Seahawks  
502439 redem

Broncos  
502398 redem



The waiting and wondering can finally come to an end. Budweiser has released a twist top aluminum bottle. They went with a retro type design to include ingredients, world renowned and the older style logo with the banner. A very different and distinctive look. The cap design is similar to the 2nd issue of the red crown used on the pry top bottles.



Bud Light Platinum made a few changes to the 11.5 oz twist top bottle. The neck logo seems to have been squared up and the front logos are a bit smaller and cleaner looking.



Sticking with Bud Light Platinum we have a new version and an additional size



bottle from our northern friends. The Canadian 355 ml pry top changed from 'Bud Light' to 'BL' on the main panels. Also cleaned up all the writing on the bottom.



The new 340 ml twist top Platinum bottle has a similar design to the new pry off version. Everything is shifted down a bit to make room for the cap which is a more distinct blue than its U.S. counterpart.

Some of you may recall that in the last issue I released as your editor there was an article about the upcoming Budweiser World Cup bottles. That article had hinted that there were to be about 40 different releases for the same amount of countries. Well that does not seem to have been the case, thankfully, for my sanity anyway. Currently there are confirmed about 20 different Budweiser bottles.

This number includes all the 'sticker' variations, which have all used the same bottle and the 'Bud' variation which has been used in four countries so far.

Two U.S. Bud Light variations are also confirmed which we'll talk about first. AB pretty much took their new twist top bottle and made a few changes for the World Cup. A small FIFA trophy on the neck and the official beer tag line on the bottle along with limited edition is about it for the Bud Light.

The Budweiser gold 'Rise as One' bottle has to be one of the most distinct and eye catching Budweiser bottles to date. The all gold bottle with the Budweiser bowtie on one side and the FIFA trophy on the other stands out on any shelf. Although a national U.S. release, there appears to have just been the redemption bottle, no signs of a non-redem or 3.2 version. If anyone can verify any addition U.S. variations, please let me know.



To go along with the Budweiser bottle is a new all gold crown. The regular version, pictured left, was also used on





The first of the Budweiser World Cup bottles to show up was the 355 ml bottle from China. Filled by Wuhan Brewing the bottle has Chinese writing on both main panels.

The 473 ml Chinese bottle was an export and like the 355 bottle it too has Chinese writing on the panels.

The Canadian version from LaBatt Brewing has French writing at the top and bottom of the main panels. A unique crown was also used for Canada, again with French writing along the bottom.



China 355 ml  
No GAN number

China  
502396

Canada  
LaBatt 50353766

The two China and the Canadian are the only 'Budweiser' bottles with noticeable differences on the main panels. With that said let's now discuss the 502395 bottle. The 502395 is identical to the U.S. 502294 except for the side panel. This bottle is NOT a U.S. non-redem or a U.K. bottle. First glance at the back panel could sway one either way. This bottle was produced in the U.S. and filled in U.K. by AB InBev to be used as an export bottle for countries where a sticker would be applied for their particular mandates. So far, as I'm sure there are more that haven't surfaced yet, this bottle was used for Argentina (pictured), Ecuador, Paraguay (pictured), Peru, Singapore (no sticker applied in Singapore) and Thailand (pictured).



Brazil  
AMBEV  
No GAN

Australia  
502382

Korea  
502383

U.K.  
AB InBev  
T1491



Additional Budweiser bottles with the only noticeable differences being on the side panels include Brazil, filled by AMBEV.

Australia and Korea were both export bottles, again with the only noticeable difference being the side panel and GANs.

In addition to filling all the 502395 bottles for export, AB InBev also released a bottle for the U.K. market. Like most of the other Budweiser's the main differences are on the side panel. They did change up the crown a bit, making it metallic and removing the 'Pry Off'.





Russia  
LaBatt 50353261

Ukraine  
LaBatt  
50353265

There are several countries where 'Budweiser' is trademarked by another company or the word itself is in some kind of a legal dispute. To get around this AB has been re-branding Budweiser products using 'Bud'. Being a Budweiser can collector also, I've been dealing with this for years. We've never seen them do this on aluminum bottles, till now...

All the Bud 'Rise as One' bottles main panels are the same. Like most of the Budweiser's the differences are all on the side panels. Both bottles for Russia and Ukraine were filled by LaBatt Brewing in Canada. They also both used the regular 'Bud. Gold crown.

France and Italy were both filled by AB InBev in U.K. The 'Bud' gold crowns for France and Italy are the metallic version.

Some of these 'Bud' bottles may have been for multi country re-



France  
AB InBev  
T1559

Italy  
AB InBev  
T1562



lease. If you happen to run across what might be considered a new variation, please remember to check the number first, and as always, let me know. I am sure addition World Cup variations will show up. If you happen to find one, again please let me know so it can be documented here and in the website galleries.

With the World Cup being such a big event, novelty items were bound to show up. Both 'Budweiser' and 'Bud' bottles were packaged in the commemorative tubes. They are kinda like a Pringles container with clear cellophane where either the 'Budweiser' or 'Bud' on the bottle can be seen. Gift shops, duty free and even some distributors had these available and they were usually sold as singles.

A few in the works: The Bud Light 2014 NFL Kickoff bottle was to be out by now but no sign of it. Twist top 502427 if it shows up.

We've seen the new Budweiser 'Retro' twist top bottle. Depending on how long the campaign lasts, the 'Bowtie' may be next, 502436.

All Bud Light twist tops which may be out by the time this is published include; NFL 'Whatever' bottle 502433, LA Kings 2014 Championship bottle 502474 and the San Antonio Spurs 2014 Championship bottle 502473.



## Foreign Bottles

### Juan Carlos De Marco ABC# 031

Today we return to the path of information qualified to not only control our collections, but to enjoy the beautiful designs that appear in the world and find the CABottles that most interest us.

A small paragraph to my friend Dave Vogl, who assumed the responsibility of being the editor of this Magazine, wishing him big success and my commitment to do the best in my articles. Let's go to the news!

#### RWANDA

We haven't seen aluminium bottles produced on the African continent except South Africa. This Skol designed and manufactured in Rwanda, surely will be the beginning of new editions. Welcome!



#### SPAIN (Ibiza) – CANADA - and MEXICO?

Here we have some difficulty of figuring out the sources, at least for one of them. Look for the differences at the base of each bottle in the inscription. From left to right, the first is the most known model, which appeared in the SUN SET concert in Ibiza (Spain) on 29 August of this year. The second has its origin in Canada, and the third, theoretically is from Mexico, but it happens that after connected with the Mexican collectors from different regions, no one has seen it there. For this reason we can not be assured of its origin. But the photo is real, so we will soon find where is it from.



#### MEXICO

Continuing appearances commemorating the Soccer World Cup, CORONA in Mexico developed this magnificent set of CABottles.

The uniqueness of this set is because the bodies are basically all equal, but what really changes are their Crown Caps, each has a letter and in continuous form spell the word MEXICO.

Very original and eye-catching.





**SPAIN**



Again another sober edition of the already customary Spanish “Island” , always with the basic white and little cosmetics. Delicate and elegant.

Last year the BCAA members, elected one of the CABottles of DORADA “Carnival” set as the most beautiful of the foreign aluminum beer bottles.

This new apparence of the 2014 “Carnival” set surely will make the three CABottles close on repeating the award.



**BRAZIL**



Brazil seems that it will not stop the production of beer bottled in aluminum. Until now only was Budweiser, OPA , Skol and Brahma, but now here is the ANTARCTICA CABottle, a beautiful bottle on soft colors and the traditional double Penguin logo. This edition is exclusively appearing in the city of Rio de Janeiro, so it will be difficult to obtain.



Also breaking the dominance of Budweiser is Brahma, and for the second time is the appearance of OPA. Now Germania brewery launches to the market with an excellent golden CABottle that boasts its content has captivated the Brazilians.

But Brahma is Brahma, so it will never let competitors take advantage of the market. So, while their competition appears with new proposals, Brahma, with their black version with gold writing, is placed at the forefront of local and international tastes.





This is also from Brazil, but we have not been able to determine its brewery or its particular details. But we will when we could see it on our shelves. It is a challenge of waiting to reach our hands.

In that rare mix of French-Mexican identity, SALITOS goes on sale with this limited edition, in Brazil! One rare element for beer with lemon that rages in the U-20 segment.



## PERU

For those (like me) looking for the collection bottles up to the smallest detail, we add for the listing of the Budweiser RISE from the World Cup of soccer in Brazil, this sticker with the importer from PERU.

If you still don't know how many are, here is what is known so far:

FRANCE: Bud #T1559

ITALY: Bud #T1562

RUSSIA: Bud 50353261

UKRAINE: Bud 50353265

USA: Budweiser 502294

USA: Budweiser 502395 (Used for numerous countries adding import stickers): ARGENTINA - ECUADOR – PERÚ – PARAGUAY – SINGAPORE - THAILAND

AUSTRALIA: Budweiser 502382

BRAZIL: Budweiser AMBEV (no serial number)

CANADA: Budweiser 50353766 and 50353607

CHINA: Budweiser WUHAN BREWING and 502396

KOREA: Budweiser 502383

UNITED KINGDOM: Budweiser #T1491



## FRANCE

Sébastien Tellier is a French musician, singer, composer and multi-instrumentalist, here honored by the Carlsberg Brewery. Logically this is a limited edition. All of us are hoping to get it somewhere because it has yet to be made available..



**NOT DENMARK**

Hardly anyone would think of an aluminum bottle of Carlsberg outside of Denmark, true? Well good, except for the French Sébastien Tellier that we have just presented. There is this model that we have not been able to discover where comes from. We have made consultations to the Copenhagen brewery, through Steen Borup Nielsen, and the managers of the brewery are unaware of its existence completely. We can only warn that it needs the effect of a black light. Any information of readers will be very welcome.



**CHINA**

China has significantly adapted to aluminium packaging, and for beer in particular. Here it has very striking Western designs as evidenced by these three models of the known brand TSINGTAO. The latter, as it has happened in many countries, is commemorating the last World Cup of soccer in Brazil.

**NETHERLANDS**

BAVARIA has its brand identified with the non-alcoholic beer Radler resulting in the Netherlands in two different flavors. As it is usual in the countries of Central Europe, designs do not provide much in cosmetics, being simple and with easily distinguishing characteristics.



HEINEKEN is one of the brands that probably produces the most CABOTTLES on the market. Their models will always be at the forefront of its competitors by their traditional green color, their quality and “joy” in their presentation. In addition, as usual, their containers have the uniqueness of black light affects, which attract youngsters in festivals and concerts.



This presentation is worthwhile for its rarity and originality. It's a familiar model of Heineken but which has acceded to a sticker in the “neck” highlighting the celebration of the 25th anniversary of “Bas & Henriette”. What is this celebration about? We do not know but the bottle with this presentation is very interesting.

**GERMANY**

Undoubtedly the Soccer World Cup inspired different breweries to update their commemorative editions. BITBURGER in Germany, where the sport is very massive, repeated a cosmetic change from last year. It has presented two similar models, which gives us much satisfaction. Stylized, the design shows the dynamics of soccer.



**BOLIVIA**

The mediterranean country of Latin America produces little and simple, but never left behind in the proposals. Which would be the reason for its appearance but once again the World Cup of Soccer...

PACENA gives us this model quickly imposed himself on all Bolivian beer lovers.

**NEW ZEALAND**

New Zealand gave us a pleasant surprise with the appearance of their first cabottle of beer. The MOA ecological green wave, which isn't very exciting, but it will surely open the doors for more editions. Await them with open arms!!!



**LUXEMBOURG**

Luxembourg CA bottles always delights us with a touch of nobility filled with formal and aesthetic hierarchy.

The Red Royal Lion synthesizes all the phlegm of this small country, where SIMON PILS again puts their tasty beer in bars, this time on a black background, replacing the previous white background of two years ago.



**JAPAN**

Competition among Japanese breweries leaves no room for speculations. This market is extremely demanding, and its renewal in aluminium containers is permanent.

Probably the market that, together with the US, produces the majority of different cabottles, are always seen with bright colors and standard designs. Here is the latest models of GAMBRINUS (new microbrewery), KIRIN and ASAHI, all worthy of recognition.



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## What's New

# Rexam launches Germânia 55

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## Rexam launches Germânia 55 in the lightest aluminum bottle in South America

Rexam, the leading beverage can and end manufacturer in South America, has secured another share of the recently established Brazilian aluminum bottle market. After the Smirnoff Ice limited edition in 2013, the company is launching the Germânia 55 beer in Fusion bottles. It is the first beverage of this type to be launched in the Fusion bottle, considered to be the lightest bottle in the South American market.

"After the success of Germânia 55 in 24oz cans, we believe the partnership between Rexam and NewAge will score another goal. Fusion has brought another innovation opportunity to the Brazilian market with a packaging option that is sustainable and has a youthful appeal," Tiago Avena, Rexam's Commercial Manager in South America, explained.

Rexam's Marketing specialist in South America, Bruna Resano, added "The aluminum bottles showcase the High Definition technology, which will further enhance the product's premium and sophisticated visual identity."

The new cans are the benchmark for sustainability. They are not only 100% recyclable, but can be back on supermarket shelves in as little as 30 days. The transport logistics for this type of packaging consumes less CO<sub>2</sub>, which means that with 1kg of CO<sub>2</sub> 50% more liquid can be transported in the same truck than with other types of packaging, such as glass bottles, for instance.

Produced in the Czech Republic and bottled in Brazil, the new packaging will be available in supermarkets in July. Germânia 55 is bottled and distributed by NewAge Bebidas.

*News release from [www.rexam.com](http://www.rexam.com).*



## *Update from Butch*

Just a few words to let everyone know that I am still around and as mean as ever.

I did miss the convention this year, have 3 Doctors to blame:

- 1- Family Doctor, one of three of the best in the world,
- 2- Lung Doctor,
- 3--Cancer Doctor.

All three advised me not to make the trip to Dallas this year.

20 hours driving in 2 days, too hot, I would have a lot of trouble breathing in Dallas.

Waited till almost the last minute to let Bill know I was not going.

At the end of the week, my wife wished that I would of went.

I already started to save for next year as I will be there.

I went from every 3 months to every 6 months for

- 1- blood work , the first week,
- 2- cat scan, the second week,
- 3-- visit to the Cancer Doctor.

For everyone that asked about me & how I was doing,

I did miss this convention and everyone that was there.

So thank you all,

Butch Kroskey  
Secretary/Treasurer  
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## *Dave's Ramblings*

So here's my first newsletter, a little late but I have plenty of excuses. Here are best ones, we are in middle of remodeling our kitchen and my daughter and I just got back from a vacation in Hong Kong (no cabottles or OCOC cans were found).

You will notice several changes, first is I try to keep the font at 12 to help out us older collectors. Next, the page numbers are in the top middle of the pages rather than alternating from left to right. And third, the "continued from" and "continued to" are no longer used. You'll just have to trust me that all of the articles are continued on the next page and there isn't any jumping around.

We need your help. Please contact me if you have any information for Chapter Tid-Bits or if you have found any news articles that pertain to cabottles.

We need volunteers for the "My Collection" articles. Otherwise, I do a lot of traveling and am always looking for a free beer.

We desperately need columnists for "Micros in Bottles"; "What's New"; and "Soda Bottles" columns.

For any of these, please e-mail me at [abc174dv@gmail.com](mailto:abc174dv@gmail.com)

Well enough begging,

Cheers,

Your Interim Editor

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## Chapter T-Shirts

If you would like to purchase a chapter shirt, please send an email to Bill Viancourt at [billjv@aol.com](mailto:billjv@aol.com) or giving him a call at 440-476-7505.

Cost: Shirts are \$15 each or 2 for \$25. Shipping is \$5.00 for any order of 1 or 2 shirts.

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