

MIDWEST  
**GLASS CHATTER**  
MIDWEST ANTIQUE FRUIT JAR & BOTTLE CLUB

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Midwest Glass Chatter  
August 2013

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An Index to the Club Library is available online. Please contact Dick Cole about items which you would like to check out.

### Membership

The Midwest Glass Chatter is a monthly publication and is a forum through which collectors can share information.

Membership cost is \$15.00 per year, per family, due each December 31. All jar/bottle related collectors are welcome. Send to MAFJBC, Attn: James Durr, 500 W. Ohio St., Fortville, IN 46040

## Meeting Minutes, August 11, 2013

The August meeting was held in Muncie, Indiana at the home of Jerry and Colleen Dixon. Club President Dick Cole opened the meeting and welcomed 15 members.

Jim Durr gave the Treasurer's report for August. Expenses included the cost of postage and printing for the club newsletter. Income was received from one new membership and one renewal. The club continues to maintain a positive bank account balance.

Dick reviewed the list of upcoming bottle shows: September 8, 2013 (Sunday) Pekin, Illinois - Pekin Bottle Collectors Assoc. 44th Annual Show & Sale; September 22, 2013 (Sunday) Indianapolis, Indiana - The Indianapolis Circle City Antique Bottle Club will host their 1st Annual

Show; September 28, 2013 (Saturday) Memphis, Tennessee - The Memphis Bottle Collectors Club presents their 28th Annual Antique Bottle & Advertising Show at Agricenter International; September 29, 2013 (Sunday) Richfield, Ohio - 43rd Annual Ohio Bottle Club Show & Sale at the Days Inn and Suites (Formerly Holiday Inn).

Dick Cole presented an award plaque on behalf of the FOHBC to Joe Coulson. Our club won second place in the newsletter contest this year! The plaque will be displayed in the club library.

Dick indicated that he may setup a table at the Delaware County Historical Society's upcoming event in Muncie. Dick would like to get the word out about our

club and fruit jar collecting.

Dick reminded us of the Indy Bottle Show on September 22nd. Martin Van Zant attended our meeting and distributed show flyers to everyone. The Indy Show could use more fruit jar dealers. Displays are encouraged.

Sue Wilson mentioned that Minnetrista's Canning Lesson on August 17th would have Ball giveaways.

Anne Szopa told everyone that she would be moving to Tillotson Ave. in Muncie in the near future. She is downsizing her collection and will have a local auction in the Fall. The auction will include many jelly glasses and fruit jars.

The next club meeting will be September 8th - meet at Minnetrista, bring a damaged jar you keep for some reason (or a story about a damaged jar).

Everyone enjoyed the picnic meal after the club business meeting. Some members brought show and tell items. Colleen gave a tour of her upper of jars afterwards. Dick Cole made the club library available after the meeting, and some folks visited it.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Coulson, Secretary



Our newsletter won second place in the national contest!

## Show and Tell

Club members were asked to bring “a jar or bottle that starts with an ‘A’ or is amber in color.”

Lou Ebert displayed a Ball blue quart RB #5 ABGA (script) Mason Perfect Made In U.S.A. The jar contained crystallized residue of sorghum molasses. Lou also displayed an amber Lysol bottle, concentrated, with a Foster Forbes monogram and Lysol (script) on the base. The Lysol bottle had never been opened.

Lou also discussed three Non-Mason “Mason” jars: an RB #1660 Mason’s O.K. Pickle (applied lip, glass stopper); an RB #2134 Mason Vacuum Knowlton Patent June 9<sup>th</sup> 1908 (glass lid and wire clamp); and a RB #2241 New Mason Vacuum Fruit Jar Knowlton Patent June 9<sup>th</sup> 1908 (glass lid and wire clamp).

Joe Coulson shared a clear plastic pint Aladdin ® MASON drinking mug. The mug is available at Meijer for about \$7. Joe noted that there seems to be a fashion trend lately of companies introducing plastic Mason drinking mugs. Last month Joe showed a plastic pint Cool Gear Mason drinking mug.

Eli Tribbett brought an unusual eBay purchase. It was a wooden jar made circa 1750–1790 in South Africa. The jar had hammered metal bands. The general consensus is that it may have been a tobacco jar.

Eli also brought a clear half gallon RB #77 (slanted anchor design) Anchor that had many crude seed bubbles

(made in Canada); and an amber bottle with a glass pontil that had a swirled pattern (made in the Midwest?).



Colleen Dixon displayed a clear half pint RB #29-2 Agee (script) (made in Australia); an amber 20 ounce RB #76-1 American Snuff Co. of New Jersey Pat. July 16 1872 (on lid); an amber quart Berghoff beer bottle (label); a clear pint Brockway (script) Clear-Vu Mason (block letters); a clear 3 1/2 ounce RB #1347 Jumbo Peanut Butter (round-straight side, incorrect lid); a clear 12 ounce RB #1347 Jumbo Peanut Butter (oval-straight sides); a clear RB #1347 Jumbo Peanut Butter (hexagon-shaped, carrying bail, replacement lid); a light apple green quart RB #2190 Mission Trade (bell) Mark Mason Jar Made in Cali-

fornia; and a set of amber RB #1489 Trademark Lightning jars in pint, quart and half gallon.

Dick Cole shared a rare amber pint RB #293-5 Ball (script, undropped ‘a’) Perfect Mason jar that was made at the Hillsboro, Illinois plant in 1957. There are only 12 known examples of this jar. They were found in a chemistry lab at Ball Brothers Company in Muncie, Indiana.

Dick also shared a small amber product jar that had the Ball (script, undropped ‘a’) logo on the base.

Dave Rittenhouse displayed an aqua quart RB #63 Almy jar with original glass screw cap.

Monty Foust brought an amber half gallon RB #1447 wax sealer (base: KyGWCo).

Mike Mosier display an aqua half gallon RB #177 The Automatic Sealer with an original closure.

Martin Van Zant shared an aqua quart RB #61-1 All Right (reverse: Pat’d Jan 28th 1868) with an original closure; and a very nice amber half gallon RB #1787 Mason’s Patent Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1858 (base: 56).



*Jerry and Colleen Dixon had many jar and bottles on display throughout their home!*



*Dick Cole (left) presents the FOHBC newsletter award to Joe Coulson (right)*

### Show and Tell Pictures



Clear quart (anchor) Anchor



Amber bottle for Lysol disinfectant



Ball blue quart ABGA Mason Perfect Made In U.S.A.



Wooden jar with brass plate and bands



Amber bottle with glass pontil, possibly Midwestern



Collection of clear 12 to 16 ounce Jumbo (elephant) Peanut Butter jars



Clear Jumbo (elephant) Peanut Butter jar with bail handle



Set of amber pint, quart and half gallon Trademark Lightning jars



Clear pint Agee (script)



Amber lid: American Snuff Co of New Jersey Pat July 16 1872

### Show and Tell Pictures, cont'd



Amber product jar with Ball logo on base



Another view of the amber product jar



Rare amber pint Ball Perfect Mason



Aqua quart ALMY jar



Light aqua quart Mission (bell) Mason



Amber half gallon Mason's Patent Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1858



Dark amber quart KyGwCo



Base of amber KyGwCo wax sealer



Aqua quart The Automatic Sealer



Aqua quart All Right



We had a nice turn-out of club members at the picnic



Club members enjoyed friendly discussions

# Circle City Antique Bottle, Advertising and Collectibles Show

2013 Indianapolis, Indiana  
Marriott East 7202 E. 21st St

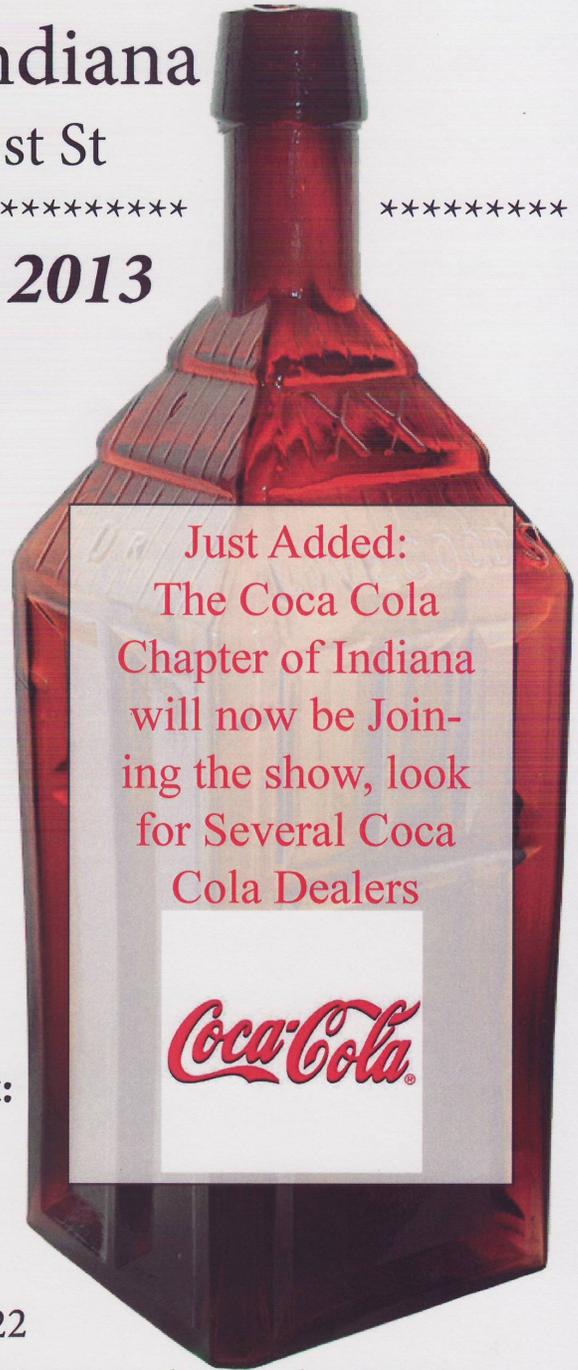
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**Sunday September 22, 2013**

Admission-\$2.00

Set up- 6:00am- 9:00am  
Show-9:00am-2:00pm



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Eli Tribbett, one of our younger club members, won again this year in the 4-H fruit jars competition. This makes his 3rd year in a row to win!

## Announcements

- Upcoming club meetings:
  - September 8th** – meet at Minnetrista, bring a damaged jar you keep for some reason (or a story about a damaged jar);
  - October 6th**, meet at the 2702 W. Euclid Ave. Club Library in Muncie, bring a sun-colored amethyst (purple) jar;
  - November 3rd**, meet at Minnetrista, bring your jar that has the most bubbles in the glass;
  - December 1st**, meet at Minnetrista, Christmas dinner, dirty bingo
- The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors website is a great resource. Our club is a proud member of the FOHBC. One of the useful tools on the Federation website is the bottle show listing: <http://www.fohbc.org/shows>
- The 2014 FOHBC National Antique Bottle Show will be held in Lexington, Kentucky on August 1–3, 2014.
- **!!! LARGE LOCAL FRUIT JAR AUCTION !!!**  
It will be held October 18 at 11199 US Hwy 35, Economy, IN. We will be selling house, tools, antiques, and of special interest, most of our fruit jars and chicken waters. Fruit jars include a large collection of good Ball jars and go-withs (early and contemporary), a variety of very good jars, including everything from a LeGrande RB #1472, to a The Leader RB #1465, to a collection of 1930–1940 coffee product jars, a group of arch-plated lightning seal quarts including Princess and Veteran, and much, much more.  
<http://www.auctionzip.com/cgi-bin/auctionview.cgi?lid=1888411>  
Thanks a lot.... Anne Szopa

