

MIDWEST GLASS CHATTER

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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, March 3rd, 2013

The March club meeting was held at the club's Charlie Williams Memorial Library in Muncie, Indiana. Club President Dick Cole opened the meeting and welcomed 15 members.

Everyone was glad to see Mike James at the meeting. He recently retired from his job in the glass industry. Everyone also congratulated Joe and Jennifer Coulson who were attending their first meeting as a married couple. Kay Rittenhouse brought a small Red Velvet cake to celebrate this occasion.

It should also be noted that Jean Harbron brought some wonderful rhubarb jam to share during snack time. Jean has had several good experiences using the Ball® FreshTECH Automatic Jam &

Jelly Maker. Jean is also a member of the Jelly Jammers club.

Dick reviewed the list of upcoming regional bottle shows. Dick also mentioned that there are currently no plans to have an event at the hotel in Muncie this summer.

Jim Durr gave the Treasurer's report for February. Income included money received from January Show sales tables and general admissions. The expenses for the Show have not yet all come in. The Show expenses will be reported when they are available.

Dave Rittenhouse mentioned that he still has a couple of extra pottery award jars. These are the ones given to people who have a display at the January Show. Contact



Dave if you are interested in one.

The next club meeting will be on April 7th. Theme: Odd closure or finish on bottle or jar. You can define what is "odd or unusual." A list of future club meetings can be found on the last page of the newsletter in the Announcements section.

Happy Collecting,

Joe Coulson, Secretary

Message from the President

I have an update on the May meeting (May 5th) at Minnetrista. We will have a presentation by Bradley Carter, a Minnetrista employee and BSU student in the College of Architecture and Planning, about the L.L. Ball house.

Our club has met in this building several times, and at one these our club member

Anne Szopa showed some of us the location of "secret drawers" in one of the closets in an upstairs bedroom. But Bradley's talk will focus on the story that house once faced Wheeling Avenue, but was rotated on its foundation to match the other Ball houses.

—Dick Cole



Show and Tell

The theme for Show and Tell for the March club meeting was to bring "Presentation Glassware" (retirement, plant opening, open house, etc.).

Monty Foust displayed a Ball blue pint "Ball Headquarters" jar; and a clear pint "Ball Guest House" jar with wire drinking mug handle.

Sue Wilson brought a case of one dozen Ball jars in their original cardboard shipping carton. The carton was labeled "Test Pack". The carton was manufactured in Milwaukee. The Ball® Mason jars were manufactured circa 1966. It is possible the carton was being tested rather than the jars.

Anne Szopa shared a clear Ball Quilted Crystal Table Jar (on base). This jar was made at the El Monte, California plant. Anne also showed several of the "Copper-Glo" replacement lids which had a wide variety of interesting designs (cats, geese, etc.).



Sue Wilson describes the Ball jars found in their original "TEST PACK" carton



Mike James discussed many interesting presentation bottles

Mike James was very happy to be at this month's club meeting, because he collects presentation glassware. Mike started working in the glass industry 44 years ago!

Mike displayed an amber bottle for the retirement of Herm Schell at General Foods (this ties into the story in last month's Glass Chatter); an amber square bottle for the closing of the Plainfield, Illinois plant; and an amber bottle for the first ten section I.S. Machine (bottle was shaped like an I.S. machine!).

Mike also shared a green bottle listing the presidents of Metro Glass Company—one of which was Manny Turner. Mike mentioned that Metro made a lot of containers for Kraft, and Manny's wife was related to top management at Kraft. Mike showed another

amber bottle which commemorated Manny Turner's 70th birthday.

Colleen Dixon displayed an aqua pint Woodbury Sterilizer jar (this was a recent purchase); a clear glass mug showing the Statue of Liberty 1886–1986 (centennial); a clear pint "Ball Guest House" jar; a clear quart Ball Standard wax sealer for the retirement of R.G. Simpson; a clear quart jar for the retirement of Jerry McDowell; a clear quart Mason (script) (reverse: 1776 / figure of Liberty bell / 1976); a clear pint Ball Mason NYSE (figure of Bull and Bear); a clear pint syrup jug showing faces of presidents of Overmyer Mould Co.; a clear Atlas Strong Shoulder Mason coin bank; and a clear set of Ball salt and pepper shakers with box for the retirement of Johnny Ketchem.

Jean Harbron displayed a clear quart Ball Ideal commemorating John Fisher (president of Ball Corporation).

Joe Coulson shared a clear quart Ball Ideal with an embossed signature of Edmund Ball (this was a test run jar made circa the U.S. Bicentennial); an amber bottle for the first production run at the Volney New York plant; a clear quart Maytag jar (embossing upside down; M.C.C. 98 on the heel); a clear quart John Deere (embossing upside down; figure of a running deer); and a clear quart jar for the plant closing of the Laurens Glass Works.

Dick Cole brought a clear pint Ball Mason drinking mug for the retirement of Bill Wade. Dick dropped the mug on the floor to everyone's surprise. He mentioned how the mugs were designed for strength to survive being in a dishwasher. Mike James said that if you drop a coin in a jar it will break if the glass has not been properly tempered.

Dick shared an update on the Ball engineering drawings that he had presented and discussed at the January Show. The drawings indicated a revision on November 14th, 1955 to the Ball logo. Dick found more paper documentation which helped him determine what the change was. A change was made to have the top of the "B" line up with the first "l" in the word Ball. It was fun to listen to Dick's detective work in finding out these details.

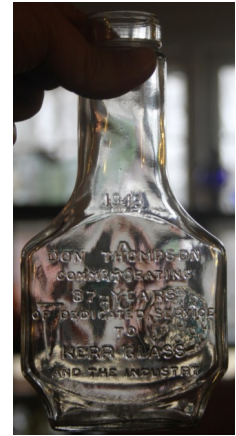
Show and Tell Pictures



Club members were able to browse Dick Cole's collection of modern Ball Corporation collectibles



There were multiple rooms of Ball collectibles to browse in the house



Clear bottle for the retirement of Don Thompson at Kerr Glass



Amber bottle made in the shape of a glass "day tank" furnace



Same bottle with a base showing many initials of people



One variation of the clear bottle above has the phrase "Bull Shit" embossed on the base



Ball blue pint commemorating new Ball headquarters in Muncie in 1976



Clear pint with figure of the Ball Guest House in Muncie, Indiana (shown with wire mug handle)



This original box of clear pint Ball ® Mason jars (with sculptured fruit design) has the word "Test Pack" on the side

Show and Tell Pictures, cont'd



Both sides of amber bottle commemorating the Plainfield glass plant 1956 to 1996 (design of factory and several company logos)



Both sides of amber bottle commemorating the 70th birthday of Manny Turner (May 2nd 1979)



Both sides of amber bottle for Pabst Blue Ribbon "Produced on World's First 10 Section I.S. Machine Designed For E.M. Turner Midland Glass Co. February 23, 1973"



Two different colors (green and clear with cobalt streaks) of a bottle commemorating the tenth anniversary of Anchor Hocking "Plant 4 San Leandro Calif."

Show and Tell Pictures, cont'd



Clear bottle embossed "Knurl & Stipple Guide" with various numbered examples of knurling and stippling around the bottle



A clear sample bottle with stippling examples made by Overmyer Mould Co.



Both sides of amber bottle commemorating "First Production Portland Plant Owens-Illinois August 9, 1956" (design of the glass plant)



Both sides of clear jar commemorating the U.S. Bicentennial; One side has the design of an early glass gaffer; The other side said "The Employees of Brockway Glass Salute America's Bicentennial 1776-1976"



Clear jar; "One of the initial containers produced using the first Ball Corporation CS-150 Electronic controller ever built."

Show and Tell Pictures, cont'd



Both sides of clear bottle commemorating "Midland Glass Co. Tank # 2 May 1, 1978 Start Up Warner Robins, GA"; bull design



Both sides of clear bottle commemorating "Howard J. Edgreen 51 Years Service Pierce Glass 9-1-35 10-1-86 Best Wishes Always from Your Colleagues & Employees"



Both sides of clear bottle commemorating "Midland Glass Co. First Run of the Smallest Bottle from the World's Largest Furnace Sept. 24 1976"; "Henryetta, Okla"



Both sides of amber bottle commemorating "43 Years 1931 1974 Ralph Newkirk Anchor Hocking Corp"; bottle shape like an I.S. bottle blowing machine

Show and Tell Pictures, cont'd



Clear bottle "Sales Conference Foster-Forbes Glass Co. January 1955"



Both sides of amber bottle commemorating the birth of a baby 9/26/84; picture of baby



Clear quart jar "The Fisher Years 1941-1986"



Clear quart jar "Bicentennial Celebration 1776-1976" with Edmund Ball signature; test run jar



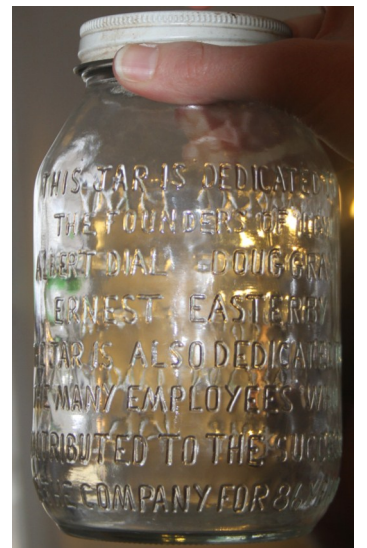
Clear quart jar with upside down "John Deere", and upside down figure of a deer



Clear quart jar with upside down "Maytag"; heel embossed "M.C.C. 98"



Clear quart jar commemorating "Laurens Plant From Laurens Glass Works to Ball-Foster Glass Containers 1910-1996"; "This jar is dedicated to the founders of LGW"



Show and Tell Pictures, cont'd



Both sides of amber bottle commemorating "First Production Plant No. 25 Volney New York May-23- 1977"; figure of a bear's head



Monty Foust brought several aqua ground mouth "Muncie" jars for sale; they were mostly Mason's Patent Nov. 30TH 1858 jars with some style of Ball logo added



Dick Cole, Mike James and Monty Foust discuss jars after the club meeting has ended; club members typically hang around for some time to discuss their hobby interests with others



Dick Cole shares an update on the engineering drawings which tell the story of a small revision to the Ball logo in the 1950s

Quality Collectors from across the USA will be gathered for the FIRST National Show to be offered in New England!

The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors presents:

2013 National Antique Bottle Show

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July 19	Banquet
July 20	1-5 (early entry)
July 21	9-3 (general entry)



Full details on the National Show can be found at:
<http://www.fohbc.org/2012/11/fohbc-2013-national-antique-bottle-show-manchester-new-hampshire/>

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This mannequin is a new addition to Dick Cole's museum of modern Ball Corporation collectibles, which is located in the same house as the Charlie Williams Memorial Library in Muncie, Indiana.

Announcements

- The next club meeting will be April 7th at the Minnetrista museum in Muncie, Indiana in the Cantina room. The meeting will begin at 1:30pm, and the theme will be "odd closures and finishes on bottles and jars". You can define what is "unusual". Call Dick Cole if you need directions or other meeting details: home phone, 765-288-8717; or cell phone, 765-212-9889.
- Tammy Johnson is migrating her fruit jar ring box reference material to a brand new website. It is in the beginning stages. Tammy would like your input on what features and reference material to add:
<http://www.fruitjarrings.com>
- The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors website is a great resource. Our club is a proud member of the FOHBC. Mark your calendar for July 20-21 to attend the National Antique Bottle Show in Manchester, New Hampshire. One of the useful tools on the Federation website is the bottle show listing:
<http://www.fohbc.org/shows>
- Future club meetings: May 5th in the Cantina at Minnetrista, theme is "bring a vintage soda pop bottle"; June 2nd at the club library at 2702 Euclid Ave., theme is "bring a glass container made to hold a product or that has a paper label on it"; July 7th in the Cantina at Minnetrista, theme is "bring your favorite glass container of an unusual color".
- Details on Ball® FreshTECH Automatic Jam & Jelly Maker:
<http://www.freshpreserving.com/products/appliances.aspx>

