

# MIDWEST GLASS CHATTER

MIDWEST ANTIQUE FRUIT JAR & BOTTLE CLUB

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An Index to the Club Lending 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: Anne Szopa, 11199 U.S. Highway 35, Economy, IN 47339

## Meeting Minutes, October 2nd, 2011

The October club meeting was held at Minnetrista in Muncie, Indiana. Club president Dave Rittenhouse opened the meeting and welcomed 8 members.

Anne Szopa gave the Treasurer's report for September. There was no expense or income activity for the month, which made her job of balancing the books much easier.

Dick Cole brought two gallons of fresh apple cider from the Minnetrista Orchard Shop for everyone to share. It tasted delicious.

Dave reviewed the bottle show calendar. He mentioned that the Indiana Covered Bridge festival will be held Oct. 14th–23rd in Rockville.

Dave told us that he would be mailing January Show contracts to dealers in the mid to late October timeframe. He is hoping that the hotel remodeling will be done before our Show. You need to reserve your hotel room real soon if you have not already.

Dave suggested possible ways of speeding up delivery of our monthly newsletter. One idea discussed was to have a

quarterly edition which would contain greater detail and information, and make the other issues lighter in detail.

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drink machine (\$1.25) is available. Activities: short business meeting; plans for the Muncie Show on January 8th; dirty bingo—bring a wrapped jar, bottle or go-with valued at \$10 or less and enjoy the fun!

See you all at the next meeting.

Joe Coulson, Secretary



Dave Rittenhouse brought these very colorful half gallons: Mason's Patent Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1858; Swayzee's Improved Mason; Globe

## Show and Tell

The Show and Tell theme for the October meeting was Colored Half Gallons.

Dave Rittenhouse displayed a yellow amber half gallon GLOBE; an olive green half gallon SWAYZEE'S IMPROVED MASON; and a dark reddish amber MASON'S PATENT NOV 30<sup>TH</sup> 1858.

Sue Wilson shared a yellow olive half gallon RB #2780-1 SWAYZEE'S IMPROVED MASON; and a forest green 56 ounce RB #272 Ball (script, dropped 'a', offset) PERFECT MASON.



Anne Szopa brought a smokey green half gallon RB #274 Ball (script, dropped 'a', centered) PERFECT MASON; and a sun-colored amethyst half gallon RB #2520-2 Royal Trade Mark Full Measure Registered.



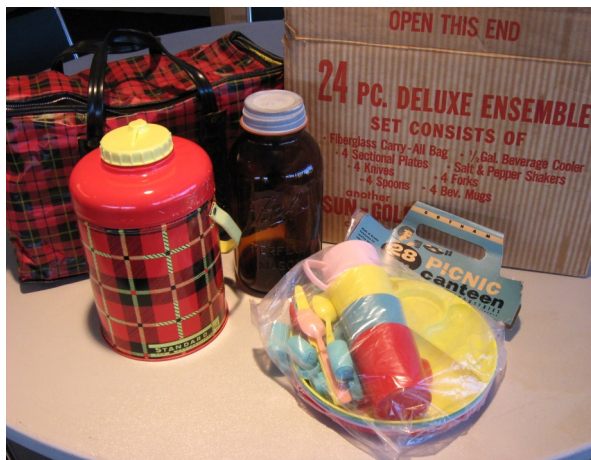
Joe Coulson displayed an amber half gallon Ball (script, undropped 'a', gripper ribs) PERFECT MASON that was inside a thermos jug. Joe also shared a complete 24 piece picnic set (thermos, utensils, plates) in its original box.

Dick Cole brought a light aqua half gallon wax sealer (base: S. McKee & Co.). He illustrated that it was difficult to interpret which reference book listing it represented due to the fact that enough detail is not always mentioned. This brought back memories for Dick when he first started working at Minnetrista. He generated pages of material and descriptions for each jar in the Minnetrista Collection. He included exhaustive detail to reduce any possible confusion—something which is very important for future generations when they use this material.

Lou Ebert brought a mixed assortment of various colorful shades of half gallon jars made by Swayzee Glass Company: RB #1974 MASON'S SGC (monogram) PATENT NOV. 30<sup>TH</sup> 1858; RB #2780 SWAYZEE'S IMPROVED MASON; RB #2782 SWAYZEE'S (fleur-de-lis) IMPROVED MASON.

Lou also displayed a portion of a "GLASS DASH"® concrete block, circa 1925. The face of the block is impregnated with small chips of various colors of glass for a decorative effect.

"GLASS DASH"® was also used to decorate stucco. The factory for "GLASS DASH"® was located at 8th Street and McClure Street in Marion, Indiana.





## Findlay, Ohio Bottle Show Report by Joe Coulson



*Show Room Floor at the Auction Barn in Findlay, Ohio*

I attended a wedding on Saturday, so I was not able to make it to the Findlay events that same day (Jelly Meeting / Findlay Club Dinner / Guest Speaker). I did make it to the Findlay Holiday Inn Express that evening (only a couple of minutes away from the show location). Bruce joined me for the road trip. Neither one of us had been to a bottle show since Muncie in July, so we were anxious to hunt for jars and talk to other collectors.

We made it to the show at the Auction Barn bright and early at 6:45am on Sunday. We stood around and chatted with folks until we could get in at 7:00am for Dealer and Early Admissions. Most dealers came the day before and setup in the afternoon and enjoyed the free dinner. We were one of the few who were setting up on show day. It didn't take long though to un-box our jars, and then I headed straight for the free coffee and donuts. I needed some "go juice" to get the day started.

During my first trip around the show room I ran

into Jamie Houdeshell. He does estate cleanouts and saves Ball jar-related things for me. This time around he came up with a 1930's Ball Perfect Mason with a product label for ElectroVita Mineralized Water.



It was a nice conversation piece as I carried it around with me in the show room. It still contained about one quarter of its original contents, which caused the inside of the metal cap to be corroded. Some people wondered if it really was mineral water inside

or maybe moonshine. No one was brave enough to take a sip.

The show seemed to go really fast. There was a steady flow of people from 7:00am to 3:00pm. A large number of jar collectors showed up. I spent a lot of time talking and visiting with attendees and dealers. I made a couple of sales and a couple of trades and a few purchases. Thank you Jon Raver for bringing that Ball Perfect Mason that I needed. I think he was very happy with the jar that I traded him. Jon is putting together an amazing progression of pint jars made by Ball. I am hoping that he shows them in an educational display at Muncie some time.

There was such a good turnout of jar collectors that I spent most of the day distracted in conversation. It was a lot of fun. People are passionate about their hobby, and they love to swap news and stories. It was a special treat to see Larry and Hazel Munson at the show. They made the long trek from Shelby, Montana. I

was also glad to be able to spend a good chunk of time chatting with my buddy Mason Bright. I'm not going to attempt to list the names of the jar collectors that showed up, because it really is a very long list. I expect a lot of these folks will be at the Muncie Show in January.

I have been to the Findlay Show the past two years. It has become a tradition to have an early dinner afterwards with Jeff Klingler & Marianne Dow and Ed & Diane Kuskie. I couldn't stick around this year for that same fellowship. Bruce and I left as soon as the show ended, so he could get back home in time to get ready for work. We recounted the day's events on the three hour drive to the Indianapolis area. No time to stop at antique malls either. I am already thinking about what the next trip will be. There are a couple of choices in November and the Big One in January. I hope to see some of you at a bottle show in the future.



*Jar Collectors: Larry Munson, Bruce Schank, and Joe Coulson*

## Findlay Show Pictures (October 15th)



*Mason Bright had many wonderful Ball jars for sale*



*Pete Peterson and Jeff Klingler discuss jars*



*Ed Kincheloe at his sales table*



*Ed Kincheloe had many nice jars for sale*



*Diane and Ed Kuskie traveled from Pennsylvania*



*Richard Elwood belongs to the Findlay & Midwest clubs*





Show Headquarters—Signature Inn

Room Hopping

Jelly Jammers—Saturday, January 7, 2012—10 am

Fruit Jar Get-Together & Auction—Saturday, January 7, 2012—1:30 pm

Make your own reservations with the hotel—765-284-4200

Show Location—Horizon Convention Center

Admission \$2

Ample Space—Dealer tables still available

Fantastic lighting

Show Chairman—David Rittenhouse

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Lou Ebert is one of our dedicated regular meeting attendees. He also has a sense of humor as shown by his muppet outfit! Lou brought a wide variety of half gallon fruit jars made by the Swayzee Glass Company.

## Announcements

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- The next North American Glass auction will open **October 24th**. This auction is run by Greg Spurgeon, and he always has great fruit jars for sale.  
<http://www.gregspurgeon.com/auction/>



Marianne Dow paused for a photo at the Findlay Show. Want to keep up with the latest on the jar and bottle hobby? Jump on to Facebook and "Like" the "Findlay Bottle Club", or visit <http://finbotclub.blogspot.com/> where Marianne is busily posting lots of hobby information.