

Chinese looking into Falstaff

By BRIAN DEMING
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Idle equipment in the Falstaff Brewery may soon have new life brewing beer in China.

Plant Manager Penny Lester said this morning that the company is negotiating to dismantle and ship brewing equipment in the plant to a facility in Zhaoqing, where equipment from a Pabst Blue Ribbon plant in Vancouver, Wash., is already in use.

The 104-year-old building at 1025 Grant Ave. has been idle since the brewery closed on Jan. 7, 1990, idling 200 workers.

The equipment in the facility includes 245 tanks as well as pumps and compressors. Almost all of the equipment would be shipped if the deal is concluded, Lester said.

Lester said a delegation from China visited the facility about one month ago.

Lester said she hopes to use former Falstaff employees to dismantle the equipment and crate it. That would employ about 20 people for a year, she said.

Falstaff is owned by S&P Co., based in San Francisco. The brewery in Fort Wayne closed because of declining sales of Falstaff in Indiana.

Sales had dropped steadily from 62,602 gallons in 1981 to 17,751 gallons in 1987.

Jumbo bottles quench Japan's thirst for beer

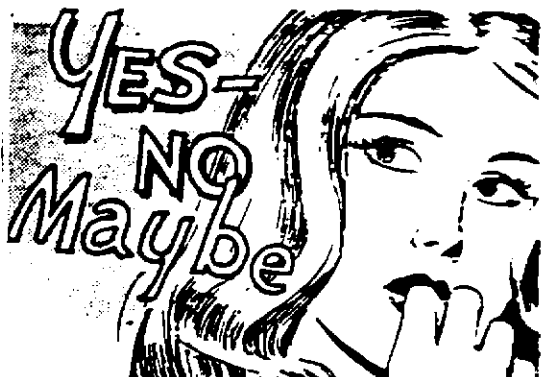
Associated Press

TOKYO — The Japanese thirst for "ultra-premium" beer is slaked by 21.4-ounce bottles — the largest single-serving beverage container in the world, according to an international beverage industry journal.

Beverages Magazine, which tracks overall beverage industries worldwide, notes that two of Japan's major breweries compete with identical size containers.

However, one with an all-malt lager named for the Japanese god of good luck and fortune is the industry leader, currently commanding half the premium market in Japan.

The brewer hopes that similar good luck and fortune will accompany its introduction in the United States.



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Scientists brew series of theories for beer bubbles

By LEE SIEGEL

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Consider the beer bubble.

One of life's simple pleasures — a glass of beer — contains incredibly complicated physical phenomena, according to scientists who studied how bubbles form and rise.

You might think that in the several millennia that beer has been with us we would already have learned all there was to know about this curious brew. Stanford University chemists Neil Shafer and Richard Zare wrote for the October issue of *Physics Today*.

Yet a glass of beer reveals a remarkable interplay among gases, liquids and solids, temperature, pressure and gravity — an interplay that is still not completely understood, they said. "Once you begin to learn about the nature of beer bubbles, you will never again look at a glass of beer in quite the same way."

Complex mathematical formulas fill the article, but some explanations may be coherent even to non-scientists:

■ Why do bubbles form in beer, which contains carbon dioxide gas produced during fermentation?

Visible bubbles begin as invisible clusters or microbubbles of carbon dioxide molecules that grow in rough spots (on the inside of the glass), called "nucleation sites," where the carbon dioxide molecules can attach themselves and coalesce. Shafer and Zare

explained.

"In fact, the formation of beer bubbles is very similar to the formation of rain clouds, in which rain droplets grow on dust particles," they said.

That's why you can make your beer bubble even more by tossing in a few grains of sugar or salt.

■ Why do the bubbles rise?

"The answer of course is that the density of a carbon dioxide bubble is less than the density of the surrounding beer," the chemists said.

■ Why do bubbles grow larger, often doubling in size, as they rise in the glass?

"Bubbles accumulate carbon dioxide as they ascend through the beer. In other words, bubbles act as nucleation centers for themselves," Shafer and Zare wrote.

■ Why do bubbles speed up as they rise?

"As a bubble rises, it encounters resistance, or drag." But as a bubble grows, the drag force increases slower than the "buoyancy force," which increases in proportion to the bubble's volume.

■ Why does a head of foam form?

Beer contains natural and added substances called surfactants. Similar organic matter on the ocean's surface help create whitecaps on the top of waves.

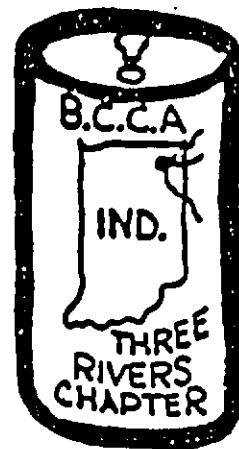
■ Why does beer go flat?

The bubbles escape into the air if beer is left in an opened container.



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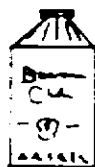


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Bits From Around World

Buccaneer And Bullfrog Once Again Cherished Beer Cans Treasured By Americans ---But Now It's Not For Contents

By ANDREW MALCOLM
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LAKE GENEVA, Wis.—Doctors and mechanics and housewives and teen-agers—some 600 in all—gathered here last weekend for a very special reason. Their passion is empty beer cans.

The men, and women, were the Beer Can Collectors of America and they met in this resort community, 75 miles north of Chicago, for their annual convention, a three-day orgy of trading that saw grown men sweat profusely in hard bargaining for an empty beer can.

The BCCA, as it is affectionately known to members, has its own emblem (a hand reaching for a beer can on a map of the United States), its own button, newsletter, mug, and windshield sticker, as well as some voluntary beer-can trading guidelines to combat inflation, which has pushed the value of a 1930's beer can all the way up to 10 or more newer cans.

Soon the group will publish a complete listing of all 12,000 American beer cans, including forgotten brews like Jaguar, Buccaneer, Bullfrog, and Olde Frothingslosh.

Some members arrived here two days early eager to get first crack at any good trade. Even before registering swarms of collectors gathered around a new arrival's car trunk to haggle good naturedly.

Beer can collecting probably began Jan. 25, 1935, the day after the Gottfried Krueger Brewing Co. in Newark, N.J.,

turned out the first beer can. For years, collecting was done only by isolated individuals—until 1970, the year after beer cans began outselling beer bottles, when two St. Louis brothers discovered they had the same hobby.

They formed the BCCA, which grew like a fine head of beer. And thus began the latest chapter in the American mania for collecting. There are now 609 members, not counting tolerant spouses, in 35 states and five countries. Last year about 225 people met in St. Louis. Next year's convention will be held in Cincinnati.

Like this year's, it will have a special commemorative beer can (empty) and many different types of free beer in cans (full).

Religiously, each can will be opened on the bottom to preserve its appearance on the display shelves that line countless collectors' basements, which are specially dehumidified to combat that dreaded enemy—rust.

"There is no real value in the cans," noted Roger Johnson of Buffalo Grove, Ill. "The value is in the bartering and the friends you make while trading."

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From The Prez
Cater Jeff Klob, # 27864

Well, another season of shows are upon us all, and the future has great things in store. Better-half and I have seen some awesome cans-n-breweriana lately; lately being Sterling's snow Oct. 91, our own TRC Trot 91 and the recent Hoosier Chapter's Feb. event.

In October, Bobbie and I had the pleasure to trek down to Evansville for a most superb time. Met Chuck Hillyer for first time and had a chance to chat about my fav, Pabst! Picked up a few dandies in the Pabst Dept., a couple souvenir books and a beauty of a mirror (old "What'll You Have"). Brent Pace can insure a good time in the river city... Brent and crew all out. Had a chance to check out the house brands at the Evansville Brewery, the best being the GARST brand. Saw Dave G. from Oldenburg fame again... in super spirits as usual. Ol Derrick Morris was also wheelin' and dealin'. To top it all off after a great day of Sterlingin' it up, Better-Half and I stayed in historic Vincennes. Wish I could get down south to the Feb. 22 show in Evansville....

WHOOOOEEEE, now to da big show. Dec. 7 was TRC's 18th Annual TURKEY TROT. 5, count em now, 5-15 POUNDERS (dem turkeys donchaknow) were dipped and et, plus 20 pounds o dem golden wedges. Add a keg of beer, zillions of painted cylinders and fine, fine friends and y'all got one of the best shows a-round. Dis ol Ragin' Cajun was gettin' propositioned left ana right. Y'ALL KEEPA LOVIN' UM, WE ALL KEEPA COOKIN' UM. The show was happenin' ('cept Nat'l's had their Board Meeting-missed out folks!). Nice to see all you good people supportin' our fine chapter. Comments on Voight's Retreat , again, were on space & lighting. For 92, Leroy Art is director for Turkey Trot, 19th donchaknow. He has a few leads to get a facility so we can offer you a large trade arena, plus serve our cuisine-n-brew.

February 1st marked the day dem ol Hoosiers in South Bend had their show. Since Bobbie & I missed Circle City in January due to venicular homicide, South Bend's event was our first 92 travel. What a time! Larry Peters & Crew put the red carpet out for visiting folks. Saw lots of new faces, and some old ones as well. Eig John was a pleasure to see, along with Jim & Mary. Bruce S. was a treat as always, and "Hats on" to Darrol, TRC roadie, who actually didn't win on the raffle.... and whoa what a raffle. Some extremely awesome items, including a dandy Schlitz neon, were up for grabs with the right ####. All folks I talked to in reference to donations for chapter raffles agreed the pickins are very slim and competing. But the highlite of this fact is that people have not been complaning of the lighter raffles. This is the way it should be. Even though raffles help keep a chapter alive, the support of members to rent tables and participate is, to me, the way to insure a crowd. And that is what's happenin'. Quaffing brew, being chatty and finding that special can and barroom piece is what it's all about. TRC, SOUTH BEND, EVANSVILLE, INDY, TOLEDO. THESE AND OTHER AREAS ARE WHERE IT'S HAPPENING!! Walk into the show and enjoy. Thanks to all with South Bend for puttin' Hospitality behind Hoosier.

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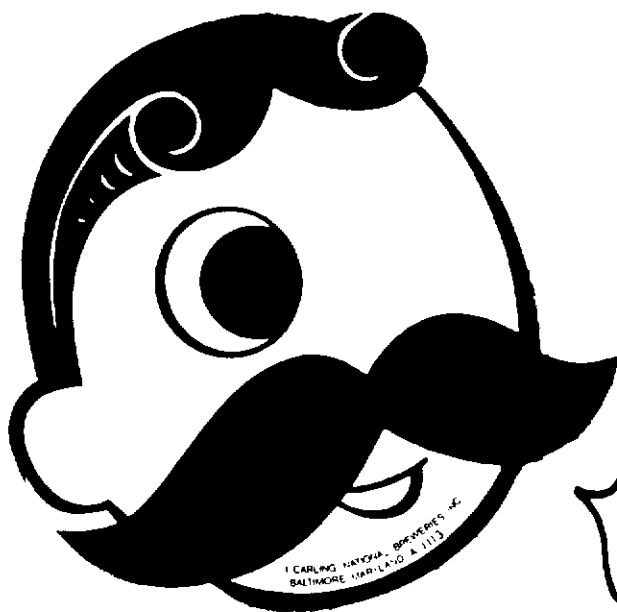
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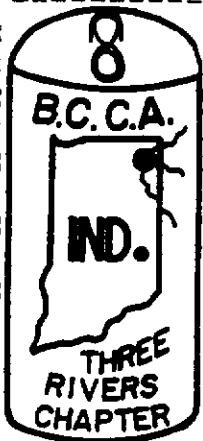
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