



2023 Spring Old Crown Tap Newsletter

This is the first edition of the newly “ENTERGIZED” Three Rivers Chapter newsletter. We are looking for a new name for our newsletter, if you have any suggestions let me know your thoughts. The Old Crown Tap name we used in the past may now infringe on Summit City Brewwerks usage of the Old Crown Logo. It has been suggested that we use the old design and change the name to Old Tap, BrewsNews, Tavern Talk or?... If you have any beer worthy news or event info send it to me, editor: Jeff Johnson (until someone else wants the job) and you can contact me at jeff@johnsonGraphix.com or you can text me at 260-564-4085



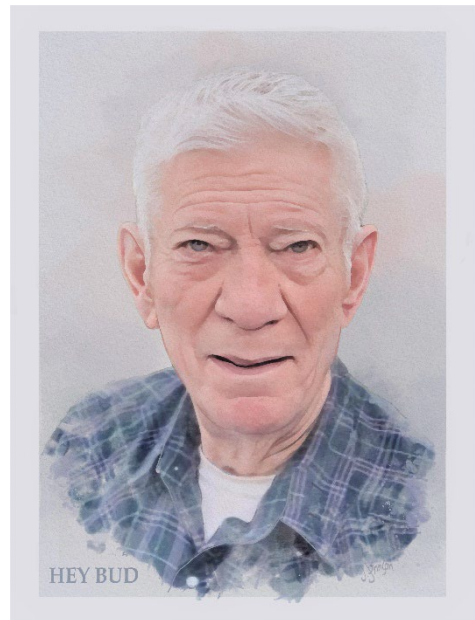
Newsletter Back Issues: by Jeff Johnson

I’m in the progress of scanning past newsletters, show fliers, and membership lists from Leroy’s collection. Over the next 6 months they will be added to our website. To follow my progress, go to FortWayneBeer.com, on the top bar click on NEWSLETTER, then use the members only password morebeer. You never know what you will find. In a 1991 newsletter I found an article about new members, and there it was, my son 11-year-old Nick Johnson joined the chapter. Today he still helps with the heavy lifting on our web site.



Mike Newton in Memory of Leroy Art

LeRoy Art of Fort Wayne, IN, passed away unexpectedly on December 19, 2022, he was 89 years old. He is survived by his daughter Chris, his son Joe, two brothers and two sisters, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. LeRoy is also survived by hundreds of friends that he acquired during his fifty-plus years as a breweriana collector. LeRoy started collecting beer cans in the early 1970's. He was a founding member of the Three Rivers Chapter of the BCCA in 1974 and has been a BCCA member since 1975. Over the years with the Three Rivers Chapter, LeRoy held every office, including serving as the Chapter President for many years. As founding members of the chapter had passed away or just moved on, LeRoy was the glue that held the chapter together through many lean years. He was actively involved in Three Rivers Chapter show coordination since the 1970's. He was also actively involved in bringing a national-level collectors show to Fort Wayne in 1976, affiliated with the now-defunct WWBCC (World Wide Beer Can Collectors Club). LeRoy was very successful at show coordination because he took it extremely seriously. The "Drill Sargent" approach he took to show preparation and setup was very evident, as everything had to be perfect. Once the setup was complete to his standards, the good ol' LeRoy would return, and he would enjoy his favorite beverage with the guys. He had what it took to



bring a group of guys together and pull off a successful show. LeRoy breathed new life into the Three Rivers Chapter when he began a push in 2010 to bring a national CANvention to Fort Wayne. This was his dream, and through his hard work, dedication, and undying passion for the hobby, LeRoy saw his dream become a reality in 2013 when Fort Wayne became host city for the BCCA CANvention 43. With his leadership and mentoring of the newer members, the Three Rivers Chapter began to grow again and is now stronger than ever. He was also instrumental in getting the Three Rivers Chapter a NABA affiliation several years ago. If something had anything to do with beer or breweriana collecting in the Fort Wayne area since the 1970's, LeRoy Art was involved with it in some capacity. After 2013, LeRoy passed the torch of Three

Rivers Chapter leadership on to Doug Farmer of Fort Wayne but remained active as the Chapter's Vice President and "Mentor in Chief" until his passing. LeRoy also 20 Foam Matters • Jan/Mar • 2023 traveled yearly to countless shows throughout the Midwest and national CANventions all over the country. He specialized in cans and breweriana from Anheuser Busch, but his collection included cans and pieces from all over. Due to his vast knowledge base, collectors

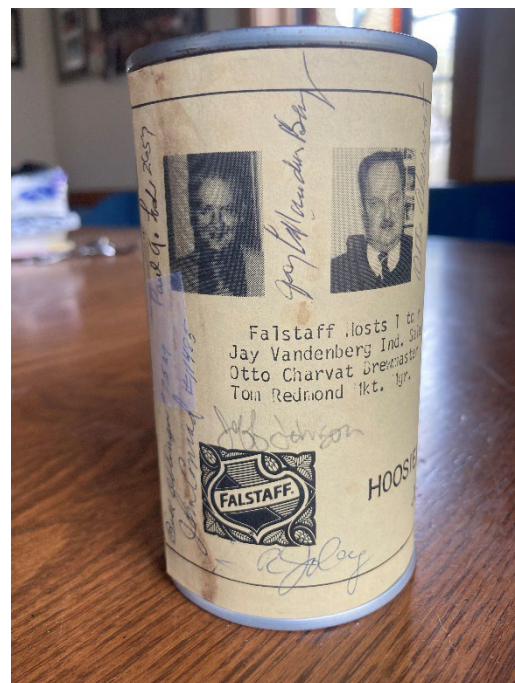
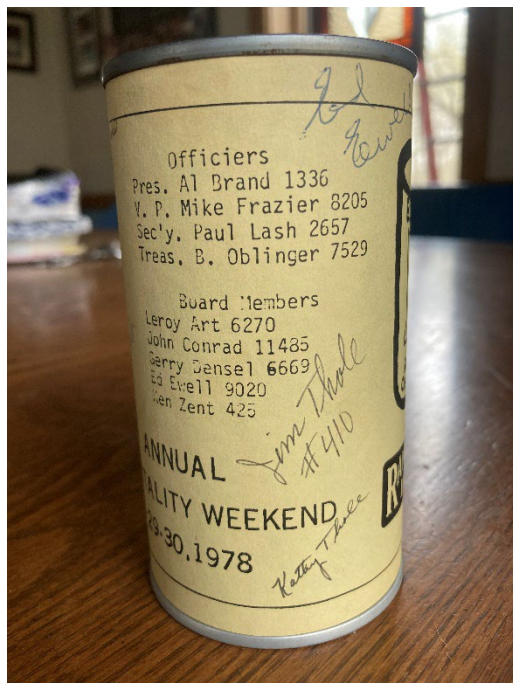
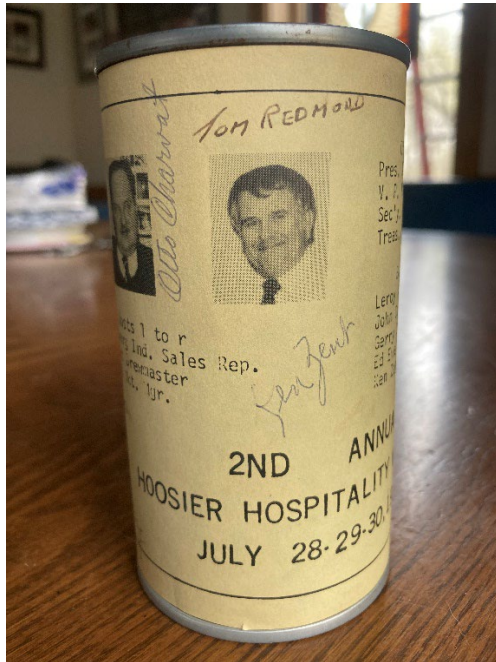


regularly used LeRoy as the go-to guy for answers to beer can-related questions, and due to his many hundreds of friends in the hobby, if LeRoy did not know the answer to a particular question, he could refer you to someone who did. LeRoy touched many lives in the breweriana collecting hobby and will be sorely missed. Another legend has passed. Leroy was a Michigan Chapter member and was a regular participant in our chapter shows. His passing will leave a hole in our chapter as well as the others he was part of. We will all raise a glass of ice-cold Budweiser in his name next time we meet. Thank you to Mike Newton for this wonderful recollection of Leroy's life in the beer can and breweriana collecting hobby.



1978 Chapter Can: by Jeff Johnson

I bought this 1978 paper label chapter can out of Leroy's collection, not much value maybe five dollars, but a lot of sentimental value once you read the names of people that signed it. I barely remember the Hoosier Hospitality Show let alone signing a can for Leroy, but I do remember that the local Falstaff Brewery was a major sponsor for our show. At the time Fort Wayne Falstaff was one of only two breweries active in the state of Indiana. Hard to believe now with today's craft brewery popularity.



BIG! BIG! thanks to Don Cuney for setting up this year's BCCA Brewery Industry Partner Memberships with Dot & Line Brewery and Fortlandia Brewery. Look for his articles in upcoming issues of the Beer Cans & Brewery Collectibles magazine.



Fort Wayne Summit city Brewerks is now available in 12-ounce cans...yay more cans to collect. Check-out your favorite Old Crown Ale in the 12 ounce can.

🌮 SATURDAY BEER RELEASE 🌮

Seems like a perfect day for a local beer collab! We've been working diligently w/ [Fort Wayne's Famous Coney Island](#) on creating a special brew to showcase all the flavors of their iconic coney dogs.

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w/ Coney Dogs, Mustard and Onions

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Many Thanks to Clayton Emery for permission to re-print his "Other Chapters Matter" article that appeared in the Michigan Chapter Newsletter "Foam Matters"

Other Chapters Matter

By Clayton Emery

The winter season for the beer can and breweriana collecting hobby is considerably slower than other times of the year. I have managed to attend a couple shows outside the Midwest region during this time and a couple others that went unreported in the last issue of Foam matters. It has been proud to represent the BCCA along with fellow collector and BCCA President, Mike Newton.

The wheels on my truck went round and round for much of November. The fun started at the annual Three Rivers Chapter Fall Show in Fort



Wayne Indiana. The show is very close for many collectors in the hobby, and



many showed up to walk through the show and see old friends.

The day is filled with plenty of excitement, as they sold raffle tickets throughout the morning and then gave away a few prizes each hour leading up to the grand finally end of show raffle. The ticket selling team did their best to ensure that each person in attendance had tickets of their own. They even squeezed in a 50/50 raffle in the middle of all the other action.

This year, the good people from Fortlandia Brewing Company were in attendance selling thirsty collectors' pints of their premium beer choices. Food was provided by the hall once again this year. The huge portions of tasty food sold at reasonable prices allowed everyone a chance to

get some. Together the food and beer were well received and a plus for the show.

Many collectors were able to get a thing or two for their collections and the raffle capped off a wonderful day in Fort Wayne. Thanks to Jeff Johnson and the group for continuing to build this show.

The Fallfest Show held in Auburn Massachusetts, is one that I have been trying to attend for a few years. This was the year I would finally make it. I traveled east with fellow collectors, John Huff, Mike Newton, and Don Cuney. Wouldn't you know that this would be the weekend that the Buffalo area would receive over 5 feet of snow. Luckily for us, we left a day early and only had to drive through two hours of total white out conditions in the wee hours of the morning. After the very long non-stop drive east we arrived early in the morning at the hotel to greet those who were waking after their sound good night's sleep.

Being a hotel show, it is all room-to-room trading. Occupied rooms began to open mid-morning, as the others that were just arriving, tried to get their rooms set up. The weather in the area was perfect, enabling many from the surrounding area and beyond to make the trip.



The hotel bustled with activity much of the time we were there. Hospitality was provided by the hosts and kept everyone hydrated as

they walked the floors several times in search of the next new shiny thing. Outside of the show, the area



has much to offer anyone that likes history, beer and scenery. We were able to get out and enjoy a nice dinner and check into one new brewery. Our journey home took us the most southern route we could to detour us around the buffalo area that was under a state of emergency following the latest snow storm.

Larry Handy is a very good steward for the hobby. He provides collectors many opportunities to gather in areas around the east coast for exceptional shows. The December Macungie Show is one such event. Hitching a ride with Mike Newton, on his Presidents barnstorming tour, we headed out to the far east side of Pennsylvania.

Arriving early on setup day, we visited the home of Daryl Ziegler. The chance to view



his awesome collection of items, including many different trays, was one I will always remember. By the way, many trays is an understatement. Daryl has over 1,000 different ones, most of which are displayed on the walls and ceiling of his finished basement.

Dropping by the show on Friday night during set-up allowed us an early view of items for sale and also a couple slices of pizza and a beer to wash it down. The venue was a two story building with plenty of space to hold everyone and their things for sale. Getting the lay of the land was nice and we headed back to the nearby hotel to rest for the big event on Saturday.

Traveling to shows outside the normal limits of distance and time allows us to see and visit with

collectors we normally only see at the national CANvention and the biggest of shows. This was such the case. Rekindling old friendships is nice and looking for Michigan items outside the eyes of many Michigan collectors sometimes produces positive outcomes.

I had a great time meeting new collectors and even gave a BCCA membership to one good hearted collector in attendance. Even though the weather was a bit damp, many attended the show. In my view it was a success and I think Larry deserves much credit for continuing to host shows for the area collectors. Before we headed back west, Larry presented Mike and I tin tackers from the host Horlacher Chapter, a small gift of appreciation for our dedication to the hobby and a token to remember our visit to the show.

Slowing down my travel schedule during the holidays allowed me to get that last minute Christmas shopping done and also tie up some loose ends for our January Winterfest show. The preparations for the Winterfest show we beneficial and the show was a tremendous success. (Please refer to the Winterfest summary earlier in this issue.)

The Mid-Missouri Brewery Collectibles Show held in late January in Osage Beach, Missouri had my truck packed to the brim as we started a 10 days adventure that would cover traveling through 1 different states, including Indiana and Michigan twice.

Traveling partners, Mike Newton and Don Cuney helped navigate the ribbons of asphalt that we would encounter, many of the unfamiliar miles were in the dark of night. We arrived well into the evening on Friday and found many attendees already getting those few extra hours of beauty sleep. The hardy souls left to keep control of the hospitality room full of beer and snack food were busy telling stories and some, even



elbowed up to the table and took part in a small game of poker.

Saturday morning came early, as guests found their way down to the trade floor for the show. A great number of tables were sold this year, offering a variety of items for every level of collector that came. A huge raffle was held with some prizes



being drawn each hour



leading up to the final raffle near the end of the show. This day marked as sad moment for many of us as we received the word of Tobi Hick's passing. As a request by her family, members of the BCCA were asked to toast Tobi

with her favorite beverage, Pabst Blue Ribbon. We took time during our scheduled BCCA Board of Directors meeting to fulfill this request, R.I.P. Tobi.

The show was also the site of the January BCCA Board meeting, which was well attended by members of the area. Thanks to the Missouri Ozarks, KC's Best, and the Gateway Chapters for their hospitality and efforts putting on this show.

To keep on schedule, we left the Ozarks in the early evening following the show and headed toward Destin Florida where I would deliver a load of extra cans for the folk art guy. The rain, rolling terrain of asphalt roads and darkness all were obstacles we navigated as we headed southeast. Arriving in Destin to unload cans early Sunday morning kept us on target for our afternoon arrival time near Tampa bay. Taking the scenic route across the pan handle of Florida was fun but it also added some time to the trip. As dusk was falling on the week, we pulled into our home for the next four nights.

Did I mention that we were in Florida to add pictures to the BCCA Supplement? Yes, Mike Newton brought his photo box and we spent much of the next few days recording cans from the Keith Kerschner and Joe Older collections. After over 1,000 new photos taken, we



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headed to Altamonte Springs to take part in the Gator Traders Pat Taylor Memorial Beer Can and Breweriana Snowbird Special Show.

Joe Older has put his efforts into getting a hotel to commit to having the show. This year many came in Friday evening and set up their things for a bit of room-to-room action. This combined with some gracious hospitality



kept attendees busy for the evening. Tall tales of days gone by

were shared until the early morning hours as the beer and food were finished. The alarm came much too early for a couple of these collectors as they powered through the bright Florida sun rising through the windows.

I have always wanted to attend one of these shows in the past, but never found the reason to travel the great distance to do so. I was pleased by the number of Florida collectors that came out to support the local chapter, many of which had to drive 1-4 hours to attend. Another thing that caught my attention was the number of collectors that traveled from much greater distances to take part as well. The roll call of cities included, Cleveland, OH, Dayton, OH, Fredricksburg, VA, St. Louis, MO, Manton, MI, Decatur, IN, Columbia



City, IN, and Forestdale, MA. A final group photo to commemorate the occasion and we were on the road headed north towards home.

The experience traveling to and attending other chapter shows is rewarding. The chance to educate myself on things outside my local area and the chance to meet new collectors are some of the reasons I take the time to go. Attending these shows helps convince others that the shows we host are worth the travel time and that they to can help build the hobby by attending shows outside their comfort zones.

Keep an eye on the Trade Show schedule in the back of the issue for your chance to get out and see what the hobby has to offer you.



I would like to thank all our Chapter members and sponsors for their help with our 2023 Fort Wayne Brewery Collectibles Show: Photo credits to Larry Stevens.





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-Set-up and early trading starts **Friday** from 2-6 PM, Chapter Members meeting/social outing **Friday** night 7-9, location to be determined. -**Saturday** show starts at 9am-2pm
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2023 Beer Things to Do Calendar

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Rik Dellinger at 269-366-8828 or rtdfunk@yahoo.com

June 10, 2023 **Brewery Advertising and Beer Can Show**, Stroh's Fire
Brewed Chapter Knights of Columbus, Wyandotte, MI
Rich Daniels at 734-285-1530 or rdaniels1340@wowway.com

July 7, 2023 **Ohio Mini-Convention**, Miami Valley Chapter
Greene County Expo Center, Xenia, OH
Rich Ordeman at 937-558-6993 or rdordeman@gmail.com

July 21-22, 2023 **Summerswap**, Michigan and Rusty Bunch Chapters
Frankenmuth American Legion, 990 Flint St., Frankenmuth, MI
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November 4th **Leroy Art Memorial Show / Fort Wayne Brewery**
Collectibles Show at the Classic Café, 4832 Hillegas Rd. Fort
Wayne, In. Friday Nov. 3rd early set-up from 2-6pm Chapter
party 7-9pm. Show starts Saturday Nov. 4th at 8am with a BIG
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