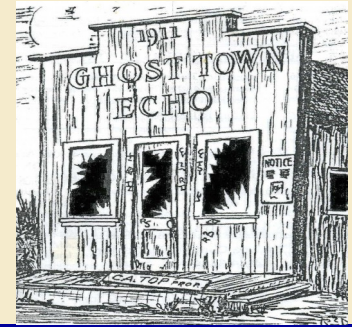


“GHOST TOWN ECHO” NEWSLETTER

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS
OF THE WASHINGTON BOTTLE & COLLECTORS
ASSOCIATION

(AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING FRIENDS AND FAMILIES)



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LOOKING FOR CLOSURE? AN INTERESTING PENN YAN, NY BOTTLE IS FOUND IN OREGON

Its not often that a newbie like me get's to report an interesting find, but one came into my possession courtesy of an Oregon-based Goodwill store this week. This interesting bottle on the right comes from a small town in New York, called Penn Yan. What is really interesting about this bottle is the closure being employed. Though the power of the web I was able find out more about it.

David Graci, a knowledgeable author on bottles and closures emailed me some helpful insights: "An interesting use for this "Champion Bottle Stopper" (manufactured by "The Lowell Stopper Co." of Lowell, Mass) and one example I have never seen used before on a hutch bottle. It certainly wasn't meant to be used in that manner as in an ad it said; "This Stopper is adapted for Bottling Lager Beer, Ale, Porter, Etc." It was shown at a bottlers trade show in December of 1883, even before receiving its patent, which was assigned to George D.Corey on Feb.10, 1885. Marketing was controlled by the Lowell Stopper Co., of Lowell, Ma. I would say that the bottler may have gained permission for its use but probably used it without." Larry Grotz had a great supposition that this may have actually been a "Picnic Soda" given it is an oversized hutch and the closure is so easy to use.

What was especially rewarding was being able to connect with Lisa Harper at the Yates County Genealogical & Historical Society in Penn Yan itself, and she was able to research the actual bottler, the Esther Bush Bottling Company and provided the following info: "In 1881, the bottling works of E. Bush was located here, the premises being used for both storage and bottling purposes. It is stated that at the time the Bush firm were local distributors of Bartholomay's lager beer, from Rochester, and that two carloads a week came, packed in ice to the local warehouse and bottled at the same temperature as when sent from the brewery.

Six horses were kept constantly on the road delivering the Bush products. Bush also had facilities for bottling the milder popular drinks of that day: birch, ginger, sarsaparilla and lemon beer." A newspaper story of March 9, 1882 said " E. Bush bottling works , Elm St. added a latest A.D. Paffer & Sons fountain and bottling machine. Cost \$1000. One man can fill 50 dozen bottles an hour. 6000 a day of 10 working hours." And this information from Lisa really caught my eye, although it may have been common practice: A quote from a former employee stated, "Marble dust and vitriol obtained from the local paper mills were mixed to produce soda gas, which was purified before mixing in the drinks. For ginger ale syrup, was made from imported Jamaican ginger in the local works."

And this story has a happy ending as I was also able to liberate an EB Smith Champagne-style Beer bottle off Ebay the other day so now the two sit side by side on a shelf! -Scott Gibbons



WBCA CHEHALIS SHOW A SUCCESS!!!!

A Brief Eyewitness Account of Exploits and Shenanigans from Early November

I was unfortunately not able to attend the club's show in Chehalis earlier this month in November, but two of our fearless leaders provided this write up for the newsletter and the attached photos as well! -Scott

Scott, I was sorry that you weren't able to attend the show in Chehalis last weekend. I assure you and anyone else who missed it that it was a typical Wild West event! We were able to have the 4H building at the fairgrounds which has better lighting and heat (which I assure you was necessary this weekend). Ellen and I arrived around noon on Friday and found things in full swing with most of those in attendance crowded around Ted Parks' table. It was great to see Ted and drool over the great offerings he presented. I saw people walking away with whiskey's, medicines, bitters and big smiles. Ted and I made a great trade on a rare Castle whiskey fifth and had nice remembrances of our late club member and friend Steve Papac.



After socializing with Ted I had a better chance to get oriented with the dealers in attendance: Jeff Hooper and Jay Marks had great items including some rare Washington drugstore bottles! Then on to Quenton Borreson's table where there were oodles of fresh killer bottles (many dug in Port Townsend from a long time collection) Then over to Rick Miller's table. He had amazing mint colored bottles for sale and some rare Seattle stuff too! Jim and Julie Dennis brought great whiskey bottles and advertising antiques. Warren Lhotka had two tables tastefully loaded with choice bottles and antique glassware. Pete Hendricks had his usual array of affordable bottles and rare western offerings. Randy Mitchell and friend Kim were next to Pete offering rare figural bottles and good western whiskey's. Jason Parker was heavily involved with Mark Teveaho negotiating over trinkets and precious metals. Jim Cunningham had his always nice array of tabletop antiques and insulators. Don't forget Bill Bogynska and his bottles and tokens, Don Fairbanks with ACL's and great advertising. Jeff Wik and friend Michelle with everything under the sun and Greg Wilson the soda fiend and his eclectic offerings. Whew!

That's quite a list! As usual I brought a bunch of junk and had to sell all Kevin Wade's items for him since he couldn't attend due to work! (complain, moan, etc.) There were two exciting displays by Pete and Greg highlighting sodas and Owl drug bottles. Lots of people from the club attended like David B, Mark Nelson, Kim Blacketer, David Bork, Fred Cole, John Cooper and Ron Fowler. (If I left anyone out I apologize) To be expected I bought more than I sold, talked 'til I had sore throat, went out for a fun dinner at the Country Cousin and laughed until my stomachs hurt. In the end, that's what it's all about: good times with friends sharing good memories and keeping connected! -Niel Smith

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE CHEHALIS SHOW!!!!



A BONANZA OF BIGGAM BOTTLES

New Acquisitions and Information Come to Light!!!!

BY GREGG WILSON

Those of you that came to the November WBCA show in Chehalis got to see the four very rare Biggam bottles pictured as part of my display of 53 U. S. Codd's stopper bottles. As I said in last month's column, we have new information on why a Yakima Washington bottler was using this very unusual closure from the UK.

Two recent eBay purchases netted me the Peter Biggam pottery ginger beer and, from Franklin, TN no less, the Peter Biggam, Stranraer Codd. The Codd has the exact same maker's mark on the back: Nuttall & Co / Makers / St Helens and a similar number on the base (3602). In addition, the same "Nuttal Lip" (single reinforcing band) and vertical embossing virtually confirm the connection to the two Yakima bottles.

Wikipedia says that Stranraer is a town in the southwest of Scotland, west of Dumfries and Galloway in the county of Wigtownshire. On the shores of Loch Ryan, Stranraer is best known as a ferry port connecting Scotland with Belfast in Northern Ireland.



1911-15: James Biggam, Proprietor; East end of East Chestnut; Telephone 193.

Yakima Mineral Springs Company
Yakima Brand SODA WATERS
 JAMES BIGGAM, Propr
 Sole Owners and Proprietors
 of the
 Famous Yakima Soda Springs
 All Our Goods Bottled Under Strictly Sanitary Conditions
 Telephone 193
End East Chestnut NORTH YAKIMA

(Yakima County Business Directory - 1911-12)

According to Ron Fowler, James Biggam was the proprietor of the Yakima Mineral Springs Company from 1911-15 (Fowler, 2001 p. 343). We don't know what his brother's name was – could it have been Peter? Or was Peter his Dad or Uncle? I've been trying to get more information on Peter from contacts in the UK through the web site "Codd's and Cures" which can be found at: <http://codds.3.forumer.com/index.php>

References:

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<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stranraer>

ITS ALMOST THAT TIME AGAIN TO RENEW YOUR WBCA MEMBERSHIP!

So where or where to my paltry annual dues of \$15.00 go, well I asked the same question and this is what it helps support!

- Rental fees for our meeting room for the monthly meeting at the Tukwila community center
- Membership with the Federation of Historic Bottle Collectors (FOHBC) which in turn provides our organization with cost effective insurance we otherwise would not be able to afford, free show listings, exposure on their website and in western region news....the list goes on!
- To secure sites for our bottle shows.
- To pay for the copying and postage fees associated with those still receiving the Ghost Town Echo via good old snail mail!

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WBCA Membership Form

Washington Bottle & Collectors Association

The Washington Bottle & Collectors Association is a non-profit organization founded in 1967 for the purpose of stimulating interest in the collecting and research of historical bottles.

We are a member in good standing of the National Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors. We encourage each individual member to join this national organization and help promote this great hobby.

The club holds meetings the second Friday of each month (except June – August) at 7:00 pm at the Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave East, Tukwila WA. It's located just off I-90 north of South Center Mall in the Allentown neighborhood. The club also holds shows twice a year. (Usually May and November)

To become a member, please complete the application below and enclose your check or money order for \$15.00 payable to WBCA. Dues are renewable each January. Mail to the Club Treasurer, Warren Lhotka at 905 24th Ave South, Seattle WA 98144

Detach here and enclose with payment:

Name _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Contact phone (____) _____ - _____

Email address: _____

Optional information

Would you like to be listed in the Club directory and have your want ads interests occasionally printed in the Newsletter ?
Yes _____ No _____

How long have you been collecting bottles? _____

Collecting interests/Specialties? _____

UPCOMING WESTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN BOTTLE SHOWS FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS:

02 & 03 December 2011 (Friday & Saturday) **Auburn, California** **49er Antique Bottle & Antique Show** "The Best of the West" (9:00 am to 3:00 pm, early admission Friday \$10.00 at Noon – 7:00 pm) at the Gold Country Fairgrounds, Auburn, California, Info: Mike McKillop, 117 A Estates Court, Roseville, California 95678, 916.367.1829, pville1871@yahoo.com

28 January 2012 (Sunday) **Anderson, California** **Superior California Antique Bottle Club's 36th Annual Show and Sale.** (9:00 am to 4:00 pm) at the Shasta County Fair grounds, Anderson County. Info: Mel Hammer 530.241.4878 or Phil McDonald 530.243.6903

17 & 18 February 2012 (Friday & Saturday) **Las Vegas, Nevada** **Las Vegas Antique Bottles & Collectibles Club 47th Annual Show and Sale** at the [Texas Station](#) Gambling Hall and Hotel, 2101 Texas Star Lane, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032, Friday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Early buyers \$15.00 for both days 7:00 am on Saturday for Early buyers. General Admission \$5.00. Info: Mark O'Dell, M1t2odell@aol.com(Show Chairman), Tele: 702.395.7110 (home), 702.339.0392 (cell). Supported by Las Vegas Bottle Club, **FOHBC Club**

18 February 2012 (Saturday) **Aurora, Oregon** **The Oregon Bottle Collectors Association 2012 Winter Antique Bottle & Collectible Show & Sale** will be held at the American Legion Hall in Aurora, Oregon. Set-up & Early Birds begin Friday, February 17th. Dealer drop-off is at 12 noon. Set-up & Early Birds 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Dealer Set-up 8:00 am – 9:00 am on Saturday, February 18th. Regular public admission is 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday February 18th. For more info and/or table reservations contact: Jim or Julie Dennis (541) 467-2760 or e-mail:jmdennis@hotmail.com

24 & 25 February 2012 (Friday & Saturday) **Phoenix, Arizona** **The Phoenix Antiques Bottles & Collectibles Club, Joined by the AZ Antiques & Collectibles Club Antique Show,** Friday 24 February 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Early Bird at 2:00 pm., Saturday, 25 February 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Info: bettchem@cox.net, phoenixantiquesclub.org

23 & 24 March 2012 (Friday & Saturday) **Morro Bay, California** **The San Luis Obispo Bottle Society's 44th Annual Show and Sale** Friday 1:00 pm to 6: 00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Morro Bay Veterans Hall, 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, California. Free admission and no charge to early birds. Info: Richard Tartaglia 805.543.7484.

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TREASURY REPORT
 Submitted by:
 The Honorable Warren Lhotka

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YOUR MEMBERSHIP DOLLARS AT WORK!

GOT EMAIL? HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS A BETTER NEWSLETTER AND SAVE THE CLUB SOME DOUGH!

As we continue to grow and expand our newsletter, we would love to increase its size and content. In order to do so, and expand the pages in this publication, I am appealing to our membership to try and get more of us on board via email. If you are currently receiving this publication via regular mail and have an email address, can you please forward it to me at gibboinwa@comcast.net? I am going to work on setting up a distribution list that will keep your email private, but will also allow us to send out our Ghost Town Echo to you in color with expanded articles and information!

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE NO LONGER WITH US PHYSICALLY BUT IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

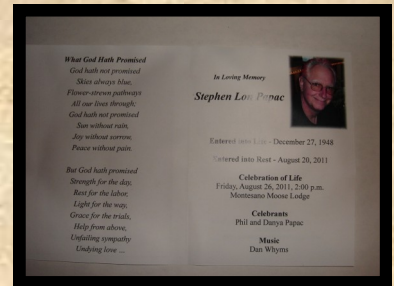
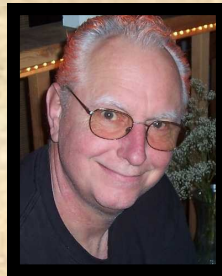
Stephen Lon Papac

Born in Aberdeen, Washington on Dec. 27, 1948

Departed on Aug. 20, 2011 and resided in Montesano, WA.

Warren suggested we remember those no longer sharing our fellowship during this holiday time of year and forwarded me the remembrance card below for a club member Stephen Papac.

From what I gleaned from Steve's obituary and from other club members, he really loved the hobby we all share: "Steve was passionate about his hobbies. In his younger years he enjoyed working on cars, building several cars, including his favorite, a red and white "57" Nomad. Steve had a love of music, and was a sound mixer for several local bands over the years including Dan Whym's Johnny Cash Tribute band. Steve was a free spirit, often coloring his grey hair blue or orange for his gigs. He also loved searching for old bottles from a very young age, which took him too many places within the United States and Canada." Please join me in the spirit of the holidays and remember Steve and his family in your thoughts. -Scott



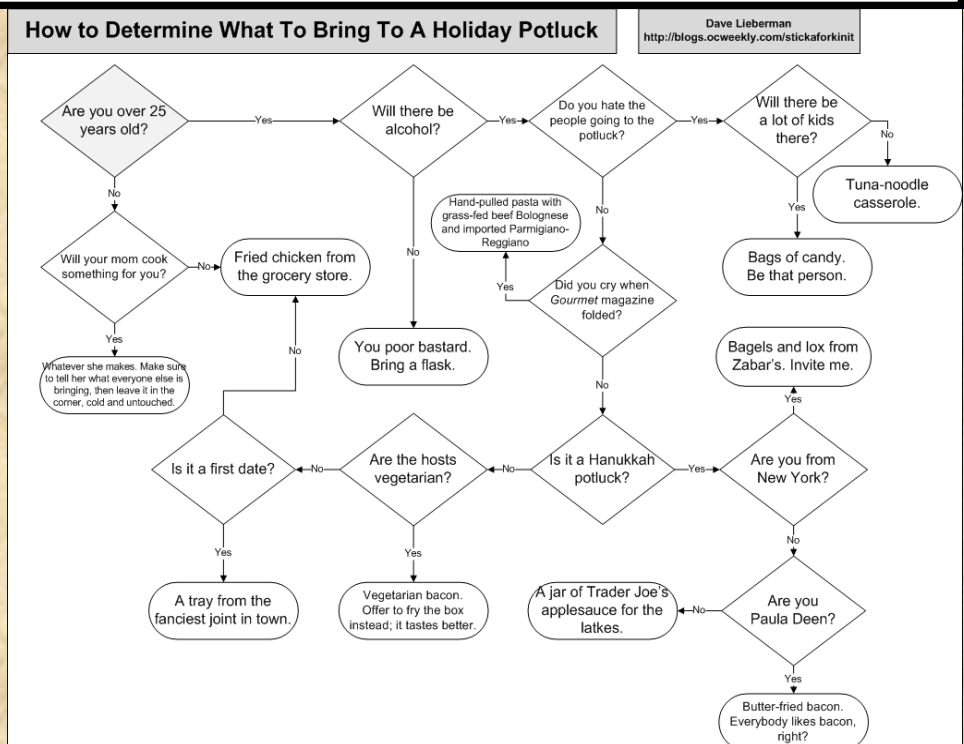
Next club meeting on Friday, December 9th is the HOLIDAY POTLUCK!

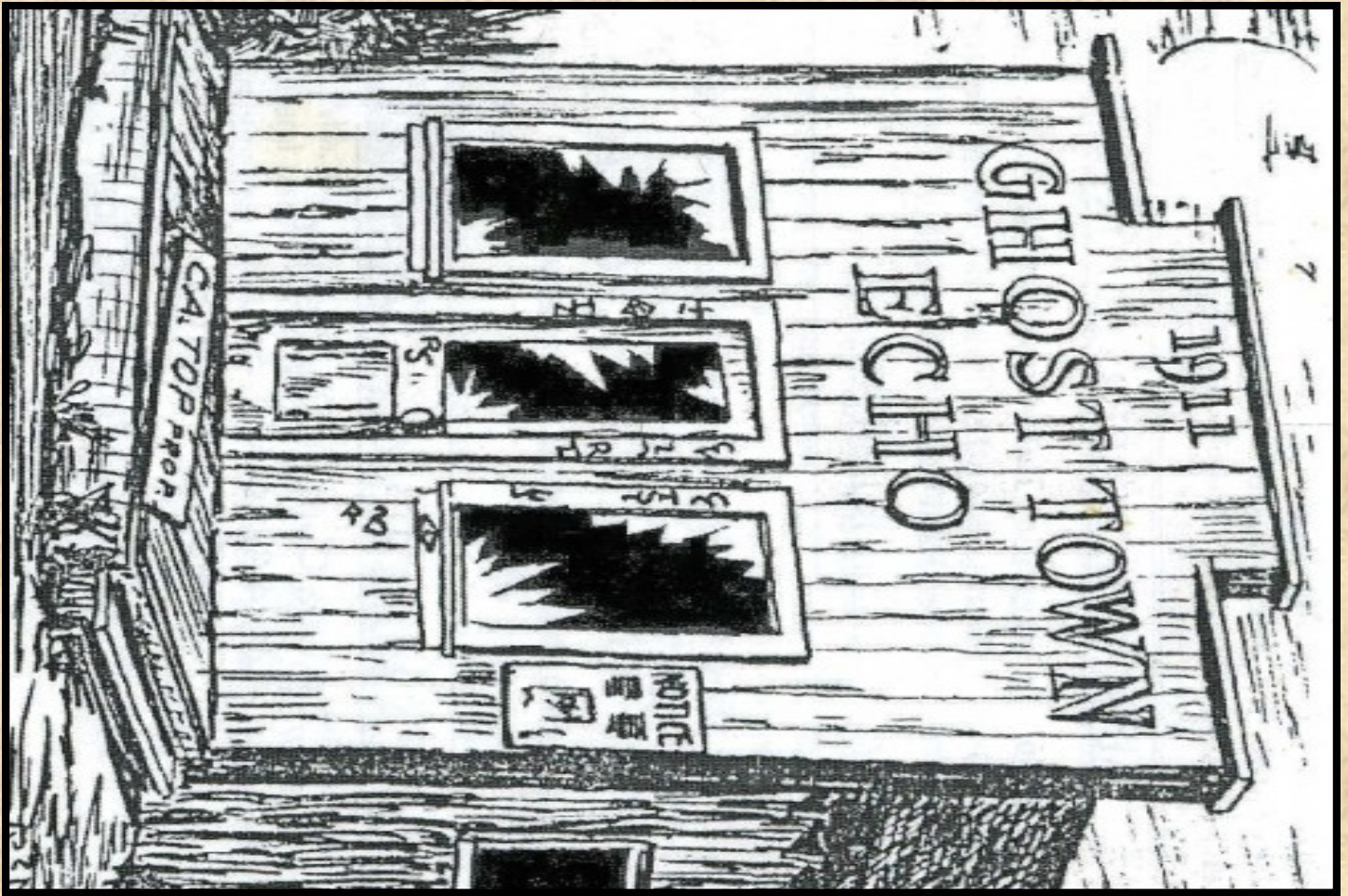
I have been asked to remind everyone that our next upcoming meeting's main theme will be the annual holiday potluck, and as part of that meeting a request has been made to :

Please bring a dish to share with at about 25 people if possible!

For those such as myself who agonize over such decisions, please see the handy flow chart to the right created by Dave Lieberman to assist with your decision process!

Also, many people bring a holiday themed item as their show and tell as well.





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