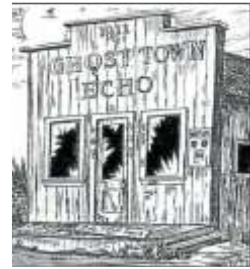


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JANUARY MEETING

Friday Jan 9th 2014

TOPIC: **Mold Marks OR Mold Seams**

President's Message

Greetings bottle folk!

It's January and time for our election meeting which occurs this time of year!

Wouldn't someone like to give the prez a break?! Try an onion on your burger once and awhile! It's fun to be president of this multi-national corporation that we call bottle club! Maybe you'd rather ply your wares as librarian, or treasurer, or secretary! Give back to your community, win accolades, have odes written about you.....well, think about it at least!

We hope everyone's Christmas stockings were filled with privy dirt and treasures as we enter 2015. Lots upcoming this year with shows and events. Think about our big show in Kent this coming Spring and how you can participate in this great show! It's also time to start thinking of our Oregon brethren and Aurora Oregon. Give Shane Bowker a call to reserve your table.

This month's meeting kind of snuck up on all of us since the second Friday is right in the beginning of the month, but we'll be there! The subject for this month's meeting is "Mold marks, or mold seams" Let's see how creative we can get in our glass geek-ness and find some interesting ways to understand manufacturing processes. If not, bring something you'd like to share, or learn about and it'll be fun!!

See you this Friday in Tukwilla.

President Niel

(Hopefully to be ousted this year*)

Member Report - Roseville California Show

By David Bethman

Jeff Hooper & I talked about driving together to the Roseville CA bottle show in December 2014. About a week before the show, we both felt we had the time and some funds for buying to make the trip worthwhile. Since the show was to be held on the 5th and 6th, we decided to meet very early on the morning of the 3rd, and drive south.

I met Jeff at a convenient point near Tacoma, at about 6:30 am. The drive to Tacoma from Bellingham, even leaving here at 4.30 am, was clogged with cars, a big crash in North Seattle, and an amazing amount of traffic on the road. I used to leave B'ham at 5 am and cruise thru Seattle, then had to move it to 4.45, looks like I will have to leave Bellingham at 4 am to get smoothly thru Seattle!



Anyway, we met, and off to California! I drove for a while so that The Hoopster could catch up on a bit of sleep, and I was able to take a nap later in the day when Jeff drove. Our first stop for antique shopping was in Springfield, Oregon. We visited a couple of malls there, Jeff got some poison bottles, postcards, and a few souvenir items. I picked up a couple of ruby flashed souvenirs, and that was it. Our next stop was in Medford Oregon, where we visited the two large downtown malls. I was able to buy a set of 6 different sizes of STAR DRUG STORE Klamath Falls Oregon pharmacy bottles, and Jeff was able to buy some sodas, souvenirs, and advertising.



We then drove all the way to Redding CA, and spent the night at El Motel Numero Six. For Thursday, we decided to take the back highways and hit all the antique shops. We turned off I-5 at Red Bluff, and headed south on Highway 99 for Chico. Jeff & I made some good purchases in the two large downtown Chico malls... some good Coca-Cola paper items, custard glass souvenirs, some milk bottles and caps. Our next stop was in Gridley CA, where Jeff & I purchased some nice porcelain P G & E power pole warning signs, postcards, and some gold and silver jewelry, along with a couple of nice peanut butter and candy tins. We then checked out Yuba City (no longer any antique shops there) and then the 6-7 shops in Marysville CA. Some postcards, bottles, and souvenir items were purchased. There was a shop in Marysville that had a ton of postcards and bottles, but the prices were very high and not affordable. That night we checked into the Best Western Roseville Inn, and ran into many other bottle dealers and collectors. Pete and Shannon Hendricks, Richard Siri, Jim & Julie Dennis, and some other California collectors were there.

Friday was the first day of the show, with \$10 early admission at High Noon. There was quite a crowd waiting to get in, with 200-300 early admissions sold that day. I was #78, and the attendance was impressive, the aisles were clogged with buyers. The buying was hot and heavy, as tables were crowded with buyers as dealers put their wares out for sale. I was able to buy lots of western pharmacy bottles, some western whiskies and beers, and lots of other decent bottles. Jeff was busy, buying good colored bottles, and a big Hutchinson soda collections, with bottles from all over the United States, including a historic Biedenharn Candy Co hutch from Vicksburg Miss, the earliest of the Coca-Cola bottles.

That night, we met Tony Vincent and Pete & Shannon Hendricks at the Claim Jumper restaurant for a muy delicioso dinner. We were all feeling pretty good about our day at the show, so decided to pass on the bread and water for dinner, and get a nice steak or seafood meal. Tri-Tip beef fillets, lobster, Fillet Mignon, wine, etc etc made for a very pleasant dinner!

Saturday morning dawned, and we were at the fairgrounds for the bottle show at 8 am, with public admittance coming at 9 am. I was able to buy a boxful of 50 California pharmacy bottles, a nice Santa Cruz pumpkinseed, and a table full of bottles at a closeout price. Jeff was able to buy a box of pontiled colored sodas from Jeff Wichman, many from San Francisco and Stockton, and a box of classic western CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC WORKS cd 130 telegraph insulators. We left the show about noon, and took some of the backroads north to avoid traffic congestion in Sacramento. I was happy about this, as I was able to buy 40 lbs of fresh mandarin oranges, and many lbs of fresh pecans and walnuts to bring back to Bellingham. I think Jeff and I ate about a full 10 lb bag of Satsuma mandarins on the driving down in California, and on the trip back to Washington.

We did a fair amount of driving, the weather was perfect, and roads were dry with only light traffic. We debated a bit about stopping at the bottle shop in Lake Shasta City but decided to keep on driving. We drove all the way to Kelso WA, got a room for the nite, then were off early to Tacoma. I dropped Jeff off at his automobile, and then headed up to Bellingham, arriving in mid afternoon.

We had a very enjoyable trip, my Focus wagon was full of bottles, fruit and nuts (not including the two humans) and the trip was a success!

HOW WEIRD IS THAT?

By Niel Smith

O.K. so like any serious antique bottle collector, you follow up on all leads that may put dirty old glass in your hands and this December didn't disappoint! I received a call from a fellow in Oregon who had dug bottles with his family back in the 60s-70s and one of the locations was Monte Cristo!! Now for those of us who remember, Monte Cristo was never known as the site of any monumental discoveries and the pickings back then were pretty thin. But one can always remain hopeful and so I arranged to meet with the digger (a man in his 60s named, Roy) who agreed to meet me the day before one of the last Seahawks games. The meeting was short and sweet (in a Krispy Crème parking lot downtown) but everything went well and he was happy to 'off' his treasures of youthful times on your mean old President. Among the Flotsam and Jetsam of items purchased were two Hutch sodas from an unlikely place: Wisconsin! There were two sodas embossed: J F DALLINGER / MILWAUKEE WIS. (base embossed JD) These bottles are identical in form and slug plate embossing to the well-known Dallinger from Tacoma. So obviously we have a traveler on our hands!! For those us who like sodas, it is known that in Seattle when you dig holes that border on WT (Washington Territory) age you will sometimes find hutches from CHICAGO IL embossed: C F LANG. Lang



was a bottler who moved to Seattle in the 1890s and obviously brought his "old stock" with him before becoming the head of Rainier soda and bottling works (not to be confused with Rainier Brewery) These bottles were re-used and ended up in toilets with the normal local bottles.

So back to Dallinger. My knowledgeable researcher wife learned that Dallinger had been many things in Milwaukee, including a policeman, but wasn't listed as a soda bottler until right before he came to Washington in 1902. This may explain why we see so few of the Tacoma Dallinger's and certainly I have only heard vague references of the Milwaukee examples.

Now naturally, my little Pea brain envisioned a windfall of riches as I listed the bottles on Ebay this last week and especially since there was correspondence from Eastern buyers all saying, "Those are really scarce around here, Wow!" As with Ebay there was big group of "watchers" waiting in the shadows and I rung my sweaty hands together imagining all the bottle money I would soon have as the clock ticked away, "Tick Tock...."

Alas, when it came down to it at the end, they were just plain old soda bottles each selling for a paltry \$10.00 bucks each! Drat! Oh well, there's always next time.....*I hate

bottles!

Don't Forget - its that time of year again - DUES ARE DUE

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