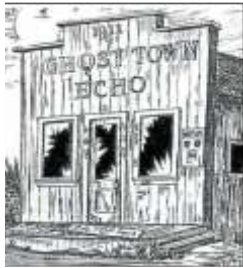


# GHOST TOWN ECHO

MARCH 2015

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## MARCH MEETING

Friday March 13 2015

TOPIC: **Patina or Sickness**

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### President's Message

Greetings to all members out in bottle-land USA! We will have our usual meeting the 2nd week of March despite the Chico show so lets have a good one and bring some "stained" stuff to talk about! Remember, patina CAN be beautiful! I have seen lots of activity regarding our show in May so make sure to tell us your table needs so you can reserve a space as it will sneak up on us faster than you think! It looks like we have some nice digging conditions starting in the beautiful Pacific NW so sharpen your probe and 'Git' to it!

Seattle has been busy as usual, destroying single family residences and putting giant ugly mixed use dwellings over them. In one case last weekend, Pete, Scott and I got into a BIG hole circa \*1890 that almost made Territory, but just didn't have the age by one year!

Here are two photos I took of the dig: One of the "stuff" and one great picture of Pete 12' down in the slot.



Yes, we pulled alot of buckets!! Ended up being a two seater 5' X 7' X 13' deep!! Best finds: Local drugs, busted Bayview beer and lots of patent Meds! Happy digging and see you at the March meeting! President Niel Smith

## Meeting Minutes - Thanks Lisa!

Note: all "action items" from last month have been taken care of

Meeting theme: "Tops - everything you always wanted to know about bottle lips but were afraid to ask"

### Old Business:

- Show is May 15 & 16 (weekend after Mothers Day)
- 500 deposit is rolled over for following year with Kent Commons
- 2016 show date is already reserved and Niel is sending in contract to Kent Commons
- Dues from Mike given to Warren
- Table payments received so far were given to Warren
- Make table reservation now. Sign-up sheet in the front or contact Neil to reserve
- Tables are \$40.00. Table floor map available and you can pick your location
- Pete has been handing out flyers at Anderson & Puyallup
- Post cards & flyers provided for distribution to antique malls

### New business

- Mike looking for Dr Paris's soothing syrup - keep your eyes open!
- Niel book recommendation - Collecting Antique Bottles by Cecil Munsey
- Gregg book recommend - Soda and Beer Bottle Closures 1850 - 1910 David Graci
- Good web sites - Sodasandbeers.com hutchbook.com

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## Identifying Washington Territorial Bottles

Thanks to club member Tom Harmon for providing this article from the April 18 1889 *Spokane Falls Review* that discusses the issue of how to abbreviate "Washington" once statehood was achieved. Tom thought this might be of interest to those of you on the hunt for territorial bottles:

**HOW SHALL IT BE WRITTEN?**

And now that the affix "territory" is soon to be left off, the question arises as to what style of abbreviation will gain the ascendancy. To write it "Spokane Falls, Wash.," is to suggest the use of soap and the necessity therefor, which is not the most pleasant thing to contemplate. Some of the state names are abbreviated upon one principle and some upon another. Take Missouri for instance: the initial M is used in connection with the o which occurs in the middle of the word. Vermont, Virginia, Pennsylvania and other states are expressed by the first and last letters of the names while Massachusetts, Arkansas and some other states are expressed by the three first letters. Washington may be expressed: Wash., Wash'n, Wshn., Wsh., Wn., Wh. or plain W. Which shall it be?

**Don't Forget - Don't miss your chance**  
Get your table reservations For the **SPRING BOTTLE SHOW -**  
**MAY 15 & 16th 2015** at the Kent Commons

PS - Have you paid your dues today? ;)