

BEST OF KC'S BEST



Chapter of the BCCA

OUT WITH 2020, IN WITH 2021

We got 2020 off to a good start with January featuring the Mid-Missouri show at Osage Beach and the Lawrence Winter Blues show in Lawrence. February brought us a Super Bowl Champion Kansas City Chiefs after a 50 year drought. Then it hit the fan.

With Covid-19 wreaking havoc on just about everything in 2020 including beer can and breweriana shows it would seem that 2021 would be a welcome sight. It is, but how our hobby proceeds with the pandemic still in play remains to be seen.

Show cancellations got underway full steam in March and continued through the year. The major casualty was the much anticipated BCCA 50th CANvention in St. Louis. This mega-event is now rescheduled for 2021 as the 50th anniversary II and again in St. Louis.

Locally, KC's Best and Carrie Nation were able to pull off the annual Kansas Kolossal Kan Kaper in Salina. Being an outside show made it possible and it turned out to be a big success. The Gateway Chapter held a show at a local craft brewery where they had ample space to spread out and social distance and it went well. The Missouri Ozarks Chapter held two outdoor shows (June and October) and they also went well. Other chapters also shifted to an outdoor format such as the Guzzle and Twirl show in Minnesota, one of the larger shows in the country. There were also attempts to do shows on the internet but they met with limited success.

Another casualty of the pandemic was the KC's Best monthly *First Wednesday at Boulevard* meetings. Fortunately, we were able to resume this event in

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September and October and then Boulevard again closed their Rec Center. Hopefully we can resume this activity in 2021.

Surprisingly, the pandemic has yet to cause the closing of craft breweries and that is a good thing. In fact, nine more craft brewers opened up in the KC Metro after the pandemic struck. They all had to change their business model and method of delivery but so far so good. One of the big changes was the shift to packaging their products in 12 ounce cans. If you pay attention to some of these cans you can appreciate the talents of their graphic designers.

Next Chapter Show

January 22-23, 2021

If you haven't already done so it's time to make your reservations and registration for the Mid-Missouri Brewery Collectibles show

A flyer is at the end of this newsletter.

KC's Best Chapter



The Best of KC's BEST is the official newsletter of the KC's BEST chapter of the BCCA. It is scheduled for quarterly publication *but once in awhile there may only be three per year.*

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Trip Dog is a Belgian Style Tripel ale and The Art Of Mischief is a Pale Ale. Both are from **Torn Label Brewing.**



Game Day is a Pilsner and Show time is an IPA. Both are 12 ounce cans from **Martin City Brewing.**



Zeus is an Orange Creamsickle Milkshake IPA from **3halves Brewery.** BLOK is from **Cinder Block Brewery** and is an Amber Lager.

Katz Beer

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The story of Katz beer is also a story of the Katz Drug Store chain as that is the only place the brand was sold. It begins with Isaac “Íke” Katz who was born in western Ukraine in 1879. At age 13 he moved with his family to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Ike Katz soon dropped out of school and got a job selling newspapers on the Great Northern Railroad. Katz also sold souvenirs, postcards, blankets and straw mats to passengers. While in his 20’s Katz came to Kansas City where he operated a fruit stand. His brother Mike joined him there and likewise operated a produce stand.

In 1914 the new Union Station opened in Kansas City. The Katz brothers decided to go where the action was and opened two cigar stores nearby. One was in the Argyle Building at 12th and McGee streets.

In 1917 the federal government passed wartime restrictions mandating 6:00 pm store closings. An exception to the rules was drug stores. So the cigar shop in the Argyle Building could stay open at night, Katz hired a pharmacist to fill prescriptions. By coincidence, the Argyle Building housed several doctor’s offices, enhancing this new sideline.

The clever marketing of cigarettes likewise helped the Katz brothers. A wartime tax had made them more expensive. The Katz brothers had purchased a large supply of smokes prior to the tax. They realized they could sell these cigarettes cheaper than the competition and use the catchy slogan “*Katz pays the tax*”.

During the 1920’s that Katz Drug store expanded to become a chain, including stores in St. Joseph and St. Paul. Besides prescriptions, they sold a huge variety of stock ranging from groceries to novelties, from

appliances to tobacco, and even pets including alligators and monkeys.

Kidnappings for ransom were not uncommon during the depression and one of the victims was Michael



Shown above on the right is the change in type font that Katz tried before returning to the original font (left). The can on the left is from Pearl Brewing in San Antonio and St Joseph and on the right is from James Hanley Company in St. Louis.

Katz. On March 18, 1930, Katz was kidnapped by two men as he pulled out of his driveway that morning. A ransom scheme resulted in’ brother Isaac obtaining \$100,000 in hundreds and fifties and dropping the money on the seat of a car.

As instructed, he and the friend accompanying him did not look back as someone jumped in the car and sped away. Hours later his brother was dropped off at a park. He had been hooded by his captors so he could give few clues as to where he had been held. The ransom bills had been marked and some would turn up now and then, but the kidnapping was never solved.

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That crisis over, the drug stores were ready to jump into the liquor business following the repeal of Prohibition. In 1934 the Katz brothers opened a new store in Kansas City which was said to be the largest drug store in the world at 20,000 square feet. The store had 29 checkout lines (yeah, compare that to Wal-Mart today), air conditioning and a giant sign featuring a grinning black cat wearing a bow tie.

The Katz Drug Store chain would eventually grow to 65 stores in five states (MO, MN, IA, OK, and TN). In 1971 the company racked up over \$100 million in sales. That year it merged with Skaggs drug stores. Skaggs was bought out by Osco in 1985, which was taken over by CVS in 2006.



An early rendition (left) of the Katz beer can. This one is from Associated Brewing Co. Evansville-St. Paul-South Bend. The cat at the top of the label is the same image that Katz used as signage at their stores. The black cat on the can was eventually replaced with steins in the background as pictured on the previous page. You can see the large black cat on the store sign in the photo below.

First It Was The Toilet Paper Shortage. Now It's The Aluminum Can Shortage

Several local craft breweries have reported some delays in getting 12 ounce aluminum cans. A contributing factor is nearly all craft breweries in the country have started canning their products and mainly as a result of covid19. Shown below are two recent Martin City Brewery cans. The "Love, Coffee Stout" is a wrap label and is on a Tallgrass Coastal Fusion can. Apparently Tallgrass had a large supply of cans when they ceased operations and Martin City Brewing acquired them to meet their canning demand.



Screaming Eagle is a Cream Ale from **Callsign Brewing Company**.



Early Katz store in Kansas City

WHATS ON TAP

Jan 17, 2021, LAWRENCE WINTER BLUES BEER CAN SHOW 9am-1pm Set em Up Jacks, 1800 E. 23rd St., Lawrence, KS.

Jan 22-23, MID-MISSOURI BREWERY COLLECTIBLES Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, MO. Contact Rick Kottemann at rakmorust@aol.com or 314-842-5494

Feb 10-13, Blue-Gray, Hilton Washington Dulles Airport. Room-to-room only. Contact Larry Handy at 267-221-8300 or ohhugol@aol.com

Feb 28 Vic Olson Memorial Show, Ar-Can-Sas and Missouri Ozarks chapter, Inn of the Ozarks, Eureka Springs, AR 800-552-3785. Info contact Erin Jones: erinjbrew1002@aol.com

April 25, Carrie Nation Spring Show, Sedgwick County Park-Sunflower shelter Wichita, Contact Jacob Parker at 316-644-0721 or jparker23@cox.net

June 25-27 Kansas Kollosal Kan Kaper, Salina, KS. Best Western Sure Stay. Hotel number is 785-827-0356. Make (or verify) your reservation

Aug 15-21 BCCA CANvention, St Louis

Verify Before Going

Before heading out to a show it is a good idea to confirm that it is still on. With Covid related restrictions popping up a show could be cancelled with very little notice.

Don't Forget Your Dues

To keep our chapter viable depends on you and your continued membership. There is a renewal form at the end of this newsletter. Please take a minute and a half to send in your renewal.



From CRANE BREWING: Black Is Beautiful is an Imperial Stout. That Impossible Line is a Belgian Style IPA and was a collaboration with Diametric Brewing.

Missouri Ozarks Octoberfest Show

Sometimes a can and breweriana show will just “pop-up”. At least that became the trend in the second half of the year as the covid pandemic forced the cancellation of many regularly scheduled shows.

Several chapters decided to put on local shows – mostly outside – but with very little advance notice and no advertising except through social media. Some of these *pop-up* shows appeared to be quite successful from the pictures and comments posted on Facebook.

The Missouri Ozarks Chapter put on a *pop-up* show October 3rd at the Michele & Mike Fritz Ranch located between Buffalo and Elkland, Missouri. The chapter typically has shows in the Spring and Fall but they were held inside at Billiards in Springfield until that venue became unavailable earlier this year.

The early Fall weather was ideal for this show and there were collectors from four states in attendance. there were plenty of spaces where collectors could set up their wares. The big circle drive in front of the Fritz home was situated perfectly for collectors to have plenty of space plus there were several tent canopies available.



Crane Brewing continues with large numbers of releases in 12 ounce cans. From the top l. to r, Lady Midday is a Gose-Style Sour Ale. Pineapple Razzle-Dazzle is a Belgian

Style Sour Ale. Blackberry Peach is a Sour IPA. Tiki Weiss is a Sour Ale and Ocean Drive-In is a Cherry-Lime Gose and also benefitted Big Brothers/Big Sisters

LAWRENCE WINTER BLUES BEER CAN SHOW

Sunday January 17, 2021

9am-1pm

Set Em Up Jacks

1800 E 23rd St

Lawrence, Kansas

Beer cans, signs, neons, openers and more

- Free admission
- Huge quality raffle
- Food and drink specials
- Best people to hang out with

Questions: e-mail Kevin at kukhawk@msn.com



Triple Dry Hopped Imperial IPA (left) in a 16 oz can. KCPils (center) in 12 oz cans is the latest KC Charities issue with this one for the Ronald McDonald House. Crust Fall is a collaboration with hinegeist and is a Peach Berry Pie Sour and in a 16 oz can.



Shock (left) is a collaboration with Screenland Armour. People Power (center) is an English Style Pub Ale with a portion of the proceeds going to the ACLU. Apple Spice Gose is a Sour Ale brewed with apples and cinnamon.

KC's BEST Chapter Tour

Matt and Amy Sackett extended an invitation to the KC's Best chapter and any other area breweriana collectors to a collection tour at their house on November 14.

The day was near perfect for this event with 60 degree temperature and plenty of sunshine. And the hospitality that Matt and Amy extended to everyone got all of us in a festive and jovial mood.

It was great to see long time KC's Bester Dennis Sackett already there and ready to greet everyone. Matt's niece Megan brought Dennis over for the event.

Matt has been an avid collector of breweriana items for decades and his pursuit of items for his collection made for an interesting and eye pleasing viewing. As it usually is with well assembled collections, you had to go slow and then repeat 2 or 3 times to really take it all in.

The lighted signs shown below left are just a small fraction of The lighted signs on display in the Sackett collection.



Beautiful sign above was an attention getter with its colorful graphics.



Matt and Dennis Sackett



Cheryl and Pat Kelly along with Gayle Hoover sit in front of the wall that is covered with beer bottle caps.



Tom Waggoner and Dennis Sackett seem to have the technique down for being masked up and drinking beer. Just lower the mask, take a drink and pull the mask back up.



Signs and trays lined the walls of the two rooms which contain the Sackett collection.



Andy Craig



Tom Waggoner



Cheryl and Pat Kelley Drove over from Topeka To enjoy the collection Tour.

We managed to get everyone's picture with the seven foot tall glass of Pale Ale sign thanks to Marcia Butterbaugh.



Paul and Vickie Storz stand next to the seven foot tall glass of Boulevard Pale Ale.



Above, Matt is describing how he set up all his lighted signs to turn on using Alexa. That is technology far from the level that I'm at but it sure does work nice. Matt simply says Alexa turn on the lights and they come on and he can use a command to turn off and off they go.



Bob and Gayle Hoover



Pat Elam



Marcia Butterbaugh

A big THANK YOU to Matt and Amy for hosting this fun and entertaining event

Big Rip Brewing put these two cans out recently. *Zelda's* is a Cream Ale and *Aisle 12* is an East Coast Style IPA.



TWO KC BREWERIES TAKE MEDALS AT THE 2020 GREAT AMERICAN BEER FESTIVAL

Boulevard scored a gold medal with their Tank 7 in the American-Belgo Style Ale category (Belgo is the term used to indicate a Belgian strain of yeast was used).

Kansas City Bier Company took home two medals at the festival. Their Hefeweizen took silver in the German Style Wheat Ale category while Pils was awarded a bronze in the German-Style Pilsner category.



Calibration Brewery is now packaging their products in 12 ounce cans

Mischief Managed is an IPA from **City Barrel Brewery**



Cock-A-Doodle Brews Lone Jack, MO



Cock-A-Doodle Brews has their ales contract brewed and canned by **Weston Brewing**. Shown above in a 12 ounce can is *Hippie Chick* which is described as a Country Cream IPA.



Hail Mellie (left) is a Sour Ale brewed with cucumber & watermelon. *Thundergong!* is a wheat Ale. Both are from **Crane Brewing**.



Pathlight Brewing in Shawnee have been canning their ales for some time now. *Squad Leader* (right) seems to have a lot in common with the KC Chiefs.



KANSAS CITY METRO & AREA BREWERIES

Alma Mader Brewing, 2635 Southwest Blvd, KC, MO

Amerisport Brewpub, 8201 NE Birmingham Road Kansas City, MO Located at the Ameristar Casino.

Angry Swede Brewing, 513 Francis, St Joseph, MO

Apex Aleworks, 4356 Noland Road, Independence, MO

Atlas Saloon Brewery, 100 W Broadway, Excelsior Springs, MO, www.atlassaloon.com

Big Rip Brewing Co 216 E 9th, North Kansas City, MO. bigripbrewing.com

BKS Artisan Ales 633 E 63rd, KC, MO

Black Stag Brewery, 623 Massachusetts, Lawrence, KS

Brew Lab KC, 7925 Marty, Overland Park, KS. www.brewlabkc.com

Border Brewing Co 406 E 18th St, KC, MO borderbrewco.com

Boulevard Brewing, 2501 Southwest Boulevard, KC, MO. blvdbeer.com.

Brewery Emperial, 1829 Oak, KC, MO breweryemperial.com

Callsign Brewing Co, 1447 Gentry, North Kansas City, MO. callsignbrewing.com

Calibration Brewery 119 Armour Road, North Kansas City, MO calibrationbrewery.com

Casual Animal Brewing Company 1725 McGee, Kansas City, MO casualanimalbrewing.com

City Barrel Brewing, 1740 Holmes, KC, MO

Cinder Block Brewing 110 E. 18th Ave, North Kansas City, MO cinderblockbrewery.com

Crane Brewing Company, 6515 Railroad St, Raytown, MO cranebrewing.com

Diametric Brewing Co, (formerly New Axiom) 949 NE Columbus, Lees Summit, MO. newaxiombrewco.com

Double Shift Brewing Co 412 E. 18th St, KC, MO doubleshiftbrewing.com

Dubious Claims Brewing Co, 412 S Thompson Ave, Excelsior Springs, MO. dubiousclaimsbrewingco.com

East Forty Brewing, 1201 W Main St, Blue Springs, MO

Fields & Ivy Brewery, 706 E 23rd, Lawrence, KS. www.fieldsandivy.com

Free State Brewery 636 Massachusetts Lawrence, KS freestatebrewing.com

Fringe Beerworks 224 SE Douglas St, Lee's Summit, MO fringebeerworks.com

Gordon Biersch Brewery 11652 Ash St., Leawood, KS. gordonbiersch.com

Grains & Taps Brewery, 10 SW 3rd. Lees Summit, MO grainsandtaps.com

Granite City Brewery, 1701 Village W Parkway, KC, KS. gcfb.com

Granite City Brewing Co, 15085 W 119th St., Olathe, KS.. gcfb.com

Granite City Brewing Co 8461 NW Prairie View Road KC, MO gcfb.com

Green Room Brewery, 4010 Pennsylvania, Kansas City, MO. greenroomkc.com.

Kansas City Bier Company 310 W. 79th, Kansas City, MO kcbier.com

Liberty Cap Brewing, 402 N 13th St, St Joseph, MO

Limitless Brewing, 9765 Widmer, Lenexa, KS www.limitlessbrewing.com

Lawrence Beer Co, 826 Pennsylvania, Lawrence, KS. lawrencebeerco.com.

Lost Evenings Brewing Co 8625 Hauser Ct, Lenexa, KS

Martin City Brewing Company 500 E 135th, Kansas City, MO, martincitybrewingcompany.com

Nimble Brewing 1725 Oak St, KC, MO. nimblebrewing.com

Outfield Beer Co. 10953 Kaw Dr, Edwardsville, KS

Pathlight Brewing, 11200 W 75th, Shawnee, KS

POG Brewing 24524 S MO Hwy D (Holmes Rd) West Line, MO (Cleveland)

Red Crow Brewing Co, 1062 W Santa Fe, Olathe, KS redcrowbrew.com

River Bluff Brewery, 1224 Frederick Ave, St Joseph, MO www.riverbluffbrew.com

Rock Creek Brewery 5880 Beverly Ave, Mission, KS

Sand Hills Brewery, 5612 Johnson Dr, Mission, KS

Servaes Brewing, 10921 Johnson Dr, Shawnee, KS

Stockyards Brewing Co, 1600 Genessee St, KC, MO stockyardsbrewing.com

Smoke Brewing Co. 209 SE Main, Lee's Summit, MO

Strange Days Brewing 316 Oak, KC, MO. strangedaysbrewing.com

23rd Street Brewery 3512 Clinton Parkway Lawrence, KS, 66047. brew23.com

3 Halves Brewery 110 E Kansas, Liberty, MO

Three Trails Brewery 111 N Main, Independence, MO 3trailsbrewing.com

Torn Label Brewing Company 1708 Campbell St KC, MO. tornlabel.com

Transport Brewery 11113 Johnson Dr, Shawnee, KS transportbrewery.com

Transparent Brewery 14501 White Ave, Grandview, MO

Wind Shift Brewing, 3421 NW Jefferson St, Suite B, Blue Springs, MO. wind-shift-brewing.gator.site

Weston Brewing Co 500 Welt, Weston, MO westonirish.com

Yankee Tank Brewing Company, 807 E 23rd, Lawrence, KS. www.yankeetankbrewing.com

Don't Miss the Mid-Missouri Brewery Collectibles Show

COVID precautions will be observed for your safety



January 22-23, 2021

Inn at Grand Glaize,

5142 Osage Beach Pkwy, Osage Beach, Missouri

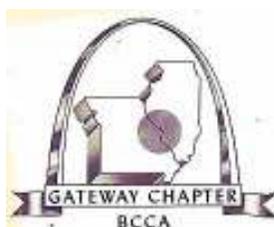
Shake off those winter doldrums! This is the Show for you if you collect:

Anything to do with beer, you'll find it here! Cans, bottles, openers, tap knobs, all manner of beer and brewery advertising items, mirrors and tin signs, neon and lighted signs, trays, steins, beer glasses, mugs, labels, coasters, craft/micro-brewery, and more. Tables are limited – reserve early!

Information: Rick Kottemann, BCCA #23730, rakmorust@aol.com, (314) 575-0032

Set-up, hospitality and room-to-room action Friday afternoon and evening. Main Show is Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Grand raffle 1:00 PM Saturday. Free admission for walk-ins.

Show Co-Sponsored by these regional Chapters of the Brewery Collectibles Club of America (BCCA)



Show Registration (covers all events):

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Guest Name(s) _____

_____ x \$5 per Person = \$ _____

_____ x \$15 per Table = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Make checks payable and send to:

Rick Kottemann #23730

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St. Louis, MO 63129

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5142 OSAGE BEACH PKWY

Osage Beach, Missouri 65065

www.innatgrandglaize.com

Make your room reservations by December 31
and mention "Brewery Collectibles Show" to get
\$64 / night group room rate. 1-800-348-4731





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**Collecting and Preserving
Breweriana**

In our hobby, the word
“breweriana” is commonly used
in describing our collecting
interests. What is breweriana??
It is any item related to beer or
to breweries. These items
include cans, bottles, trays,
mugs, matchbooks, lighted
signs, tin signs, glasses, mirrors,
neon's, advertising or anything
else connected to beer or
breweries.

Our collecting interests have led
us to make every effort, along
with fellow chapters and the
BCCA, to preserve the history of
brewing in the United States.
There have been many books
written by BCCA members
regarding the history of various
breweries.

The BCCA has two books
describing and picturing most
beer cans ever made. One book
covers flats and cones while the
other covers tab tops. We
highly recommend these two
books to those interested in
beer cans.

KC's Best

The KC's Best Chapter was
formed in 1974 as the 22nd
chapter of the BCCA. The
Brewery Collectibles Club of
America originally started out as
the Beer Can Collectors of
America and was founded April
15, 1970 in St. Louis where the
BCCA home office remains to
this day.

The KC's Best moniker comes
from a now defunct brand of
beer called KC's Best which was
brewed and canned by several
different breweries.
There are no qualifications for
joining our chapter. Our
members have a wide variety of
breweriana collecting interests
which makes our trade shows
attractive to all types of
breweriana collectors.
If you want to see what we're
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**Benefits of
Membership**

- Stay apprised of local and regional show schedules.
- Stay informed about area micro-breweries and brew-pubs and their products.
- Receive quarterly newsletters with articles on various shows our members attend, news about the local brewing industry and a current listing of upcoming shows.
- Establish friendships and camaraderie with others who have mutual collecting interests.