

Best of KC's Best

KC CHIEFS WIN SUPER BOWL; KC'S BEST CHAPTER CELEBRATES.

Bill Boyles

Since winning the Super Bowl is a monumental task for any NFL football team, and the buses were filled for the parade, the KC's Best Chapter decided to gather at a local brewpub to raise a cheer for the team. We did a bit of research and found that most bars and pubs were expecting big crowds to watch the parade. When we tried Big Rip Brewing in North Kansas City, they were excited to help with the celebration, and told us there would be a table reserved for us. When we arrived on Parade Day, they were true to their offer. In fact, we had the whole back room.

There were eleven KC's Best members show up, and the party started. Temperature outside was about 35 degrees, and the parade route was packed with viewers. Sure was nice to be inside watching the whole parade on the big projection screen. Attendees included Tom Waggoner, Bob and Gayle Hoover, Pat Elam, Matt and Amy Sackett, Scott Echols, Jerry and Dee Evans, and Bill and Cheryl Boyles.

Big Rip was one of the first craft brewers in North Kansas City, Missouri; and today brew about fifteen products. Biggest seller in our group seemed to be the Kolsch, but I also recommend the Cream Ale. Several people also took advantage of using a kiosk near the bar where you could order food products from the barbeque restaurant in the adjoining building.

So we'll plan to go back next year, all the Chiefs need to do is win another Super Bowl. GO CHIEFS!



Chapter #22 of the BCCA

FIRST WEDNESDAY AT BOULEVARD

Coming at you on April 5 is the First Wednesday at Boulevard. Come join us and enjoy the first beer on the house.

We plan to gather at 1:00 pm and stay for a couple hours or so. As usual, there will be plenty of conversation about BCCA projects being done at the local level, the latest on the KC-St. Joe-Lawrence area craft breweries and other subjects that are always of interest.

DID YOU REMEMBER TO RENEW?

Dues remain unchanged at \$5 for electronic newsletters and \$7 for black and white hard copy newsletters. Support your chapter and send your renewal made payable to KC's Best to: Bill Boyles at 13326 Oakbrook Drive, Kearney, MO 64060.

A REMEMBRANCE OF A KC BEST CHAPTER FOUNDING MEMBER

Many of you may remember Dick Wilson from the Kansas City area, who was one of the founders of the KC's Best Chapter in 1974. Dick and his wife Gerri were very active in all the Chapter activities while he built his impressive collection. Richard 'Dick' Wilson passed away December 12 at the age of 88.

Bill Boyles

KC's Best Chapter



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There are currently two scheduled chapter co-sponsored shows a year (Mid-Missouri and Salina). Annual dues are \$5 for electronic newsletters, payable by January. Family member dues are \$4 each. For information, or to mail renewals, write or call Bill Boyles, 13326 Oakbrook Dr, Kearney, MO 64060. 816/415-3834

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WHATS ON TAP

March 11, Cornhusker chapter Spring show, Comfort Inn, 7007 Grover St, Omaha, NE

March 19 QC Show, Hawkeye, K of C Hall, Davenport, IA, Mike Solbrig, #28891, 563.323.5001, mike.solbrig.aoel@gmail.com

April 1, Missouri Ozarks. Billiards of Springfield, 541 E. St Louis, Michele Fritz-573/690-6552 or beercanmom@gmail.com

April 14-15, Old West Breweriana Roundup, 14th at Days Inn, 15th at Ellis County Fairgrounds. [See flyer at kcbest.org](http://see-flyer-at-kcbest.org)

Apr 22, PARKVILLE MICROBREW FEST 2023 – English Landing Park, Parkville MO, Sat Apr 22, 2023 1:00 PM - 5:00

Jun 2-3 Tri-States Show, Hawkeye, Days Inn, Dubuque, IA, Fri 5:00 pm-?, Sat-9:00 am-1:00 pm, Mike England, #3260, 515.360.3586, mikeengland@bcca.com

June 9-10, Swap-a-Rama, Knights of Columbus Park, Florissant, MO. Al Kell, 314/921-4349 or bigaandc@gmail.com

June 13-17, ABA Convention. Hotel Julian Dubuque, Dubuque, IA

June 23-25, 44th Annual Kansas Kolossal Kan Kaper, Salina, KS

Jul 30 Beer, Soda & Bottle Collectibles Show, Hawkeye, Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny, IA, Mike England, #3260, 515.360.3586, mikeengland@bcca.com

Aug 1-5, NABA Convention, Hotel Regency, Schaumburg, IL

Aug 31-Sept 2, BCCA CANvention, Galt House Hotel, Louisville, KY

Oct 1, Missouri Ozarks. Billiards of Springfield, 541 E. St Louis. Michele Fritz-573/690-6552 or beercanmom@gmail.com

Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles and/or show flyers for the next newsletter is May 15.

Any member can submit an article, an idea for an article or pictures of finds made, shows attended, breweries visited or anything else related to our hobby.

If you have ideas for an article but need help composing contact Bob Hoover at kcbestcan@aol.com or 816-797-8180.

RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

The chapter is still looking to build up its inventory of raffle items to be used as raffle prizes at chapter shows.

The chapter is especially looking for lighted signs (or any beer signs for that matter) and will purchase them if offered at a reasonable price.

If you have anything available, contact Bill Boyles.



Quad L'orange is a Belgian Style Strong Dark Ale with orange and Polotmavy 12* is a Bohemian Style Amber Lager.



Pandora is a pale ale

KCBEST.ORG

Don't forget to promote our web site when you are out and about at craft breweries, antique malls, shows or anywhere else for that matter.

There is no sign in or password needed. Just let them know about the web site and navigation is pretty simple.

What better way to get the word out about our chapter and hobby!

Also, upcoming show flyers can be found there.

IN PERSPECTIVE

This year marks the 46th anniversary of the 1977 BCCA CANvention in Kansas City. The year 1977 was the 42nd anniversary of the introduction of the beer can. That means more time has lapsed since the 1977 CANvention then the beer can was old at that CANvention. Makes you feel young doesn't it!?!

RECENT BREWERY NEWS

Willcott Brewing Company opened in Leavenworth January 28. They are located at 600 E Cherokee St.

Calibration Brewery in North Kansas City is no longer in business.

Yuengling announced it will be selling its products in Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma starting in early 2023. Known as 'America's Oldest Brewery', Yuengling made the announcement on Twitter in October. The company expects its products to be sold in the Kansas City area in particular.

Transport Brewing of Shawnee plans to open a second location in Gardner later this year.

Vine Street Brewing is making good progress towards their highly anticipated opening. The opening date has not yet been announced but is expected soon.

Friction Brewing has overcome their challenges of getting utilities in place and expect to open in April.

Plans are moving forward for Discourse Brewing to open a new microbrewery and tap house near 97th Street and Metcalf Avenue in Overland Park.

Another new brewery slated to open soon is located on West 39th Street. and is aptly named 39th Street Brewery. In October, the brewery announced it was fairly close to being finished.

In November, Overland Park approved a special use permit for Kansas City's Stockyards Brewing Co. to open a brewery near West 103rd Street and U.S. 69 Highway.

KC's Best Facebook Page

Remember, you can post can and breweriana pictures to the kc's best Facebook page. Posting pictures and stories will help keep the interest in our hobby strong.



Smoke Brewing in Lees Summit distributed this American Style Pilsner called a 'Herd of Turtles'.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Chapter would like to recognize and thank two local breweries for their support of the Mid-Missouri show by donating beer for hospitality night. **Cinder Block Brewery** and **Martin City Brewing** have been supporters of this show for several years now and we appreciate it. Let's return the favor by being patrons of their products. Both now distribute their excellent ales at local liquor stores and of course visiting their breweries is even better.

MISSOURI OZARKS SHOW

April 1

Here is a fun show that I have always enjoyed attending. The show is held at Billiards of Springfield on historic Route 66 and next door to the popular Hold Fast Brewery. The show is set up in the old comedy theater room and Billiards also has an on-site café and bar.

See 'What's on Tap' on page 2 for additional information.

The Mid-Missouri Beer and Breweriana show

The 2023 edition is now in the books and what a show it really was. The show was sponsored by the Gateway, KC's Best & Missouri Ozarks chapters and coordinated and produced by Rick Kottemann. Kudos to Rick for producing an outstanding event.

The show was enhanced by a BCCA Board meeting after the show Saturday.

The show ended up with over 70 tables set up by vendors and actually filled up both of the hotels conference centers.

The following are pictures taken at the show:



Doug Shapier, John and Angel Page



Raffle prizes



Grand Glaize Conference Room



Friday night hospitality room



Grand Ballroom



Iron gut challenge

44th Annual Kansas Kollosal Kan Kaper

Bill Boyles

This is a reminder from our last newsletter that it's time to finalize your plans for the 44th Annual show in Salina, KS on June 23-25, 2023. We again will use the Candlewood Suites Salina for our hotel, and we have reserved Saturday, June 24th, at Thomas Park.

The Candlewood Suites Salina is giving us a rate of \$85 plus tax per night. We have a group block under the name "Kan Kaper"; make sure you use the group name to get the \$85 rate. All rooms are suites with kitchenette including a full-size refrigerator. There is a limited number of rooms that have two beds, and we ask you to help us by requesting one bed if that would work for you. Registration and hospitality for the show will be set up outside around the gazebo. Bring your own chair for all outside activities, including the show at Thomas Park. You may start calling the hotel now (785) 823-6939 to make a reservation.

We'll plan on seeing you there.



City Barrel Brewery issued Moose Trax in 16 oz cans this winter. It is a milk stout with vanilla, peanut butter cups, cocoa nibs and lactose.

Martin City Brewing Company recently released their 'Fireside Porter' in a 12 oz can.



CARRIE NATION SHOW AT SET 'EM UP JACKS

The Carrie Nation winter show was held February 19 at Set 'em up Jacks in Lawrence. The weather seemed more like spring than winter which may be why we had good attendance. including the President of the BCCA.

Thank you, Carrie Nation, for hosting a great show and thank you President Mike Newton for making the drive from Indiana.



BCCA President Mike Newton in center with hat



We Belong is a session IPA and Twins Cherry Cheesecake is a cream ale brewed with cherry, vanilla, cinnamon and lactose.



Hefe the Killer is a Hefeweizen and We Are The Weirdos Mister is an IPA brewed with blueberries, lemon and vanilla

KANSAS CITY METRO BREWERIES

- Alma Mader Brewing**, 2635 Southwest Blvd, KC, MO
- Amerisport Brewpub**, 8201 NE Birmingham Road Kansas City, MO Located at the Ameristar Casino.
- Apex Aleworks**, 4356 Noland Road, Independence, MO
- 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
- Boho Brewery** 15425 Old Town Drive, Parkville, MO
- Border Brewing Co** 406 E 18th St, KC, MO borderbrewco.com
- Boulevard Brewing**, 2501 Southwest Boulevard, KC, MO. blvdbeer.com.
- Brewery Imperial**, 1829 Oak, KC, MO breweryimperial.com
- Broken Hatchet Brewery** 422 Main, Belton, MO
- Callsign Brewing Co**, 1340 Burlington, North Kansas City, MO. Callsignbrewing.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
- Diddy's Kitchen BBQ & Brewery**, 103 S Jefferson, Kearney, MO
- Double Shift Brewing Co** 412 E. 18th St, KC, MO doubleshiftbrewing.com
- East Forty Brewing**, 1201 W Main St, Blue Springs, MO
- Ebert Bros Brewing** 400 E 31st, KC, MO (in the Brickhouse)
- ExBEERiment Brewery** 925 E Lincoln Lane, Gardner, KS
- Fields & Ivy Brewery**, 706 E 23rd, Lawrence, KS. www.fieldsandivy.com
- Free State Brewery** 636 Massachusetts Lawrence, KS freestatebrewing.com
- Friction Beer Co** (coming soon) 11018 Johnson Dr, Shawnee, KS
- Fringe Beerworks** 224 SE Douglas St, Lee's Summit, MO fringebeerworks.com
- Goat Brewing** 817 NE Rice Rd, Lees Summit, MO
- Gordon Biersch Brewery** 11652 Ash St., Leawood, KS. Gordonbiersch.com
- Grains & Taps Brewery**, 10 SW 3rd Lees Summit, MO grainsandtaps.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, KC, MO kcbier.com
- Lawrence Beer CO**, 826 Pennsylvania, Lawrence, KS. Lawrencebeerco.com. Also, **Lawrence Beer Co. West** 4811 Bob Billings Pkwy, Lawrence, KS
- Limitless Brewing**, 9765 Widmer, Lenexa, KS www.limitlessbrewing.com
- Martin City Brewing Company** 500 E 135th, Kansas City, MO, martincitybrewingcompany.com
- Nimble Brewing** 1725 Oak St, KC, MO nimblebrewing.com
- Outfield Beer Co** 611 W 2nd St, Bonner Springs, KS
- Outlaw Brewery** 309 E 10th Ave, North Kansas City, MO
- Pathlight Brewing** 11200 W 75th, Shawnee, KS
- POG Brewing** 24524 S MO Hwy D (Holmes Road), West Line, MO
- Range 23 Brewing** 13400 Donahoo Rd, KC, KS
- Red Crow Brewing Co**, 1062 W Santa Fe, Olathe, KS redcrowbrew.com
- Red Sash Brewing**, 406 E 18th St, KC, MO
- River Bluff Brewery** 201 Main, KC, MO
- Rochester Brewing & Roasting 2** 129 Washington, KC, MO
- 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
- Tall Trellis Brew Co** 25600 W Valley Pkwy, Olathe, KS
- 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. Tomlabel.com
- Transparent Brewery** 14501 White Ave, Grandview, MO
- Transport Brewery** 11113 Johnson Dr, Shawnee, KS transportbrewery.com
- Wind Shift Brewing**, 3421 NW Jefferson St, Suite B, Blue Springs, MO. Wind-shift-brewing.gator.site
- Wolcott Brewing Company**, 600 Cherokee St, Leavenworth Kansas. Willcottbrewing.com
- Yankee Tank Brewing Company**, 807 E 23rd, Lawrence, KS. www.yankeetankbrewing.com. Production only. Owned by & their ales served at **Henry T's** at 3520 W 6th St in Lawrence

NEARBY CRAFT BREWERIES

Angry Swede Brewing 513 Francis, St Joseph, MO

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

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

Iron Kettle Brewing 508 N Main, Grain Valley, MO

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

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

Willcott Brewery 600 E Cherokee St., Leavenworth



Cinder Block Brewery donated a case of beer for the Osage Beach show. The case included two of their recently released beers. Dank Stash (above) and Juicy Pils (left).

Cinder Block has been a long-time supporter of our chapter shows and we appreciate it.

Historic Muehlebach Hotel Bar Reopening After 40 Years

The former Rendezvous bar in the historic Muehlebach Hotel, a luxurious watering hole where Truman Capote once worked on “In Cold Blood” and bygone businessmen talked deals over whiskeys and cigars, is reopening soon as the Voo Lounge.

The old bar at 1214 Baltimore has been largely dormant since 1983, but thanks to the new Downtown Marriott ownership it’s been restored to the grandeur it radiated when the landmark hotel opened in 1915.

The Rendezvous and its later iteration, The Haberdashery, was the place for men to gather at the Muehlebach, Kansas City’s grandest hotel when it opened more than a century ago. Meanwhile, the ladies took their refreshment in the hotel tea room.

The likes of Harry Truman, Tom Pendergast and H.R. Bartle once frequented the place and Capote reportedly scribbled drafts in a corner booth of his famous 1966 non-fiction novel about the murders of the Clutter family in western Kansas.

But in the early 1980s, when the Vista hotel, now the Marriott, was built and incorporated part of the old Muehlebach, the room went dark except for an occasional event.

THIS IS INTERESTING



The main label reads StL Ales & Lagers, St. Louis Craft Brewers, St Louis owned, St Louis operated. But - - -it is brewed by Weston Brewing, Weston, MO. Weston has a considerable list of organizations that it has contract brewed for (both current and some that no longer exist). These include Rock Bridge in Columbia, Rock and Run in Liberty, Flying Monkey in KC, Root Sellers in Columbia, Cathedral Brewing in St. Louis, KC Craft Brewers in KC, Cock-a-Doodle Brews in Lone Jack and Road Trip Brewing in Wichita.

NICE LINEUP OF MUEHLEBACH
CONE TOPS



Tony Stice posted these front and side photos of 8 Muehlebach cones from his collection on Facebook.



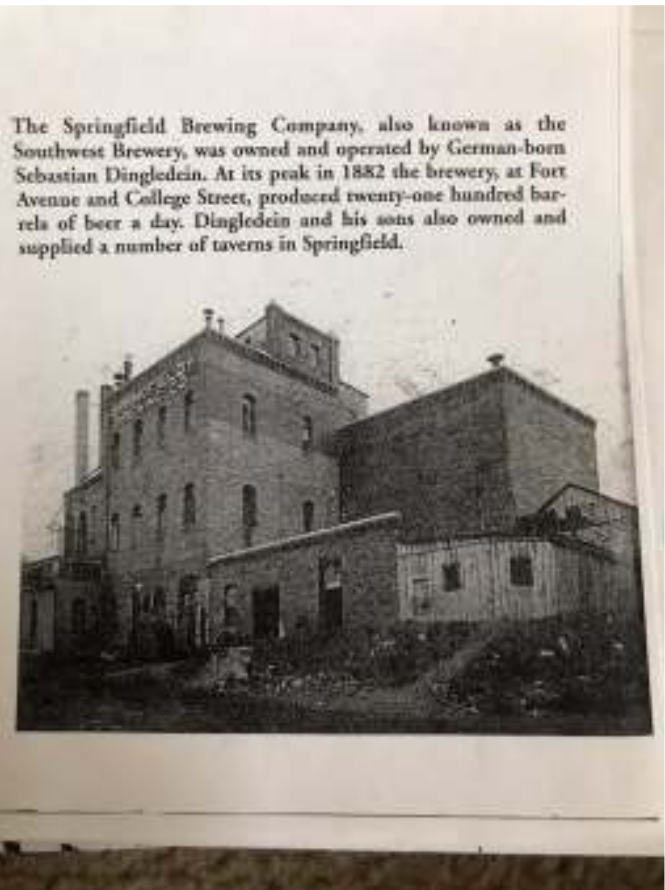
April 22. English Landing Park, Parkville, MO



Space Camper IPA came out with CYBERSONIC C-HOPS in 16 oz cans and is a double IPA.



Devil's Blend Coffee Porter from Walnut River Brewing in 12 oz cans



The Springfield Brewing Company, also known as the Southwest Brewery, was owned and operated by German-born Sebastian Dingledein. At its peak in 1882 the brewery, at Fort Avenue and College Street, produced twenty-one hundred barrels of beer a day. Dingledein and his sons also owned and supplied a number of taverns in Springfield.