

Best of KC's Best

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. Call the hotel now (785) 823-6939 to make a reservation.

We'll plan on seeing you there (don't forget that chair).

A flyer with detailed information is at the end of this newsletter.

FIRST WEDNESDAY AT BOULEVARD

Coming at you on June 7 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.

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THIS ISSUE REFLECTS MEMORIES OF TOM HULL

Tom Hull was an important cog in KC's Best chapter activities for four decades. Within this newsletter you can read the eulogy that Bruce Gregg gave at Tom's memorial service

AND KEVIN KOTTEMANN

Chapter member Kevin Kottemann was a fixture at the Mid-Missouri show. After many years in Springfield and Branson, Kevin returned to the St. Louis area just a few years ago.

AND DENNIS SACKETT

Dennis was another long-time chapter member making important contributions, especially at the registration table for the Kansas Kolossal Kan Kaper shows.

All that knew these three individuals have fond and special memories of fun and crazy times we got to spend together.

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

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

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June 10-11, 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 1st Carrie Nation-Jerry Trowbridge Memorial Show-Topeka, KS. -- Contact Marc Milner @wilbur63@cox.net

Oct 7, 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 August 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.

Eulogy for Tom Hull
4/1/2023 by Bruce Gregg

Tom Hull was definitely a unique individual and will be missed by all who knew him. Although it is sad to see a friend pass, it is a part of life. However, when he is a close friend, we do not have to like it.

Early in his career he proudly served in the US Navy, and he earned a degree in Pharmacy. Both are quite an accomplishment. He started collecting beer cans in the mid-70s, I believe, and attended his first BCCA (Beer Can Collectors of America) CANvention in 1977, held in Kansas City. That is where I first met Tom.

Tom was a one-of-a-kind person with an in-depth knowledge of all things military. He is the only person I know that had a collection of Janes books on Fighting Ships, published annually as a reference book on the world's warships. Tom was equally knowledgeable of planes and ground forces. As you would listen to Tom's stories, I don't believe that there was a battle or conflict over many millennia that he didn't have the facts stored in his mind. He was both impressive and unbelievable. Tom liked to talk, and I enjoyed listening and asking questions. Others might have felt that there was a time to end the stories, but I was one to toss out the question of what was next. Tom was very interesting.

Tom was an early member of the KC's Best Chapter centered in Kansas City and he frequented many of our local shows over many years. However, more importantly, he was an early member of the Progress Chapter centered here in Tulsa (named for the Progress Brewing Company of Oklahoma City). He was the primary Chapter organizer for many years. He served as President, Editor, and Show Organizer. His Chapter Newsletters were written almost as a diary, giving the many, many details of the shows he attended across the country. After reading Tom's writeup, you almost felt that you were there too. Many of the Progress Chapter shows were held at Tom's home in Tulsa. Attendees would set up along the two sides of Tom's house plus the driveway. Raffle items were in abundance and the chili dishes were really pretty good. Inside was Tom's beer can collection along with his cats (up to 13 at one time). I am pleased to say that I always came away from Tom's shows with a number of new additions to my collection.

Within our collecting hobby, Tom volunteered for an extremely important task for the BCCA with an enormous time commitment. In about the year 2001 he took on the responsibility to research and publish the Volume 2 Edition of United States Beer Cans, the Standard Reference of Tab Top Beer Cans. He and Kevin Burris spent 6 intense years pulling together the information and photography of over 7500 tab top cans, leading to the 2007 publication of Volume 2. This was a heroic effort resulting in most all beer can collectors having one of these volumes in their reference library. What dedication. It was a work coming from their heart.

Tom came to Kansas City many times over the years and stayed at the homes of many collectors. My wife Cookie and I were privileged to host Tom on many occasions. In the early days, our kids were young and growing up, doing all sorts of things that kids do when they are young. Tom really enjoyed interfacing with our family, the kids as well as grandparents. We came to look at Tom as a part of our family. He was always interested in where the next stage of our family life was heading. Tom was a true friend and fit the part of Uncle Tom in our family.

He collected many things, maybe just as all collectors collect many things. Beer cans were a big thing in his life, covering the walls of each room in this two-story house. His home also held an incredible library of war history and the inventions that conflicts create to do more harm to the advisories. His paper library was significant as well as his DVD's and whatever came before them. He also had an impressive collection of early rock-n-roll music. He had a measured share of Progress Breweriana and most rooms in the house were hung with beer lithographs. If you have ever been to Tom's house, you know that I am missing a good number of his other collectibles.

Tom was a good friend and will sorely be missed. He was always there to help others and has done significant things in this regard. I believe that if being a true friend and being missed can be said of anyone, then that person has made a success of his life. Tom, you will continue to be missed. And goodbye, my good friend.

REMEMBERING DENNIS SACKETT

From Dennis' collection as well as other local collectors' cans. Dennis invited chapter members to come by and observe the process whether they had a can to be photographed or not.

At the visitation for Dennis, Jim Vincent, BCCA board member, reminisced about when he first went to a Blue Springs show, Dennis went out of his way to make him feel welcome. That was always Dennis' style.



Dennis is pictured here with his son (and also long-time chapter member) Matt at a Kansas Kolossal Kan show in Salina.

For many years, Dennis manned the registration desk at the Kansas Kolossal Kan Kaper shows. He always made everyone feel welcome (and special) and was especially attentive to first time show attendees.



Dennis at the Friday hospitality gathering in Salina.



Here is a long-ago photo of Dennis at a can show. Not sure, but looking at the table layout and background, this appears to be a Blue Springs show.

Another fond memory was when Kevin Burrus and Tom Hull were putting together the USBC volume II, they set up their photography apparatus in Dennis' basement where they photographed cans

Dennis and son Matt standing next to a Boulevard sign during an open house Matt and Amy hosted



RECENT BREWERY NEWS

BoHo Brewing opened up in Parkville the end of March.

Transport Brewing of Shawnee opened a second location in Gardner in March.

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

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

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

The local newspaper reported that the building 3 Halves brewery occupies has been sold. It is unknown at this time if the new owner will continue to lease to 3 Halves.

Rochester Brewery opened a new location in Parkville in January.

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.

City Barrel has made an application to open a site in Waldo.

1st Barrel Brewing opened May 12 in St. Joseph.

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.



Josh Lomeo posted this photo to the NABA Facebook page 3/20/23. Tip tray from Kansas City Breweries Co.

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.

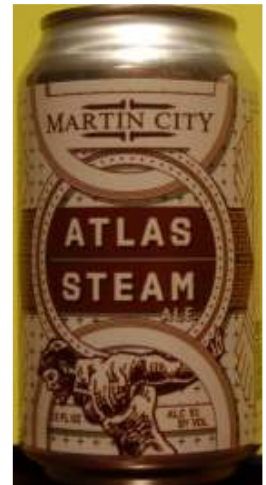
HOPE Y'ALL RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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



Friendsgiving was brewed and canned by **Crane Brewing** and the label features a view of the KC skyline with a prominent billboard showing **Vine Street Brewing** which should be close to opening their brewery in the 18th and Vine district. The can is a 12 oz size.

Martin City Brewing Company came out with Atlas Steam earlier this year in 12 oz cans. Label has a kind of retro look



City Barrel Brewery issued Day Drinker in 16 oz cans this spring. It is a Mimosa-Style IPA. Hell Yeah is a Citra Wheat beer. And packaged in 12 oz cans.



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.

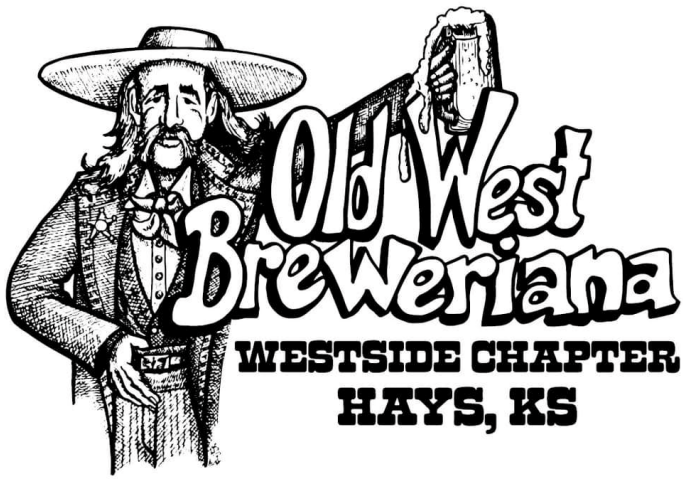


Here are a couple of cans from **3 Halves Brewing**. On the left is Liz's Irish Red Ale along with Karen Force 1. On the back is a photo of head brewer Bucky Buckingham, a

long-time supporter of our chapter shows. Both are in 12 oz cans.



The Zambizi Zinger was (is) a popular roller coaster ride at World's of Fun. The coaster is pictured on the label but no mention of it elsewhere on the can. Brewed by **Crane Brewing** and in a 12 oz can,



Boulevard Brewing introduced Dank 7 in April. It is a Belgian-Style IPA and comes in 12 oz cans. Shown below is Terror from the Deep and BLVD 89.



Gathering at the host hotel. The guy in the center with the red shirt is our own Matt Sackett



A busy trade floor above.

Final numbers for the 2nd Annual Old West Breweriana Roundup in Hays, KS: 120 tables. Vendors from 11 states and 340 walk-ins!



Three Trails Brewery continues to can a variety of styles and now has hit the distribution mode. Shown here is Active Site in a 12 oz can. It is a Hazy Double IPA.

THE MAN, THE MYTH, THE LEGEND! TOM HULL

Memories are made to enjoy

I first met Tom in 1978 when he lived at the Lewiston apartments and a Progress Chapter show was being held at the Lewiston clubhouse. Much of his massive can collection was in beer case flats and stacked floor to ceiling in every part of his apartment. You literally had to walk sideways to move through his place. Later, in the early 80's, I would travel with Frank Koshko to Progress shows at the Lewiston and we would stay at Tom's. Frank would sleep on the couch and I slept outside on the balcony.



Tom Hull flyer for Board of Directors campaign at CANvention 37. Photo from Dave Osborne

Later in the 80's, Tom had his forever house built in southeast Tulsa. To display his large and growing collection, he had the contractors construct shelves on the walls of the 4-bedroom home. They even constructed a rec room above his 2-car garage and built 2-sided shelf units from both walls to the center of the room. The shelving was staggered so you could walk through the center - sideways.



Tom is shown here in 2010 chatting with Jim Vincent while both were enjoying some cold brews at a Wichita show.



Tom is shown here proudly holding a 16 oz Lone Star can brewed in Oklahoma City. Behind him are some of the shelves lining the walls of his house. The lower left of the picture shows book

shelves which held his huge collection of books covering U.S. military and war history.



Tom and Bill Boyles at the 2010 Blue Gray show (above). Photo taken by Cheryl Boyles and provided by Dave Osborne.

Tom and I travelled together to a few Blue Gray shows. One time as we crossed into Virginia, we stopped to gas up Tom's can van. As we were leaving, we saw some familiar faces. It was Mike and Michele Fritz who were travelling from Springfield, MO to the Blue-Gray. Tom and I wondered what the odds would be that we could leave KC for the Blue-Gray, the Fritz's would leave Springfield and end up stopping for gas at the same time and the same gas station way out in rural Virginia.



Tom chatting with Diane Parker at her and Jacob Parkers' home preceding a Carrie Nation show. Photo from Dave Osborne.



This photo shows Tom in 2018 at a Progress chapter show at his house. The large trophy standing next to Tom was presented to the Progress chapter in 1978 recognizing it as the 100th chapter of the BCCA.



Tom hosted many Progress chapter shows at his house. He is shown above tending to the registration and raffle ticket table. Behind him is Cal Rude and his granddaughter Addison Rude. In the center is Herb Kusche calling out a raffle ticket number while seated is Jerry Brewer checking to see if he has the winning number,



This photo is from the 2009 BCCA CANvention micro night in Springfield, IL. Tom is engaged in conversation with Bill Boyles while Rita Eckert and Sue Trowbridge are having their own pow wow. Jerry Trowbridge is considering which micro he should try next.

Tom was always a big supporter of area shows and back in the early 80's when KC's Best was having monthly trade shows Tom would make his way here and participate in chapter events as well as the shows. I can think of 7 different KC collectors that would have a place for Tom to stay overnight and I'm sure there were a few others who had the pleasure of having Tom as a guest.

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. Tornlabel.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

1st Barrel Brewing 510 B Edmond, St Joseph, MO

Angry Swede Brewing 513 Francis, St Joseph, MO

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

D & G Pub & Grub Brew Haus 1918 Frederick Ave, St Joseph

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



Strange Days Brewing is now canning their products for distribution. This can was one of a few that were at Lukas in Martin City. It is called Schlamm's and comes in 16 oz cans. The label has a kind of retro look and is a lager style.



For the second time within two months, the KC's Best Chapter has lost one of its longtime members. This time it's Kevin Kottemann of Hillsboro, MO. Kevin was born August 27, 1959 in St. Louis; and passed away on April 30, 2023 in Hillsboro, MO at the age of 63 years, 8 months, and 3 days. A cherished son, father, brother and grandfather.

Kevin was a man like no other and was loved by all who knew him. He had a personality that would light up a room and was always eager to crack a joke to make someone smile.

Kevin was a skilled craftsman and took pride in his work; creating beautiful cabinetry and kitchen designs. Along with his craftsmanship, he also loved music and played drums, harmonica, and wrote songs/poems. Many of us will remember him playing music with his brothers at various beer shows. His involvement

with the breweriana collecting hobby was an asset to several BCCA Chapters. He will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his family and all who knew and loved him.



Bill Boyles #1454

Hidden gems of Kansas & Missouri

David Hudnall Kansas City Star April 9, 2023

On the wall at Irrigation Ales is a painted map of the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District, a system of canals and pipelines that sends water from Lovewell Lake to local farmers in this stretch of central Kansas, just south of the Nebraska border. Owner Luke Mahin's father and grandfather worked for the district, and Mahin spent a few summers there, too, pulling weeds off intake gates and fixing leaks caused by badger holes. "It's a pivotal part of this region," Mahin said, standing behind the bar of his brewery. "Without all these irrigated acres, Courtland, Scandia and Republic County wouldn't be as viable of an economy."

Mahin, 35, knows a little about rural economics. He spent eight years as the economic development director of Republic County, leaving last year to open Irrigation Ales in tiny downtown Courtland with his wife, Jennifer. The first beer his brewery officially batched was a red ale called Red Trucks, named after the service vehicles the district's ditch riders drive while delivering water and maintaining the canals.

"I wanted the brewery to reflect what's special about this part of the state," Mahin said. "The red trucks are one of those things everybody here knows about. It gives you a glimpse of our area more the way we see it, as opposed to an outsider who might just assume there's nothing up here." One might also assume that Courtland, with just 294 residents, is the smallest town in Kansas that can boast its own brewery. But Sylvan Grove, about 45 minutes west, is smaller and is home to Plainsmen Brewing Co., which operates inside the popular Fly Boy restaurant. And an hour north, in Washington (population: 1,065), Kansas Territory Brewing Co. is home to a taproom and high-tech production facility that will likely soon be the largest in the state. As it turns out, the thirst for craft beer isn't confined to city drinkers: Seven breweries in Kansas are open, or are soon to open, in communities of less than 2,500 people. As the brewers behind these operations have discovered, a brewery is rarely just a brewery — particularly out on the remote prairie plains.

"In a town that has maybe one stoplight and a couple blocks of downtown, a brewery can make such a difference to the people there," said Michael Travis, who visited every brewery in Kansas for his 2022

book, "Celebrating Kansas Breweries: People, Places & Stories." "It's a gathering place for the whole community. It's putting an element of life in a place that often hasn't experienced something like that in decades."

DRY STATE LEGACY

Kansas has long had a complicated relationship with alcohol. In 1880, voters approved a constitutional amendment that prohibited the manufacture and sale of "intoxicating liquors," making it the first state in the country to do so. Twenty years later, dissatisfied with the enforcement of Kansas' liquor laws, Carrie A. Nation began her hatchet-wielding assault, making national news for smashing saloon windows and lighting kegs on fire in places like Wichita, Kiowa and Topeka. Nation died in 1911, but the temperance movement she crusaded for was quite successful in Kansas. In 1917, the Legislature passed the so-called "bone-dry" bill, which made personal possession of alcohol illegal two years before the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution made Prohibition the law of the land.

When Prohibition was repealed federally, in 1933, Kansas kept its alcohol ban on the books for another 15 years. Even after that, state law remained hostile to Kansans seeking to unwind with an adult beverage or two. "Open saloons" — i.e., public bars — were outlawed until 1987, and Sunday liquor sales weren't permitted until 2003. The state restricted home brewers from making their beers available to anyone besides family members until 2014. Until as recently as 2019, Kansans shopping at grocery stores and gas stations could only purchase beer containing 3.2% alcohol. When Free State Brewing Co. opened in Lawrence in 1989, it was the first new legal brewery in Kansas in more than 100 years. Since then, 65 other breweries have opened in the state — notably, half of them in just the last six years. About 15 opened during or since the pandemic. Most traces of the temperance movement in Kansas have by now evaporated — but not all of them.

The Mahins had to work around existing laws to get Irrigation Ales off the ground. In their case, it was a county rule that required businesses serving alcoholic drinks to show that 30% of their gross revenues are from food sales. "We're at 2.5% unemployment in a town with 294 people and we already have two restaurants here in Courtland, so why are we putting pressure on local eateries just to reach an arbitrary number?" Mahin said.

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Our two Midwest Chapters are doing it again in the heart of America with the 44th annual Kansas Kolossal Kan Kaper Show in Salina, KS on June 23-25, 2023. We combine beer, breweriana, socializing, and enjoying the Kansas weather into a fun and relaxing weekend.

Call the Candlewood to make your room reservation. We have a Group Rate under the name KAN KAPER; all rooms are suites for \$85 a night plus tax. This is a beer can and breweriana show with a lot of socializing time. People begin arriving on Friday afternoon at the hotel, and we will have a registration table and hospitality area set up for you to sign in. You are welcome to visit the sights in Salina; and there is a great craft brewery downtown. Our hospitality area is outside the hotel, and will have plenty of craft beers, soda, water, and snacks for your enjoyment. **Please bring a chair for all outside activities.** Registration will start on Friday afternoon at 2pm. We will have use of a conference room at the hotel in case of inclement weather.

Registration fee that includes hospitality snacks, drinks, and the Margarita Party is \$15 per person, children under 12 are free.

Saturday morning at 8am we go to Thomas Park, where you find a shady spot, and put your trade stock out on the ground, or bring a table. There will be lunch available around noon. Two big raffles during the day. We wrap up the park time around 2:00; and the rest of the day is free time. That evening at 8pm is our world famous Margarita Party in the hospitality area at the hotel. Sunday morning at 8:30am we meet in the conference room for coffee and pastries, and a final raffle.

This show is co-sponsored by the Carrie Nation and the KC's Best Chapters of the BCCA.