

# Best of KC's Best

## MID-MISSOURI BREWERY COLLECTIBLES SHOW

Here we are on the thresh hold of starting 2024 with a popular and growing show held in Osage Beach. This years' show is being dedicated to the memory of Kevin Kottemann (pictured at a show below) who was a fixture at this show for many years.



As it has for the past 20 some years, the show is being held January 19-20 at the Inn at Grand Glaize

As this show has grown a lot in recent years, it is recommended you get your reservations in early if you

plan to attend. To get the group room rate, register by December 31. You can always cancel (3-day notice) if you need to.

A flyer is attached at the end of this newsletter with show and hotel details.



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Chapter #22 of the BCCA



THERE WILL BE **NO**  
FIRST WEDNESDAY AT  
BOULEVARD IN  
JANUARY

We'll be back there **February 7**. Hope to see you then.

## 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 a while there may only be three annually.*

The KC's BEST chapter was founded in 1974. All or any portion of this newsletter may be used or reproduced by the BCCA or any of its affiliated chapters or anyone else for that matter.

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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Annual dues are \$45.

## WHATS ON TAP

**Jan 19-20 2024**, Gateway, KC's Best & Missouri Ozarks chapters, Mid-Missouri Brewery Collectibles show. Inn at Grand Glaize, 5142 Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach, MO

**Feb 15-17**, 44<sup>th</sup> annual Blue-Gray Breweriana Convention. Herndon, VA. Contact Larry @ 267.221.8300.

**Feb 18** Winter Blues show, Lawrence, KS. Andy Craig at 785/841-3419

**Feb 25**, Vic Olson Memorial show. Ar-CAN-Sas and Missouri Ozarks chapters. Best Western Inn of the Ozarks, Eureka Springs, AR (800-552-3785 for a room). More info contact Erin Jones at [erinjbrew1002@aol.com](mailto:erinjbrew1002@aol.com)

**Mar 9**, Cornhusker Show. Bill Baburek, 4023205805 or [bill.b@beercornerusa.com](mailto:bill.b@beercornerusa.com)

**April 6** Missouri Ozarks show. Billiards of Springfield, 521 E St Louis. Michele Fritz, 573/690-6552 or [beercanmom@gmail.com](mailto:beercanmom@gmail.com)

**April 27**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Old West Breweriana Roundup, Hays, KS. Contact Mike Brull, 785.656.0640 or [westsidebcca@gmail.com](mailto:westsidebcca@gmail.com)

## Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles and/or show flyers for the next newsletter is February 20, 2024.

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](mailto:kcbestcan@aol.com) or 816-797-8180.

## Billiards in Springfield, Missouri: 10/7/2023

*Bruce Gregg*

It was a bright and sunny morning and the air was filled with excitement. Our show hosts, Michele and Deacon Mike Fritz were there early to set things up. Jim LePage was there as well. Billiards has remodeled their side room greatly benefiting the beer collectibles show. There were more rectangular tables than in the past and fewer small round ones. From my perspective, transactions were brisk and plentiful. There were several nice raffles with good raffle prizes. I was able to land several which always brings a smile. Ray Chouquette #19762 and his son Marc #36001 from Manford, OK were also there as first-time attendees of this show. Michele Fritz brought a few cans for trade and/or sale as you can see in the photo below.



Dudley Boydston #30530 was also present as usual. Kevin Kottemann had been a regular at this show, but with his passing, he was definitely missed. The food at Billiards was good as always and they took orders from the trade floor and delivered it there as well. Very convenient. It was also time for membership renewals. It was a very nice end to a good show. After the show several of us went to the Boat Town Brewery that was recently moved to downtown Lebanon, Missouri. Their new brewery looks quite nice with a venue that can serve even more people.

[KCBEST.ORG](http://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.



**Weston Brewing** has done a makeover on the iconic Flying Monkey wheat beer. The color is definitely eye catching.

### RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

The chapter is always 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.

## LITTLE ROCK IN 2024

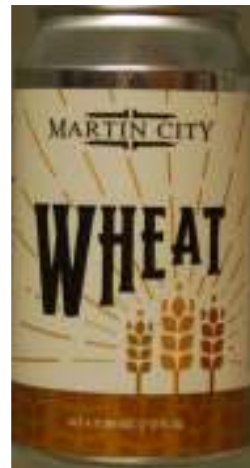
It was September, 1998. September 10-13 to be exact. The 28<sup>th</sup> CANvention of the BCCA was being held in Arkansas for the first time. Little Rock was the city and the Excelsior Hotel was the site. Arguably one of the best set-ups for our type of show ever. Right in downtown Little Rock, the hotel had a floor to ceiling atrium which made room to room trading awesome as you could step out your door, lean over the hallway and see what rooms were open and on what floor.

Spring forward 26 years to 2024 and we are back in downtown Little Rock, this time at the Marriott Little Rock, same neighborhood as 1998. It will be a hoot. It's a can't miss opportunity, only 6 or 7 hours from St. Joe or Lawrence. Only five CANventions since 1998 have had a larger attendance than Little Rock.

Of course, you have to be a member of the BCCA to attend all of the events (Saturday trade floor is open to the public).



**Crane Brewing** introduced four more ales in 12 oz cans earlier this fall: above is Naturom Demento, a coffee brown ale and Summerisle, an October fest style lager. Below is Playground Politics a hazy IPA and Lamenting in Midwestern, a sour ale.



**Martin City Brewing** had this wheat ale available at their brewery location in 12 oz cans. Also released earlier this year is the Cinnamon Roll Stout (below).



## SUPPORT YOUR CHAPTER BY RENEWING 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



Awesome CANvention in Louisville.



Dave Yost has a few empty slots to fill in his box.



Jerry Evans, Bill Boyles, Tom Waggoner standing behind Bill



Cheryl Boyles working the BCCA table.



Left to right: Diane Parker, Kim Toigo, Nicole Pegg, Carol Pegg, Jane Waggoner, Cheryl Boyles, Dee Evans. Small Suds Sisterhood luncheon.



Bruce Gregg and BCCA President Clayton Emory

# RECENT BREWERY NEWS

Lake Lotawana Brewing Company opened for business on September 9. 9420 S Shroud Rd, Lake Lotawana (intersection of Colbern Rd and Shroud).

Discourse Brewing opened their doors on September 28. They are located at 7211 W 97<sup>th</sup> in Overland Park. That is just off Metcalf by Home Depot.

Boulevard Brewing and the Kansas City Current announced a partnership at the new KC Current stadium.

9 Foot Brewing also started brewing operations September 28 in Blue Springs. They took over the facility where Wind Shift Brewery previously operated.

Rizoma Liquid Creations, the Kansas City area's first Hispanic-owned brewery, seeks investors so it can work toward opening a brewery and taproom space. It previously had a contract to sell its products at Crane Brewing.

Martin City Brewing Company is now a restaurant partner at the new Kansas City Current stadium.



A few late summer releases from **Smoke Brewing** in 12 oz cans. Above: Fest doesn't show its style and Violet's House is a blueberry lager. Scottish Tattoo is a barrel aged heavy ale.



**Boulevard Brewing** added to their Space Camper 16 oz series with Frozen Raider which is a double cold IPA.

# OLD WEST BREWERIANA ROUNDUP

There is going to be a wild west round-up in Hays Kansas April 27<sup>th</sup>. A large attendance is expected for this can and breweriana event. Will you be one of them? More details in the next newsletter.

# SPRINGFIELD, MO

The Missouri Ozarks chapter will hold their spring show April 6. The venue is Billiards of Springfield and is a fun set up plus they have a bar and grill and right behind them is a craft brewery. Mark your calendar for this event.

## NOVEMBER FIRST WEDNESDAY AT BOULEVARD

The chapter had a good turnout at the November meeting. Enjoying the nice fall day and Boulevard's fine ales were Bill and Cheryl Boyles, Pat Elam, Jim Peterson, Marcia Butterbaugh, Bob and Gayle Hoover, Tom Waggoner, Bruce Gregg and Scott Echols. Scott brought his framed display of two different Muehlebach patches (pictured here). The patches measure about 14 inches across and 6 inches high. The best guess we had for their use was they were on the back of jackets worn by delivery drivers. Scott loaned the item for the Muehlebach display in Brewhouse 2.



**TORN LABEL BREWING** canned Torn Sails, an American Pale Lager and That's The Joint, a hazy IPA in 12 oz cans.



## Kansas City breweries win big at Great American Beer Festival

Story by Heidi Schmidt for KCTV 5

Three Kansas City breweries have reason to lift a cold, frosty one in celebration.

BKS Artisan Ales, City Barrel Brewing Co., and Cinder Block Brewery were named some of the best beers at the Great American Beer Festival in Denver, Colorado earlier this month.

The festival showcases more than 100 beer styles from hundreds of breweries every year.

BKS Artisan Ales, a craft brewery in Brookside, won the gold medal in the English Middle or Bitter. Category with its 2022 Rockhill & Locust beer.

Cinder Block Brewery in North Kansas City won a silver medal in the other hoppy lager category for its Juicy Pilsner.

City Barrel Brewing Co. brought home the bronze medal in the Juicy or Hazy India Pale Ale Category for its 2022 RAD AF brew.

Two other regional breweries also came home with hardware from the beer festival.

St. Joseph, Missouri's River Bluff Brewing won the silver medal in the International Dark Lager category for its 2022 Brother-Brother beer.

Blind Tiger Brewery & Restaurant in Topeka, Kansas, rocked it with gold in two categories. The brewery's Smoke Follows Beauty took the top spot in the Smoke Beer category. The Blind Tiger Bock won gold in the Bock category.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup>, North Kansas City, MO. bigripbrewing.com

**BKS Artisan Ales** 633 E 63<sup>rd</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. 18<sup>th</sup> 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

**Discourse Brewing** 7211 W 97<sup>th</sup>, Overland Park, KS

**Double Shift Brewing Co** 412 E. 18<sup>th</sup> St, KC, MO doubleshiftbrewing.com

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

**Ebert Bros Brewing** 400 E 31<sup>st</sup>, KC, MO (in the Brickhouse)

**ExBEERiment Brewery** 925 E Lincoln Lane, Gardner, KS

**Fields & Ivy Brewery**, 706 E 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lawrence, KS. www.fieldsandivy.com

**Free State Brewery** 636 Massachusetts Lawrence, KS freestatebrewing.com

**Friction Beer Co 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 79<sup>th</sup>, KC, MO kcbier.com

**Lake Lotowana Brewing Co.** 9420 S. Shrout Rd, Lake Lotowana, MO

**Lawrence Beer C0**, 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 135<sup>th</sup>, Kansas City, MO, martincitybrewingcompany.com

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

**Outfield Beer Co** 611 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Bonner Springs, KS

**Outlaw Brewery** 309 E 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, North Kansas City, MO

**Pathlight Brewing** 11200 W 75<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Tall Trellis Brew Co** 25600 W Valley Pkwy, Olathe, KS

**23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Transparent Brewery** 14501 White Ave, Grandview, MO

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

**Vine Street Brewing**, 2010 Vine St, KC, MO

**9 Foot Brewing**, 3421B NW Jefferson St, Blue Springs, MO.

**Wolcott Brewing Company**, 600 Cherokee St, Leavenworth Kansas. Wolcottbrewing.com



## NEARBY CRAFT BREWERIES

**1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](http://dubiousclaimsbrewingco.com)

**Iron Kettle Brewing** 508 N Main, Grain Valley, MO

**Liberty Cap Brewing**, 402 N 13<sup>th</sup> St, St Joseph, MO

**River Bluff Brewery**, 1224 Frederick Ave, St Joseph, MO [www.riverbluffbrew.com](http://www.riverbluffbrew.com)

**Willcott Brewery** 600 E Cherokee St., Leavenworth KS.



**Three Trails Brewing** distributed their West Coast Style IPA called Patchwork Quilt in 12 oz cans

## NOVEMBER CHAPTER BOARD MEETING

The chapter held its board meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> at Paul and Jakes Tavern in North Kansas City. The chapter bought the first round for attendees. Bruce Gregg brought the meeting to order for those in attendance: Marcia Butterbaugh, Pat Elam, Tom & Jane Waggoner, Jim Peterson, Bill & Cheryl Boyles and Bob & Gayle Hoover. Highlights from the Meeting:

- \* Chapter will continue First Wednesday at Boulevard and manage the Brewhouse II displays.
- \* Board meetings will be scheduled every 2 months on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. Jim Vincent and Jim Peterson were added to the board.
- \* Pat Elam will organize brewery tours to be held every two months.
- \* Salina show assignments were designated.
- \* The chapter laid the groundwork to have a show in October, 2024. Details to be worked out.
- \* 2024 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of KC's Best Chapter. Ideas to commemorate this milestone were discussed.

**Free State Brewing** has two new ales in 12 oz cans. Northern Lights is an IPA and Johnny's Blue Collar Lager was a collaboration with Johnny's Tavern.



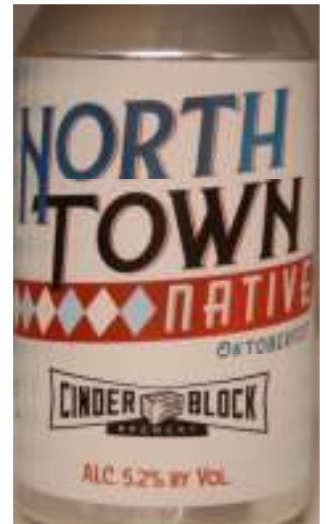


Christmas cans then and now. Schell's Brewing put out their Xmas Brew in 1978 and City Barrel had the leaning Christmas tree last year.



"A Fest in Oktober" and "Glacier & Sea" are from Diametric Brewing and distributed in 12 oz cans.

Cinder Block Brewery did a redesign of the label for their Juicy Pils and North Town Native is a fest bier.



# Don't Miss the Mid-Missouri Brewery Collectibles Show

## January 19-20, 2024



**Inn at Grand Glaize**  
**5142 Osage Beach Pkwy, Osage Beach, Missouri**

**This year's show is dedicated in memory of Kevin Kottemann**

**This is the Show for you if you collect anything to do with old beer stuff:** Antique and vintage cans, bottles, openers, glassware, signs, craft/micro-brewery, all manner of collectible brewery advertising items, and much more!

**REGISTRATION FEE includes two days of HOSPITALITY Room access**

**Pre-registration and payment strongly encouraged to reserve trade tables!**

Set-up and Hospitality Friday afternoon and evening. Trade Floor Doors open Saturday at 7:30 AM.  
 Show opens to walk-ins at 9:00 AM Saturday. Grand raffle 1:00 PM Saturday.

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

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



KC's Best Chapter



<p><b>Show Registration</b> (covers both days):</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Guest Name(s) _____</p> <p># _____ x \$10 per Person = \$ _____</p> <p># _____ x \$15 per Table = \$ _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total \$ _____</p> <p><b>Make checks payable and send to:</b>                  Rick Kottemann #23730                  5089 Lampglow Ct.                  St. Louis, MO 63129                  Cell: 314-575-0032</p>	<p><b><i>INN AT GRAND GLAIZE</i></b></p> <p><b>1-800-348-4731</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.innatgrandglaize.com">www.innatgrandglaize.com</a></p>  <p><b><i>Make your room reservations                  directly with Hotel by December 31,                  and mention "Brewery Collectibles Show"                  to secure our \$69 group room rate.</i></b></p>
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**Present the**

# **45th ANNUAL KANSAS KOLOSSAL KAN KAPER**

**“THE OLDEST SHOW OF BEER CANS AND BREWERIANA IN KANSAS”**

**SALINA, KANSAS**

**June 21, 22, and 23, 2024**

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Our two Midwest Chapters are doing it again in the heart of America with the 45th annual Kansas Kolossal Kan Kaper Show in Salina, KS on June 21-23, 2024. 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 \$105 a night plus tax. Each room has a kitchenette and refrigerator. 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, and for the park.** 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 includes hospitality snacks, drinks, and the Margarita Party for \$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. **Park regulations strictly prohibit alcohol in the park.** Water and pop are provided free with your registration. There will be lunch available for a modest fee around noon. Two big raffles during the day. We wrap up the park time around 2:30; 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.