

# Best of KC's Best

## WHAT A SHOW

Early on in December, this show was showing signs of being an epic event. With registrations and table sales coming in at a high rate, show chairman Rick Kottemann started sending out alerts that table reservations were approaching the limit and if you wanted one, act quickly.

As it turned out, all available tables were taken and registrations and walk-ins hit a new high making this the biggest and most successful show in its 22-year history.

Activities got underway Friday afternoon as collectors started arriving and setting up their tables in the two adjoining conference centers. The Linn Creek Salon was also set up Friday as a hospitality suite with dozens of different beers represented. John and Marian Kottemann took on the duties of organizing and coordinating the stocking of the hospitality suite. Job well done by John and Marian along with all the volunteers who contributed.

The activities continued Saturday morning as the trade floors opened to the public and hourly raffles were conducted.

The show ended up with exhibitors from 11 states. Registrations totaled 105 plus there were 81 walk-ins. 92 tables were rented to vendors.

Pictures from the show are on the inside of this newsletter.

Mark your calendar or planner now for the 2026 show which is set for January 30-31.

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## COMING UP

**NEXT FIRST WEDNESDAY AT  
BOULEVARD IS MARCH 5**

Our monthly Chapter get together commences at 1:00 pm in the Tours and Rec Center. Your first beer is compliments of Boulevard.

## LAWRENCE WINTER BLUES SHOW

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Lawrence Winter Blues show is set for **March 16** at Set' Em Up Jacks and hosted by the Carrie Nation chapter.

### Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles and/or show flyers for the next newsletter is May 2, 2025.

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.

## 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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## WHATS ON TAP

**Feb 23** 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 8**, Cornhusker Chapter Spring Show. Steppe Center Venue, La Vista, NE. For more info contact Bill Baburek, 402/320-5805 or [bill.b@beercornerusa.com](mailto:bill.b@beercornerusa.com)

**Mar 16**, Lawrence Winter Blues show. 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Set 'em Up Jacks, 800 E. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lawrence, KS

**Mar 29**, Belleville show. Belle-Claire Fairgrounds. Belleville, IL

**April 26** 4th Annual Old West Breweriana Roundup. Unrein Building, Ellis County Fairgrounds, Hays, KS

**June 6-7**, Swap-A-Rama, Knights of Columbus Park, Florissant, MO



April 26. English Landing, Parkville, MO

# DUBIOUS CLAIMS CLOSED



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Dubious Claims Brewing Co. will be closing its doors on February 1st, 2025, after 6 1/2 years of brewing, laughing, and creating memories with all of you.

As they say, all good things must come to an end, and while it's a bittersweet moment for us, we are incredibly proud of everything we've accomplished. From our first batch to our final pour, your support has made every day worthwhile. We've shared countless moments together—whether it was over a cold beer, at a festival, or just catching up with friends new and old. For all of that, we are deeply grateful.

We still have a month left so we invite you to visit us in the coming month and raise a glass to the experiences we've shared. Your support has meant the world to us, and we look forward to seeing you before our doors close.

Thank you for being part of the Dubious Claims Brewing Co. family.

With gratitude,  
The Dubious Claims Brewing Co. Team



## SHOUTOUT TO CINDER BLOCK



Cinder Block Brewery continues to be a strong supporter of our chapter and our hobby. They donated a keg for the recent Mid-Missouri show at Lake of the Ozarks. We appreciate all that you have done for KC's Best.



3 Day Rental is a Mexican Style Lager brewed and canned for Rewind Video. Il Padrone Playoff Pilsner is a Italian Style Pilsner and alludes to the KC Chiefs 2025 playoff appearance. Il Padrone was the keg Cinder Block donated to the show.

## BKS ARTISAN ALES PLANS CROSSROADS NANOBREWERY

BKS Artisan Ales — dubbed a “little beer heaven” by industry insiders — is bringing its award-winning operation to the Crossroads, adding a second, smaller brewery location near what founders Brian and Mary Rooney see as a downtown tourism market that also is easily accessible to some of their business’ biggest local fans.

The space at 1701 McGee St. is expected to open in late spring or early summer. And while the Crossroads already is a crowded market for breweries, BKS Artisan Ales aims to tap into existing customers who work downtown and live in Johnson County — and can’t conveniently make it to the brewery’s original location in Brookside — as well as BKS fans hoping to snag their favorite beer when they’re downtown to see a show or sporting event.

# 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEER CAN CELEBRATED



January 24<sup>th</sup> marked the 90th anniversary of the first beer served in a can. To commemorate this event, the chapter corroborated with Boulevard to host a get together to celebrate the introduction of the beer can. Those in attendance were: Jerry and Dee Evans, Jim Peterson, Marcia Butterbaugh, Bob Hoover, John Kinnard, Bruce Gregg, Valerie Barrett, Matt and Amy Sackett, Pat Elam, Tim Hagan, Brent Hill, Katie Parrish.



A delicious birthday cake



Attendees enjoying a excellent snack tray put together by Boulevard's kitchen.

## RAFFLE ITEM INVENTORY GROWING

We have had a good run lately on obtaining quality raffle items for our chapter shows but could always use more.

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 Scott Echols at 816/442-9065 or Bill Boyles at 816/820-9933.

## 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

## PHOTOS FROM THE LAKE SHOW



Mark Sanders and Domonic Oswald hang around on the trade floor after the show concluded.



L to R Jed Conroy, Ron Miller, John Kottemann, Donna Kottemann, Marion Kottemann. The rest are unidentified.



Jim LePage is conducting a seminar while Warren Terry (left) is distracted by his phone and Jed Conroy, Ron Miller and Mike Fritz sit at the table pretending they are listening.



Welcome to the show.



Al Kell and Scott Echols relax after the show conclusion.



Donna Kottemann at the walk in registration table.



Some of the nearly 100 walk ins shopping for their treasure.



John Palmisano is wondering why Jim Vincent didn't wear a more colorful shirt.



Rich Lenhard answers questions about a tough can.



Raffle tables (4)



Double Shift continues to add to their growing list of ales. Shown above are two of their recent additions. Modern Scarecrow is a Marzen Lager and Power Moves is a New England Style IPA.



Diametric Brewing has quite an innovative graphics designer. This label is obviously a take on the 1970's rock duo Hall & Oates.



GRRRL Beer is a Belgian Style Ale with a portion of the sale proceeds going to the *Pink Boots Society*. Torn Away is a specialty ale brewed in collaboration with the 2024 *Lei Away*. It is brewed with grapefruit, lime, cinnamon and almonds.



Diametric Brewing added three new ales recently. Shown above is Sunshine which is a New Zealand style pilsner and Metrognome is a pale ale.

[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.

## 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.

**Big Rip Brewing Co** 216 E 9<sup>th</sup>, North Kansas City, MO. [bigripbrewing.com](http://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](http://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](http://borderbrewco.com)

**Boulevard Brewing**, 2501 Southwest Boulevard, KC, MO. [blvdbeer.com](http://blvdbeer.com).

**Brewery Emperial**, 1829 Oak, KC, MO [breweryemperial.com](http://breweryemperial.com)

**Broken Hatchet Brewery** 422 Main, Belton, MO

**Callsign Brewing Co**, 1340 Burlington, North Kansas City, MO. [Callsignbrewing.com](http://Callsignbrewing.com)

**Casual Animal Brewing Company** 1725 McGee, Kansas City, MO [casualanimalbrewing.com](http://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](http://cinderblockbrewery.com)

**Crane Brewing Company**, 6515 Railroad St, Raytown, MO [cranebrewing.com](http://cranebrewing.com)

**Diametric Brewing Co, (formerly New Axiom)** 949 NE Columbus, Lees Summit, MO. [Newaxiombrewco.com](http://Newaxiombrewco.com)

**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](http://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](http://www.fieldsandivy.com)

**Free State Brewery** 636 Massachusetts Lawrence, KS [freestatebrewing.com](http://freestatebrewing.com)

**Friction Beer Co 11018** Johnson Dr, Shawnee, KS

**Fringe Beerworks** 224 SE Douglas St, Lee's Summit, MO [fringebeerworks.com](http://fringebeerworks.com)

**Goat Brewing** 817 NE Rice Rd, Lees Summit, MO

**Gordon Biersch Brewery** 11652 Ash St., Leawood, KS. [Gordonbiersch.com](http://Gordonbiersch.com)

**Grains & Taps Brewery**, 10 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Lees Summit, MO [grainsandtaps.com](http://grainsandtaps.com)

**Granite City Brewing Co** 8461 NW Prairie View Road KC, MO [gcfb.com](http://gcfb.com)

**Green Room Brewery**, 4010 Pennsylvania, Kansas City, MO. [Greenroomkc.com](http://Greenroomkc.com).

**Kansas City Bier Company** 310 W. 79<sup>th</sup>, KC, MO [kcbier.com](http://kcbier.com)

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

**Lawrence Beer CO**, 826 Pennsylvania, Lawrence, KS. [Lawrencebeerco.com](http://Lawrencebeerco.com). Also, **Lawrence Beer Co. West** 4811 Bob Billings Pkwy, Lawrence, KS

**Limitless Brewing**, 9765 Widmer, Lenexa, KS [www.limitlessbrewing.com](http://www.limitlessbrewing.com)

**Martin City Brewing Company** 500 E 135<sup>th</sup>, Kansas City, MO, [martincitybrewingcompany.com](http://martincitybrewingcompany.com)

**Nimble Brewing** 1725 Oak St, KC, MO [nimblebrewing.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://Brew23.com)

**3 Halves Brewery** 110 E Kansas, Liberty, MO

**39<sup>th</sup> Street Brewery** 1320 W 39<sup>th</sup> St, KC, MO

**Three Trails Brewery** 111 N Main, Independence, MO [3trailsbrewing.com](http://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](http://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](http://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)

**Baldwin City Beer Company** 520 S High, Baldwin City, KS

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

**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)

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Old West Breweriana Roundup

### Westside Chapter

Saturday April 26, 2025 9:30am-3:30pm

Ellis County Fairgrounds

Unrein Building

1344 Fairgrounds Road

Hays, KS

Host Motel

Best Western Butterfield Inn

1010 E 41<sup>st</sup> St, Hays, KS

785/621-4337

Reserve by March 30

Tables \$25 each

Hospitality \$20 per person for either night (specify if for Friday or Saturday night) or \$30 per person both nights

Table and Hospitality reservation must be received by April 1

Make checks payable to Westside and mail to Westside, PO Box 1468, Hays, KS 67601

## 10th Annual LAWRENCE WINTER BLUES BEER CAN SHOW Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2025 9 am-1230 pm

Set 'Em Up Jack's  
800 E 23rd St, Lawrence, KS 66046

Man cave stuff, brewery collectibles, neon's, beer cans steins, openers and more...

Free admission, food and drink specials and raffle

Questions-email Marc Milner

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