

# Best of KC's Best



Chapter #22  
of the BCCA

## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

### **CRAFT BREWERY EVENT**

The chapter leads off its 2026 almost monthly brewery visits this Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>. The brewery selected for this gathering is **Callsign Brewing Co**, 1340 Burlington, North Kansas City. The gathering starts at 3:00 pm.

### **FIRST WEDNESDAY AT BOULEVARD**

Our next First Wednesday at **Boulevard** will be held March 4 in the tap room of the Tours and Rec center. We will start at our usual 1:00 pm time and Boulevard will provide the first round of drinks. As a heads up, we plan to have the April First Wednesday in the evening.

### **BOARD MEETING**

Coming up next month is our chapter board meeting. As always, the board meeting is open to all chapter members. The meeting is on Wednesday, March 18th starting at 7:00 pm. It will be held at Paul and Jacks Tavern in North Kansas City (1808 Clay St). Many of us usually get there at 6 and enjoy dinner before the meeting starts.

### **CRAFT BREWERY EVENT**

Our second craft brewery gathering of 2026 is scheduled for Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>. The brewery we have selected for this gathering is **Cinder Block Brewing**, 110 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, North Kansas City. The start time for this event is 3:00 pm

### **FIRST WEDNESDAY AT BOULEVARD**

The First Wednesday at **Boulevard** in April has been scheduled with Boulevard to begin at 6:00 pm and lasts until 8:00 pm. The date is April 1<sup>st</sup> and will be at the Tours and Rec center. We may have the room next to where we usually have our reserved table.

### **KANSAS KOLOSSAL KAN KAPER**

And, of course, the storied Kan Kaper show in Salina. The 47<sup>th</sup> annual edition of this 3-day show is June 26-27-28. The host hotel is again the Candlewood Suites. If you plan to attend (or are thinking about it) we urge you to make reservations now. You can always cancel them, but the hotel fills up fast (and early).

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

## 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

Thank you for being a member of this group

## 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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## WHAT'S ON TAP

**Feb 22** Vic Olson Memorial Show. Ar-CAN-sas and Missouri Ozarks chapters. Erin Jones 479-531-4146 or erinjbrew1002@aol.com

**Mar 29** Lawrence Spring Beer Can Show, Set 'em up Jacks, 800 E. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lawrence. 9:00am to 12:30pm.

**Apr 11**, Cornhusker Chapter Spring Show. Bill Baburek, 402/320-5805 or [bill.b@beercornerusa.com](mailto:bill.b@beercornerusa.com)

**Apr 25**, Westside Chapter show, Hays, KS. Mike Brull, 785-656-0650, [westsidebccca@gmail.com](mailto:westsidebccca@gmail.com)

**June 26-28** Kansas Kolossal Kan Kaper, Salina, Kansas

## . Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles and/or show flyers for the next newsletter is May 15, 2026.

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.

## KCBEST.ORG

Do not 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 simple.

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

Also, upcoming show flyers can be found there.

## BOULEVARD PLANS TO OPEN NEW TOURS & REC PATIO IN TIME FOR WORLD CUP



Boulevard Brewing plans to open a new outdoor patio and bar called Boulevard Yard attached to the brewery's second-floor beer hall. It hopes to finish before the World Cup arrives in the summer. Boulevard Brewing Co. is excited to announce a new outdoor space, the Boulevard Yard, opening just in time for warm weather & visitors from around the world!

Construction began at the Tours & Rec Center in January 2026 to extend the Beer Hall patio, creating a second-story backyard-inspired area designed for warm weather sipping, hanging with friends & soaking up the sunny city skyline.

Since 2016, the Tours & Rec Center has been the local face of Boulevard, hosting thousands of visitors for brewery tours, pours in the Beer Hall, parties, pop-ups and more. Now, we're leveling up (literally) with an expanded second-floor deck, more than tripling our Beer Hall patio footprint for bevy drinking & revelry. The Yard will be ready to host locals and tourists alike with ample lounge areas & table seating, an indoor/outdoor bar serving both the Beer Hall & Yard, stunning skyline views, large screen TVs, accessible entry & plenty of parking, plus opportunities for outdoor programming like live music, community events, sports game viewing & more. As Kansas City prepares to take the international stage this summer, we are thrilled to open our patio doors & look forward to hosting beer drinkers from all over the world.

## 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

## CINDER BLOCK BREWING CONTINUES ITS SUPPORT OF KC'S BEST



A very long relationship between Cinder Block Brewing and KC's Best Chapter continues to flourish. Cinder Block once again provided a keg for the Mid Missouri show in Osage Beach. The keg was filled with their Helles which won a gold medal at the World Beer Festival.



## Boulevard is now in partnership with Mizzou Athletics

## THE BORDER WAR CONTINUES



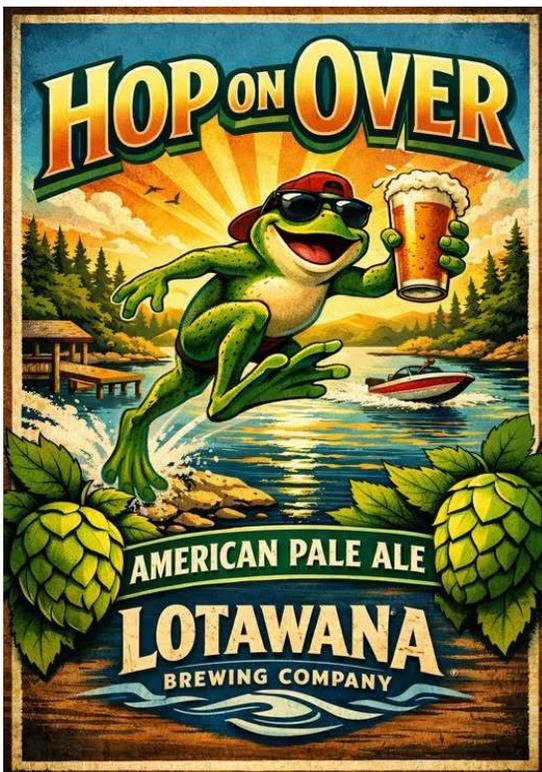
*We're ready to MIZ in 2026!*

Tiger Paw Punch, our spirited Quirk Hard Seltzer crafted in partnership with Mizzou Athletics, is roaring onto shelves and taps this month throughout Missouri.

Bursting with juicy mango and tropical fruit, this Quirk is ready for the ZOU!



Boulevard Brewing brewed and packaged 3 of the 4 cans that feature the Missouri Tigers and Kansas Jayhawks athletics.



Two more recent issues from Boulevard. *Irish Cream Stout* is brewed with cream and packaged in 16 oz cans. *Dubai-Style Chocolate Ale* is brewed with brown sugar, cacao nibs and pistachios.

# MID-MISSOURI BREWERY COLLECTIBLES SHOW

The 2026 edition of this annual event happened January 30-31 at the Lake of the Ozarks. The show, which is co-sponsored by Gateway, KC's Best and Missouri Ozarks chapters with Rick Kottemann managing and promoting the show.

The numbers for the show were impressive:

Registered Collectors	55
Registered Guest	37
Total Registrations	92
Tables Reserved	83

Walk-ins **99**

*A shout out to Rick Kottemann for producing an excellent event.*

Photos from the show are on this and the following page.



Scott and Scott (Echols and Thorsen that is)



Five tables needed for the raffle prize bounty



Tom Waggoner, John Page and Carol Pegg



Vendors and walk-ins mingle around the tables



Getting ready for the opening up to walk-ins



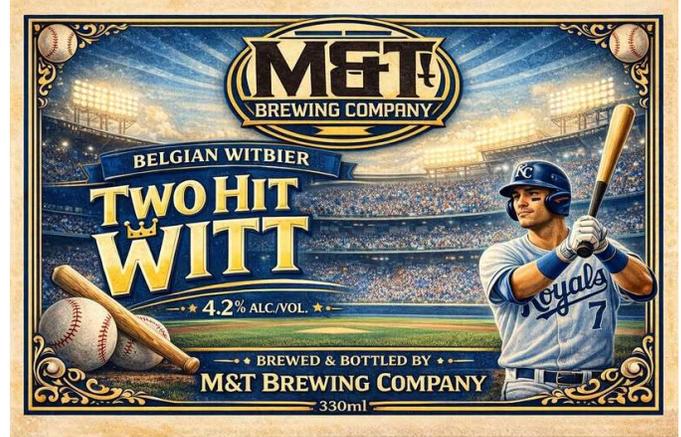
Dominic Oswalt (left) contemplates an offer from these walk-ins.



**Diametric Brewing** had these colorful 12 oz cans available. Limesweeper is a dry-hopped gose-style ale with raspberry and lime. Permanent Vacation is a strawberry lemonade blonde ale.

## M&T, GARDNER, KANSAS

*Slam Dunkel, our Munich Dunkel is now on tap!*



Described as a “Home / Non-Commercial Brewery”, M & T has a good-sized brewing setup in their home. You can learn more about M & T by visiting their Facebook page (M&TBrewing) or <https://untappd.com/MTBrewingCompany>

## YOU COULD BE ON THE BCCA BOARD

The BCCA sent a letter to all chapters requesting them to alert their chapter members that the deadline for submitting a nomination is April 1.

If anyone has an interest in running for the board, contact Bill Boyles or reach out to the BCCA at 636.343.6486.

## 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.

**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)

**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. Shroud 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)

# JANUARY BOARD

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

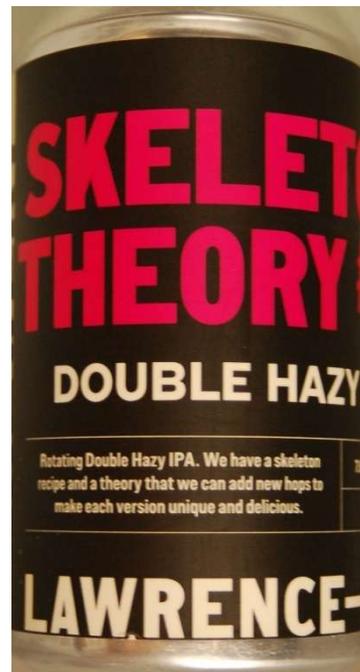
The chapter held its first board meeting of 2026 on January 14 at Paul and Jacks in North Kansas City.

Following are the meeting highlights:

- Chapter brewery visits are set for February 21 at Callsign and March 21 at Cinder Block.
- The chapter submitted Tom Hoffman, Jeff Galloway and Kathy Covell as nominees to the BCCA Hall of Fame
- The chapter will continue the BCCA Corporate Membership for Martin City Brewing and Cinder Block Brewery
- Next Board meeting March 18 at Paul and Jack's at 7 pm.



Oui Bit Fancy is described as a French Saison Style Ale. Brewed and canned by **Transparent Brewery**, this ale comes packaged in a colorful 16 ounce can.



Skeleton Theory is a Double Hazy IPA brewed and packaged in 12 oz cans by **Fields and Ivy Brewing** in Lawrence



The latest community fund raising release from **Boulevard Brewing** is a hazy IPA. The Roo Brew is in support of the UMKC Kangaroos Athletic Fund and comes packaged in the standard 32-ounce size. Now, as an aside at the January 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at Boulevard chapter meeting, Chapter President Jim Peterson asked Bob Hoover why it was a Hazy IPA. Hoover responded he had no idea. Peterson said it was because it had a lot of hops.

That went over Hoover's head, so Peterson explained that Kangaroos hopped.

## MID-MISSOURI COLLECTIBLES SHOW

At this year's show, Rick Kottemann handed out koozies (pictured here) to those who registered. They are made of leather and are very unique. I asked Rick for the story behind them and he provided the following. Thanks Rick. Great idea.



*By Rick Kottemann*

They were donated to me a few years ago by Rick Hipes to use for the Osage Beach show. He gets excess stuff like that routinely in his line of work. Since they were bare leather, I wasn't sure what to do with them. I was hesitant to hand them out that way. At last July's NABA convention, I saw the wooden doorstops that Rusty Long had made with the NABA logo on them. He has a rig at home that allows him to print on just about anything. I approached him about doing something similar with those leather can wraps. He said he would certainly give it a try. So, I spent some time on my computer playing around with the image and wording to put on them, emailed that to him, gave him several to experiment with, and he got back to me with a prototype. We tweaked the imagery a bit to maximize the size, then went into full production. I was super pleased with the results. Now we have a unique "collectible" to commemorate our show. I deliberately did not put a year on them. I still have a few more left that I will use in raffle prize buckets over the next couple years.



Brew Lab is so very proud to be a part of the history and future of Downtown Overland Park's remarkable growth. As the longest continuously running brewery in Overland Park's history, it's been amazing to watch our neighborhood transform and flourish.



We're excited to share a few hints about Brew Lab's upcoming metamorphosis! Anticipating the Farmer's Market District opening and understanding the changing neighborhood needs, we're creating a very different experience for summer 2026 that we hope our fans and neighbors will love.

The most notable change: we have ceased brewing operations, and are in the process of selling all brewing equipment. We have noted changing preferences in the craft beer scene across the city and beyond, which has made it clear that the market for microbrews has shrunk considerably. The truth is that we are incredibly sad to say goodbye to this part of our business, but we are creating a vision for the use of the brewery space that will serve Downtown OP in fun, new ways.

- Brew Lab survived the challenges of opening one of the first breweries in Johnson County.
- We survived the COVID shutdowns with the support of our customers.
- We are surviving the yearlong road closures from the construction of the new Farmer's Market District.
- ...and this year we are proving that adaptability is in our DNA.

In the coming months, you can expect to see a "glow up" of our taproom, a refreshed food menu, and a renewed focus on fun experiences that we hope will encourage our neighbors to make us a regular part of their lives. There will be days that we will be closed for renovations, but we're confident that the growing pains will be worth it.

While our operations, design, flavors (and even our brand) will be changing over the next few months, one thing that remains constant is our commitment to Downtown Overland Park. We invite you to drop in for one last pour of your favorite Brew Lab beers, and to share your thoughts and memories. Thanks for over 10 years of your support and friendship. Cheers to 2026!

*Josh. Justin. & Clay*

**11th Annual LAWRENCE Spring BEER CAN SHOW**

**Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**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 [milnercn1@gmail.com](mailto:milnercn1@gmail.com)**

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Our two Midwest Chapters are doing it again in the heart of America with the 46th annual Kansas Kolossal Kan Kaper Show in Salina, KS on June 26-28, 2026. 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 \$120 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. We will have a registration table and hospitality area for you to sign in beginning at 2:00pm. **PLEASE NOTE:** You cannot check-in to your room until 3:00pm. 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.** In case of inclement weather on Friday, the registration and hospitality will have use of a conference room in the hotel.

Registration fee includes hospitality snacks, drinks, and the Margarita Party for \$20 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 Gayle Hoover & Dennis Sackett Annual 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.