

Best of KC's Best

KANSAS KOLLOSA KAN KAPER



Chapter #22
of the BCCA

The storied Kansas Kolossal Kan Kaper show in Salina is happening later this month. . The 47th 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).

Our two Midwest Chapters are doing it again in the heart of America with the 47th 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.

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.

There will be two big raffles during the day. There are usually some highly desirable items in the raffle so plan on participating.

We wrap up the park time around 2:30; and the rest of the day is free time. Please make sure you leave your spot all cleared of your stuff and/or trash.

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.

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY AT **BOULEVARD**

With the World Cup games happening in KC during June and July, there **WILL NOT** be a July meeting at Boulevard. The next gathering is still on schedule for August 5 starting at 1:00. First beer is on Boulevard.

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.*

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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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WHAT'S ON TAP

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

Sept 3-5, BCCA CANvention 55. Minneapolis, MN

Sept 27, 30th Jerry Trowbridge Memorial
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. Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles and/or show flyers for the next newsletter is August 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
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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

RARE MUEHLEBACH CONE REPORTED

Tom Waggoner

We have been made aware of a previously unknown (at least to our local chapter members) Muehlebach cone pictured below. The photo and can information was provided to me by Expert Jim Hall. He is only aware of one example of this can. What makes it unique is the disclosure at the bottom "OVER 3.2% ALCOHOL BY WEIGHT". Another variation of this cone states 4% which only 2 are known to Jim. Neither of these cones are known in a good grade.

If anyone has any additional information on either cone, please reach out to us.



ABV, ABW EXPLAINED

Alcohol by volume (ABV) is the standard measurement used to represent the amount of alcohol contained in any alcoholic beverage, such as wine, beer, or liquor. It is basically the proportion of ethanol (alcohol) contained in liquids when measured by volume in percentages.

To calculate ABV, the amount of ethanol is compared to the total volume of liquid in the beverage. For example, a wine with 12 percent ABV means that for every 100 milliliters of liquid in the bottle, there are 12 milliliters of alcohol present.

In contrast, alcohol by weight (ABW) shows the proportion of alcohol in the beverage when measured by weight, rather than by volume. Basically, ABW represents the amount of ethanol within a beverage when weighed.

To determine the amount of alcohol in alcoholic beverages using ABW, the mass of ethanol is compared to the total mass of the beverage. In other words, ABW tells you how much of the beverage's total weight is made up of ethanol.

Generally speaking, ABV is a more commonly used measure than ABW. It is easily calculated, and ABV is used in most countries around the world. On the other hand, ABW measurements are not as commonly used, and may be less accurate than ABV measurements.

The conversion from ABV to ABW usually ranges from 0.8 to 1; for instance, a beverage with 12 percent ABV is approximately 9 percent ABW. The actual conversion rate can differ based on many factors including the actual alcohol content and the temperature at which the liquid is measured.

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 Brewing brewed and canned the bottomless *Mimosa Saison* in 16 oz cans which were available at the brewery April 1. The ale (8% ABV) is described as a Blood Orange Saison and colored with purple carrot juice which dominates the taste.



Chapter Brewery visit to County Road Brewery in Tonganoxie on April 18th.



Chapter brewery visit to Callsign Brewing on February 21st.



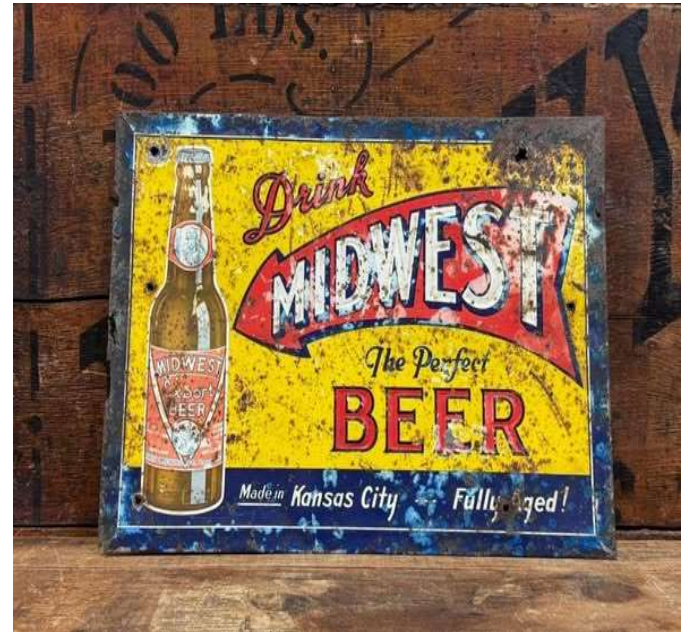
Rock Creek Brewing brewed and canned this Mexican Lager in 16 oz cans. This looks like a good place to have a future chapter brewery tour.

SCHLITZ BREWING COMPANY

KANSAS CITY BREWERY



The George Muehlebach Brewing Company was a brewery that operated in Kansas City, Missouri from 1868 until 1956, when it was acquired by Schlitz. Schlitz discontinued the Muehlebach brand and brewed and packaged their own brands until the brewery was shut down in 1973.



Birddog Jim Vincent posted the photo above to Facebook on February 23rd. Midwest Brewing Company was in business from 1935 to 1938. There is an article on page 9 of this newsletter from the Kansas City Journal regarding Midwest Brewing.



19.2-ounce Wheat Beer featuring the KU Jayhawk from Boulevard Brewing



Boulevard Brewing brewed and canned *Easy Orange* in 12 oz cans. It is described as “Pulp Free, for Easy Drinking” at the top of the can label. It is a Blood Orange Ale.

KANSAS CITY METRO BREWERIES

Alma Mader Brewing, 2635 Southwest Blvd, KC, MO

BKS Artisan Ales 633 E 63rd, KC, MO

Border Brewing Co 406 E 18th St, KC, MO
borderbrewco.com

Boulevard Brewing, 2501 Southwest Boulevard, KC, MO.
blvdbeer.com.

Brewery Emperial, 1829 Oak, KC, MO
breweryemperial.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

Diametric Brewing Co, (formerly New Axiom) 949 NE Columbus, Lees Summit, MO. Newaxiombrewco.com

Discourse Brewing 7211 W 97th, Overland Park, KS

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 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

Grains & Taps Brewery, [310 SW Blue Pkwy.](http://310SWBluePkwy.com), Lees Summit, MO grainsandtaps.com

Granite City Brewing Co 8461 NW Prairie View Road KC, MO and 1701 Village West Parkway, KCK gcfb.com

Green Room Brewery, 4010 Pennsylvania, Kansas City, MO.
Greenroomkc.com.

Kansas City Bier Company 310 W. 79th, KC, MO
kcbier.com

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

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

Outfield Beer Co 611 W 2nd St, Bonner Springs, KS

Outlaw Brewery 309 E 10th Ave, North Kansas City, MO

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

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

Stag Brewery, 623 Massachusetts, Lawrence, KS

Strange Days Brewing 316 Oak, KC, MO.

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

39th Street Brewery 1320 W 39th St, KC, MO

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

Up North Brewery 216 E 9th Ave, North KC< MO

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

As once predicted several years ago, many craft breweries in Kansas City have shut down in the past year. This brewery list once filled an entire page of the newsletter.

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

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 13th St, St Joseph, MO

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



Chocko Taco is an IPA brewed and canned in 12 oz cans by **City Barrel Brewing**. Choco Taco was previously available in 16 oz cans.

Big Grove Brewery has big plans for former Prairie Village Macy's store

A business has new plans for a vacant Prairie Village storefront that's been empty for more than a decade.

An Iowa-based brewery announced its plans to expand into the Kansas City metro.

Big Grove said it expected to open in 2026 inside the former Macy's location in the Shops at Prairie Village at W. 71st Street and Mission Road.

Construction and renovations are already underway at the shopping center.

Boulevard Brewing has released their latest Space Camper ale in 12 oz cans. Called **FUNDAMENTAL EVIL**, it is an Imperial IPA. It comes in at a whopping 10% ABV and is described on the side panel as a "*Hop Monster Awakened*"



One of America's oldest beer brands discontinued after 177 years in US

Schlitz Premium is heading into retirement after nearly two centuries, confirming the iconic brand is being put 'on hiatus'

One of [America's](#) once-dominant beer brands is being discontinued after more than 175 years.

Schlitz Premium, a [beer](#) brand that traces its roots to Milwaukee in the 1840s and was once among the largest breweries in the country, is being put "on hiatus," parent company Pabst Brewing Co. confirmed Friday after Wisconsin Brewing Company announced it would brew the brand's final batch later this month.

"Unfortunately, we have seen continued increases in our costs to store and ship certain products and have had to make the tough choice to place Schlitz Premium on hiatus," Zac Nadile, Pabst head of brand strategy, said in a statement to Milwaukee Magazine.

"Any brand or packaging configuration that is put on hiatus is still a cherished part of our history and hopefully our future. We continually look for opportunities to bring back beloved brands, and customer feedback is important in shaping those discussions."

The Schlitz brand became famous for its longtime slogan, "the beer that made Milwaukee famous," and was once the nation's largest brewery before Anheuser-Busch overtook it in the late 1950s.

The company was originally founded in 1849 after August Krug opened a tavern brewery in Milwaukee. Joseph Schlitz later took over the business after marrying Krug's widow and helped transform it into one of the world's largest beer brands.

Schlitz rose to prominence after the Great [Chicago](#) Fire in 1871, when the brewery

shipped beer to Chicago as residents struggled to access clean drinking water.

"It's a nostalgia factor," Joseph Conforti, general manager of Milwaukee Brat House, told ABC7 Chicago. "People from out of town are surprised that they still make it."

Schlitz began losing popularity in the 1970s after cost-cutting recipe changes altered the beer's flavor. The brand was later sold to Stroh Brewing in 1982 before Pabst acquired it in 1999.

Kirby Nelson, brewmaster at Wisconsin Brewing Company, said the company wanted to give the historic beer brand a proper farewell after learning production was ending.

"We decided that, Schlitz being what Schlitz was, it deserved a proper sendoff. One with dignity and respect," Nelson said.



Wisconsin Brewing Company said it plans to brew "the last Schlitz" at its Verona, Wisconsin, brewery on May 23, with a limited release scheduled for June 27. Milwaukee-area bars and breweries are also planning farewell events tied to the final batches.



A Modern Plant---Making a Fine Product

(Santa's Item)

THE Midwest Brewing Company has built on its property at Eighteenth street and Agnes avenue a modern brewing plant, using the most up-to-date equipment, arranged to produce a fine product at minimum cost.

The plant was engineered by brewery experts, and built under the personal supervision of the executive officers of the company, so that a minimum expenditure on the construction of the plant brings Midwest into the class of lowest capital investment per barrel of annual production.

The brewhouse is located on a balcony, and the various units of equipment are so arranged that the brew in its various stages flows by gravity, there being only three pumpings from start to finish in the making of Midwest Pilsener.

In the main, or brewhouse building, are housed also the fermenting rooms and ageing cellars, with a total capacity of 9,000 barrels. The keg room, where the kegs are prepared for use, and the racking room, where the product is placed in the kegs, also are in this main building.

The bottling house is a separate building, at the west end of the property, with equipment and facilities for the bottling of Midwest Pilsener draft beer in bottles.

Midwest's property, comprising 46,000 square feet, has a frontage of 320 feet on Eighteenth street and 485 feet on the Kansas City Terminal Railroad tracks, with two private switches of eleven car capacity. Midwest's product, a fully aged true Pilsener beer, was first placed on the market early this month, and won instant approval. It is brewed under the personal direction of Leo Wolf, known nationally for many years as one of the country's outstanding brewmasters.

No substitutes are used in the making of Midwest Pilsener. It is strictly a grain product. Only the finest malted barley and corn flakes are used, and in sufficient quantity to produce full alcoholic content, good body and rich creamy foam. No sugars or syrups are used.

The fine hop flavor of Midwest Pilsener is secured through the combining of domestic (Oregon) hops with imported German hops. The use of imported hops gives a more delicate hop flavor, and not the bitterness found so often in beer.

Business and professional men of Kansas City are cordially invited to visit Midwest Brewing Company's plant, to watch Midwest Pilsener beer in the making, and to sample what we believe is the finest product of the brewer's art.

Midwest Brewing Co.

CH. 2111

Kansas City, Mo.

3028 E. 18th St.

Beer In Ads #5198: Heim's Bock Beer! Ready To-Day

APRIL 1, 2026, BY JAY BROOKS

Two years ago, I decided to concentrate on Bock ads for a while. Bock, of course, may have originated in Germany, in the town of Einbeck. Because German immigrants founded many 19th-Century American breweries, they offered a bock at certain times of the year, be it Spring, Easter, Lent, Christmas, or what have you. In a sense they were some of the first seasonal beers. "The style was later adopted in Bavaria by Munich brewers in the 17th century. Due to their Bavarian accent, citizens of Munich pronounced 'Einbeck' as 'ein Bock' (a billy goat), and thus the beer became known as 'Bock.' A goat often appears on bottle labels." And presumably because they were special releases, many breweries went all out to promote them with beautiful artwork on posters and other advertising. With Spring approaching, there are so many great examples that I'm going to post two a day for a few months.

Wednesday's first ad is for Heim's Bock Beer, which was published on April 1, 1899. This one was for the Ferdinand Heim Brewing Co., of Kansas City, Missouri, which was originally founded in 1884. This ad ran in The Kansas City Star, of Kansas City, Missouri.

**HEIM'S
BOCK BEER!**

Ready To-Day.

Order a case sent to your house.

TELEPHONE 637.

NOTE OUR RECORD OF SALES.

1884 12,000 bbls.	1887 48,661 bbls.	1890 59,946 bbls.	1893 62,727 bbls.
1895 88,231 bbls.	1897 100,255 bbls.	1898 114,443 bbls.	

The advertisement is framed by a border of illustrations. At the top, a goat is shown working at a door. Below this, a goat sits at a table with several glasses of beer. To the right, a goat stands next to a table with more glasses. Further right, a goat is depicted carrying a large basket on its back. At the bottom, a goat is shown carrying a tray with glasses. The central text is prominently displayed in the middle of the ad.

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Presents the

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June 26, 27, and 28, 2026

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL:

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SALINA, KS 67401

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