Read about this extraordinary can in Auction Watch ~

You won’t believe what it went for!

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President’s Message

by Jim Wicker

It’s been a busy few months for me. As many may know, I’ve sold my cone top collection. I’ve also received a few inquiries whether I’m staying in the hobby and as your president. So to answer these questions let me say the following. I’ve been collecting cans before the first official BCCA meeting in the mid 70s so I’m addicted and not going anywhere. Those that know me best know I’ve sold many collections. I love the hunt, the hobby, and the people. I will continue being a collector. I decided to sell my latest collection to support other financial opportunities and am temporarily diverting my attention to these endeavors. I will remain active on the NPPC board until others want to give it a go.

A little information about the sale of the collection that I believe is good news for all of us. Although I did offer the collection as a whole to a few members and can dealers, no one was too sure of the market. I decided to tackle the sale by separating it and opening it up to first come, first get basis. It was advertised on the Rusty Bunch website. Within 24 hours about 50% of the cans were spoken for and within 48 hours 2/3 were sold. This should be great news and testament to the health of the soda can hobby! I was also surprised at how many closet collectors and beer can collectors were stepping up to make their claim. I hope everyone was happy with their additions. I also was very impressed by the response from the Rusty Bunch forum and grateful they allow advertising. I made a donation to their chapter for beer, pizza or any good use for their upcoming show.

Don’t forget, the treasurer’s position has been available for a long time. No one has stepped up. We are all busy with our daily duties, but if you love this hobby and our organization, please help out and volunteer for a bit.

Hope to see you all at upcoming shows. I will be planning on attending this year’s BCCA Canvention and a few local shows.

Jim

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New Cans by Steve Frost

[Images of new cans]
International Cans by Michael Van Laere
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- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
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- Vietnam
- Coca Cola
- New Year Set
I will start with a whopper of an auction! This beautiful first generation bottle cap Pepsi cone top only received 13 bids but it had 262 page views and sold for $5,675!

There are a number of these 1955 first generation pre-zip Diet Rites that pop up from time to time, but they are usually not very clean. This one is in great shape and had 97 page views, 12 bids, and sold for $191.

I was curious how this Twang quart cone top auction would go. The Twang quart with the football is rare but it is always hard to estimate the price of an off-grade rare can. This one had 2 bids and sold for $105.

This auction had a tremendous amount of bidding. After 76 bids and 410 page views, this 6 pack of 1959 Mountain Dew cans along with the cardboard container sold for $569!
This is another unpredictable off-grade auction I was watching. This very rare Black Cherry Mission quart is not in great shape, but it still received 4 bids and a final selling price of $455.

You do not see very many of these 15 1/2 ounce English Pepsi cans. This widely followed auction received 35 bids, had over 200 views, and sold for $363.

Here is another well bid auction. I am not very familiar with gallon cans, but this red Dr. Pepper gallon (which had been used for a bank) had been listed as an R0 (one-of-a-kind) can in Dave Tanner's guide until this one appeared. It received 20 bids and sold for $311.
Auction Watch, cont’d.

Yet one more unpredictable off-grade auction. This Tip Top quart has had all the pink coloring fade off, yet it did get 1 bid and sold for $305.

I was a little surprised to see the price of this early 60s Canadian 10 oz. Galaxie flat top from Shasta. It received only 4 bids but sold for $374.

Another Canadian can auction was this 1953 Lucky Strike cone top. It received 32 bids and sold for $271!

Created by the Howdy Corporation in St. Louis, MO, 7UP was an optimistic venture from the very start. After great success with the Howdy Orange drink, company founder C.L. Grigg decided to try his luck with lemons and limes. C.L. Grigg spent more than two years testing over 11 different formulas, all in search of a drink that was refreshing enough to prove irresistible to the people of Missouri and the world at large. In 1929, C.L. Grigg’s bubbliest drink was born.

The public quickly developed a taste for Grigg’s caramel colored lemon-lime soda. Bib-Label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Soda sold, and sold well. As the drink grew more and more popular, the original name was traded in for something short and sweet. Bib-Label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Soda became known as 7UP.
In Memoriam

James Lee Balskey, 74, of Lewisburg, OH, passed away on April 24, 2014, at home. He was born August 26, 1939, to Donald H. and Eva K. (Bunger) Balskey, in Dayton, Ohio.

Jim graduated from Lewisburg Union High School in 1957, attended Ohio Northern University and served in the United States Air Force for 4 years.

Jim was employed by Automatic Electric, GTE and Fujitsu Business Communications for 30 years. After retiring he started Crown Cabling and Telecommunications. Jim enjoyed the travel that his position afforded him.

Jim became a member of NPCC in 1976, when he began his collection with two bicentennial 7-up cans. His travel enabled him to amass a collection of over 10,000 pop cans. He enjoyed buying, selling and trading cans.

His father-in-law was an electrician and gave Jim cans he found inside walls at construction sites. One of those cans was a Davey Crockett orange that he later sold for $750.00.

Jim is survived by his wife, Donna, daughter, Christa K. (Balskey) and son-in-law, JR Jones, of Tipp City, OH, and son, Travis L. Balskey, of Columbus, OH.

Jim loved the Lord and enjoyed serving in several different positions in the Memorial United Methodist Church. He currently attended Salem Church of God.

A memorial service was held on Monday, April 28, 2014, at the United Church of Christ, Lewisburg, Ohio the Reverend John Harra officiated.

The family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's honor for Alzheimer's research, Dayton Christian Schools, or a charity of their choosing.

An honest man here lies at rest,
The friend of man, the friend of truth,
The friend of age, and guide of youth:
Few hearts like his, with virtue warm'd,
Few heads with knowledge so inform'd;
If there's another world, he lives in bliss;
If there is none, he made the best of this.

Robert Burns
Undocumented Recent Finds - Volume 27

The focus of this column is on newly discovered obsolete cans that haven’t been pictured in Dave Tanner’s Collectible Soda Can Book. Please email pictures and details of any cans meeting these criteria to me at balex-CPA1961@yahoo.com. Submissions by members are greatly appreciated!

Included are my estimates of the rareness of these cans, based on Dave Tanner’s “R” system, unless the can is assumed common. I normally include the name of the person (or source) providing the picture in parenthesis. Pictures without attribution are new additions from my collection.

Soft Drink Cans – “Soft Drink” is defined as non-soda cans, containing the words “drink”, “punch”, or the like, but not “juice”:

Hawaiian Punch (R2)
This 46 oz. can appears to be a Pineapple Flavor and is pre-zip code. (e-Bay)

Sambo Chocolate Drink (R0)
This is a 6 oz. version, of the politically incorrect Sambo Chocolate label. The colors are different from the traditional brown & yellow label. It is pre-zip code and was offered at a $500 price on e-Bay with no takers.

Welchade (R2)
This 32 oz. can is pre-zip code.

Yoo-Hoo (R0)
This can is similar to the 8.5oz. Y20-03, except it is a 12oz. (George Reichl)
Undocumented Finds, cont’d.

Non-Domestic Cans:

Crush Cola
This appears to be a new generation of 10 oz. Canadian Crush cans, with the flavor below the “Crush” as opposed to above. (Rusty Bunch website)

Shasta Grape
A new flavor of Canadian Shasta. I believe it is a 12 oz. (Ivan Lang)

U.S. Cans with Zip Codes:

Co-Op Cola (R0)
A new flavor of the rare label. (George Reichl)

Mor-Value Root Beer (R0)
This appears to be a new generation of this tough brand. (Pete Johnson)

U.S. Pre-Zip Code Cans:

Bala Club Orange (R1)
I can’t determine whether or not this is a new label. The black bannered Orange flavored Bala Club previously pictured appears pink to me, but it could be a fade.

C&C Super Coola Ginger Ale (R0)
Previously known only as a 10oz. flat and 12oz. cone, this is the 12oz. flat top version of this highly desirable label. (Pete Johnson)
Undocumented Finds, cont’d.

C&C Super Coola Cream Soda (R1)
This is a better example of this can than previously known. I was rather surprised to see that it has a juice tab top as the other flavors I’ve seen had lids that looked to be late 50s or early 60s stock.

Diet Rite Orange (R0?)
I’m not altogether sure if this is a new label, but it looks to be metallic instead of flat colored. (e-Bay)

Great Eastern Lemon (R1)
A new flavor of this elusive label (in a pre-zip version). (George Reichl)

Like (R2)
The two “Likes” on the label are both white. This was previously known as a zip code version.

PaPose Cherry Soda (R0)
This is indeed a rare find. It represents a totally new label that was previously known only in bottles. (Dave Tanner)

Mission Grape (assumed common)
This is a much cleaner version than previously pictured.

Shopwell Low Calorie (R0)
This is a low calorie version of the Shopwell label. Based on can construction, it appears to be pre-zip code. (George Reichl)
COCA-COLA

July 15-19 Coke National Convention: Springfield, IL
August 3: One Day Swap Meet: Cortland, OH

PEPSI:

July 18-19: East Coast: Chantilly, VA
Aug. 6 - 9: Ozark Mountain Club: Branson, Missouri

BCCA & ABA has several shows for the next 4 months:

July 11 & 12: Ohio (this is one of the big shows)
Aug. 28 - 30 BCCA CANvention: Dallas, TX.

Gene Judd Can Dig and Cookout—July 12 & 13
Indianapolis, IN—Bone Dry Warehouse

Many shows not listed.
Please check your state or local area or email me and I will try and find shows in your area.

Steve
Frostieabc@aol.com
I have around 200 different soda cone tops (my specialty) and want more! I collect just about any displayable condition. Please visit my website www.conetops.com and help me find ones I don't have.

Jim Wicker jimmy@conetops.com

Coke, Pepsi, Mt. Dew and other commemorative cans to buy or sell.

To trade or sell: Thousands of cans:
cone tops, flat tops, pull tab, Coke and Pepsi cans.

Email:
Gene Judd, Indpls., IN
gene.judd@bonedryroofing.com or www.cokecanfan.com

Wanted:
Grade 1 three piece steel 8oz. Nugrape [with grapes on can] and 12oz.
Domonts
Root Beer.
John C. Hantz
usasoda@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: Six totes of cans.
A few cone tops, several flat tops and the rest are pull tops.
Please email me which cans you are looking for to buy or sell at:
JohnI4653@comcast.net.

Looking for:
Dr Pepper knock-off cans, especially Dr. Bruno’s, Dr. Cool, Dr. Furr’s, Dr. Randalls, Dr. Tex, Mr. M and others. Willing to buy or trade.

Please email Gary at sunfis@ yahoo.com for trade list and complete wish list.

Wanted: Cans to complete the following set:

7 Sunday Funnies cans
Beetle Bailey Grape 1-16 & 4-29, Blondie Grape 7-2, Popeye Red Pop 9-14 & 12-4
Hagar Grape 3-30 & Root Beer 2-21

Contact Bob Luciano: michbobluce@gmail.com
610-253-4230
Classifieds

Wanted

Would like to buy or trade for these U.S. aluminum brands - Aquapure, Bruno's, Cole Cold, Community, Dra Cola, Fred's Choice, Hughes, Levis, Liday, Malibu, Mountain Joe's, Nehi Lockjaw, Newman's, Premium Club, Price Rite, R Cola, Recycle Fest, Rosauer's, Sea, Wahoo, Zydecola, Spicewood, Smith's First Choice, Au Natural, Aloe Quench and Kn'K Preferred. I have many traders including 100's of special issue sports cans.

Thanks and please email Chuck Mead at cmead33@gmail.com.

Soda cans for sale:

10,000+ miscellaneous soda cans steel and alum. Wide variety of private label store brands, about 10% major brands, some flat top, very few pre -zip.

Jeff Haas (St Louis area) 618-407-2673

For Sale:

I have many soda cone tops for sale. Bala Club BC $350, C&C 9oz. #4, 6, 8 from $100-$600, Regents Orange $400, just to name a few.

Contact: Jim Wicker: jimmymycetops.com

Wanted:

RC Baltimore Colts 1977 Football:

Raymond Chester, Jim Cheyunski, Dan Dickel, Ken Huff, Ken Mendenhall, Sanders Shivers

Contact Bob Luciano: michbobluce@gmail.com

FOR TRADE

I would like to trade with members who collect current coke and Pepsi cans from around the world. Have 2013 Sierra Mist Dutch Kingdom Wonderland, Pepsi Play America Freehold NJ 2013/2014, new 19.2 oz Coke Zero and Cherry Coke Zero Football commemorative cans, 2012 Dr. Pepper Avengers complete 8 can sets, many others. Lets make a trade!

Barry Skokowski
bcocacola@aol.com

DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY OF THESE CANS THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO TRADE OR SELL?

I HAVE MANY CANS FOR TRADE!

PLEASE E-MAIL Gary at: SUNFLSIS@YAHOO.COM FOR LIST.

THANKS!