

# Roster Updates

## New Member Welcome

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## Welcome Back

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## Can-O-Gram Letters

These are some more responses to the question in the last issue, which was posed by Chris Cavaletti #1199 as to why no one collects international cans.

I just wanted to let you know that I really enjoy collection foreign Pepsi cans. They are much more colorfull and many different themes. I now have over 1,500 foreign Pepsi cans from 78 different countries. I enjoy collecting these cans so much that I am seriously considering not collecting U.S. cans any more. I would like to see more foreign can trading partners. Right now I only have one, Chris Cavaletti. I would like to see others join us. George Jen #1203

Just wanted to touch base on why American can collectors don't collect alot of foreign cans. I'm sure you heard it before, but here goes. First, they are just so many USA cans of so many varieties that a person does not have ample room, and cost of the cans and postage can get you into a small fortune. Obviously, they keep coming out with so many new cans that it would be impossible to collect a complete series. These are the reasons I do not collect foreign cans. I have heard others say the same thing. The world is just too big. Geff Moore #0670

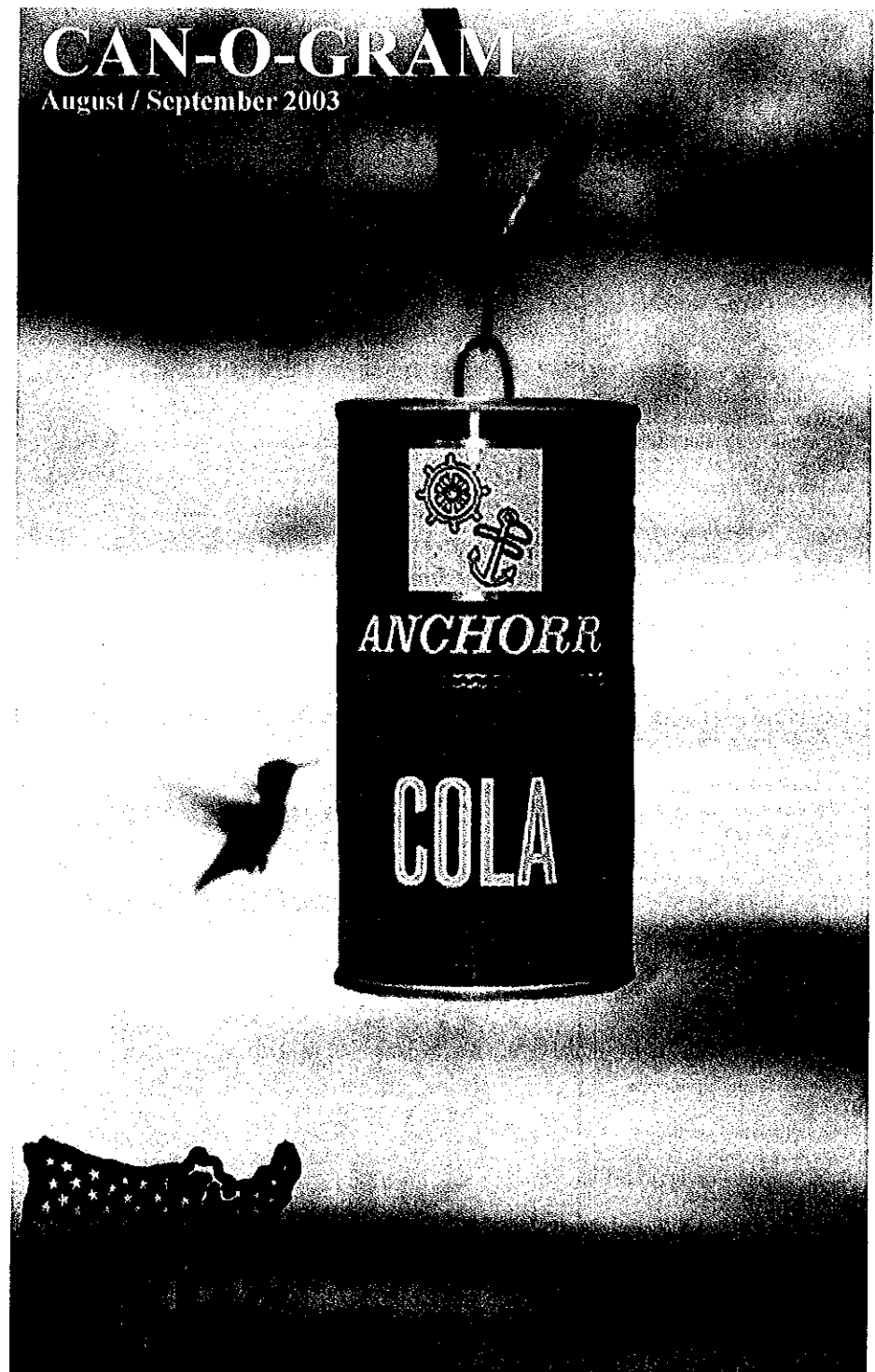
Re: cans from other countries. I think it is like beer cans. There are just so many foreign cans that people need to specialize because of space and time constraints. Also, we don't really have contact with the European clubs. John Ahrens #0999

## E. J. Ritter

It is with the greatest sadness that I must report the death of a good friend E. J. Ritter. EJ, as he was called by all who knew him, passed away around the middle of June. A collector of Root Beer can, Dr Pepper, Green River, and fast food toys, he will be missed by all of us.

## CAN-O-GRAM

August / September 2003



# Can Preservation

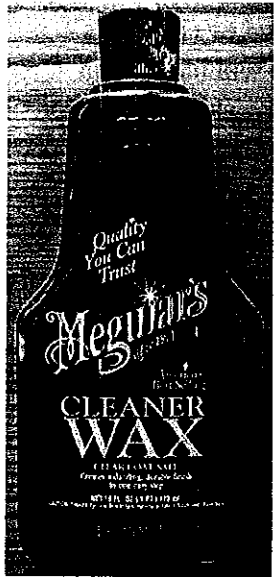
by Bruce Mobley

Let's first consider where we store or display our collections. Ideally we should try to keep these items in an environment that is friendly to them. Low humidity is a must as humidity can create spotting on the surface of steel cans. Enough humidity and you get condensation which can lead to all out rust. Aluminum cans will also be savaged by humidity but to a lesser degree. Aluminum oxide is white and will not be as apparent. Places with a dirt floor should be avoided for moisture reasons and cleanliness. Basements are great as long as the humidity levels are kept in check and there are no flooding problems. Out buildings with concrete floors, good drainage, and non leaking roofs are excellent. When using non heated buildings you must keep in mind that certain geographies can have below freezing weather so the cans must definitely be EMPTY.

Damage caused by direct sunlight can be devastating as there is no repair for this. Red pigment is especially susceptible. If cans are allowed to be in the sunlight kiss it goodbye. Avoid windows and locations where sunlight enters a room on a daily basis. Don't forget about your trade stock when doing outside swap meets.

What about protecting the labels? Can wraps are a thin sheet of plastic that are wrapped around the body of the can and offer great protection against scratching and scuffing. One draw back with a can wrap though is water ever condenses under the wraps it cannot escape and will rust the can. It is best to remove these if you plan to store any can for a long period of time. But if you are hauling you trade stock around to swap meets these are a must for all collectors. Handling will pose the greatest threat to the label of can. Can wraps can be purchased through the BCCA. Their web site is [www.bcca.com/](http://www.bcca.com/).

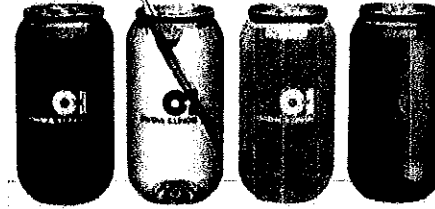
Cleaning and waxing the labels of our cans can really enhance their looks and preserve them at the same time. I like a product called Meguiar's Cleaner Wax. This is an automotive finish product that is easy to use, gives superior results, and doesn't yellow. It will clean some stains, surface rust, and then leave a nice shine.



# HIGH TECH COLLECTOR

By Lance Meade

Are the days of the aluminum can numbered? Owens Illinois has introduced a PET and aluminum hybrid can that does what typical cans can't. It fills, stacks and ships like a can. But with a clear plastic body it shows off the liquid inside. More info on this can is at <http://www.bevnet.com/news/2002/10-24-2002-oi.asp>. By the way bevnet.com



is an excellent source for news about the beverage industry; they also have reviews and products for purchase.

Have you ever wondered what the Jimmy Fund was, found printed on the top of Cott cans? I did a little research, and the charity is still going. The Jimmy Fund started in 1948 when the Variety Club of New England; now the Variety Children's Charity of New England; and the Boston Braves baseball team joined forces to help a 12-year-old cancer patient dubbed "Jimmy." On a national radio broadcast, millions heard the boy visit his heroes from the Braves, as they stood by his hospital bed. Contributions poured in from people everywhere, launching an effort that continues to bring hope to thousands of kids like Jimmy. All proceeds go to Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. If you would like to learn more about the Jimmy fund visit [www.jimmyfund.org](http://www.jimmyfund.org).



Sold on ebay for \$41 these 4 aluminum Pop Shoppe cans.

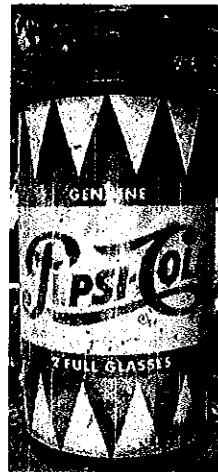
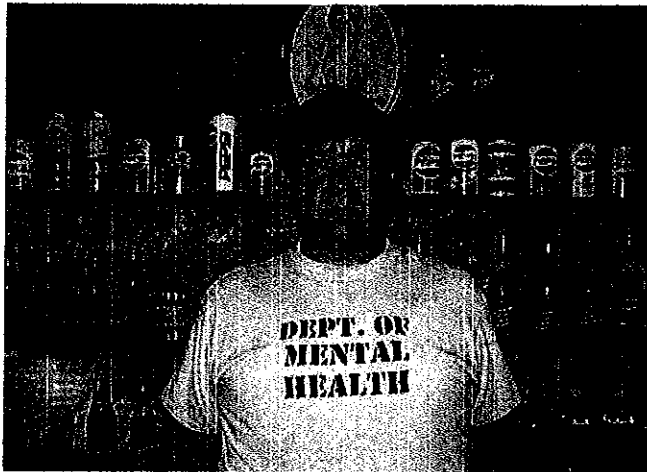


Any ideas, links, comments or suggestions email me at [lance@canconnection.com](mailto:lance@canconnection.com) or mail to Lance Meade #1160 / 1330 Carriage Hills Dr / Cambridge MN 55008.

## Upcoming Shows

No Shows Currently Scheduled

# Collector Spotlight By Christian Cavaletti



Vernon Mustin started collecting about 30 years ago. On a trip, with his father, to the dump he found a 1946 "Liano's Lithiated Lemon Soda" bottle and a 1956 "RC" bottle. This find started his life long hobby, collecting soda bottles & cans. About a year ago he decided to limit his collection to Pepsi products. His collection now consists of about 400 Pepsi cans and bottles, which leaves him with about 500 non-Pepsi bottles and cans, which he sells on eBay under the name Sodapsycho.

About a year ago at the flea market in Tucson he found a woman vendor with a few pop bottles. There wasn't much to look at and he started to leave when she said, "I have a box of pop cans I haven't unloaded yet". Looking them over I found there were 36 cans in all, 13 were Dr Pepper, these and the others, were all pre-zip code era cans. I asked how much she wanted for them and her reply, "50 cents a piece". Needless to say that was one of his more profitable adventures. One of the Dr Pepper cans was sold on E-Bay for \$109.11.

His favorite pieces are his 1890's Caleb Bradham's drug store bottle; Caleb was the inventor of Pepsi; a hutchinson Pepsi bottle, and a Cone Top Pepsi can.

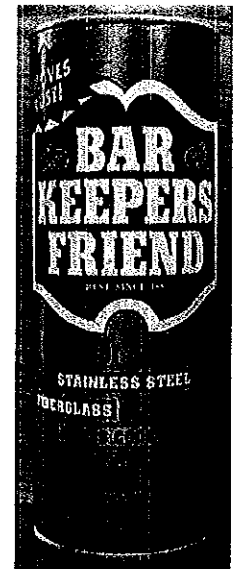


## Can Preservation cont.

This can be found in the automotive section of most stores. Speaking of yellowing don't use floor wax on a can unless it acrylic floor wax but I would only recommend using this product on dumper cans that are heavily rusted.



Those dumpers can use a lot of help too. Especially when we first bring them home from their would be graves. Good old soap and water are a good start on this process. But there will still be some rust that can be removed. I have used solutions of acid in water but this requires that the can be rinsed extremely well to stop the action of the acid, or even dipping them in a solution of baking soda. If the acid isn't completely removed it will continue to eat up your prized find. Sometimes you will find the rust was what was holding the can together and you will end up with some tremendous holes using this method. I like a method using a toothbrush and a cleaning compound called Bar Keepers Friend. It is a scouring powder that has a tiny bit of oxalic acid mixed in. It works good but do be careful when scrubbing as you can scrub through the label. Experiment first and get a feel for it. Once finished I like to dip my dumpers into a good quality acrylic floor wax. This seems to do a decent job of halting the process of rusting.



Don't look at this as being a chore. As I said earlier we spend significant time collecting and we want to maintain our cans appearance and even its value. If you use some of the techniques documented here you will be rewarded with some great looking cans that will be around a long time to come.

Visit the NPCC web site at  
[www.one-mans-junk.com/npcc](http://www.one-mans-junk.com/npcc)

# A Tale of 2 shows By Lance Meade

My 2 kids and I headed for Chicago on the afternoon of July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our first stop was the Super 8 in Janesville, Wisconsin. Much to my delight, the hotel was right next to Shakeys Pizza. I hadn't eaten at a Shakeys since I was in Jamaica in 1988. The pizza was wonderful and the kids and I had a great time.

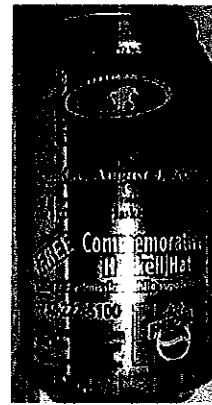
The morning of the 4th rolled around and we were out the door early, a quick bite to eat at McDonalds, then off to Chicago. I had gotten directions to the hotel through Mapquest, they turned out to be lousy and we ended up getting lost. I finally had to stop at a fire station to get directions. As it turned out, we were within 2 miles of the hotel the whole time! While we were lost we stopped at a Dominick's grocery store to see if we could pick up some Coke II, not knowing that it had been discontinued for quite some time. This goes to show you that you can't always trust the content of websites, as 2 different websites said that it was still available in Chicago.

We finally arrived at the hotel and went straight to the trading room. With our being late, the action was already underway. We spent the rest of the morning and the early part of the afternoon socializing and trading. I managed to trade for several pre zip code Shasta's including some of the elusive Shasta Low calorie and a nice Gold Medal ginger ale. I found out later that I managed to miss a can that I really, really wanted (more on that later). Next thing you knew the raffle was held. As usual I was skunked. Rich Simmons was nice enough to give my daughter 1 of the 2 prizes he had won. Thanks Rich!



On our way back we stopped in Janesville to eat at Shakeys with a side trip to Logli's grocery store to purchase some store brands. Since it was July 4<sup>th</sup> we were treated to many different fireworks displays on the way home. My daughter counted over 500 different explosions in the sky. All in all a great time was had.

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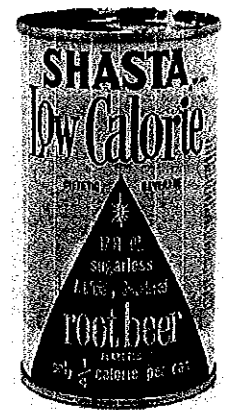
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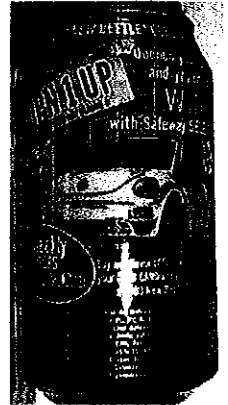
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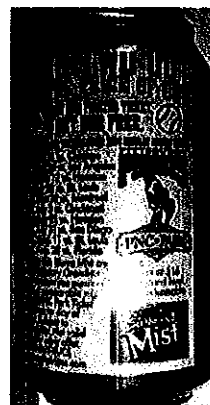
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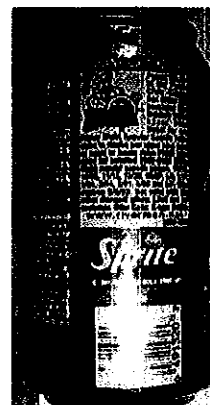
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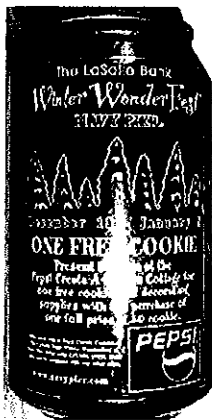
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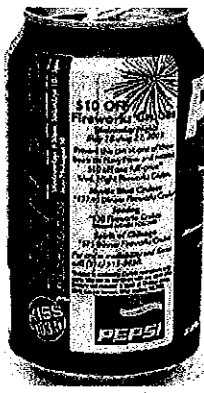
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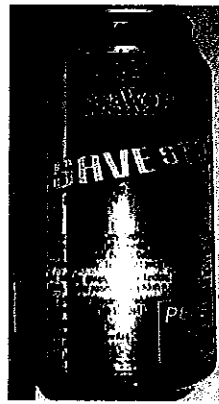
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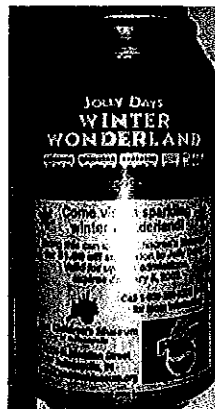
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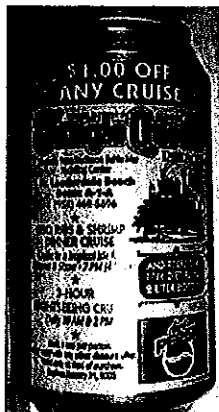
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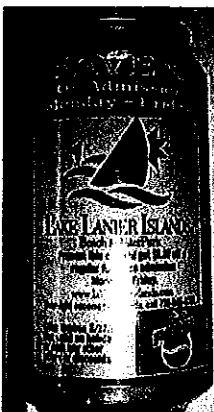
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Indy Childrens Museum (1)



Jungle Queen Florida (1)



Lake Lanier (1)



Lone Star Park (1)



Meadowland Racetrack (1)

2 Shows cont.

Three weeks later we were off on another adventure, this time my wife was able to go but my daughter stayed home with grandma. We arrived at the hotel at 6:30, checked in, then off to check out the hospital-ity room. After half an hour or so, we headed over to Bonanza for dinner, then back to the hotel just in time for the door prize drawing. As luck would have it, I won the last prize or should I say my son won it as he always absconds with the raffle tickets. Saturday morning it was off to the show. The show was held in conjunction with the Hawkeye Chapter of the BCCA. There were 6 soda collectors set up in the same area of the hall, which was nice. There were a lot of nice soda cans available for sale as several of the beer people brought along soda cans too. Thanks to Bruce I went home with 35 Shasta flattop cans all in nice shape not to mention four 12 packs of a new pop called Shasta Shortz (pictured in the recent finds).

Now to finish the story of the can I missed in Chicago, I missed it again in Des Moines until someone else set it aside as a want. It was a low calorie Gold Medal flat top can that is very tough to find, which I can attest to since I missed it in Bruce's totes at 2 different shows. My eye doctor's appointment is next week!

While my wife and son were watching the raffle tickets for the Hawkeye Chapter raffle, I was at the NPCC drawing where I won the last item, a NPCC tee shirt, something that I had been meaning to get anyway. Maybe my luck is changing. After packing up we said our goodbyes, a quick stop at B-Bops for some great burgers. Then the 5-hour drive home.

A great time was had at both shows and I urge you to get out and attend one of our shows, they can be very rewarding.

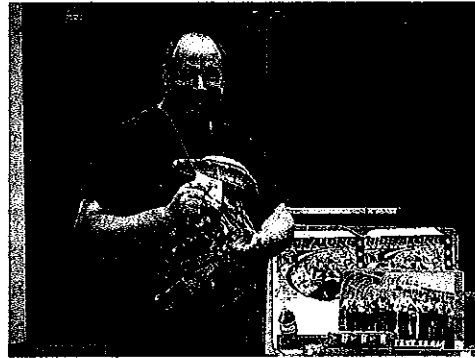
## Another Tale of 2 Shows

The CCCC show, held in Chicago, was itself a very large event. The room to room trading seemed to be the main activity, with many of them staying open from morning until late into the evening. Jean and I even opened our room to the public but the majority of Coca-Cola collectors while friendly were not interested in cans, though I did get rid of quite a few cans. Steve Frost and Ralph Corner also opened their rooms to the public and found similar results but they also offered more than just cans to the shoppers. Especially Ralph who was wall to wall Coca-Cola collectibles.

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I got a big kick out of teasing Ralph about the rooms. For some reason when Jeanie and I checked into the hotel we received a plush suite. It had a separate bedroom, living room, office area, and more. Ralph got the 2 beds with a bath accommodations. We could have put his room into our bedroom! Just the luck of the draw I guess but it was funny.

Not long after our arrival I got the urge to go room hopping. Few cans were seen but in one room I spotted 4 unusual Coke diamond cans. The cans turned out to be some sort of prototypes or samples. Some are shown and described on the next page. I ended up buy, of all things, a quart conetop beer can, which I later sold on ebay for a net gain. While the room hopping didn't produce much in the way of soda cans I must admit that the majority of Coca-Cola collectors are pretty friendly.

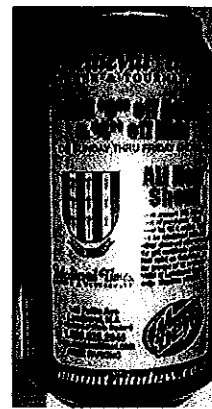


Friday the day of our swap meet was a lot of fun. Several collectors attended and the activity was fast a furious. A lot of visiting and renewing of friendships took up the remainder of the time. We a past member rejoin the club. I even traded for several cans. It was a lot of fun.

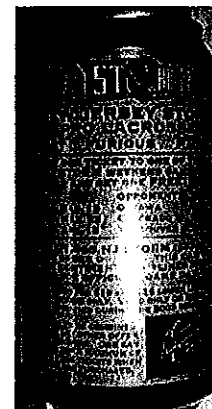


Jean and I packed up and headed home after saying our good byes.

The Des Moines show was quite a different deal. Several of us set up and I stayed pretty busy all show. I even picked up a new Dr. Pepper can variation which I will talk about in the next issue. There weren't as many NPCC members at this show but I believe it was still a great turn out.



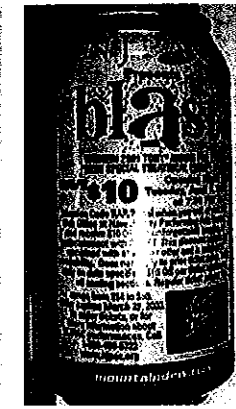
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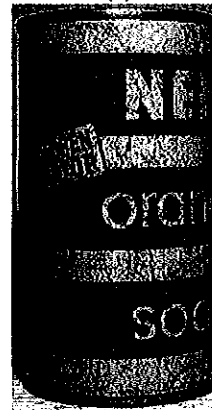
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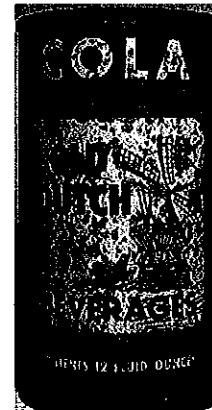
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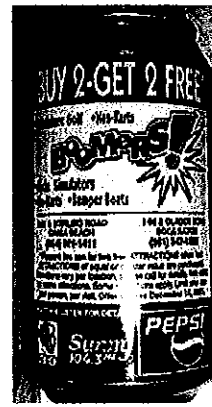
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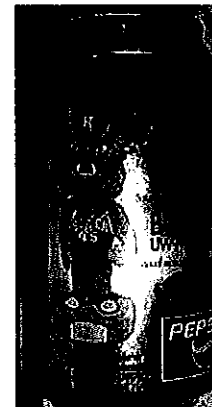
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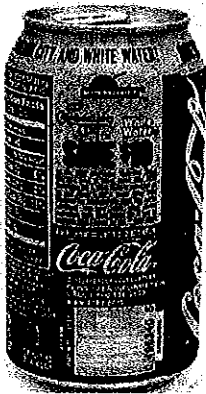
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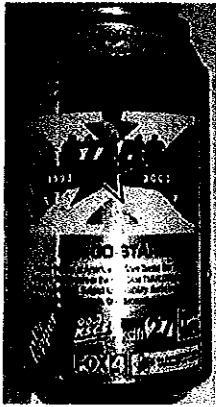
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Dallas Stars (1)



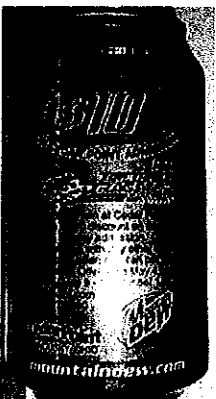
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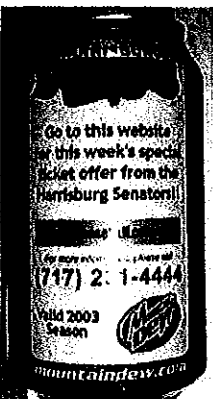
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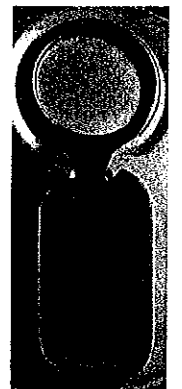
2 Shows cont.

All in all we had two good shows. While the Chicago show was fun and there were a lot of nice Coca-Cola collectors there just was much interest in the soda cans. It was an opulent affair with a lot of people but for me it was an expensive trip. I think holding the swap meet at the same time as the Coca-Cola auction was not good idea but is really the only time that would have worked for the NPCC membership. We had signs at the auction but nearly none of the Coca-Cola collectors were willing to leave the auction. I don't think I will be helping sponsor any other NPCC swap meets at a Coca-Cola convention. Now the Des Moines swap meet had us set up in a corner of the trade floor and there appeared to be a lot of interest in the soda cans. Much more than we got in Chicago. I have always felt that the best chances for our club to grow will be through greater affiliation with the beer can clubs and their swap meets. Our two hobbies go hand in hand. From the point forward we will try and pick some beer can shows and attempt to have our swaps in conjunction with them. I think this will be in the club's best interest.



### Coca-Cola ProtoTypes?

The can on the left is all aluminum, but what is really fantastic about this can is it is embossed! The center can has some type of coating on it but what really set it off was the tab top, which is the upper tab shown. The other fantastic ring tab shown was on a not so unusual Coca-Cola diamond can. The last can was a harlequin design, which in itself was not unusual, but the can body was cardboard not steel!



# Recent Finds

Once again there are some great finds and interesting new issues to report. Thanks to these contributors (1) John Ahrens, (2) Lance Meade, (3) Bjorn Merrill, and (4) Bruce Mobley.



Japan (4)



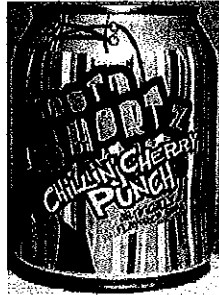
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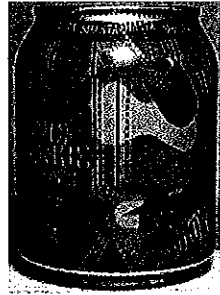
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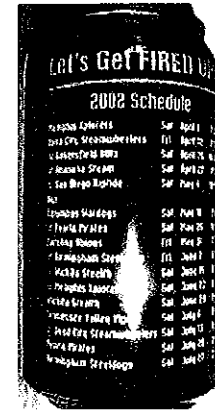
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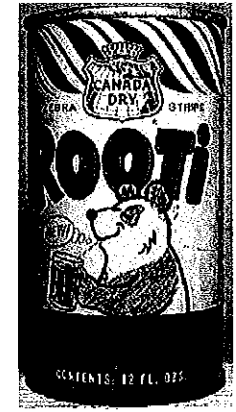
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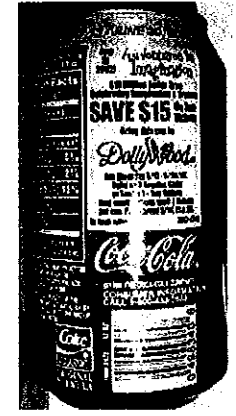
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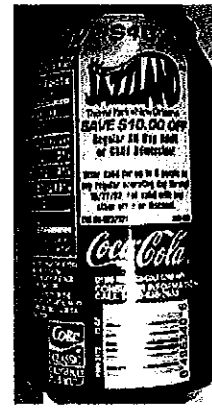
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