

The following news is from Bob Luciano #4034. Robert Wood passed away about one year ago. Bob was a collector of many things. He had a terrific root beer can collection. In addition he had a Coca-Cola can collection of single cans from more than 50 different countries. He also had a couple of cases of odd coffee and juice cans from foreign countries.

Bob's widow called me in early October and asked if I knew somebody who would like the cans. Bob's wishes were that the cans not be recycled. He wanted the cans to go to people who appreciated the cans. I drove to her house and picked up the cans. Her and her son were very kind and helped me pack up all the cans. I enjoyed the morning I spent with them.

I kept several cases of cans for myself. The remainder of the cans have been donated to the NPCC.

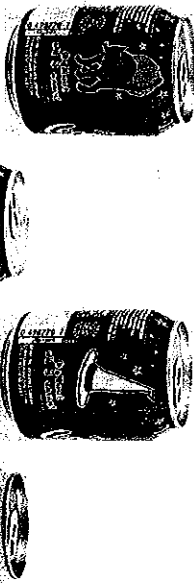
These cans will be used to develop a new member package (see page 8). Thanks Mr. Wood and thanks Bob.

Upcoming shows

- August 17
NPCC Extra-Can-Za
Johnson City, TN
Stay tuned for details
- March 3
Berwyn, IL
Spring Trade, VFW Hall
George Rendt 773-528-3042
- March 10
Macungie, PA
March Meltdown, Macungie Park
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- March 10
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- March 14-17
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- March 14-17
Ft. Mitchell, KY
Luck O the Irish, Holiday Inn
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- March 16
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Oranthe, NE
Corrhusker Spring Show, Sokol Hall
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- March 22-23
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- April 7
Bine Springs, MO
Red's Show, American Legion Hall
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- April 7
Downers Grove, IL
Spring Fever, American Legion Hall
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- April 12-13
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Teltown Trade, Holiday Inn Airport
Pete Vann 920-499-6061
- April 21
Logansport, IN
April Frolic Show, Eagles Club
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- April 21
Newington, CT
Connecticut Red Fox, American Legion
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- April 21
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Chapter Trade, San Diegoito Park
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garywaer@aol.com
- April 28
Hilliard, OH
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Doug Blegen 614-890-0835
dblegen@solohubus.tr.com
- April 28
Wichita, KS
Spring Show, American Legion
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cumman@outworldusa.net
- May 2-4
Ft Collins, CO
Rush to the Roofies
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- May 4
Sarasota, FL
Spring Flung, Elks Lodge
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- May 4
Niles, MI
Goebel Gang, American Legion Hall
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- May 18
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Chapter show, Portage Eagles
Joe Wilson 616-896-1051
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submitted by Paul Rehner #0742



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This month's cover compliments of Jerry Pollack #0365 and Maryland Ousley #0694. For details on these cans go to page 11.

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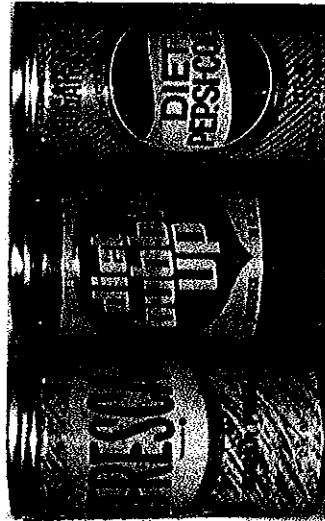
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Diet Soda



2 Articles

Wanted: Would like to buy and or trade for the following cans: any new Root Beer or Cola, new Tennessee, Commemorative cans, new Patriotic cans, Collegiate Sports cans, NSDA Inter-Bev, company cans, etc. Geff Moore #0670 / 1322 Huffine Rd. / Johnson City, TN 37604. Phone (423) 928-2789 email jctcannan@aol.com (0203)

FOR SALE: Soda cans from Puerto Rico. Coke: Christmas 1998 & 2000; Miranda: Pokemon Set of 4; Pepsi: National League Baseball Opening Day; Sprite: Upside down can and more. All are carefully bottom opened. Mildred Velez / PO Box 229 / Guaynabo, PR 00970-0229. Email: mildredvo@aol.com (0203)

WANTED: TRADING PARTNERS! I've got tons of new & old cans, both Coke & Pepsi. I especially need Leroy Kelly & Roger Staubach from the Coke Pro Football Hall of Fame set. Get in touch with me soon! Bob Luciano / 2515 Sullivan Trail / Eaton, PA / 18040. Ph: (610) 253-4230 Email: luciano@earthlink.net (0203)

WANTED TRADE PARTNERS for regular trade (soda / Coca-Cola all sizes). I'm a collector for about 20 years and have thousands of trade cans. Write to: Bery van Helmond / De Cope 35 / 3421 XK Oudewater / Holland. (0405)

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Wish to sell up to 20,000 soda cans. Collection of 10,000 and/or 10,000 extras available. Mid-'70's to present. Cans are sets or special issues across all brands. Must sacrifice all or part to make room for all my other collections! No list available presently-see them to believe them!. Willing to entertain any serious offers, and will also continue to collect soda cans! John Ahrens / 192 Ramblewood Parkway / Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 Phone: 856-235-2496 or email: bcca9@snip.net. (0203)

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(901) 8786-3117 (0203)

Directors Notes

Another hectic time here in Macon, Missouri. More about that later.
NPCC member Lance Meade has volunteered to take over the High Tech
Collector column starting with the next issue. Send your info, tips, or links
to him at Lance Meade / 1330 Carriage Hills Dr. / Cambridge MN 55008 or
email at Lmeade@prodigy.net. Thanks for volunteering Lance. We are still
seeking more volunteers to help the NPCC. Be sure to read about this later
in this issue and seriously consider helping.

This year's NPCC swap meet will be held in Johnson City, TN and is
slated for August 17, 2002. Member Geff Moore and his lovely wife
Dolores will be our hosts. Geff says there is a lot to see in Tennessee so we
should all make plans to visit. Watch for more details in the upcoming
months.

In an effort to spread the word about our hobby the NPCC will be trading
ads with the Soda Net in the not too distant future. This organization is
dedicated to collecting applied color label (ACL) soda bottles. Basically
our hobby but with glass containers instead of metal.

I would also like some input from everyone on the following topic.
Should we look into petitioning the BCCA to become an "at large chapter"
member? In case some of you are unfamiliar with this club they collect beer
cans not soda. I am a member even though I no longer collect beer cans.
Their swap meets are great places to search for soda cans. The new listings
in the back of this issue for upcoming shows are gleaned from the BCCA's
newsletter. I feel our hobby could benefit from this affiliation. Let me
know what you think.

Congratulations to Rich Simmons for sponsoring 2 new members and
Clyde Moyes who sponsored 1 new member last issue. Also Bruce Mobley
(me) sponsored 2 new members. Way to go guys. NPCC has extended your
memberships accordingly. Let's all ask someone new to join today.

I had hoped to get this newsletter out at an earlier date and I extend many
apologies for the delay. Just prior to the weekend in which I had hoped to
publish our newsletter part of the heartland was hit by a massive ice storm.
Unfortunately I live in a part that was hit. So by working for a rural electric
utility that just had a large part of it's entire distribution system destroyed I
ended up working about 160 hours in a 2 week period. While I am not
working as many hours now I am still trying to get things caught up. I will
be sending out the membership rosters with the next issue.

That's all for now. Best wishes from the desk of Bruce Mobley NPCC
Director/Editor.

Can-O-Gram Letters

Bruce, I mailed a check for \$18 on Sep 20. I thought this paid up my dues to Oct 2002. I don't want to miss out on any issues. Ed Ackerman #1175

Ed, I apologize for causing you concern. But I am glad to hear that you do not want to "miss out". I will try to explain why I was late contacting you back in September. First check the 2001 membership roster you will note there is a column that lists the date each membership expires. You will see that yours expires March 2001. During the period of time after I took over as Director I put off contacting elapsed memberships until I had all of the data bases in place. Getting used to the duties took me several months. To avoid any interruptions simply send your dues in as soon as possible. And again my apologies for any confusion.

I attempt to contact all members as soon as possible concerning the expiration of their membership with a card stating it is time to renew. Also when the dues are expired and I send their last issue of the Can-O-Gram the mailing label states "Renew now this is the last issue." In the event we have an email address on file I send an email as a final reminder.

Bruce, I haven't traded cans for many years. My collection has been boxed up for the last decade or two due to moving. I've finally settled down about 3 years ago, so someday I'll get to crack open those boxes of forgotten treasures. Probably after the busy toddler years the kids are 2 years and the other 4 months old. I enjoy accumulating bottom opened cans as I drink them, but that's it for now. The newsletter is a great refresher for my interest in our hobby. Thanks for keeping it going. Chris Ladefoged #0033

You've got the right perspective Chris. Enjoy those kids first. They grow too fast to miss out on that. Those cans won't go anywhere. When the kids are older we hope you bring them to one of the shows.

PS. I really enjoyed the Can-O-Gram newsletter and would love to know if there are any trade shows coming this year. I have been collecting soda cans for about 10 years and I have never been to a show or traded with anyone. For a long time I thought I was the only one who collected cans and was delighted to see that there are a lot of other collectors out there like me. Glenn Richardson #1191

Be sure to clear your calendar for August. I hope to meet you this summer. You are not alone!

The High Tech Collector

Earlier in this issue (pg 7) I talk about the web site for the US Patent Office at www.uspto.gov. If you want to do some research here be sure to read the section about "How to Access Full-Page Images" which is one of the links on the web site. Depending on your browser you may have to down load a plug-in to see the pictures. A link is given if you need one.



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One String, One Can, One Man is proclamation of CanJoe John. Find this site at www.canjoe.com. Geff Moore #0670 sent in this link to "The Most Unique Musician in the World, Playing the Most Unique Instrument in the World!!!...the Canjoe". The one string Canjoes are made out of soda cans. You have got to check this site out. There are samples of his playing here and he has a store where you can order your very own Canjoe. With Canjoe John being a Tennessee native maybe Geff can convince him to at least come by and visit us in August. If you visit Tennessee Canjoe John also runs a Bed and Breakfast. That alone may be worth a visit.

If "Link Rot Is Eating Your Web Site" this site can help. Without constant attention, links go bad and sites deteriorate. You can check the links on your web site and the service is FREE! They will check every link into and out of your web site. I have used it and it really works. The name of this web site is SevenTwentyfour and can be found at www.seventyfour.com.

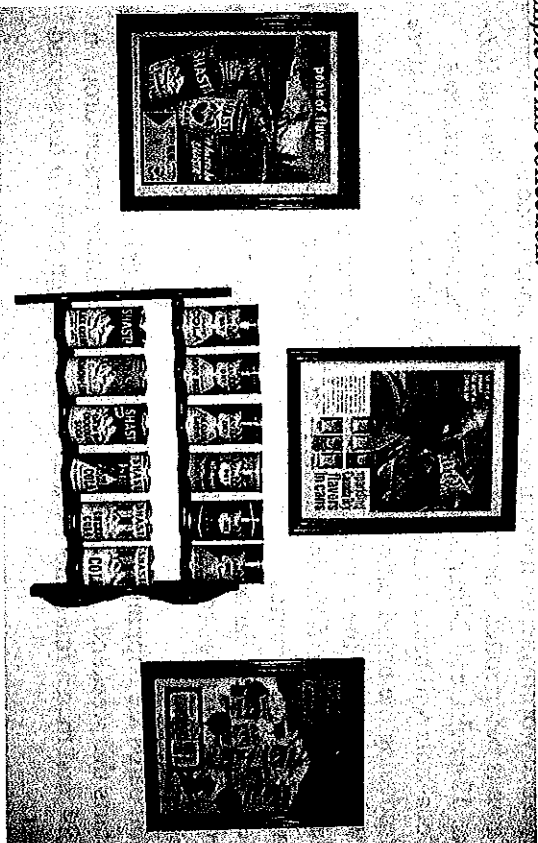
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Collector Spotlight

*The following information was taken from the web site of NPCC member Lance Meade #1160. The collecting bug hit me in the 1970's. Like so many other kids my age I started to collect beer cans. But by 1983 I had discovered better things to do with my time, you know video games, cars and of course girls, the beer can collection was boxed up and forgotten about. Fast forward to 1990, my mother was packing her things to move and uncovered the long neglected beer cans; she called me to see what I wanted to do with them. I decided to go and pick them up just to see what was there. As I was unpacking them I must have let that little bug out of the box too; as all of a sudden I was a beer can collector again. Things were going great! I was enjoying the hobby again. This was about to change! With the discovery of Ebay, in June of 1998 my enthusiasm for beer cans started to wane. Why? You may ask would the discovery of a web site change my enthusiasm towards beer can collecting. This question can be answered with 2 words **ASTRONOMICAL PRICES!** Common cans that should be \$10 are now \$30 and with the rarer cans the prices go beyond reasonable, you might even call them outrageous (I prefer to call them stupid). If became a problem with economics, I simply couldn't afford to collect beer cans. The choice was simple, give up the beer cans. But I really LOVE can collecting. So I started to pursue soda cans as they seemed to be less expensive at shows and you could actually win them on Ebay. But, this has changed too. The price of soda cans has risen since 1998, but I find that off grade cans are still reasonable and the occasional "mint" can will be found. Lance specializes in Shasta cans and has a great web site. Here is a small sample of his collection.*



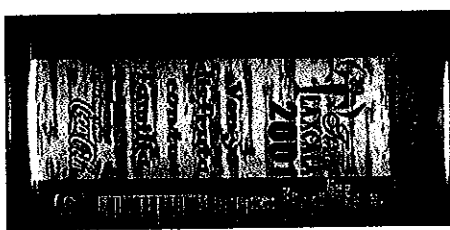
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- Rick Sweeney #1194**
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- Tom Hutcherson #1196**
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email: asahutch98@aol.com
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ROSTER UPDATE:

- Grant Solar**
New Email address:
gsolar2@shaw.ca
- Paul Rebner**
New Email address:
perebner@snet.net

SHOW REPORT

by Bob Luciano

The EAST COAST TRADE SHOW 2001 was another success. The usual suspects showed up to trade cans, eat hot dogs, and drink a few beers. Rich Simmons, Benny Moura, John Ahrens, Alan Paschedag, Dave Tanner, Paul Rebner, and myself (Bob Luciano) traded cans and stories for a couple of hours. A highlight of the show (besides seeing Rich in person) was his computer aided presentation on the history of Coca-Cola cans. I learned alot. I was also pleased to purchase a copy of Dave Tanner's book about soda cans. I am finally able to figure out where some of my cans are from. Dave brought some cans from his collection for show and tell. He is proud of his 10 ounce Coca-Cola can from Louisiana, which I did not even know existed! I look forward to seeing you all there in the Fall of 2002.

Coca-Cola puts Fanta on U.S. comeback trail

Chicago Tribune January 11, 2002 submitted by NPCC member Sam Detina #0172

For months, the buzz in Soft Drink Land has been about new flavors, like lemon-flavored sodas. So what's Coca-Cola doing bringing back one of its oldest soft drink brands?

"The time seemed right to reintroduce the brand," said Julie Borbes, group marketing manager for Coca-Cola North America, which plans to reintroduce Fanta, which hasn't been seen around Chicago in more than 15 years, to local retail outlets.

"Our customers have been asking for increasingly greater varieties of taste experiences. Our company has a proven brand that enjoys remarkable acceptance worldwide, so it just made sense to bring it back."

Fanta is being rolled out in orange, grape, and strawberry flavors in 6-packs, 12-packs, and 2-liter bottles, as well as single-serve containers.

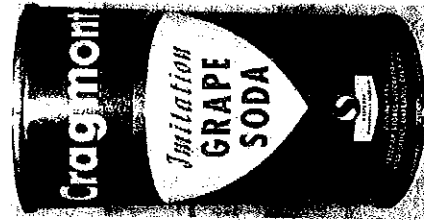
Coca-Cola will bring Fanta back to a handful of cities at a time before reintroducing the brand nationally.

"What prompted the company to bring it back was its brand strength on a worldwide basis," said Kevin Quinlan, the Chicago-area project manager for Coca-Cola North America.

Believe it or not, Fanta ranks as Coca-Cola's No. 2 brand worldwide and is among the top three soft drink brands Internationally.

Billboards are popping up around the city, and local newspaper advertising starts this weekend. Coke plans a major free-standing insert drop on Feb. 24, and then a full-scale TV and radio campaign early in the second quarter.

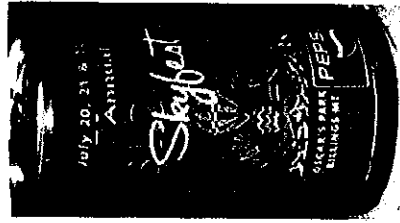
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The following 3 cans were submitted by Rich Lenger #1176



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The following 10 cans were submitted by Xander Claasen #1119



Mexico Christmas 2001



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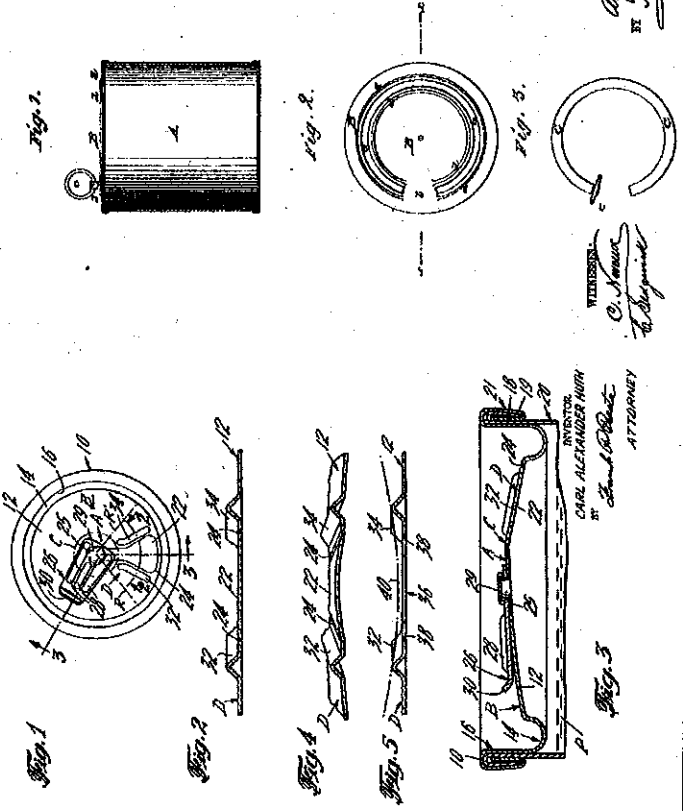


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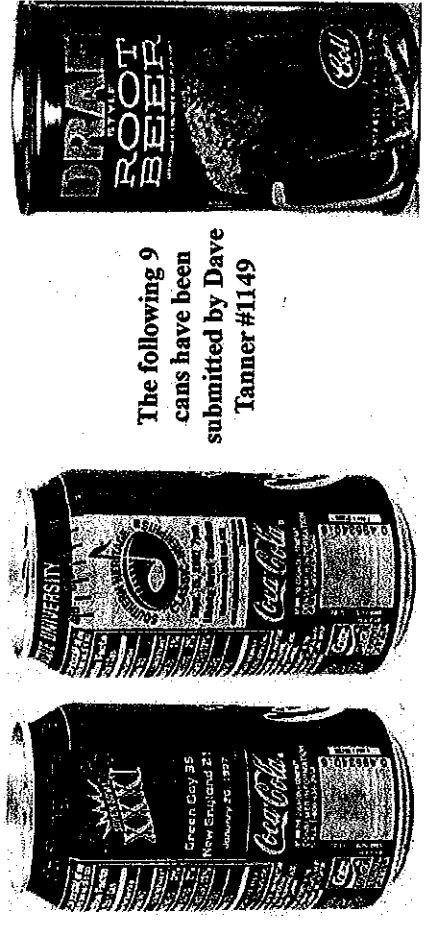
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Chairperson Needed

NPCC is seeking a member(s) in good standing who would be willing to help organize from the ground up a new program, the NPCC wants to create. Serving as Chairperson the mission will be to create a set of materials to be distributed to new members joining the NPCC either on their own or by heading up a committee. Once materials have been developed such as a collecting guide and/or soda cans it will be up to the Chairperson to have a place to store these materials and be able to send the items to new members joining the NPCC. This person will report directly to the Director. Postage charges will be reimbursed. A phone card will be made available should the need arise. Internet access preferred but is not required. All interested members contact Bruce Mobley / PO Box 163 / Macon, MO 63552-0163 phone: (660) 385-6256 email: bruce@one-mans-junk.com

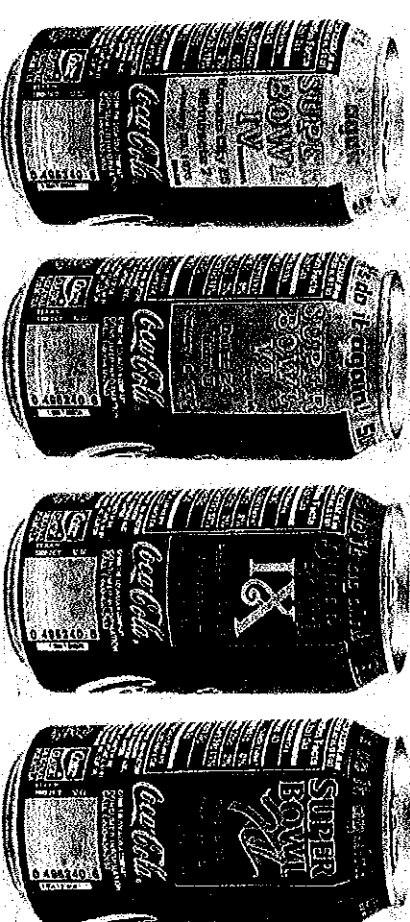
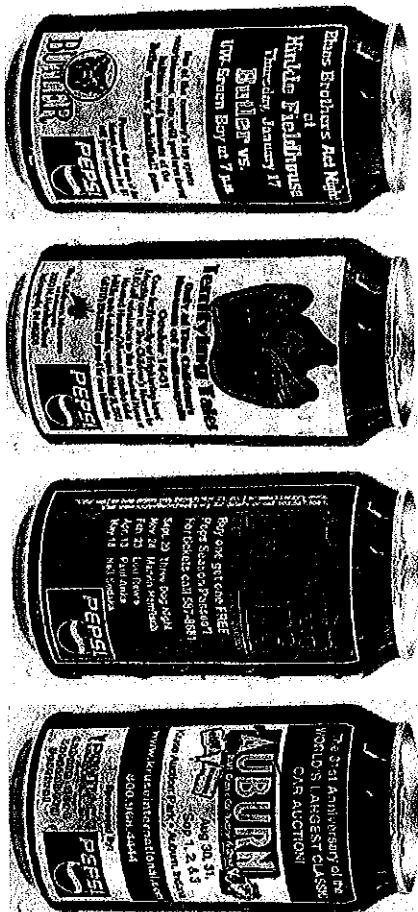
WANTED: Your ads. One ad per issue of 125 words or less is free to all members of the NPCC in good standing. You can't find a better deal than that! Send your add to Bruce Mobley / PO Box 163 / Macon, MO 63552-0163 or email it to me at bruce@one-mans-junk.com



The following 9 cans have been submitted by Dave Tanner #1149



How to Photograph Cans Part 2 by Bruce Mobley



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When creating images of soda cans through the use of cameras we need to consider 3 elements. Light, the can, and the camera. Without light no picture can be taken. To much and poor pictures. Also the type of light such as sunlight or incandescent light will determine how your photo will look. Most cans have glossy and/or metallic labels, that, combined with the curved surface of the can creates some interesting glare which will obscure details of the label. Cameras with fixed lens (focus free) will rarely if ever give satisfactory results. They will be marginal at best. Your shots will need to be made at close range to capture the most detail. Select a camera that has the ability to focus and has zoom capabilities especially if using digital cameras. These cameras types have the greatest flexibility and will work under even the worst of conditions. Okay we've got our camera let's shoot some photos in sunlight.



Sunlight will always provide the best colors but it can be overpowering and create reflections that can obscure the label. Reflections aren't necessarily a bad thing. These reflections give objects being photographed depth but become problems when they appear down the center of your image. Here is how I have successfully taken photos in sunlight. First consider the location. On sunny days I like the north side of my house to help control the reflections. On cloudy days I go south. Still you will get a reflection stripe down the center of the can. (fig. 1) Let's build a tool. Take a good size piece of poster board, cut a hole near the center slightly larger than your camera lens, and use this screen to photograph through. This will diffuse the light and remove the reflection stripe. Experiment with the distance and angle. Also curling the poster board to encircle the front area more will further dampen the reflections. (fig 2) Try to make the shot interesting. To add more depth I prefer to look slightly down on the can catching just a glimpse of the lid.

Incandescent poses some small problems but with some creativity these can be overcome. This type of light will create yellow looking images as it does not have the same spectrum that sunlight has. It is also weaker and if we use flash we are really going to get some glare. But being able to photograph indoors is so much more convenient than outdoors where we have to deal with the



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existing weather conditions. To offset the problem with the yellowing let's build another tool. Go to your local paint supplier and get some paint swatches. Get red, yellow, blue, orange, green, violet, white, and black. These are primary and secondary colors. Cut these into small squares and build a color correcting strip similar to the one pictured. (fig 3) Set this near your can when photographing. It doesn't have to be in focus only visible in the picture. (fig 4) When you send your film in for developing this strip will force the lab to correct the yellowing problem without having to ask. If using a digital camera you can now correct your images by using software such as Adobe or Kodak. Most imaging programs have an instant fix feature. (fig 5) Don't forget that you are still going to have to deal with reflections so you will need to build a reflecting screen either out of white poster board or sheets. I have a permanent screen built that completely encircles my cans it has openings covered at the side with white sheets. This allows light to enter from the sides and give small highlight reflections at the sides to give depth to the cans.

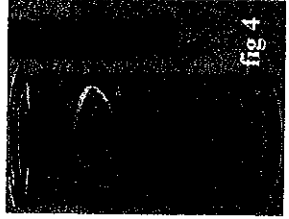


fig 4



fig 5

While I am sure there are better ways to do this both of the methods detailed above will give satisfactory results. You won't get reflection free pictures but these hints should help. The key is just to experiment until you hit on the setup you feel gives you the best pictures. Good luck.

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Recent Finds

Here is a run down on the cover cans. In the pyramid of cans provided by Jerry Pollack #0365 are top to bottom, left to right: (row 1) US Cola, Whoop Ass, Revelle, (row 2) Kizz, Ukrops, Red Flash, Western Beef, Au Natural, (row 3) Ozark Shooters, Long Island, Redstone, Hill Country Fare, Aloe Rich, Main Street, (row 4) Price Rite, Central Valley, Battery, Dole, Malibu, Flavorite, Ohana.

The 4 cans at the bottom submitted by Maryland Ousley #0694 are all 8 oz. size. The 3 Coca-Cola cans are the 2001 Halloween Party Pack cans (also available in Diet Coke) and the last is Mello Yellow Cherry Flavor (also available in Melon). Thanks guys.

The next 26 cans were also submitted by Maryland.

