

MIDWEST GLASS CHATTER

MIDWEST ANTIQUE FRUIT JAR & BOTTLE CLUB

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Membership

The Midwest Glass Chatter is a monthly publication and is a forum through which collectors can share information.

Membership cost is \$15.00 per year, per family, due each January 31. All jar/bottle related collectors are welcome. Send to MAFJBC, Attn: James Durr, 500 W. Ohio St., Fortville, IN 46040

Meeting Minutes, April 12th, 2015

The April club meeting was held in the Cantina at Minnetrista in Muncie, Indiana. Club President Dick Cole opened the meeting and welcomed 9 members.

The meeting minutes as reported in the March newsletter were accepted and approved. Jim Durr gave the Treasurer's report for April. The expenses for our January Show are all in. Income included a few membership dues renewals and some money from donated jars that were sold. Dave Rittenhouse mentioned that Bill Wherrett will be donating some jars to the club.

Dick Cole reported that the Ball Jar Collectors site on Facebook has 1600 followers. This would be a good place for club members to mention our club and promote the hobby.

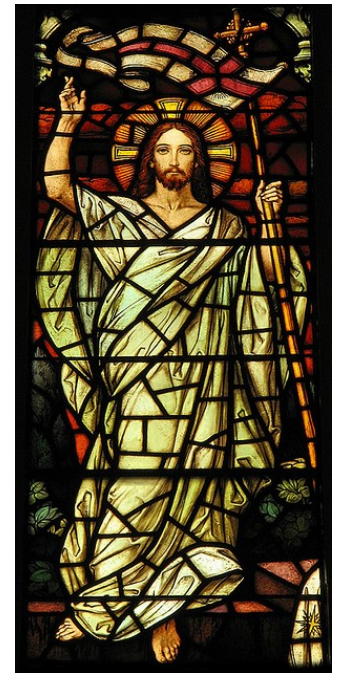
Dave Rittenhouse indicated that he would have our January 2016 Muncie Show flyers available at the Mansfield Show on May 9th. Please take some flyers from Dave and distribute them at antique malls, flea markets and other venues that you think are appropriate. A motion was made that our club stay with the Baymont Hotel for our January 2016 room-

hopping and get-together. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dave will also have club T-shirts available at the Mansfield Show. Martin Van Zant and his printing class are once again helping our club which is greatly appreciated.

Dave worked with club members to come up with the following themes for future club meetings this year: June—Errors and Reworked Molds; July—Wax Sealers; August—Club Picnic and Recent Finds; September—Tentative Field Trip to BSU Glick Glass Center; October—Jars Made in Indiana; November—Mason's Patent Jars; December—Christmas Pitch-In Dinner. Joe Coulson will report this information to Tom Harbron, and Tom will update our club website with the meeting info.

Upcoming regional bottle shows: **03 May 2015 (Sunday)** Antioch, Illinois - Antique Bottle Club Of Northern Illinois, 40th Annual Antiques, Bottles and Collectables, Show and Sale at the Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck, Antioch, Illinois 60002, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; **09 May 2015 (Saturday)** Mansfield, Ohio - The Ohio Bottle Club's 37th Mansfield Antique Bottle & Advertising



Show & Sale at the Richland County Fairgrounds, Trimble Road exit off of U.S. Rt. 30, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm; **09 & 10 May 2015 (Saturday & Sunday)** Adamstown, Pennsylvania - 2nd Annual Shupps Grove Diggers of America Show, The Famous "Shupp's Grove", 1686 Dry Tavern Road, Denver, Pennsylvania.

The next club meeting will be held May 3rd at 1:30pm at Minnetrista. The theme for Show and Tell will be jars with non-screw type closures.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Coulson

Show and Tell

The theme for the April club meeting was “Jars with Glass Lids.”

Walter Gausmann displayed a clear PT and QT (RB11 #2507) Robinson (in oval on plate on jar base). These jars were produced in 1947 by Marienville Glass Co., Marienville, Pennsylvania (part of Knox Glass Bottle Co.) for Robinson Clay Products Co., Akron, Ohio. The quarts were made for three days, and the pints were made one day only. It is not known for what purpose these jars were used. A similar jar, Vacu-top (in oval plate on jar's base), was produced in the 1940s by Fairmount Glass Works, Indianapolis, Indiana. Both types were made according to the April 28, 1942 patent issued to Douglas W. Gunn of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Walter also displayed an aqua midget PT (RB11 #1784) Mason's (arched) Patent Nov 30th 1858. The jar was produced during the 1890s and is called a “midget” jar with a small glass lid and zinc screw band. The glass insert was embossed “Ball Bros. Glass Mfg. Co. Buffalo, N.Y.” It is believed some midget pints made by Ball have unmarked glass lids.

Walter displayed an “irradiated” smokey amber HG (RB11 #309-5) Ball Special Wide Mouth Made In U.S.A. The Ball Special is a wide mouth version of the Ball Perfect Mason. Most of the early jars have 8 or 9 ribs with a glass lid and zinc band. These jars were produced 1941–1942 and 1947–1961. Ball Specials were not produced during

WWII due to shortage of zinc. After the war zinc bands were used, but a gradual transition occurred from glass and zinc to metal lids and aluminum bands. Also, production went from square and round jars to “rounded-square” shaped jars only. This particular jar went through the ultra-violet light machine process, but instead of turning purple the jar is a smokey brown color.

Walter also displayed a clear HG (RB11 #369) Ball ® Wide Mouth pitcher. This jar was produced in the 1980s. Dick Cole wrote an article on this item in last month's newsletter (March 2015).

Joe Coulson shared an aqua glass screw-cap lid embossed “Pat^d 1883 Cadiz Jar”. A similar lid was produced for the Eclipse and Hoosier jars.

Joe then shared his 2014 Christmas present. It was a Ball blue PT Ball Perfection (dropped ‘R’) with an original product label for Harbauer Sweet Mixed Pickles Made By the Harbauer Co., Toledo, Ohio. When Joe got the jar it did not have an original closure, so he added a milkglass “Pat. Apr. 10. 1900.” lid that he had previously acquired.

Dick Cole brought a clear QT Ball (2-L loop, no underscore) Improved. Dick also shared a rare clear 96 oz., embossed on front: No. 10 / Ohio / Eureka! / Try / Me / 1876 / The Ohio Fruit Jar Company / Upper Sandusky Ohio; embossed on reverse: For Fruit, Butter, Honey, Lard, Eggs & C / A.W. Brinkerhoff's / Patent / March 14 1876.

Lou Ebert displayed a

clear QT (RB11 #565) The Canton Domestic Fruit Jar (ground lip), lid: Patd Dec 31 1889 (the top surface of the lid was flat, and the letterhead of The Canton Glass Company showed this flat surface, 1897). Lou also displayed the same jar in sun-colored amethyst with a lid where the top surface of the lid was domed. The 1902 Export Catalog of National Glass Company (Canton Glass Works, references) and The 1902 Catalog of the Cambridge Glass Company both show this lid with the domed surface.

Lou also displayed a clear QT (RB11 #549) Calcutt's Patent Apr. 11th Nov. 7th 1893 (ground lip). This jar was made by The Canton Glass Company in Marion, Indiana until 1899, and made by the Canton Glass Works of National Glass Company in Marion, Indiana from 1899–1902; and made by The Cambridge Glass Company in Cambridge, Ohio in 1902 and after.

Lou displayed a clear HG (SFJR 240.9) embossed with a fancy design on the shoulder and heel (base: C) (ground lip). This jar was Canton's pattern No. 130 (“Multiple Scroll”) which was introduced at the Monongahela House in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in January 1893. The jar was made by The Canton Glass Company in Marion, Indiana until 1899; and made by Canton Glass Works of National Glass Company in Marion, Indiana from 1899–1902. In the summer of 1902 National Glass Company closed the Marion factory and moved it to The Cambridge

Glass Company, Cambridge, Ohio which they had opened in 1901—they continued to make the jar after the move.

Mike James brought a clear QT Jeannette (J in square) Mason Home Packer with correct glass top seal lid; an original cardboard carton full of Jeannette glass top seal lids; a Ball blue QT Ball Improved (in slug plate); a clear QT Mason's CFJCo Improved (reverse: Clyde, N.Y.) with correct glass top seal lid; an aqua QT Millville WTCO Improved with correct glass top seal lid; and a dark blue Millville bottle (dark streaks) with glass stopper (this bottle is normally found with a ceramic stopper).

Dave Rittenhouse shared an amber PT whiskey bottle, Union Made G.B.B.A. of U.S. & C.; an aqua PT The Victor 1899 with correct closure; an aqua PT Globe; a clear PT The Canton Domestic Fruit Jar; an aqua PT The Best Fruit-Keeper; a light aqua PT Safety; and a light aqua PT The Leader (two lines).



An aqua PT Globe

Show and Tell Pictures



An "irradiated" smokey HG Ball Special Wide Mouth Made In U.S.A. with Ball glass top seal lid



An aqua midget PT Mason's Patent Nov 30th 1858 with Ball Bros. Glass Mfg. Co., Buffalo, N.Y. glass top seal lid



A clear PT and QT "Robinson" jar with correct glass top seal lid and metal clip (embossed with an Arrow and Robinson); sides of jar are unembossed, and base is embossed Robinson in an oval



A rare clear 96 oz. N^o 10 jar from The Ohio Fruit Jar Company



A clear QT fancy design jar with correct clear glass top seal lid embossed with an eagle



An aqua PT The Victor 1899 with glass top seal lid and complete clamp

Show and Tell Pictures, cont'd



Clear and SCA QT The Canton Domestic Fruit Jar with two different correct glass lids (flat and domed)



Clear QT Calcutt's Patent Apr. 11th Nov. 7th 1893 (around glass screw cap)



Dark blue Millville bottle with glass stopper



Aqua PT The Best Fruit-Keeper



Aqua PT Safety



Clear QT Mason's Patent CFJCo Improved (reverse: Clyde, N.Y.) with correct glass top seal lid



Aqua PT The Leader (two lines)



Aqua QT Millville WTCO Improved with correct glass top seal lid



Clear QT Jeannette (J in square) Mason Home Packer with correct glass top seal lid; and an original cardboard carton of Jeannette lids

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Joe Coulson shared this Ball blue PT Ball Perfection (dropped 'R') with an original product label. The Ball Perfection was made in 1914 and introduced a new type of closure. The closure did not gain acceptance with home canners, and the jar was discontinued that same year. It is believed that many of the Ball Perfection jars ended up being used by packers. The label on this jar indicates it once contained Sweet Mixed Pickles.

Announcements

- Upcoming club meetings:
 - Sunday, **May 3rd**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista, theme is "Jars with Non-Screw Type Closures"
 - Sunday, **June 14th**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista, theme is "Errors and Reworked Molds"
 - Sunday, **July 12th**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista, theme is "Wax Sealers"
 - Sunday, **August 9th**, 1:30pm, Club Picnic and theme is "Recent Finds"
 - Sunday, **September 13th**, 1:30pm, Tentative--Field Trip to BSU Glick Glass Center
 - Sunday, **October 4th**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista, theme is "Jars Made in Indiana"
 - Sunday, **November 1st**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista, theme is "Mason's Patent Jars"
 - Sunday, **December 6th**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista, Christmas Pitch-In Dinner
- Our club is a member of the Federation of Historical Bottle Clubs (FOHBC). The FOHBC has many resources and interesting articles on their website as well as a list of bottle shows: <http://www.fohbc.org/shows>
- Please send in your membership dues renewals to our Treasurer, Jim Durr, if you have not already done so. Thanks.
- Marty Troxell is hosting a "Central Indiana Early Summer Fruit Jar Get Together/Show" on **Saturday, June 12th** in Cambridge City, Indiana. More details are on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/847481568626592/>

