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

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Next Club Show

July 9, 2006

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Club Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2006

The February meeting was held at Minnetrista in Muncie. Vice President Dave Rittenhouse opened the meeting and welcomed fourteen members. A get-well card was passed around for our President, Norman Barnett, who has been dealing with a kidney infection. We missed out this month on Norm's keen insights into life and witticisms (not to mention some of the early jars and original closures he likes to share with us). We are hoping for a speedy rebound from a not-so-fun thing.

Dick Cole presented the treasurer's report which included the January show details. A complete list of expenses was not yet available, but it looks as though the club will remain in the "black". Dick also mentioned that Minnetrista might be taking out an ad in Red Book 10. This ad will promote awareness of Minnetrista as well as announce the dates of our future club shows.

You may recall that Kay Rittenhouse volunteered for the responsibility of coordinating refreshments for the January Show. Kay's efforts saved the club about \$300 in expenses and provided a better experience for attendees. Kay mentioned that she had some great helpers, which included

Jodi Gindling, Carol Ashby and Meredith Robinson. The Rittenhouse's also provided "club hospitality" in their hotel room. Everyone appreciated their efforts. This was good publicity for the club, and it provided attendees a place to gather and talk and find out about other things that were going on.

Dick Cole mentioned that Minnetrista has a new CEO, Betty Brewer. Dick was recently given the opportunity to talk to Betty and review how the relationship between our club and Minnetrista is mutually beneficial. Dick talked about how the club interacted with Minnetrista in the past (local glass history tour; a show reception banquet; staff helpers at the show; an exhibit in the hotel lobby; advertising).

Dick lead an interesting discussion that generated many ideas on how we could leverage this relationship and provide a win-win for both groups in the future. Dick challenged all of us to think about this and to submit ideas at future club meetings. Of course, Minnetrista is conscientious about expenses just like any other modern organization, so keep in mind that ideas must provide value to them (increasing awareness, bringing in new members,



good public relations) as well as to our club.

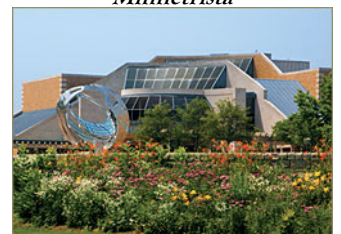
The next club meeting will be held March 5th at Minnetrista in the Cantina room at 1:30pm. Please bring items relating to the letters W, X, Y, and Z.

See you all at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Coulson, Secretary

Minnetrista



Show and Tell Session



The theme for “Show and Tell” this time around was jars and go-withs relating to the letters “U” and “V”, as well as a few other items that members wanted to share.

Ann Szopa started us out by displaying a sun-cast amethyst (SCA/light purple) QT #2884 Veteran (bust of veteran within circle in frame); a clear QT #2904 Victory Hom-Pak Mason (made mid 1940s by J.T. & A. Hamilton, Pittsburgh); a clear QT #2903 Victory Reg’d 1925 (on lid) (made 1920s–1930s by Consumer’s Glass Co. of Montreal, Quebec Canada); and a clear QT #2901 Victory (in shield) Crown Victory Jar (all on milkglass lid) (base: Crown Cork & Seal Co. Baltimore, Md. Patented Victory Jar).



Sue Wilson showed us an “u”nlisted clear QT UGB (on glass lid) (base: British UGB Made); and an amber QT #3104 “u”nembossed product jar with a milkglass lid (possibly once contained Apple Butter; jar was made by Hazel-Atlas) (note: this jar has the “u”nusual inverted-bulge style neck).

Mike Mosier was next, and he brought a Ball Blue QT #2858 Universal (in frame) L.F. & C. (upside down). Mike not only brought the jar (which was made by Ball), but he also had

the entire coffee grinder attachment that the jar was meant to be used with. It is not very often that you find the whole assembly. Lou Ebert and Charles Williams pointed out that in those days you went to the grocery store and bought coffee beans and typically ground them yourself.



Mike’s other jars included a sun-cast amethyst QT #2870 The Vacuum Seal Fruit Jar Patented Nov 1st 1904 Detroit; a sun-cast amethyst QT #2870-1 unembossed jar like the previous Vacuum Seal; a wonderful apple green HG #2895 Victory 1 (encircled by) Pat’d Feb’y 9th

1864 Reisd Jan 22^d 1867 (reverse: Pacific San Francisco Glass Work); an unlisted very light green QT VE Lchook (with an interesting original lid); and a clear unlisted PT Pack By Vermont Maple Co-operative Inc. Essex Junction VT (a maple syrup jar).

Jean Harbron displayed a clear QT Quattro Stagioni jar which she considered “U”nusual because Rev. Phil Robinson does not have one exactly like it in his museum of 4000+ jars! Phil once told Jean (when she began collecting) that after looking at about 100 jars, she would find one that he did not have, and sure enough that is what happened.

Jean also displayed a clear QT RB#2904 (SFJR 1349) Victory Hom-Pak Mason; a clear HP RB#2903 (SFJR 1352) Victory Reg’d 1925 (Kivlan Clamp—twin wire toggle clamps on side of top seal glass lid); a clear 1/4 PT RB#2900 (SFJR 1348) (Kivlan clips Pat April 2, 1929; base: Victory Pat’d April 2, 1929 Boston) (unknown maker for Kivlan Onthank & Co.; last of the Kivlan Victory jar family); a clear PT RB#2884



Sue Wilson showed us an unlisted UGB “British Made” jar

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(SFJR 1343) Veteran (maker unknown; distributed by Smalley, Kivlan & Onthank; made for Brewster, Gordon & Co., Rochester, NY).



Rev. Phil Robinson showed us an aqua QT #2841 Union No 3; a sun-cast amethyst QT #2870 The Vacuum Seal Fruit Jar Patented Nov 1st 1904 Detroit; an aqua QT #2875 The Valve Jar Co. Philadelphia Patent March 10th 1868 W. L. Imlay; an aqua QT #2880 The Van Vliet Jar of 1881; a clear PT #2864 Vacuum Jar & Fruit Package Co. S.F. Pat. July 11 1893 (on base); a clear 1/4 PT #2900 Victory (with a #2901 lid); an aqua QT #2891 Victory 1 (encircled by) Patd Feby 9th 1864 Reisd June 22d 1867; and a clear QT #2871 Vacuum Tite Jar (on base).



Phil also showed us a clear QT #2884 Veteran. Phil told us that he acquired this jar from John Nestleroad who liked the jar because he had served in the military. Phil is also a "v"eteran of two wars.

Joe Coulson was next, and he brought one of his favorite Ball items, a scarce clear glass "V" lid. Phil Robinson was the discoverer of these lids, and 14 clear ones and 3 milkglass ones have passed through his possession. Dick Cole mentioned that at the time (early 1940s, during the WWII era) Ball was considering several designs for glass top seal lids (there were requirements to reduce usage of zinc, because it was needed for the war effort). The "Ball No. 10" design was chosen. Dick showed everyone a copy of the original engineering drawing (dated 1942) for the "V" lid at the July 2005 Muncie Jar Show Get-Together.



Joe also showed an aqua QT and HG #2891 Victory 1 (encircled by) Patd Feby 9th 1864 Reisd June 22d 1867; an apple green QT #2895 Victory 1 (encircled by) Patd Feby 9th 1864 Reisd June 22d 1867 (reverse: Pacific San Francisco Glass Work); and two different variations of the Viceroy jar ring boxes.

Lou Ebert almost always comes up with a jar each

month that has a connection to Grant County, IN. Lou displayed the following "U" jars: a clear QT (30oz) RB#2855 (SFJR 1024) "U-NO-ME" jar (base: Pat. Dec. 30, '02; patentee: John S. Giles; made by Safe Glass Co. of Upland, Ind.; straddle-lip glass lid); a clear glass lid, embossed U-NO-ME Pat. Dec. 30.'02 (this lid has a tongue that fits down in to the mouth of a jar; this may be for a jam jar); a green QT (32oz) RB#2830 (SFJR 1319) U.G. Co. (groove ring wax sealer; the U.G. Co. letters are just above the heel and to the right of one of the vertical side seams); three different jars for RB#2830 (SFJR 916) Mason's Patent Nov. 30th 1858 (reverse: U.G. Co., just above the heel and to the right of the side seam) (jars were a blue-green HG 59oz, light aqua QT 37oz, and an aqua PT 19oz).



Lou also shared two very nice postcards from the Upland Co-Operative Glass Co. from 1904 and 1906. The postcards showed price lists for pint, quart and half gallon jars.

Lou's "V" jars included the following: a clear PT (18oz) and clear QT (32.75oz) RB#2886 (SFJR 1344) The Victor Patented 1899 (around a fancy M inside of an equilat-



*Jean Harbron
displayed a clear PT
#2884 Veteran*



Show and Tell Session, continued

eral diamond within a circle) (the sealing bead on this jar is over-size and the clamp has caused chips; repro clamp); a clear HG (60oz) RB#2887 (SFJR 1345) The Victor Pat. Feb. 20th 1900 (around a fancy M inside of an equilateral diamond within a circle) (original clamp: Feb. 20, 1900) (note: the jars were also made in aqua—none of the six jars that Lou owns has a mold number on the base; the jars were made by Meyer-Mathauer Glass Co., Detroit, Mich. And by Safe Glass Co., Upland, Ind. for the Meyer Fruit Jar Co., Detroit, Mich. And also for the Victor Jar Co., Detroit, Mich.).



included: a PT aqua #2886 The Victor Patented 1899 (around M in diamond); an aqua QT #2878 The Van Vliet Jar of 1881; an aqua QT #2881 The Van Vliet Improved Patd 1881; an aqua HG #1866 Mason's Patent Nov 30th 1858. (reverse heel: U.G. Co.); an apple green QT #2830 U.G. Co. (on heel); and an aqua QT #2021-1 Mason's (reversed apostrophe) V Patent Nov 30th 1858.



Mike Mosier displayed an unlisted Ve Lchook jar with an unusual cap

Lou also brought a clear QT (33.5oz) RB#2867-1 (SFJR 1334) Vacuum Seal Pat. 1,956,555 Pat's Pend. (around OI in diamond logo—plant 7, Alton, Ill.); and lastly a wooden shipping box end: One Doz. Pints (illustration of a jar, Mason's SGC Co Patent) The Swayzee Fruit Jar, The Swayzee Glass Co., Swayzee, Ind.



Mike and Gusty Monaghan displayed a very unusual contraption, which was a "v"aporizer machine. The device contained two glass jars (upside-down) that were labeled Vapor-al.

Dave Rittenhouse was our last presenter, and he brought several nice jars to share with us. Dave's jars



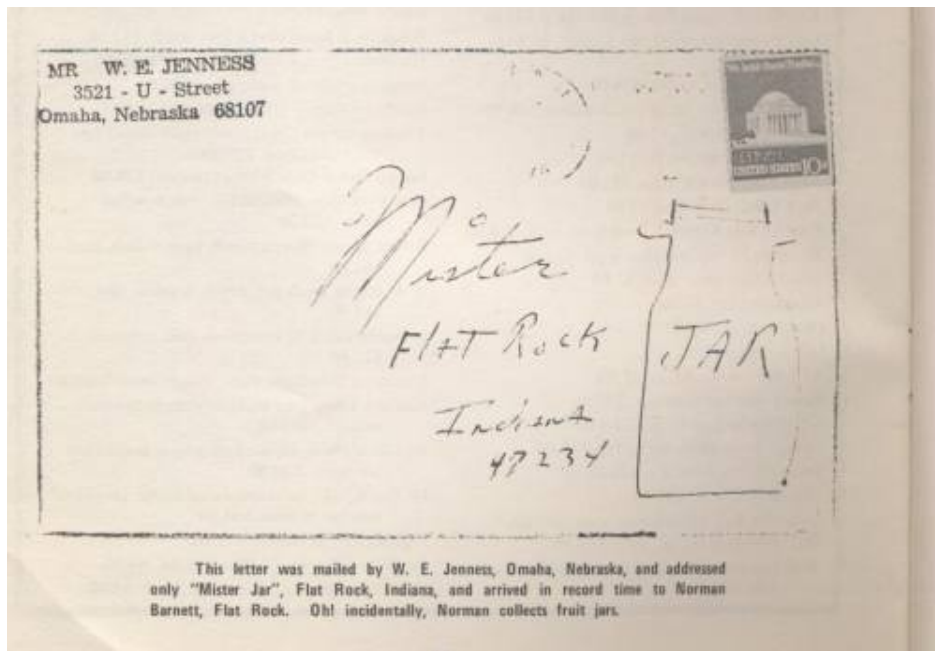
Submissions from our Club Members!



Mike Rutledge, Hyattsville, Maryland, was showing this wonderful Ball wooden shipping box to a few people at the January Muncie Jar Show. Mike purchased this box last year, and was asking others if they had seen one like it. Another collector forwarded him the known list of wooden shipping boxes once maintained by the late Dick Roller. At that time, a "Quarts" box was listed.



Do you have something interesting to share with your fellow club members? Send it in!



Club member Barry L. Bernas forwarded this interesting piece from a 1974 issue of OBM!

The caption reads: "This letter was mailed by W.E. Jenness, Omaha, Nebraska, and addressed only "Mister Jar", Flat Rock, Indiana, and arrived in record time to Norman Barnett, Flat Rock. Oh! Incidentally, Norman collects fruit jars."

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Announcements

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- Rev. Phil Robinson reports that business has been “super” at his jar museum. Phil loves to share his collection with visitors. Stop by and say hello or send some new collectors his direction for a good introduction to the hobby: 1201 W. Cowing Dr., Muncie, IN 47304. Telephone: 765-282-9707.
- John Elwood has been in the hospital for the past month and has just been released. John is one of our regular attendees at the club meetings, and we have been missing seeing and talking to him. We wish him the best in his recovery.
- Greg Spurgeon has recently created “Jar Talk Forums” on his Internet website. Check it out by hopping on your computer and web surfing to: <http://www.hoosierjar.com/jartalk>
- **One last reminder** on paying club membership dues for 2006: Junne’s friendly reminder is “no dues—no news”. If you have not already done so, please get your dues to her as soon as possible, because we sure would love to keep you! Send to MAFJBC, Attn: Junne Barnett, P.O. Box 38, Flat Rock, IN 47234

