

Gatherings

With CANvention comes other once-a-year opportunities. Some of these become traditions and are cherished by those in attendance and by those looking through these pages. This year's formal gatherings are no exception.

The Tontines by Jane Weishaar #35159

The Tontine Chapter was founded in 1976. The word tontine is a legal term, meaning the last one gets it all! In our group, members who have attended all the CANventions are in the chapter. If a member misses a CANvention, he is out of the chapter. In 1976, we were 45 members. Now we are down to 6 members who have made all 53 CANventions. Each member donated a can from their collection at the first meeting. These cans are in a safe place in St. Louis and, as the name states, the last remaining member will get all of them. There are also two Tontinettes – these two ladies have attended all of the CANventions—not for the cans, just for the fun!

2024 Tontine Chapters Members:

- John Ahrens #9
- Marvin Rowley #45
- Lonnie Smith #99
- Jerry Weishaar #159
- Don Villers #213
- Michael Hildebrand #276

Tontinette Members:

- BJ Rowley #26720
- Jane Weishaar #35159

The Banquet

The Saturday Night Banquet this year was a complete joy to attend. The local flavor of the buffet was fantastic, and the awards presentation moved along at a record pace. In fact, it was enjoyed so much that very few photos must have been taken, as only a couple were submitted. The hit of the night was the Arkansas Razorback hats as part of the centerpieces!

Following the Banquet, all BCCA Past Presidents present gathered for a fantastic photo.



USBC Photos Onsite

By Jim Wolf
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Jim and Jane Wolf spent countless hours comparing and documenting new cans to add to the USBC Supplement.

The Product Development Committee had the United States Beer Cans Supplement photo box at CANvention 53 in Little Rock (at least its tenth CANvention appearance). And, for the third year in a row, beginning with the Norfolk CANvention, Bruce Gregg brought a separate photo box for photographing Tin-Over-Cardboard signs. We're happy to report that both photo boxes got some use on the trade floor on Friday and Saturday.

On the USBC side, the team (Jerry Cole, Mike Newton, Jane Wolf and I) had the photo box set up on the floor on Friday and photographed a total of 41 cans, mostly tabs for Volume II, but also a couple of cones and ten flat tops. One member supplied a dozen prototype/test cans that most of us had never seen before. The Test Can section is an area that has a very low percentage of completion. We need to concentrate on it in the coming year.

On the Tin-Over-Cardboard side, Bruce, with assistance from Tom Waggoner's daughter Carol, photographed about a dozen signs. Brands included four different Champale Malt Liquor thermometer TOCs, a triangular Fort Pitt from Baltimore and a Carling Red Cap variation. Watch for these in the Supplement in the near future. Bruce notes that all who let him borrow their signs to be photographed seemed to know about the USBC and our efforts to capture photos of cans and TOCs. Just as with the cans, we need members to check their collections against the signs posted in the Supplement and watch for an announcement on when a photo box will be at a show near you. Please contact Bruce at btgregg@earthlink.net for additional information.

If you have cans that aren't included in either Vol. I or Vol. II of the USBC Books and haven't yet been added to the Supplement, or cans that are not yet upgraded to five images on the Supplement, please contact me at jwolf@goeaston.net. Both Mike and I will be making the rounds of shows in the coming year, and we welcome the opportunity to photograph your cans for inclusion in the USBC Supplement. At minimum, I will have the photo box at the Blue-Gray Show in Herndon, VA in February and the Spring Thaw in Harrisburg, PA in April. Now that Mike has finished with his obligations as a BCCA officer, he'll have more time to get back on the show circuit with his photo box. At present, he's scheduled to have it at the Three Rivers Chapter Show in Fort Wayne, IN on November 2 and the Winterfest in Frankenmuth, MI on January 11, 2025. Watch for e-blasts from the BCCA for details on photography at a show near you.

Member participation is the key to making this project a continuing success. If you haven't yet visited the website, please do so and familiarize yourself with the contents. You may access the site, bccca-usbc-supplement.com, by logging in as a member on bccca.com.



Above: Bruce Gregg, Mike Newton and Jim Wolf at the photo booth table.

Left: Bruce Gregg photographing an addition to the tin-over-cardboard library.

Although CANvention is mostly fun and games, necessary club business does get done. Our outgoing President passes the gavel to the incoming President, our Secretary moves to the Vice President position and a new Secretary is welcomed. We say goodbye to several Board members who have completed their terms and vote in several new ones. A BCCA tradition of selecting cans in several categories for Can of the Year is unveiled at the Saturday Banquet, and the Andrews-Butterbaugh awards for Editorial Excellence are presented for feature stories submitted during the previous year. Chapters that have submitted newsletters to a judging committee have the chance to be selected and recognized for their production efforts and contributions to the hobby. This year, the BCCA Hall of Fame received four new inductees.

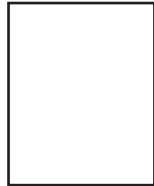
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2024 Can of the Year Winners

This year, ??? members voted for Can of the Year and Hall of Fame winners.

U.S. Can



Bunker Brewing Bock Beer
 Bunker Brewing Co.
 Portland, ME

U.S. Aluminum Bottle



Hot Spot Blood Orange IPA
 Philipsburg Brewing Co., Philipsburg, MT

International Can



Hinano 6-can Island set
 Brasserie de Tahiti, Puna'aula, Tahiti, French Polynesia

International Aluminum Bottle



Bentley Beer
 Bentley Beer Limited, Hong Kong

Board Members

Through 9/2025
 John Feinen #8184
 Kenn Flemmons #21489
 Mike Rogan #704
 James Vincent #32060

Through 9/2026
 Brian Coughlin #27544
 Paul Dodge #10130
 Dave Gausepohl #22474
 Jeff Ingersoll #31612

Andrews-Butterbaugh Award for Editorial Excellence

Gold award: Pete Childress #21860 - "Anchor Steam Saga" - March/April 2024
 Silver award: Dan Jeziorski #25960 - "Butte's Low-Pro Legend" - May/June 2024
 Bronze award: Bob Renforth #22410 - "Super Game, Super Bottles" - January/February 2024
 Honorable Mention: Tim #20075 and Tom #27960 Hoffman - "Tennent's Guy" - January/February 2024



Left - Dan Bora with his well-deserved double awards.
 Above - Dan Jeziorski and Bob Renforth with their Andrews-Butterbaugh awards.
 Below - Don & Tobi Hicks Presidential Award winner Keith Kerschner.



2024 Special Awards



Dan Bora #27235



Jeff Lebo #15105

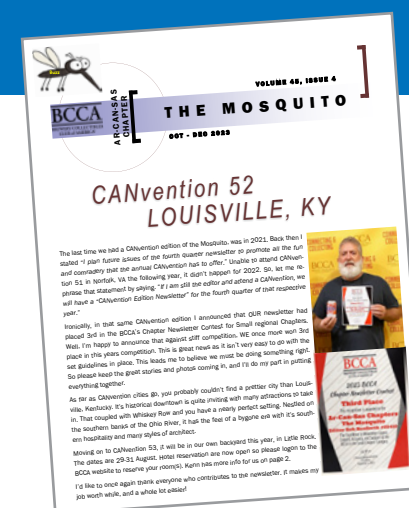


Jim Romine #19904



Juan Carlos De Marco #33093

Four exceptional BCCA members were inducted into the Denver Wright Jr. Hall of Fame this year: Dan Bora, Jeff Lebo, Jim Romine and Juan Carlos De Marco (posthumously). A Don and Tobi Hicks Presidential Award was presented to both Dan Bora and Keith Kerschner.



Small Regional Chapters (69 and fewer)
 1st Place - Ar-Can-Sas Chapter's *The Mosquito*, Editor Bob Renforth #22410
 2nd Place - Schultz & Dooley Chapter's *Foaming at the Mouth*, Editor Glenn Leupold #30944
 3rd Place - Missouri Ozarks Chapter's *Brews News*, Editor Michele Fritz #26886



Large Regional Chapter (70 or more)
 1st Place - Columbine Chapter's *Brewgle*, Dennis Morgan #34859
 2nd Place - Michigan Chapter's *Foam Matters*, Editor Clayton Emery #32806
 3rd Place - Packer Chapter's *6-Pack Report*, Editor Ken Tremel #4934



At-Large Chapters
 1st Place - One Can-One Country Chapter's *OC/OC Newsletter*, Editor Dave Vogl #5560
 2nd Place - Rusty Bunch Chapter's *Rustlings*, Editor Clayton Emery #32806
 3rd Place - Skedder Chapter's *Skedder News*, Editor Andy Blackwood #22294

2023-24 Chapter Newsletter Winners

Saying Goodbye to Little Rock

As our time in Little Rock comes to a close, we need to take a moment and thank a very hard-working group of people that volunteered their time at Convention. Not everyone made it into the photos, but here are a few that did. Thank you to all of you. We the members truly appreciate what you do for us.

For more photos from CANvention 53, like the Great Cup Stacking Challenge, The Iron Gut Club, the Craft Beer Exchange and more, please visit BCCA.com/???? or scan the QR code in the lower right.

Now, on to Milwaukee! Mark your Calendars for September 11-13, 2025. Be watching at BCCA.com or in future pages of this magazine for more information.



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