Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

President's Message

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Fall is here and the weather turned cold in northern California the second week in October, bringing with it the bottle show season.

The Downieville show was held in September, followed by the Santa Rosa show the second weekend in October and a week later the Canyonville, Oregon show. Well, Canyonville isn't exactly Northern California, but a lot of the collectors in the northern part of the state take in the show at Seven Feathers Casino. I don't know if there is a connection, but there may be.

I get to at least one show a month until May, then summer and the Chevys take over and the only summer shows I do are Reno and the National. There wasn't any Reno show in '09, but it is online for 2010 in July. The National show is in Ohio in 2010 the same week as Hot August Nights car show in Reno, Nevada which lasts a week. The only time I missed it was to go to a National show. The bummer part about that is you sign up a year and a half ahead of the show and if you don't, you go onto a waiting list of thousand or more people. I lobbied Jamie and Wayne not to have the national show the first week in August, but it was the only time spot they could get so I'll miss another car show. I guess that's the price you pay when you sign on.

The revised by laws are on the website now so take a look at them as they will be voted on at the March 2010 meeting. If you're not on line, contact business manager June Lowry to get a hard copy snail-mailed to you.

Talks are underway about the development of the Virtual Museum . This should prove to be the most exciting thing to happen in the hobby since the shovel was invented. Already many collectors and owners of bottle auction houses are willing to share their images of rare and exciting bottles . Being able to view these bottles in true color should keep a collector glued to his or her screen. The museum will start off small and grow and grow and grow. The possibilities are endless. Collectors will be able to view rare bottles seen by only a few now.

The nominating committee is putting together a slate of people willing to run for a position on the board. View the by-laws and if you're interested in running for a position on the board contact Western Region Director Bill Ham. His contact information is on the Federation page in the magazine.

I wish you all an enjoyable Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Richard Siri - President FOHBC

Support your local club!!

Get involved
in this great hobby.

Attend meetings.

Become a club officer.

If you need assistance
finding a local club,
your local editor or
FOHBC Regional Director
can supply you
with a list of clubs in your area.

See page two for a list of officers
including your regional director.

Where there's a will there's a way to leave collections to FOHBC

Did you know the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors is a 501C(3) charitable organization?
How does that affect you?
It allows tax deductions for any and all donations to the FOHBC.
You might also consider a bequest in your will to the FOHBC. This could be a certain amount of money or part or all of your bottle collection. The appraised value of your collection would be able to be deducted from your taxes.

An example of a bequest would be:
(This is not legal advice, please consult an attorney)
I give and bequeath to the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors, 401 Johnston Ct, Raymore, MO 64083, the sum of $_____ to be used as its Board of Directors determines.

The same type wording could be used for bequeathing your collection or part of it, however, before donating your collection (or part of it), you would need the collection appraised by a professional appraiser with knowledge of bottles and their market values. This is the amount that would be tax deductible.

Thank you for considering us in your donation plans.
Richard Siri, President
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