



FOHBC NEWS



FROM & FOR OUR MEMBERS

Exciting News from the Southern Region

We have some exciting news in the Southern Region. The Southeastern Antique Bottle Club in Atlanta was one of the charter member clubs from the early days of the federation. A few years ago the club lost its place to meet and unfortunately several of the "old timers" who had held the club together passed away. We have been able to preserve the Atlanta Show and on June 14, 2014 we will have our 44th annual show, making it one of the longest running shows in the southeast, which we are very proud of. There has been a core group of collectors in the Atlanta area who do some shows together and keep in touch but without a regular club meeting and a place to meet something was missing. I have been able to secure a location to have monthly meetings and starting April 1, 2014 we will resurrect the Southeastern Antique Bottle Club. After our first meeting we will be joining the Federation and we plan to bring back the old gang and hopefully introduce some new ones in the area to the world of bottle collecting. We will be meeting near downtown Lawrenceville at the Old City Hall building in what currently houses the city of Lawrenceville Gas Dept. We will be meeting in the former city council meeting room affectionately known as the "gas chambers." The address is 18 S. Clayton St. This is a big step in preparation for the Chattanooga National Show in 2015. I will keep you posted and appreciate any help you can give us getting the word out. If anyone has any questions or needs directions they can contact me at 770 856 6062. Thanks again and we appreciate all you do for the hobby.

Jack Hewitt
FOHBC Southern Region Director

Why no Houston Bottle Club?

Ferdinand, I enjoy reading your website and use it extensively to research as I buy bottles or just look at bottles. Today I discovered that you live in Houston. I am wondering why we don't have - or at least I can't find - a bottle collector club in Houston. Is there not enough interest? I have found it difficult to find bottles here in Houston. It seems the best and only resource is eBay. It would be interesting to see if there is interest in the Houston area.

I grew up in Denver, digging in our old family's properties and going through my great grandparents' houses finding bottles. Dropped it for many years until I found a 2 roof Holtzermann - in a Houston antique shop - for \$8. After a month of research I could only conclude it was worth closer to \$2,000. I have been hooked ever since, and have a decent collection of bitters and a wide variety of other bottles. Almost all of them have come via eBay.

Have you tried to generate interest in Houston?

Larry Rose

Dave Kyle and his Figural Bitters

First of all, a little background about myself. I was born in Los Angeles on July 6, 1930 and attended Fairfax and Menlo Park High Schools. Two years of college at Menlo Park and Santa Monica City College included football and track and field. Next, I was in the United States Army from 1952-1954 during the Korean War. Upon discharge, I worked at Safeway Stores and then it was 28 years with the Burbank Fire Department. I retired in 1985.

Actually, as old as I am, I should have started my collecting as Dick Watson did in the 1950s. The first bottle I bought was a 'Warner Kidney and Liver Cure' in July 1992. My son Scott and I traveled up to Carson City, Nevada to visit a bottle-digging friend of my son, John Shuler. While with John, he showed me a 'National Bitters Ear-of-Corn' figural and a 'Brown's Indian Queen Bitters' which I fell in love with, thus a love affair with not only Warner's Cures but also figural bitters. I have to mention the name Jack Stecher at the start of my quest for Warner's. As well as being a great friend, Jack is a tremendous help with his knowledge and collection of many labeled Warner's. I have been his house guest on many occasions and have traveled to many eastern shows with Jack and got to meet the likes of Don Keating, Ted Krist, Dick Bowman, Burt Spiller, Bob Sheffield and Cliff Moore. Great people with great bottles in their collections.

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