

THE OHIO SWIRL

AUGUST 1999



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AUGUST PROGRAM

This month's program will be on the recent "Pittsburgh Dig ". Chad Hurst and myself went to Pittsburgh to join up with Tim Tokosh and Luke Yois from the Pittsburgh Bottle Club. We all had taken time off work for a three day digging blitz. The first property (1820 row housing) yielded over 70 undamaged open pontilled bottles. We found a lot of pottery and bottle shards from the late 1700's. And get this, the best bottle dug including shards was a colored iron pontilled medicine, mint. The keepers included decorated stoneware, many hinge mold to pontilled era bottles, marbles, lamps, and over 100 blob beers. Join us at the meeting for a " bottle/shard fest ", along with stories (and lies) from a couple of treasure hunters. See ya there ! - Todd Knisley

IMPORTANT DATES

August 26th ***Meeting
Sept. 12th Fall Show***North High, Eastlake
September 30th***Meeting
October 28th ***Meeting

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ann Sekerak and Barb Mendik for winning the Federation of Bottles Collectors Award for the Best Newsletter for 1998. It is great to see them receive the recognition they so rightfully deserve. Thanks from the Club for a job well done

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Dave Grove, Gary Blake and Dave Miller for cooking all those great burgers for the club picnic. Also thanks to all those that brought food for the July meeting. Great food!!!!

COLLECTOR QUOTES

by Todd Knisley

" It's getting harder and harder to get quality for your collection. Your competing with everyone in the country including non-bottle people who are just investing, at the auctions and ebay. I do best at the shows. "

Bob Kearns 1999. Bob is a advanced collector and the President of the Pittsburgh Antique Bottle Club. He realizes the importance of attending shows, to both buy and sell. Shows and displays are the backbone of our hobby, support yours with pride this September !

*****1999 DIRECTORY *****

Please send any additions and/or corrections for the 1999 Directory to: Jane Cochran
3505 Carrmunn Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44111

***** Deadline is September 7th *****

RAFFLE BOTTLES for AUGUST

Amber Star Spring Co., Sarotoga Mineral Water
seedy, whittled, estimate value \$125

Quart Moer Lein's, Old Lager Stoneware, Cincinnati
estimated value \$60 to \$70

Saturday September 11th
7 to 9 PM

Setup & Hospitality
for

Dealers, Displayers, & Early Admission
at

Eastlake High School, Eastlake, Ohio

OHIO BOTTLE CLUB
PRESENTS

Sunday Sept. 12, 1999

31st Annual

ANTIQUUE BOTTLE SHOW and SALE

Eastlake High School
Eastlake, Ohio

9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

donation \$2.00 at door

15 mi. E of Cleveland-4 mi. N of I-90
On Rte 91-Left on Stevens Rd.



It's not to late to get a table!!!

Contact

Tim at 440-285-7576 or Bob at 440-285-4184

SEPTEMBER CLUB DISPLAY

Our September show is fast approaching. The show chairmen have decided to have another "Club Display". Last years Demijohn display was very well commented on. This year Al Vignon will have a fruit jar display along with a glass blowing tool display. The joined effort "club display" will be two categories. Ohio Stoneware and Ohio Flasks. I need to plan for the space needed to be dedicated for this. If you have an item or items you would like to display, please contact me ASAP. On the bottle side please let me know what you want to bring and what color it is in to avoid duplicates. There is an obvious increase in fragility and value in this years display. All efforts will be taken to insure more than adequate protection and care for your items while on display. All items will be set up by myself on Saturday if possible. If you can't arrive until Sunday please inform as such so I can leave room for your items.

By flasks we mean molded or freeblown, with a emphasis on pre-1890 items for both stoneware and bottles. Be very proud of what was "thrown and blown" in your backyards. We took second seat to nobody else in the country during that time period, LET'S PROVE IT!!!! That means you closet collectors PARTICIPATE. Please contact myself at 330-877-1862 or at glasshed@megsinet.com
Thank you in advance - Todd Knisley

RAFFLE

HELP!!!!

Dear Club Members,

It is once again time to show your support for the "Best Bottle Club in America"!

Ticket sales for the Ohio Bottle Club's Fall Show Raffle are now under way. We count on the support of the

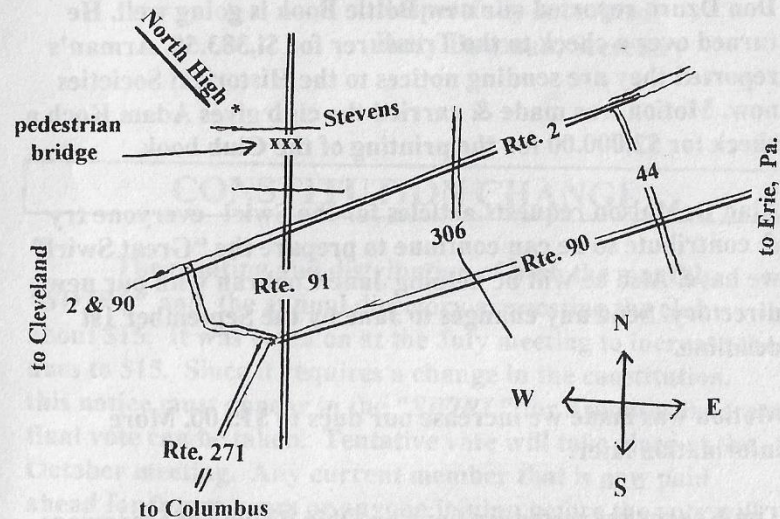
membership to sell or purchase these tickets each year. The proceeds of this raffle are crucial in helping to support club activities such as shows, meals, etc..

A \$50.00 prize will awarded to the top seller! Also, for every 10 tickets sold, the seller will have his or her name entered into a drawing for a great prize yet to be determined. If you would like more tickets or additional information, please phone, e-mail, or write:

David S. Grove
263 S. Washington Street
Millersburg, OH 44654
330-674-2855
dgrove@valkyrie.net

Please help make this years raffle a huge success!

Directions to North High



MINUTES for JULY

After a delicious picnic dinner of grilled burgers & hot dogs (prepared by our Chefs), side dishes & numerous desserts (thanks to all the members who furnished the goodies) the July 29, 1999 meeting of the Ohio Bottle Club was called to order by our President, Al Vignon. Attendance 110 with 1 guest Todd Seemann who became one of our new members.

The minutes were approved as written in the Swirl.

The Treasurer's report was read by Dave Merker, balance as of July 28, 1999 \$4,135.10.

Show Reports--Some of our members attended the Muncie, Indiana & York, PA. Shows & advised both very good. Also Corning has some nice displays so if you have the time go to Corning, New York within the next month.

Don Dzuro reported our new Bottle Book is going well. He turned over a check to the Treasurer for \$1,383.50. Arman's reported they are sending notices to the Historical Societies now. Motion was made & carried the club gives Adam Koch a check for \$2,000.00 for the printing of the Club book.

Alan DeMaison requests articles for the Swirl--everyone try & contribute so he can continue to prepare the "Great Swirl" we have. Also he will be helping Jane Cochran with our new directory. Send any changes to Jane by the September 1st deadline.

Motion was made we increase our dues to \$15.00. More information later.

Tim Kearns requested we have an Ohio display of Stoneware & Flasks as our Club display this year at the September Show. See Todd Knisley regarding same.

Adam reported 160 tables had been sold for the National Show in Cincinnati representing 28 States.

New Business--Dave Grove has raffle tickets & any that you have sold turn the tickets & money in as soon as possible.

Next was the Best Acquired Bottle of the Month with 7 entries & the winner Alan DeMaison with a very unusual Violin Bottle. Next Best Dug, 4 entries, winner Todd Knisley with a 6 sided open pontil Medicine. Best Acquired Anything but Bottles, 6 entries, winner Dave Miller with a Onion Skin Marble. Best Dug Anything Other than Bottles, 4 entries, Todd Knisley with a YellowWare Pie Plate.

The Raffle Bottle; a Blue Carters Ink won by Bill Elder. Name Tag drawing Wayne Buchanan received \$10.00.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Betty Bowman, Secretary

CONSTITUTION CHANGE

The printing and distribution of both the monthly "SWIRL" and the annual directory are costing the club about \$15. It was voted on at the July meeting to increase the dues to \$15. Since it requires a change in the constitution, this notice must appear in the "SWIRL" for 3 months before a final vote can be taken. Tentative vote will take place at the October meeting. Any current member that is now paid ahead for future years or anyone joining before the vote will not pay the increase until they renew again (Grandfathered).

America's First Industry

by Todd Knisley

As you have probably heard the first industry in what is now America was a little glass works in a place called Jamestown, VA. Named after the Virginia Company in England who had surveyed the coast for a suitable site. The year of the first glass produced was 1608, think about that on the eve of the year 2000. England had plenty of glass houses, but skilled glass workers were at a premium and the ravage of England's forests to satisfy the voracious appetite of glassmaking for firewood and potash was such that by 1617 the use of wood for fuel was prohibited by law. The Jamestown site was not established to sell wares in America but to export them back to mother England. Most or all of what was America's first product in glass sits on shelves, or buried in England, undistinguishable from it's British counterparts.

The above is pretty widely known. The story that follows is not as well known. The gaffers that came to this country were " eight Dutchmen and Poles ". They lived in the Jamestown colony with the other settlers but they did not speak English. This had no effect in normal living, but they were banned from voting in the colony because of their language barrier. They promptly went on strike, also America's first. One night while doing work in the glass house for themselves the fort was attacked by Indians. The glassworkers knew they had to help for their own preservation. They rushed the ranks of the attackers slinging red hot molten glass gathers on the end of blowpipes and punty rods in an assembly line type manner. The Indians, amazed by the ability to harness the power of the sun at night, fled in fear. The Dutch and Polish glassblowers saved

the day and were accepted back in the colony with full voting privileges. Going back to the " production " of glass wares.

To gain respect of the conditions and wonder of molten glass, you may visit the Burning River Glassworks off of the circle in Copley. Mike Levinsky, who happens to be Polish, has a studio there and produced this years club bottles. He is glad to give free demonstrations of glassblowing, and offers glassblowing classes. For hours or directions please call his studio at 330-668-8959

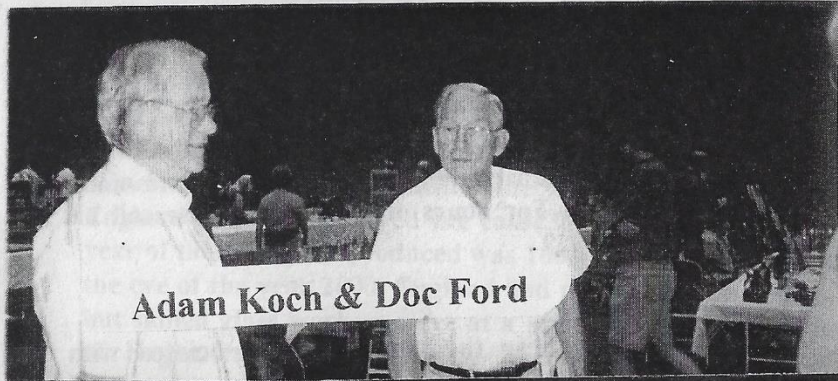
FYI - You always hear the word pontil associated with bottles. Pontils have taken many types of forms over the years. The most common are referred to as Open or Tubular, Solid, Iron, Improved, Ball, and Sand Chip. Here is the problem. The attachment of glass to the base of a piece to finish it's manufacture in England and America was called Punty. The word Pontil, (pronounced pon-teel) is a French term used by French workers. I know I won't change the terminology now, in fact I like the word pontil (pronounced here as pon-till) better anyway. But just so you know, it's not the most correct term. Happy collecting. - Todd K

wanted it to go to a museum, but always said we should...sell it at auction so that all the wonderful bottle collectors throughout the United States would have the opportunity to purchase these bottles in the hope they would enjoy them as much as we have.

We hope that all of you will be happy with whatever you might purchase from the sale as we were happy to acquire it..." - JAYNE BLASKE 1983

Just before the auction of their 22 year collection that took two " books " to catalog. Please check your club library to see the wonder of this collection. How many of us are a little behind the Blaske's pace of acquisition ?

1999 NATIONAL SHOW in CINCINNATI



Adam Koch & Doc Ford



Gary Blake
Painted Label Sodas

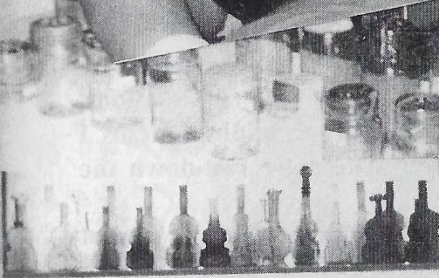
Derek DeMaison
with
a violin bottle



Bitters Sales Table



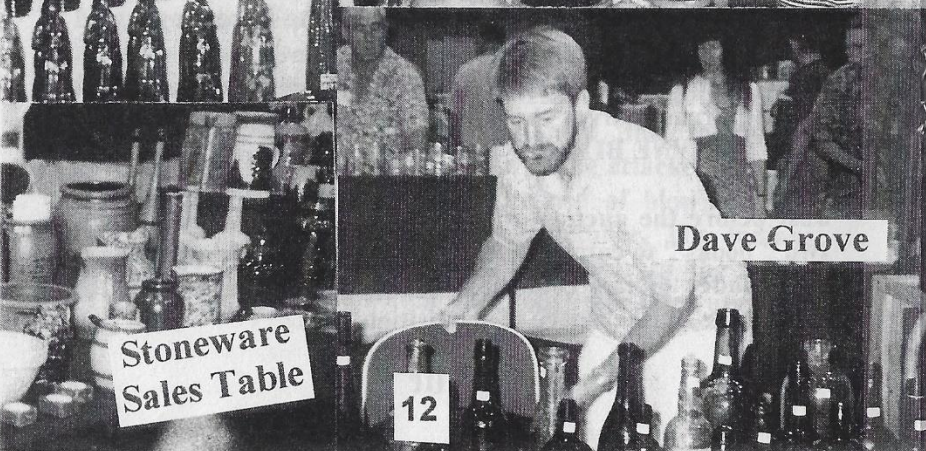
Jerry Tebbano
with
Ted & Hazel Krist



Violin Bottle Display



Fruit Jar Sales Table



Stoneware
Sales Table

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Dave Grove



Dave Miller
checking out the sales tables

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1999 CLUB SWIRL BOTTLES

The 1999 Club Swirl Bottle will be available at the August 26th meeting. Both large and small will be available at \$25 for the large and \$17 for the small.

We are sold out. Those who have reserved bottles, be aware that you will need to bring money. Make checks out to: The Ohio Bottle Club, Inc.

For those members who can't make the August meeting, they will again be available at the Sept. 30th meeting or at our show Sept. 12th at North High School in Eastlake.

Don Dzuro

GET THE PICTURE

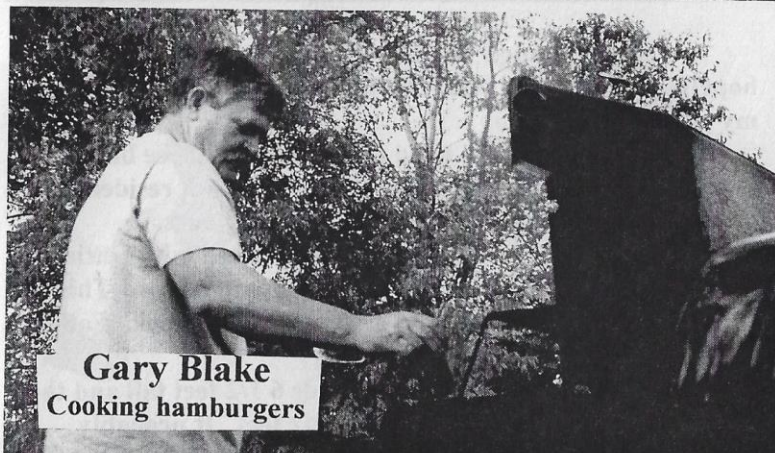
My mother-in-law has a wall in her living room where she displays photographs of her children's graduations, weddings, etc. To that wall I have begun adding photos I have taken on trips-- of outhouses. The more run-down the better!

I have had to stand on badger mounds to get a shot through a missing board, climb a tree to shoot through a hole in the roof and use time exposure to get enough light to capture graffiti.

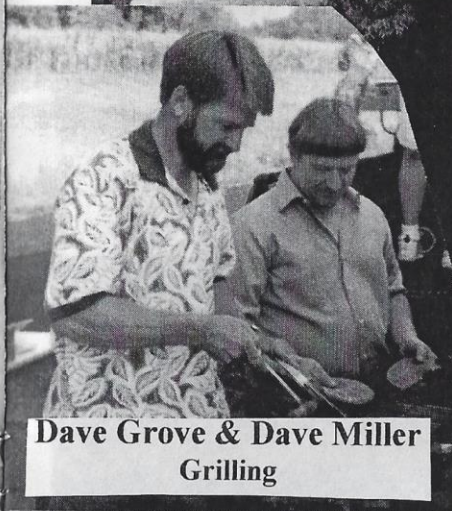
And then there is the fun of adding these pictures to her wall without getting caught in the act. Then comes the waiting for the phone to ring with her announcing that she has found the addition. As any good son-in-law would, I blame it on my wife.

Loren Ingebretsen, Felton, MN.
July/August 1999, Home & Away
Submitted by Wilbur Bowers

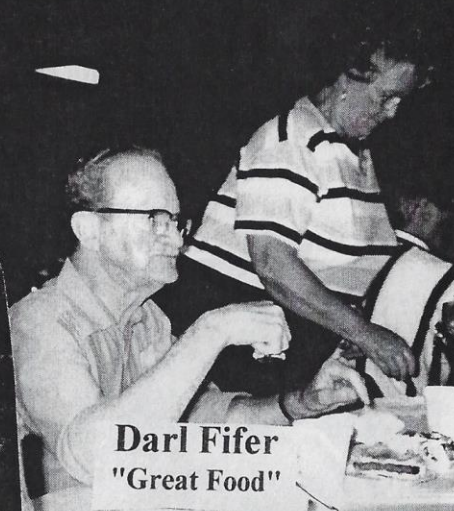
1999 CLUB PICNIC



Gary Blake
Cooking hamburgers



Dave Grove & Dave Miller
Grilling



Darl Fifer
"Great Food"



Hungry Club Members

The Big One That Didn't Get Away

by Don Dzuro

I finally landed The Big One. The awesome beast, hopefully by the time you read this, will be nestled snugly in my yard.

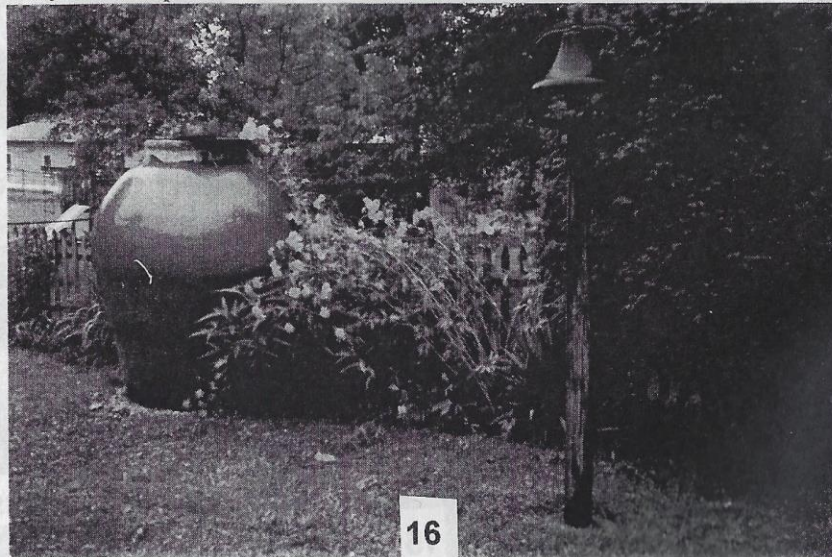
For six years I've tried to acquire this piece but the owner wasn't ready to sell. Finally, faced with residency in a nursing home, the decision was made. It's yours.

This was the easy part. Now I'm faced with getting it moved safely from Barberton to my house in Akron. This will require the use of a crane and a large flat bed truck. For security it will probably be crated.

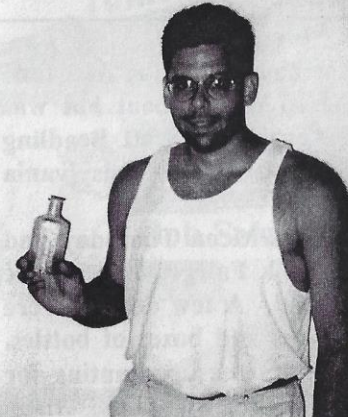
Highly glazed The Beast stands 6 1/2 feet tall and the circumference at the shoulder is 15 1/2 feet. It probably weighs at least 2 tons. It is 4 inches thick, has a bunghole, and about 3 feet opening at the top.

It is impressive with several words but all I can remember is "acid". It and its' mate, since broken, reportedly were made in Barberton and used by a Barberton factory to hold, of course, acid.

You've often heard stories about the Big One but now you have proof that it indeed does exist



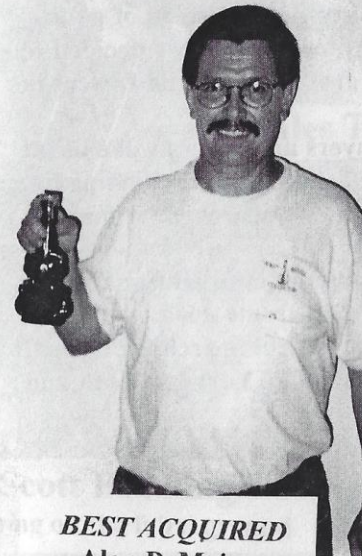
BEST of JULY



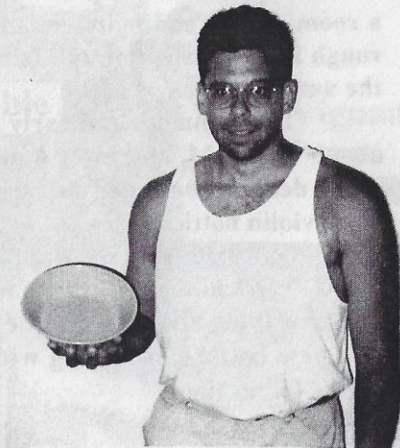
BEST DUG BOTTLE
Todd Knisley
pontil medicine



**BEST ACQUIRED
OTHER THAN BOTTLES**
Dave Miller
Onion Skin Marble



BEST ACQUIRED
Alan DeMaison
3 color violin bottle



**BEST DUG
OTHER THAN BOTTLES**
Todd Knisley
YellowWare Pie Plate

YORK or BUST

by Alan DeMaison

Retirement has given me the chance for the first time to go to a bottle show I have heard much about but was always unable to attend. Bob Sekerak and Scott Beadling joined me on the great adventure to the York, Pennsylvania Antique Bottle Sale.

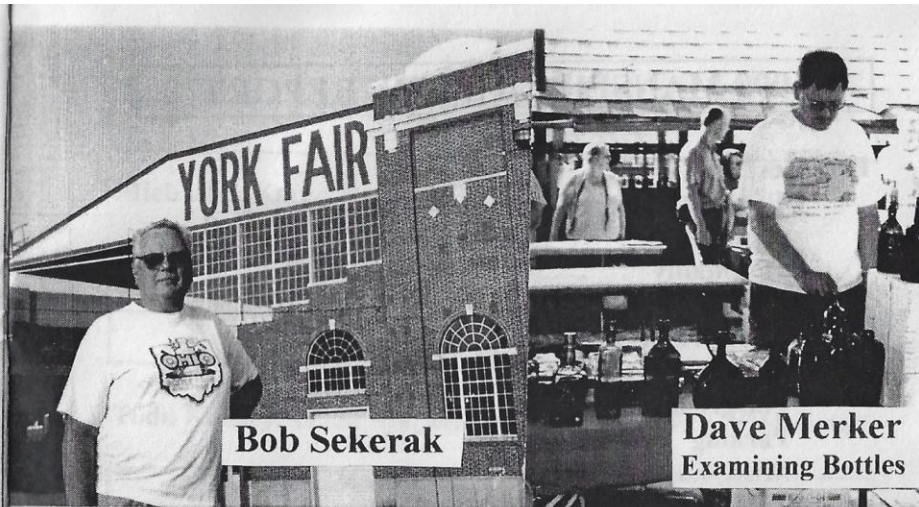
We left Cortland around 1:30 PM on Thursday and around 7 PM we pulled into the York Fairgrounds all the time hoping we had the right weekend. A few dealers were set up, so a hunting we went. Boxes and boxes of bottles. Felt like a kid in a candy shop. After treasure hunting for about an hour with no luck, hunger got the best of us. Off to eat and purchase flashlights (we all forgot ours).

Back after dusk and with more dealers arriving all the time, we had plenty of looking. Armed with my flashlight, I found 2 violin bottles around 10:30 still in boxes and 2 more around 11:00 on a table. Midnight and bedtime came quick. We had decided to sleep at the fairgrounds instead of getting a room. Some had tents, others campers, but we decided to rough it. Scott slept on the fairs' ground, Bob and I slept in the van.

The commotion of early buyers and sellers woke us at about 4:30 AM, and after a quick shower, searching again. More dealers continued to arrive as we searched. I found 3 more violin bottles early.

By 10:30 AM we were ready to get breakfast and go home. We had a great time and made some good purchases. The best thing about any bottle show is the search for a great deal on a bottle and visiting with friends. York had both and more. Great time!!

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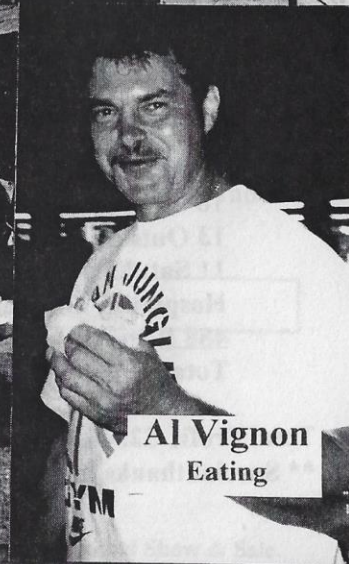
Bob Sekerak



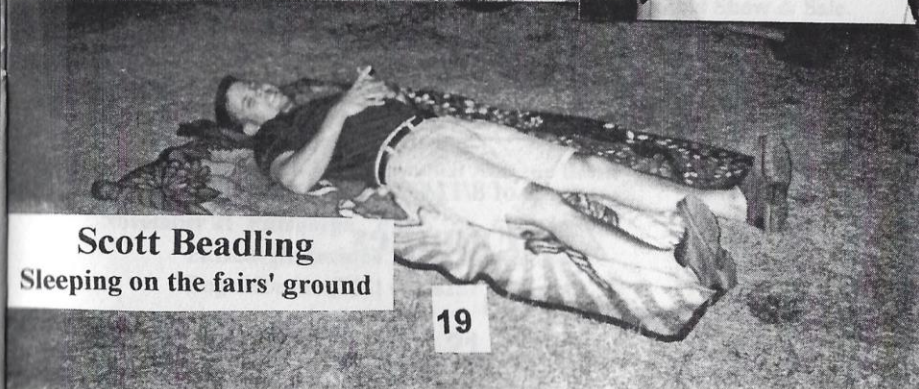
Dave Merker
Examining Bottles



Sales Table



Al Vignon
Eating



Scott Beadling
Sleeping on the fairs' ground

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1999 MANSFIELD SHOW REPORT

Expenses

Printing & supplies	618.81
Postage	284.10
Hospitality	1764.98
Workers	300.00
Door Prizes	130.00
Advertisement	1801.46
Fairgrounds Rental	4741.50
Parking	317.00
Misc. Expenses	60.00
<u>Table Refund</u>	<u>225.00</u>
Total	\$10,242.85

Income

79 Fri. Early Admissions	1975.00
347 Tables	8675.00
16 Campers	160.00
13 Outside setups	325.00
11 Sat. Early Admissions	110.00
Hospitality Donations	568.00
<u>488 Regular Admissions</u>	<u>976.00</u>
Total	\$12,789.00

Total Profit \$2546.15

** Special thanks to Bill Koster for all his dedication to this show.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As of 8/11/99

270 Families

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NEW MEMBERS

Michael & Karen Dailey, 13050 Kinsman Rd.,
Burton, OH 44021 Ph: (440)834-4076
Collects: Soda Pop & Milks

Change of Address

Todd Knisley, 11758 Market Ave. N., Uniontown, OH 44685

FROM THE EDITOR

I need original articles and new classified advertisements for the September *SWIRL*.

DEADLINE September 12th

Thanks to all who have written original articles and submitted articles.

SHOW CALENDAR

September 12 Eastlake, Ohio

The Ohio Bottle Clubs 31st Annual Show & Sale

Tim Kearns (440)285-7576 or

Bob Smith (440)285-4184

October 10 Bedford, Pa.

Bedford County Antique Bottle Club 22nd Annual Show & Sale,

Bill Reed (814) 766-3465

October 17 Findley, Ohio

Findley 23rd Annual Antique Bottle Show & Sale

Fred Curtis (419) 424-0486

October 24 Hamburg, New York

Greater Buffalo 1st Annual Antique Bottle Show & Sale,

Ed Potter (716) 674-8890

November 21 Pittsburgh, PA

Pittsburgh Antique Bottle Show & Sale

Eng Johnson (724) 465-8287

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