

The North Star NEWS

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The President's message

from Mike Mullally

Greetings-

As most of you know, with the transition of NSC Board, Dave & Joe Wendl, Brent Kastler & John Stejskal have decided to step aside for others to take their positions on the North Star Chapter board.

Not only have all of these board members done great things for this chapter, & they have all said they will continue to provide us with any needed guidance & help in the future.

The new board will consist of myself President, Dave Sears Vice President, Jody Otto/Treasurer, Barry Travis Newsletter/Editor, Bob Jackson/Secretary. With Jeff Lonto , Scott Kovar, and Dave/Joe Wendl as Board Members

A lot of you know me,(but many of you do not) I would like get acquainted with all of you in the future. Here's a little info about myself: I work for CenterPoint Energy in sales, and live in Mendota Heights with my wife Sue, son Grant, daughter Katelyn & our lab-Bella.

As an advertising sign collector for the past 30+ years & being a member of many organizations & clubs, I know the importance of what a well run club & shows can be for its members. And with this new Board & our great NSC members we will continue to have a great club! If you ever have any concerns, comments or ideas of how to make our club or shows better, please let me know! Hope to meet many of you at Springfest or any future NSC Shows. Stop by & say Hi.



Happy Collecting- Michael Mullally/NSC President



by Barry Travis

Have you ever attended a show or chapter event where something irritated you or didn't go your way? Maybe it was the place it was held or the behavior of certain folks. I bet you complained and made your displeasure known to the folks that ran the show, eh? Running, planning and pulling OFF an event is usually a thankless job, where the directors hear about the bad stuff...thats how it goes.

Let's do an about-face right now. How about the shows you anticipate ALL YEAR LONG, and when they do arrive, they fly by at double-speed. The people you haven't seen since last year, the new stuff and stories you've picked up, the items someone has held for you until the show- all the fun that occurs when beer, friends and walk-ins collide. A perfect storm of beery goodness. For me, that storm is named "Guzzle-n-Twirl."

If you have never attended, you are missing the single best beer collectibles show in the Midwest. It doesn't matter what you collect, beer-wise. This is a show where you can find the old, new, obscure, cheap and unique. If its beer, it's here...are we clear? The location and event are terrific, but none of it would be possible without the efforts, passion and time of the folks behind it. They plan, coordinate and make this show the best event in the Midwest.



These people wouldn't be the type to pat themselves on the back. And if you did thank them, they'd shrug it off, saying it wasn't any big deal. Well, it is a big deal and it needs to be recognized, if not celebrated! There will never be a comprehensive list of all that make it possible, but if you are smiling or blushing as you read this, thanks for making this show (and chapter) what it is...fun.



People are the fabric on which this hobby is made of. Without their passions, uniqueness, abilities, stories and efforts, it would be a lonely place. Keep up your good work and Guzzle will be here before you know it! I'll see you there.

Jody & Dave attend the Milwaukee bottle show

by Jody Otto

If you have never attended the Milwaukee Bottle Show hosted by the Milwaukee Antique Bottle & Advertising Club, I highly recommend making the trek to Pewaukee, WI, a western suburb of Milwaukee. This show claims to be the largest breweriana event in the state of Wisconsin, and with over 150 tables set up in two large hotel ball rooms it would be hard to disagree. Rooms are available in the same hotel at a discounted rate. The Country Springs Hotel features a water-park as well, among other fun attractions in the hotel. The show is always the second Sunday of every February, and next year it will be on February 12th. Mark your calendars now-you'll be glad you did!



Dave Wendl and I took our time, and made several antique store stops along the way, eventually taking back roads to get to a small town tavern (Frontier Bar in Poynette) for lunch. After check in, the hotel bar was a comfortable place to catch up with fellow collectors and sample from the over 100 different bottles of beer available.

Dave Kapsos is in charge of the show and it is very well organized and attended. Table set up starts at 6 am, and after the rush there is significant time for table holders to browse each other's wares. At 9 am the public was allowed in, and they had started lining up as early as 8 am. As is typical at a show, the public walk through slowed in the early afternoon, but I was impressed that it never really stopped completely. It seemed the longer the day went the younger the walk-ins got, including several families with small children. Transactions continued even as we were packing up. This show is certainly more of a breweriana show than just bottles, but there were not a lot of cans available for sale, so both Dave and I did really well selling cans.



We stopped at the Delafield location of the Water Street Brewery for dinner on the way back. This is one of their four locations around Milwaukee, and they display THOUSANDS of pieces of breweriana. Their collection is amazing, and the food and beer was excellent as well.



Next year I hope to attend and spend more time at a different Water Street Brewery location to see more beer stuff and also see the Delafield Brewhaus, which displays an equally great collection. Maybe my grand kids will want to join for some water-park time as well. We'll see! Its a show worth attending-especially to break those winter blues.



A flight of Water Street beers

North Star Chapter Beer Collectible Shows for 2016



Mark your calendars, tell your wife and load your truck full of old beer stuff. We'd love to see you at one of our upcoming shows!

Sat. March 26 **sold out of tables!**

Bloomington, MN – North Star Chapter's "Springfest" annual show. Everett McClay VFW, 311 W. 84th St. (next to Cub Foods), 9 am to 2 pm. Contact Mike Mullally 651-451-3786.



Sat. May 7 (Old Style Chapter)

La Crosse, WI – Old Style Chapter's annual show. 9 am to 2 pm. Moose Club, 1932 Ward Ave. Contact Willy Novak 630-291-7943 or oldstylewilly@att.net.

Sat. May 21

St. Paul, MN – North Star Chapter Annual Summit Brewery Show. 9 am to 3 pm in the Summit Brewing Co. parking lot. Contact Mike Mullally 651-451-3786.

Fri.-Sat. June 10-11

Dubuque, IA – Hawkeye and North Star Chapter's Annual Tri-States Beer Can & Breweriana Show. Friday evening hospitality at the host motel and Saturday show 9 am to 3 pm. Riverfront Pavilion at Eagle Point Park. Contact Mike England 515-360-3586 or mike.england@bccca.com.



Fri.-Sat. July 8-9

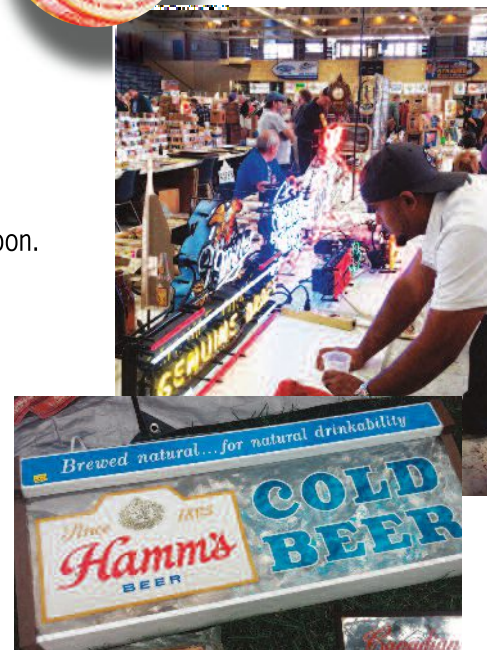
Cloquet, MN – Nordlagers & North Star Chapter's Annual Show. Friday evening hospitality and Saturday show 9 am to 4 pm. Northeastern Saloon & Hotel, 115 St. Louis Avenue. Contact Bert Whittington 218-393-0657 or Jody Otto 651-335-8993.

Sat. August 13

Chippewa Falls, WI – North Star Chapter "A Day at Leinies" Annual Show at the brewery. The show begins early in the morning and wraps up late in the afternoon. Contact Dave Wendl 651-731-9573.

Fri.-Sat. October 7-8

Maplewood, MN – North Star Chapter's 43rd annual Guzzle 'n Twirl. The largest show of the year. Friday evening events include hospitality and room-to-room swap & sell for members. Saturday show 9 am to 3 pm for general public. Aldrich Arena –1850 White Bear Ave. Contact Mike Mullally 651-451-3786 or Jody Otto 651-335-8993.



Visit www.northstarchapter.com for membership information and more.



DICK FROM THE DELLS

In memory of Dick Preissel-Dad, Grandpa, motel owner, collector of stories and beer cans

To say he was a character was an understatement. He was known for his tremendous work ethic, generosity and the ability to make you laugh no matter how many times you'd heard the same story. I first crossed paths with him in the 1990's at a beer can show in the Twin Cities. He had drawn a crowd of awestruck collectors in the aisle, telling the story of how he'd come across a rare Texas can that a soldier had brought back from training in his rucksack. He pulled it from a paper sack and had a half dozen guys hanging on his every word. Laughing, embellishing a bit and letting everyone admire his latest acquisition. I shook his hand and told him I knew of his tremendous collection in the basement of his motel. He invited me down whenever I was in the area. Five ROOMS filled with cool beer stuff? And I had a personal invitation from the beerkeeper himself?



At Wisconsin Dells
Black Hawk
MOTEL



The stairwell was filled with wooden Pabst signs as you descended into the smoky basement. I wasn't prepared for what awaited...an entire ROOM filled with signs and cans of age and rarity. As a game show host would say "Wait...there's more!" FOUR MORE ROOMS! And Dick smiled the entire time he answered questions and told stories of how and where he'd got his items. He really had a love for all things Pabst. And Blackhawk beer. (of course-owning the Blackhawk motel!)

I learned "beer karma" from Dick. Be generous with your information and stuff, and it will come back to you in mysterious ways, when you least expect it. My collecting experience and life are richer having known him. And I have that rare Texas can on my shelf that he GAVE me years later. Now that he is reunited with his dear Shirley, I'll have to continue his ways down here on earth. Rest in peace, Dick-a character with character. You were one of a kind.

Freeze your can recap by Jody Otto



Sunday, February 7, 2016 the annual Freeze Your Can outdoor show was held in the parking lot of Summit Brewing Company (www.summitbrewing.com) in St. Paul, MN. We estimate over 20 members set up (or opened their car trunk) plus at least that many members passed through. Although the temperature was fairly mild the wind on occasion was gusty, causing an occasional unsecured beer can or tray to scatter across the asphalt. Bottles and other breakables were quickly moved to more secure positions than on top of tables or cars. Several nice pieces of breweriana traded hands.



A few coolers were available, and Lou Otto used her tailgate grill to offer up free Johnsonville Brats (pre-boiled in Summit of course) and hot Italian sausages. We appreciate her donation and efforts, which were made more difficult by the grill blowing out on occasion. Over 40 brats/sausages were consumed although a few may have had more than one.

The event wrapped up a little earlier than usual due to the wind, but a good number of members made their way over to the old Hamm's Brewery in St. Paul for a stop at Flat Earth Brewing Company. Since their tap room was open (Summit's was not) we shared a few stories and beers. Their seasonal Red Cap Ale (depicting the St. Paul Winter Carnival Vulcans) was a new favorite brew for several members.



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Membership dues are \$10.00 per year. Your benefits and camaraderie are priceless, however.

North Star chapter meetings are usually scheduled for 7:15 on the first Thursday of each month. If you'd like to host one, let us know. Contact Jody at **651-335-8993** for more information. And if you've read this far, we need detail-oriented folks like you to attend these meetings!



This collection of period-correct Kato beer items was artfully composed by one of our NSC members. You'll have to ask Dave about what type of beer he used for his photo shoot. A nice reward for his efforts.

CLASSIFIED ADS

BUYING: Your complete collections of beer and brewery items.
Barry Travis at ibuyoldbeer.com Call/text pictures to 612-578-2613.

WANTED: Good condition beer cans and interesting signs from MN breweries. Top condition equals top price. **Dave Wendl**, 1060 McKnight Rd. S., Maplewood, MN 55119 or call 651-731-9573.

WANTED: Clean, pre-Prohibition beer mugs, glasses, trays, and labeled or embossed beers from Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Wisconsin. **Steve Ketcham**, 952-221-0915 or steve@antiquebottledepot.com.

WANTED: Minnesota beer advertising tokens, knives, openers, etched glasses, especially from smaller Minnesota breweries.
Pat Stambaugh, 651-564-0200, or minn@mediacombb.net.

WANTED: Early beer advertising pinbacks (30s-60s).
Bob Jackson, 651-690-3529 or bjackson@trussbilt.com.

FOR SALE: DVD's of Hamm's Commercials & 2 Tour Films \$25. Vikings Highlights 1962-73 \$50. Viking SuperBowl Highlights 1969, 73, 74 & 76 \$25. Green Bay Highlights 1964, 65, 66, 67, 72 \$25. Also Hamm's DVD's of Duck Hunting, Fishing, Skiing, 500 Miles Below Zero (snowmobiling) \$25 each. Great films. Also have Hamm's jackets, t-shirts & bibs. **Pat Bowlin** 651-774-2356.



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