

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My wife and I have just returned from the American Collector's of Infant Feeders annual meeting. Each year the club meets in a different location and learns about the local area. We were hosted this year by the club president and met in Dayton, Ohio.

These trips are always a lot of fun, and we learn many interesting things. We had planned to visit the Wright Brother's parks, but unfortunately, they were closed. We did manage to visit the Packyard Museum and of course, got in some antiquing. Cathy found a baby doll nurser only about an inch and a half tall and I found a historical flask. The group is always looking for new members that share their interest.

I also attended the Richmond bottle show this month. They sold out of all their tables this year and there were over 300 buyers. This is a small show, so this was a great turnout. I was able to pick up a couple of embossed whiskeys from Richmond. Always a great show!

Our next meeting is November 14th (always the second Friday). Bill Thomas, our past president, will be doing a presentation on whimsies. A whimsy is an item made with the leftover glass at the end of the day by the glassblower on his own time. These items were not sold but were given as gifts. They are one of a kinds and greatly sought after. Bill has a wealth of knowledge and has been in the antique business over 60 years. You do not want to miss his presentation.

Remember to bring your badge and bottles to sell.

HAPPY HUNTING! ~Tom

CLUB WEBSITES

https://www.baltimorebottleclub.org/ https://www.facebook.com/groups/baltimorebottleclub

MEETINGS & SPEAKERS

All meetings held at:
Towson Presbyterian Church
400 West Chesapeake Ave
Towson, MD 21204

November 14, 2025
Bill Thomas, Whimsies

December 12, 2025
Party, Rita for trays

January 9, 2026 Andy Agnew, TBD

February 13, 2026 Rick Lease – TBD

March 13, 2026

John Lowry, History of

Baltimore's American Brewery

April 10, 2026 Shawn Peters, Stoneware

May 8, 2026 Karen Lease, Perfumes

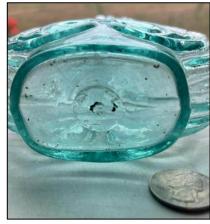
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President's Corner (continued)



A set of 144 similar and different ones came out in the 1950's





The time period for this flask is roughly 1840's or 1850's

10/10/25 MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Antique Bottle Club, Inc., was called to order at 7 pm by President Tom Robusto. It was followed by the Pledge to the Flag. We met at Towson Presbyterian Church on West Chesapeake Avenue. There were 22 people in attendance. Membership forms were available at the front table.

Sean gave the Show Report. Micah had last year's contract which we will update for this year. Show Day will be March 29, 2026, at Howard County Fairgrounds. We are looking into paying by PayPal.

Rick Lease stated the church is open from 6-9 pm for our meeting. Karen Lease noted the membership form still states that we meet at Loch Raven High School which we do not do. Karen Lease gave the Treasurer's Report. Micah stated we sold 3 bottle books.

Andy Agnew gave Theme Bottles: Sunny Brook Soda embossed with a "Peanuts", Thomas Heffner with an Arm and Hammer symbol & A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year bottle

There was a break for pizza and soda.

Speaker, Alex Hertzman spoke about the 1906 Food and Drugs Act and the 1912 Amendment. He had a large collection of rheumatic cures bottles and took questions from the group.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.



Andy Agnew shared a theme bottle which was a Sunny Brook soda bottle, from Suffolk VA, with embossed peanuts. The Peanuts comic strip by Charles Shultz was first printed in Oct of 1950.



David Hefner won the Raffle Bottle

¼ pint whiskey bottle / Christmas giveaway from around 1900



Mark Bateman won the Badge Bottle

Large, Thomas
Heffner, crown top,
unlisted as crown top
/ only listed as a blob
top – early 1900's

Rheumatic Cures

Presented By Alex Hertzman at the October 10, 2025 Club Meeting





Alex is a Rheumatologist and has been collecting related quack medicine cure bottles for 25 years.

The 1906 Food & Drugs Act mandated that addictive ingredients had to be disclosed to the public.

Following that law, any "Curative" claims were subject to forfeiture and seizure.

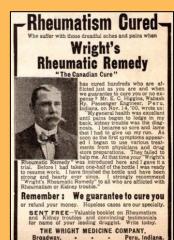
Quack cure ingredients often included Alcohol, Opium, Cocaine, Morphine and even Cannabis.

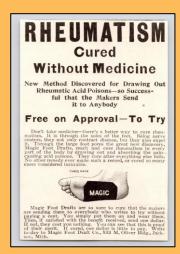
After 1906, "Cure" was replaced by terms like "Solvent" or "Elixir" or similarly vague terms.

The list of actual ailments that these quack medicines were supposed to address was extensive. These included Rheumatism, Arthritis, Joint & Muscle pain, Gout, Auto-Immune Diseases and many more.











BOTTLE BRAIN

Question: What was the purpose of "Not To Be Sold"... and was it embossed on both beer and mineral water/soda bottles?

Answer: The primary purpose of "THIS BOTTLE NOT TO BE SOLD" (or "THIS BOTTLE NOT TO BE SOLD OR TRADED", "THIS BOTTLE IS NEVER SOLD", etc.) was to prevent unauthorized resale, reuse or diversion of the bottle by competitors or third-parties, and to encourage return or reuse by the original bottler. 'Not to be sold' and other similar phrases were meant to inspire the consumer to return it to the proprietor, for re-use, as well as not letting the precious container fall into the hands of the competition. The idea was: the bottler supplied the glass bottle as part of a reusable container system (or wanted to ensure their bottle stayed within their system), and the imprint discouraged the buyer from selling the bottle (or having it end up in another bottler's use). It also served as a branding/control measure — preventing "outsider" bottles or reused bottles from competing in the bottler's territory. For example, if a rival bottler bought your empty bottles, filled them under their brand and sold them, you'd lose business or control. Bottles were very expensive relative to the contents since they were all handmade in this period before the advent of the automatic bottling machines.



Was it on beer and mineral water/soda bottles?

Yes — evidence shows that this embossing appears on a variety of beverage bottles (beer, mineral water, soda) rather than exclusively on one type. The practice of embossing "return / not to be sold" style wording appears in the late 19th century (circa 1880s) for refillable bottles. The bottles with this imprint are often mouth-blown or early mold bottles (not necessarily machine-made) and date before the widespread changes in bottle return systems and regulation. In contrast, for liquor bottles after Prohibition, U.S. federal law required embossing: "FEDERAL LAW FORBIDS SALE OR RE-USE OF THIS BOTTLE" (which is a different but related concept: preventing reuse/refilling of liquor bottles) from 1935 to 1965.

Summary answer to your questions:

- 1. Purpose: To discourage resale/trade of the bottle, ensure bottles stayed with the bottler (or were returned), prevent competitors or third-parties from using/refilling them and enforce the returnable bottle system.
- 2. Used on both beer and mineral water/soda bottles? Yes, the embossing appears in beer bottles, soda/mineral water bottles, and likely other refillable beverage containers in the late 19th /early 20th century.

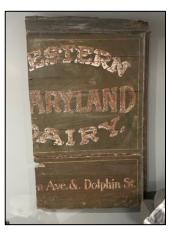
Submit future questions for Bottle Brain to jlowryrxp@gmail.com.

November's CLUB MEMBER PROFILE

Micah Dolina



Micah joined the club in 2012 and quickly found his collecting passion, focusing Baltimore milks on medicines. Early on, he received some great advice from fellow member Eric Ewing: "When you see something you like go ahead and get it, because you never know when it will be available again." Micah has certainly taken that to heart as his favorite acquisition to date is an item outside of his typical bottles a panel from the side of a milk wagon from Western Maryland Dairy.





NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Dave Davenport

Dave's collecting focus is blob and crown top sodas that are non-ACL (non-Applied Color Label).

He primarily grows his collection by attending bottle meetings and shows, making purchases online, and sometimes by digging for finds. Dave recently found an incredibly good dump site about three years ago that he still routinely excavates; it has consistently yielded fantastic pieces, including many unlisted milks, medicines, and sodas. Though he loves his sodas, Dave's favorite find was a beautiful, near-perfect, teal-colored medicine bottle from Pennsylvania that he dug up, which was honored with the Best Dug for 2023 award.



- ** All meetings
 are being held on the
 second Friday of the month
 at 6:30 pm in
 our new location!
 Towson Presbyterian
 Church
 400 West Chesapeake Ave
- ❖ All members are encouraged to bring in a bottle that corresponds to an event that happened in the month of the current MEETING. Events in history for the month are included at the end of each newsletter to provide ideas. The bottle does not have to be spot-on, but should somehow relate to the events outlined.
- Suggestions for topics in upcoming newsletters? Email John Lowry, at jlowryrxp@gmail.com.

KEITH MICELI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This was the 26th annual award of the KEITH MICELI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. Keith was a young man who became a member of our club when he joined with his parents in the early 1990's. He tragically drowned while hiking with his dog in the Loch Raven reservoir. This \$1,000.00 scholarship is given each year to a deserving student in his memory.

Dear Mr. Meyer,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm reaching out to sincerely thank you and the Baltimore Antique Bottle Club for awarding me the Keith Miceli Memorial Scholarship. I am truly honored to have been chosen as a recipient.

My journey to pursuing higher education and creating an impact at my school has not been easy, and I've faced many challenges along the way. Receiving this scholarship has lifted a weight off my shoulders and made it possible for me to focus on what matters most: my education and my growth. Instead of constantly worrying about the cost of attendance, I now have the space to fully commit myself to my studies and become more involved on campus.

This award is more than financial support to me; it's a reminder that there are people who believe in me and truly want to see me succeed. I am beyond grateful for your generosity, and I cannot express enough how much of a difference it has made in my journey to college. Please know that your support will stay with me as both motivation and encouragement to keep pushing forward. Your support means more to me than words can truly express.

Best Regards,

Amadou Sylla

SOME UPCOMING BOTTLE SHOWS

Check out the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors' website for additional upcoming bottle shows https://fohbc.org/events/

November 2 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tri-State Bottle Collectors and Diggers Club 52nd Annual Antique Bottle & Collectibles Show and Sale AETNA Hose Hook & Ladder Banquet Hall 410 Ogletown Road, Newark, DE, United States Please note the location!

November 8 @ 9:00 am - November 9 @ 3:00 pm Grayslake, IL Antique Bottle & Advertising Show Lake County Fairgrounds 1060 E. Peterson Rd., Grayslake, IL, United States

November 8 @ 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Metropolitan Detroit Antique Bottle Club 42nd Annual Antique Bottle Show & Sale Royal Oak Elks Lodge # 1523 2401 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, MI, United States

November 9 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

North Jersey Antique Bottle Collectors Association's 55th Annual Antique Bottle Show and Sale Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge No. 1895 1 Perrin Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ, United States

November 9 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Pittsburgh Antique Bottle Club 55th Annual Show and Sale

WTVFC Social Hall 1314 Axton Street, Belle Vernon, PA, United States

November 22 @ 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wabash Valley Antique Bottle & Pottery Club Presents a Bottle, Pottery and Tabletop Antique Show and Sale VFW Post 972 218 N. 12th Street, Terre Haute, IN, United States

November 22 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Clemmons Antique Bottle Show Village Inn Hotel & Event Center 6205 Ramada Drive, Clemmons, NC, United States

November 22 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

New Orleans Antique Bottle Club's Bottle & Glass Show & Sale New Orleans Elks Lodge 30 2215 Cleary Ave., Metairie, LA, United States



Officers 2025-2026

President......Tom Robusto
Vice President.....Rick Lease
Secretary.....Rita Miller
Treasurer....Karen Lease
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Alex Hertzman Bob Ford Andy Agnew John Lowry

Show Chairman.....Shawn Peters
Co-Show Chairman.....Micah Dolina
Sargeant at Arms......Dave Davenport

BALTIMORE ANTIQUE BOTTLE CLUB

45th Annual Show & Sale

Sunday, March 29, 2026

HOWARD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

-MAIN EXHIBITION HALL-

2210 Fairgrounds Rd. West Friendship, MD 21794

Exit 80 on Interstate 70

Doors Open 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

*Food Vendors on site

Bottles, Jars, Insulators, Stoneware, Advertising, Breweriana, Small Antiques, Etc.

The Largest one-day Bottle show in the world! — over 300 tables Donation \$5 - Children Under 12 Free

NO DOGS PERMITTED IN BUILDING

For Information Contact:

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November Bottles



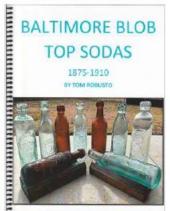
Raffle Bottle 10" Master Ink from the 1920's.

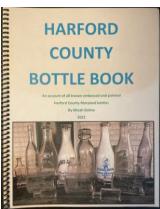


Badge Bottle
Midget Mason Jar – There
is a wide range for these
jars. An estimate for this
one is circa 1900.

Bottle Books

Check out these books written by BABC members, Tom Robusto and Micah Dolina



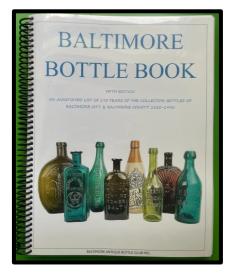




REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR BADGE AT ALL CLUB MEETINGS

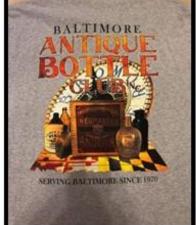
CLUB MERCHANDISE

Books and shirts will be available at all club functions



Baltimore Bottle Book \$30





Baltimore Bottle Club Shirts – Sizes S-3XL Available - \$20 Hats - One size fits all \$20

THINK THEME BOTTLES – THIS DAY IN HISTORY

HISTORICAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER BY DAY (http://holidayinsights.com/history)

- 1: Pope Gregory IV makes All Saints Day compulsory. (845) President John Adams and his family move into the White House at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC, becoming the first president to live there. (1800) The first bare-breasted females (Zulu tribe) appear in the National Geographic magazine. (1896) The Bra is patented. (1914)The Otto man Empire ends. The Republic of Turkey is created. (1922)
- 2: Peter the Great becomes Emperor of Russia. (1721) George Washington says goodbye to his troops after the end of the Revolutionary War. (1783) American astronaut Bill Shepherd and Russian cosmonauts Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev are the first crew to reside onboard the International Space Station (ISS). (2000)
- 3: The first Opium War between China and Britain begins. (1839) Clarence Birdseye markets frozen peas. (1952) The Wizard of Oz is televised for the first time. (1956)
- 4: The first wagon train arrives in California. (1841) Abraham Lincoln marries Mary Todd. (1842) James Ritty patents the cash register. (1879) Egyptologist Howard Carter and a team of excavators discover the intact tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun. (1922)
- 5: Parker Brothers markets the board game Monopoly. (1935) Voters re-elect President Franklin D. Roosevelt for an unprecedented third time. (1940)
- 6: Voters elect Abraham Lincoln as the next President of the United States. (1860) Rutgers University and Princeton play the first American Football game. Additionally, fans hold the first tailgating parties. (1869) Canada celebrates its first Thanksgiving. (1879) Colonel Jacob Shick patents the first electric razor. (1928)
- 7: The Lewis and Clark Expedition reaches the Pacific Ocean at the mouth of the Columbia River. (1805) Cartoonist Thomas Nast depicts the Republican party as an elephant in a cartoon in Harper's Weekly. (1874)
- 8: Elijah Craig is the first to distill Bourbon whiskey from corn in Bourbon, KY. (1789) Montana becomes the 41st State. (1889) President Franklin D. Roosevelt forms the Civil Works Administration to help create jobs for millions of workers unemployed during the Great Depression. (1933) The first jet-to-jet dogfight in history occurs. A U.S. jet shoots down a North Korean jet in the Korean War. (1950) The soap opera "The Days of Our Lives" premieres on television. (1965)
- 9: Napoleon Bonaparte stages a coup in France, and becomes a dictator, giving himself the title "First Counsul". (1799) The "Great Boston Fire of 1872" destroys over 1,000 buildings. (1872) Giant Pandas are discovered in China. (1927) "Lil Abner" cartoonist Al Capp creates Sadie Hawkins Day. (1838) Simon & Garfunkel record "Bridge Over Troubled Water". (1969) Garry Kasparov (Russia) becomes the youngest world chess champion at 22 years old. (1985)
- 10: The United States creates the Marine Corps. (1775) Henry Morton Stanley meets David Livingstone in Central Africa and says the immortal words: "Doctor Livingstone, I presume?". (1871) The Gideon Bible is put into a hotel room for the first time. (1908) Telephone area codes were put in use. Direct dial telephone service is first available coast to coast. (1951) Sesame Street premiers on PBS television. (1969) The ore carrier Edmund Fitzgerald breaks in two and sinks during a fierce storm on Lake Superior. The worst Great Lakes ship disaster in history. There were no survivors. (1975)
- 11: Forty-one Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower sign a compact calling for a "body Politick" just off the Massachusetts coast. (1620) Chrysanthemums arrive in England from China. (1790) Mary Edward Walker becomes the first female surgeon awarded the Medal of Honor. (1865) Construction is started on a naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. (1909) The "Great Black Blizzard", is the first of several dust storms to create the dust bowl, which tears through South Dakota. (1933) Kate Smith sings Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" for the first time. (1939) The first episode of "Rocky and Friends" airs on television. (1858)

HISTORICAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER BY DAY (continued)

- 12: "Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ", written by soldier Lew Wallace, is published. (1880) The first ever television gardening show, "In Your Garden" premieres on BBC in England. (1936) The space shuttle Columbia launches for the second time. This was the first time a space vehicle was used more than once. (1981)
- 13: Benjamin Franklin says his famous quote: "Nothing is certain but death and taxes". (1789) The Holland Tunnel under the Hudson River opens to the public, connecting New York City and New Jersey. (1927) The United States lowers the minimum draft age from 21 to 18. (1942) False fingernails are sold for the first time. (1952)
- 14: The first streetcar goes into operation. (1832) "Moby Dick" by Herman Melville is published. (1851) Hydropower plant at Niagara Falls begins operation. (1896) Yale University goes Co-ed. (1968) Television Sitcom "Murphy Brown" premieres. (1988)
- 15: The Continental Congress approves the Articles of Confederation. (1777) Isaac Pitman introduces his shorthand system of writing. (1837)
- 16: The city of Havana, Cuba is moved to its current location to avoid mosquito infestations. (1519) The Lewis and Clark Expedition reaches the Pacific Ocean. (1805) Walt Disney opens EPCOT Center. (1965)
- 17: The first ship sails through the Panama Canal. (1913) At just 21 years old, Britany Spears becomes the youngest singer to get a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. (2003)
- 18: William Tell allegedly shoots an apple off his son's head with a bow and arrow. (1307) Saint Peter's Basilica is consecrated. It replaces the original basilica on the same site and becomes the largest Christian Basilica in the world. (1626) Susan B. Anthony is arrested for leading a group of women to register and then vote at a Rochester, NY. polling site. (1872) Brooklyn toymaker Morris Michton names the teddy bear after Teddy Roosevelt. (1902) Disney's Steamship Willie premieres Mickey Mouse is "born"! (1928) The first Swan Princess animated film is released. (1994) See National Princess Day.
- 19: On his second voyage to the New World, Christopher Columbus discovers Puerto Rico. (1493) Abraham Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address. (1863) American inventor Frederick E. Blaisdell patents the pencil. (1895) Kellogg's PopTarts hits supermarket shelves. (1965)
- 20: The U.S. government begins requiring photos on passports. (1914) Ford quits making the unpopular Edsel. (1959) In a television interview, Princess Diana admits she cheated on Prince Charles. (1995)
- 21: Honolulu Harbor is discovered. (1794) The horror film "Frankenstein" is released. (1931)
- 22: The first snowmobile patent is issued to Carl Eliason of Sayner, WI. (1927) President John F. Kennedy, the youngest person to become a U.S. president, is assassinated in Dallas, Texas as his motorcade traveled through the city. (1959) Scientists at Harvard University isolate a single human gene for the first time. (1969)
- 23: A patent is issued for the horseshoe manufacturing machine. (1835) The revolutionary Jukebox is first displayed, becoming an instant success. See National Jukebox Day. (1889) J.L. Love receives a patent for the pencil sharpener. (1897) The Wright Brothers form a corporation to manufacture airplanes. (1909)
- 24: Charles Darwin publishes his theory on evolution "On the Origin of the Species", sparking great controversy. (1859) American inventor Joseph Glidden patents barbed wire. (1874) Air Force One, the first presidential airplane, is christened. (1954)

HISTORICAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER BY DAY (continued)

- 25: The British evacuates New York City, their last military installation in the United States. (1783) Benjamin Banneker publishes his Farmer's Almanac for the first time. (1792) Evaporated milk is patented. (1880) The first Thanksgiving Day parade is held in Philadelphia, PA. (1920) Woody Woodpecker premieres in Walter Lantz's cartoon "Knock, Knock". (1940)
- 26: The first lion was exhibited in America. (1716) At the request of both houses of Congress, President George Washington proclaims Thanksgiving Day. It is the first official U.S. holiday. (1789) President George Washington holds the first-ever cabinet meeting. It is held in Washington's home. (1791) America's first street railway car begins operation in New York City. The ride costs 12 cents. (1832) The television game show "The Price is Right" premieres on NBC. (1956) The Concorde Supersonic Transport jet (SST) makes its final flight, returning to Briton, England. (2003) Dr Vijaypat Singhania from India earns the Guinness World Book of Records for the highest altitude. He rode a balloon to a height of 68,986 feet. (2005)
- 27: Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel creates the Nobel Peace Prize. (1894) Penn Station opens in New York, becoming the world's largest railway terminal. (1910) Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade marches down West 77th Street and Central Park West in New York City for the first time. (1924) Blockbuster animated film "Frozen" is released. (2013) Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan Markle announce their engagement. (2017)
- 28: 6 cars go 55 miles from Chicago to Evanston and back in America's first automobile race. (1895) The "Grande Ole Opry" debuts on the radio. (1925) Groucho Marx performs on the radio for the first time. (1932) The first Cyber Monday is held with great success. (2005)
- 29: Sir James Jay invents invisible ink. (1775) Thomas A. Edison displays his hand-cranked phonograph. (1877) The United Nations partitions Palestine between Arabs and Jews. (1947) Atari launches the video game "Pong". (1972)
- 30: The United States and Great Britain sign a peace treaty in Paris, formally ending the Revolutionary War. (1782) John Landis Mason patents the mason canning jar, revolutionizing food safety and storage. (1858)











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2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME			
□ RENEWAL			
□ INDIVIDUAL			
SPOUSE'S NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
EMAIL ADDRESS:			(for email notifications and newsletter)
PHONE NUMBER:			
WHAT TYPE(S) OF BO	OTTLES DO YOU COLLE	CT?	
SIGNATURE:			DATE:
Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at the Towson Presbyterian Church, 400 W. Chesapeake Ave., Towson, MD 21204. The meetings will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. but attendees are encouraged to arrive as early as 6:00 p.m.			
Dues are \$20 for an	Individual or a Family	Dues Enclosed:	
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