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Hello West Region FOHBC members,

The federation board members met in Baltimore on March 7th for our annual spring meeting. It was a very productive meeting with many items on the agenda. We agreed to update the FOHBC website to give it a new look, we also discussed FOHBC sponsored shows and increasing our membership. The Memphis National Bottle Show will be our next FOHBC event. Be sure to look at the flyer attached. Our 2012 FOHBC Expo Bottle Show will be in Reno next year. The Reno Expo is starting to take shape through the efforts of our West Region supporters. As with all FOHBC shows, the Reno Expo will have seminars and displays. Please start thinking about putting together a quality display or hosting a seminar. Expos are only held every four years and it may be decades before another Expo is held in the West. Let's work together and make it a show to remember.

As for local show news, the Las Vegas Bottle Show in February was bustling with buyers. Aisles were crowded with collectors buying new items for their collections. The Morro Bay show is always a nice break from the larger more traditional shows. For a smaller show the quality of bottles was outstanding. Please see the Morro Bay article attached written by our West Region Editor Dar Furda. Also, don't forget we have a number of shows coming up this spring in the West Region. The Washington Bottle Collectors Association Annual Spring Insulator, Bottle and Collectible Show will be May 13. And we also have the Montana Bottle Collectors Association and San Diego Antique Bottle & Collectibles Club shows in June.

Please help us promote the hobby by telling your bottle collecting friends about the FOHBC. In addition to individual memberships, bottle clubs can also find value by joining. The FOHBC provides a number of benefits to affiliated clubs. Bottle show and meeting place insurance coverage as well as display award ribbons are just a few of the benefits. Talk to your local clubs about becoming an affiliated club.

Morro Bay 2011

(A Special Place)

By Dar Furda

Not only is Morro Bay a special place for tourists, it is an annual March draw for bottle-collecting folks. Dealers sign up and show up rain or shine. I like to feel that the Morro Bay Bottle Show is like the herd gathering at the water hole. It is not only a necessity for some; it is also a way of life.

This year was no different than other years in identifying a familiar dealer's head popping up in the crowd. Ken Lawler and I went about our rounds waving to some familiar folks while shaking hands with others. The Western Club folks turned out mostly behind tables peddling their great finds. Among them was Mike Hennes, Ken Edward (no "s" please), Rick Lindgren, Lou Lambert, Mark Acardi, Doug Hansen and Bill Ham. I'm not sure if Jerry Forbes is a club member, but I know Ken and I have seen him at many shows throughout the years. Some LA Club members such as Don and Val Wippert, Chuck Gildea, Dave Carvalho and Scott Yeargain were selling, as well.



Jeff Wichmann was highly visible not only because he is tall, but because he always brings some great finds to tempt folks. Two abreast is the best way to describe Jeff's crowds and they were out at his tables on the patio on Friday with multiple bottles tucked under their arms.

There were a couple of great deals that went down at this show. You will see a picture accompanying this article of Jerry Forbes holding two variants of his Doctor Fisch's Bitters bottles. He had owned the citron-colored bottle for about four years and had just purchased the one with the greenish tint. Minutes after I took this shot, the citron-colored bottle was going to a new home. I heard that those of you who heard who the purchaser is was quite surprised to learn that person had whipped out the old check book. There were probably some other great bottles exchanging hands, as well. I have realized that the smaller the show sometimes there is more opportunity for good deals to take place. Congratulations on your new find,

Jerry. Your new Doctor Fisch's Bitters is a very desirable variant. Imagine those bottles being Patented in 1866. What were any of you doing 145 years ago? Surely I jest!



Morro Bay 2011

Ken Edward displayed his usual vibrant variables in his display case, but this year he had put out a “killer-colored” demijohn next to the case. He is not a demijohn collector, but the color took his eye and it also took mine.

LA Club Member Don Wippert displayed his Western Jamaica Gingers. He also mentioned to Ken Lawler that he was able to purchase a “replacement” Ginger at this show. It will replace one he has that has a crack in it.

While Friday was sunny and cold, it was the ideal day for folks selling on the patio and for Web to do his barbeque. He provided his homemade wine and his usually “top-o-the-line” aged meat for his Friday night specialty barbeque. It is always an ideal setting for dealers to “chomp and chat” and start “feeling pretty good” about that day’s sales and Web’s homemade wine.

A steady flutter of rain and dampness settled in early on Saturday, with a more steady rain later in the day, but Ken Lawler and I seemed to enjoy the show even more at that point. The place got crowded and the buying picked up considerably.

Always expect the unexpected when you attend a show. You never know when you’ll run across something you have been looking for. With all this



behind us, we decided that we better say our goodbyes and head down the rainy trail to Oak Park. Now we have to

plan for our next show. Hope to see you there!



Rock Your Way to Memphis

Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors



2011 National Show & Sale

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June 25 – 26, 2011



Banquet:	Friday, June 24 ~ 7:00 PM
Early Admission:	Saturday, June 25 ~ 1:00 to 5:00 PM
Auction:	Saturday, June 25 ~ 7:00 PM
General Admission (\$5):	Sunday, June 26 ~ 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



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The Federation of Historical Bottle
Collectors Presents

EXPO 2012

Antique Bottle and
Collectible Show
Reno, Nevada



July 27th – 29th, 2012



At the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino

Early Admission:	Friday July 27 th	1:30pm – 6:00pm
Banquet:	Friday, July 27 th	7:00pm
Dealer set-up/Early admission:	Saturday, July 28 th	7:00am – 9:00am
General Admission:	Saturday, July 28 th	9:00am – 4:00pm
General Admission:	Sunday, July 29 th	9:00am – 3:00pm

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