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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Our August meeting was a great event. The meeting was very well attended by our members as well as several visitors considering joining the club. Many of our members attended dinner before the meeting. We thank the Elks for being wonderful hosts for our dinner and meeting. Our business portion of the meeting was focused on our annual bottle show September 29th at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge. We also had the FOHBC public relations director Pam Selenak talk to us about the Reno Expo and thefts at bottle shows. If you have a sales table at an upcoming bottle show do not leave your table unattended. After the business portion of our meeting Richard Tucker gave a wonderful presentation on early American flasks. Please join me in thanking Richard for sharing his knowledge of early American glass. Don't forget our bottle show is only two days after our September meeting. I hope you have time to attend our show this year. It will be at a new location in Santa Ana with more room and more sales tables. Also, don't forget that the weekend following our bottle show the Insulator Tailgater will be held in Grand Terrace Cali-

fornia.

Our August meeting show and tell was a little rushed with so many people attending, but we were able to give everyone time to discuss the items they brought to the meeting. Some members brought items they found at the Reno Expo. I have never seen so many show and tell items at one of our meetings. Show and tell at our October meeting will be the popular "members choice". Bring in an interesting bottle or item to discuss.

September is a big month for LAHBC birthdays. Please join me in wishing a happy birthday to Richard Dotson, Dennis Rogers, Don Wippert and Dwayne Anthony. If I have missed anyone's birthday this month; let me know so we can add them to our birthday celebration list.

I hope to see you at our next meeting September 27th, Dave



MINUTES OF AUGUST 23TH MEETING.



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THE PURPOSE OF THE CLUB: To socially unite the bottle collectors of Los Angeles County and to promote, foster and encourage all legal activities toward the betterment of bottle collecting. We encourage the exchanging of information and the exhibiting, promoting and researching of bottles and related collectibles.

MONTHLY MEETINGS are held at 7:30 P.M., the fourth Thursday of each month. Our meeting location is at the Elks Lodge in Duarte at 2436 Huntington Drive, CA 91010-2153. Cost of membership is \$25.00 a year . Please see application on the reverse cover for membership information.

Opinions expressed in *The Whittlemark* are those solely of the editors or others who contribute editorial and other material to the newsletter. These opinions do not necessarily reflect those of the members. Any corrections or comments should be addressed to the current President and Secretary at the Whittlemark.

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This newsletter won First Place in the 2008, 2002 and 2010 FOHBC national newsletter contest. Second place in 2006, 1996 and 1993. And third place in the 1991 and 1995 national newsletter contest. This newsletter is dedicated to all those members, past and present, that have contributed so much of their time and efforts to keep our club the "Best in the West"!

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Will be given at the September meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Our upcoming September 29 show was discussed. The Treasurer will be able to report on the security deposit figure and whatever other monies are owed or have been paid to the Santa Ana Lodge.

Dick Homme reported that no permits are required for our show from Orange or Santa Ana. We will be allowed to use the show room and the patio outdoors. If we were to use the parking lot for part of our show, our club would be charged an additional \$800. Dick also said that he had a conversation with the Santa Ana Lodge representative discussing the fact that there will be coffee and donuts provided in the morning and then sandwiches, chips and sodas for purchase at noon. The Lodge representative wanted to get an estimate as to how many sandwiches they need to have on hand. Dick told them that there will be show attendees who will probably want to purchase lunch as well as dealers. He could only give them an approximate number. There is no way to nail down

an exact count. They now understand that.

Don Wippert said that each dealer will be responsible for their own table coverings at our show. However Don said that he will bring 30 or more in case there is a need by any of the dealers.

A last minute adjustment has to be made as to when the show will close. Our advertising states that it closes at 4:00. The Lodge has asked that dealers be packed up and leave by 3:00. It has been brought to our attention that the Lodge has another event coming right after our show. Dwayne Anthony volunteered to alert folks to the new closing time through his Insulator Group Bottle Forum. Dave Maryo will change the flyer that is on our club website and sent word to the FOHBC President, Ferdinand Meyer to change that website.

Another subject for show discussion was displays. Bob Manthorne suggested that club members work together on another club display like last year. He did mention that the display tables are 6’ not 8.” He suggested everyone who is going to contribute toward the club display bring three (3) bottles. Bob said the little white tray liners can be used like last year. Pam Selenak will bring the FOHBC ribbon to the show that is provided clubs for one of the display awards. Bob

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will make sure other ribbons are available.

Dave Maryo is encouraging individual displays, as well. He suggested that it would look better to have the display area tables filled. With that said, Bob suggested that if anyone wanted to have a display that they should contact him.

Volunteers were requested by Dave Maryo to cover the show entry table. Val Wippert volunteered her daughter who worked it last year. Tom Hanna volunteered his grandchildren who also worked it last year.

As of this meeting Don Wippert said we have 32 tables spoken for out of a possible 50 to 60.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pam Selenak, Public Relations Director for the FOHBC, came by to say a few words on the subject of an "Awareness" issue brought up as a result of 12 bottles that were stolen at the FOHBC Reno Expo Show this year. She suggested that dealers at our show should be made aware that they should not leave their tables unattended. If they do intend to be away from their tables for awhile, they should arrange for coverage. She reported that 9 out of the 12 thefts that took place were when dealers were away from their tables.



September Announcements

SHOW TIME: Only Days Away!!!

Tables are going fast! If you are a dealer, time is growing short to contact Don Wippert 818.346.9833, Email: donwippert@yahoo.com or Dick Homme 818.362.3368.

CLUB DISPLAY: Members bottles.

Members who are interested in participating, please choose **THREE BOTTLES** to bring to the show. Bob Manthorne will assist you with placing them in the display.

That's it for this month. Remember, if you have any news, announcements, articles or a classified a, drop us an email!

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DRAWING WINNERS:

Chuck Gildea was asked to conduct the raffle at this meeting. He did so with his usual good humor!

- \$10 Brian Kussman,
- \$10 Dave Hall
- \$20 Bob Manthorne
- Members Only: Kathy Tucker
- Best Theme: Chuck Gildea

NEW MEMBERS:

Richard Aldridge joined our club in May 2012. He was a member of the former San Bernardino Club during the 1987 – 1992 timeframe.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darlene "Dar" Furda, Secretary

Message in a bottle.



Scottish fisherman, Andrew Leaper has set a Guinness World Record by recovering the oldest-known message in a bottle off the northern coast of Scotland.

It was set adrift more than 98 years ago in June 1914 by Capt. CH Brown.

According to the BBC, the bottle was one of 1,890 research bottles that were designed to sink in order to map the ocean currents surrounding Scotland. Thus far, only 315 of them have been returned.

"It's amazing that nearly 98 years on, bottles are still being returned to the Marine Laboratory – and in such fantastic condition," he said.

Aside from requesting the finder record the details of the discovery, the postcard inside the bottle also promises a reward of sixpence. Unfortunately for Leaper, that particular coin no longer exists.

The Baby Buttons

Ordinarily, I wouldn't consider writing an article on the finding of a cache of old buttons, but in this instance, I felt very drawn to the human interest story associated with them and the beautiful soda bottle they had been stored in.

This incident occurred across the street from an old block just north of downtown Los Angeles where several real good outhouses had been dug over a period of almost twenty years. The area where the digging had gone on was Ann Street on the south, Sotello on the north, Weyse on the west and Basil on the east. Basil was renamed Naud Street around the turn of the century. The first outhouse that Margaret and I found on this property was in March of 1990 and produced almost a dozen Hutch sodas and three amber Central Pharmacy, Preuss and Peroni Drug Store bottles, 2, 4, and 6 oz. capacity, in very good condition. This property became off limits for several years with asphalt, a fence and round the clock security guards. Then in 2005, it opened up and we found a couple more good holes. Then in 2006, Margaret and I, along with Ken and Dar, dug a monstrous hole from 1870-1872, which contained a couple of nice blob top San Francisco sodas.



65 tiny baby button and the H.W Stoll soda bottle. (fig. 1)

The lot of interest in this story is now a vacant lot on the east side of Basil/Naud Street and a parking lot just to the north. To my knowledge, no outhouses were ever found on this lot, despite much probing. The vacant lot (see fig. 4), most of which was covered by a structure labeled 'Tenement' extended 187' north of Ann St. today, along with a small structure. By 1894, the smaller structure was labeled 'Vac.' for vacant, and by 1906 (see fig. 3), it had been removed. Since both of these structures are sitting at an angle to the property lines, they were probably built when Basil was just a cart path.

Four years ago, in 2008, the warehouse owners on Ann St. started construction on the vacant lot for an extension of their facility right up to the fence of the adjacent property (see fig. 2). This fence line matches up with the property line on Main Street, which is the next street over and not shown on the 1906 map (see fig. 3).

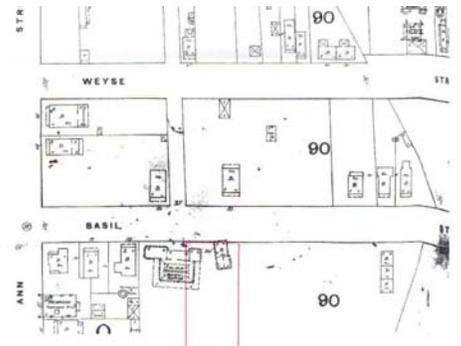
Once they began clearing the vacant lot, I became very interested and checked out their progress daily. As time passed, I did some probing along a 50' arc behind the vacant small structure. No Luck. The lot being 70' X 150' meant there



The lot on Main. (fig. 2)



Sanborn 1906 Map. (fig. 3)



Sanborn 1880 Map. (fig. 4)



Henriette & Frank Schmidt's headstone. (fig. 5)

(see fig. 1)

The bottle must have been used as a storage vessel for the buttons for quite some time. From the condition of the bottle; no case-wear, except for one spot on one of the embossed letters, we can assume it was only used once as a soda container. There is enough shelf-wear on the base to assume it spent several years on a shelf in someone's sewing room, protecting the tiny, fragile buttons.

As time went on, I developed a real interest in the history of my find. One day I went to the city library, found a Los Angeles directory from the early 1900's and patiently went through it page by page to find a name associated with the address of the ground floor apartment adjacent to the vacant lot. I found several names of people living on that block of Naud Street; most listed their employment as being with the railroad shops being one block away on Spring Street. Finally I came to a Frank Schmidt at the apartment address I was looking for. He also worked for the railroad.

Next I went to the Evergreen Cemetery in Los Angeles and asked if they could direct me to Mr. Schmidt's burial site. Yes they could and the result was (see fig. 5) the tombstone showing Frank and his wife Henriette who was born in 1867 and died in 1929. Could the bottle and buttons have belonged to her? If they had, I promised her I would take good care of them for her; said a prayer, and walked back to my car with a big lump in my throat and yes, tears in my eyes.

must be at least one outhouse and one or more trash pits, but I just never found any.

As their work progressed, I diligently kept up with it. Then one day they started digging a trench for the new extension right out to the property lines. The trench was at least 4' deep by 4' wide. As you can see on Fig. 3, the new building extension is within 1'-2' of the property line marked by the old chain link fence.

One day after work, as I stood on the sidewalk looking down the trench, I saw a clod of dirt about 6" in diameter and 12" long lying in the bottom of the trench. I could see the base of a bottle showing in the center of the 6" diameter clod of dirt. The clod had fallen out of the side of the trench which was adjacent to the parking lot property, which shows the two-story four 4-plex house on the 1906 map (see fig. 3). The clod was 25-30' from the sidewalk, certainly no place for an outhouse to be. I went through the opening in the fence, hopped down

into the trench, picked up the dirt clod with the bottle base showing, broke the clod apart, and WOW! To my joy and amazement out popped a beautiful green/aqua H.W. Stoll, Los Angeles, blob top soda. The dirt fell away revealing a nearly mint example with outstanding embossing (see fig. 1). I checked the area where the clod had come out of, and didn't see any other evidence of anything associated with an outhouse or trash pit. It appeared the bottle had been intentionally buried in a hole in a vertical position near the surface with the base down and then the fill dirt was carefully tamped down around the bottle, hence the 6" diameter X 12" clod.

I took the bottle home and washed it out in the sink. To clean the inside, I put a little water in, swirled it around and could hear a skoosh, skoosh, skoosh sound emanating from inside the bottle. I poured the contents into a saucer and to my surprise, there appeared a handful of 65 tiny white buttons!

Dick Homme



Los Angeles Historical Bottle Club's 46th Annual Antique Bottle, Fruit Jar, Antiques & Collectibles Show & Sale

Saturday September 29th, 2012
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Early Bird 8:00 AM
General Admission \$3 - Early Bird \$5



Member F.O.H.B.C.



\$1 off general admission with this flyer - Not valid for Early Bird

Dealers normally sell antique bottles, fruit jars, insulators, small antiques, advertising, post cards, marbles, primitive items and much much more

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Don Wippert (818) 346-9833 or Dick Homme (818) 362-3368

Show Location

Santa Ana Elks Lodge
212 Elk Lane
Santa Ana, CA
92701

Directions

From North take Interstate 5 South. Exit on 4th Street stay straight ramp becomes Mabury Street. Stay straight Mabury street becomes Elk Lane. 212 Elk Lane is on right

From South take Interstate 5 North. Exit on 4th Street and stay left to 1st Street ramp. Ramp becomes Mabury Street. Stay straight Mabury street becomes Elk Lane. 212 Elk Lane is on right



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Event Calendar

WANTED!

Bottles, Jars and Insulators with any form of wild, colorful or amber swirling.

Good colored Western Bottles, including Bitters (especially IXL), Blob Sodas, Medicines & Jamaica Gingers.

Always interested in buying quality bottle and insulator collections.

Please contact Dwayne Anthony at: (909) 862-9279, or email: owis@roadrunner.com



SEP 29 - SANTA ANA, CA

The Los Angeles Historical Bottle Club's 46th Annual Show & Sale (9am - 4pm admission \$3 with early buyers admission \$5 at 8am), at the Santa Ana Elk Lodge, 212 Elk Ln, Santa Ana, CA.

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website: www.lahbc.org.

OCT 5 & 6 - Canyonville, OR

Jefferson State Bottle Show & Sale at the Seven Feathers Casino Resort, 146 Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville, OR. Sat - Oct 6, 2012 9am - 3pm, Free Entry. Dealer setup Oct 5: 12-7pm & Oct 6: 7-9am. Early bird 12-7pm Friday & 8-9am Sat \$10.00.

Info: Bruce Silva(541)899-8411
jsglass@q.com

OCT 12 & 13 - Santa Rosa, CA

NW Bottle Collectors Annual Bottle & Collectibles Show, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa, CA, Sat, 13 Oct 2012, 9am to 3pm, Early admission, Fri 12 Oct 2012, 12 noon to 6pm, Free entry, Early bird \$10.00, Bev Siri, 707.542.6438

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John Burton, 707.318.2469
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DEC 1 - Auburn, CA

49er Historical Association 35th Annual "Best of the West" Bottle & Antique Show, 9am - 3pm, Free Admission! Set-up: Fri 30 Nov 2012, Noon to 7pm at 1275 High Street, Auburn, California, Contact: Mike McKillop, 916.367.1829, pville1871@yahoo.com

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