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Raleigh Bottle Club Newsletter



Pink Pepsi bottles are rare indeed but if you had been at the Pepsi Fest sometime in the early 90's you could have picked up the entire lot of 34 for about \$7500.00. Sounds like a lot but today that same 34 bottles would bring ten times that amount. The pink Pepsi bottles were made by Wheaton and presented to Pepsi for preproduction approval. Pepsi rejected the bottle saying the color of Pepsi conflicted with the pink color of the bottle. Wheaton discarded the bottles. A worker managed to collect the bottles and stored them away for several years. He later decided to sell them to, of all people, a Coke collector. Realizing he had a unique item he decided to attend the Pepsi Fest in Indianapolis, Indiana in search of a buyer. Scott Kinzie, a fellow collector from Virginia had first pick of these unusual bottles but decided to pass them up. Scott sent the Coke man to RBC's own Sterling Mann. Sterling purchased two of the bottles. At a later time, and at a much higher price, Sterling purchased a third. Donnie Medlin came on the Pepsi scene a few years later and now owns the three bottles pictured in this months Bottle Talk. Some Pepsi collectors say there could be 4 or 5 variations of the pink Pepsi and not just the 3 pictured. You can bet if there are two more variations they will sooner or later make their final journey to Louisburg, N.C. to spend their last years at the Medlin household.

Do you remember the big one that got away? You can bet Scott and Sterling certainly do.

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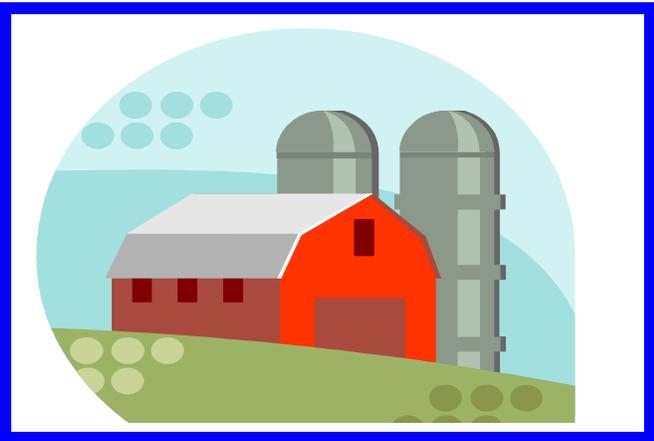
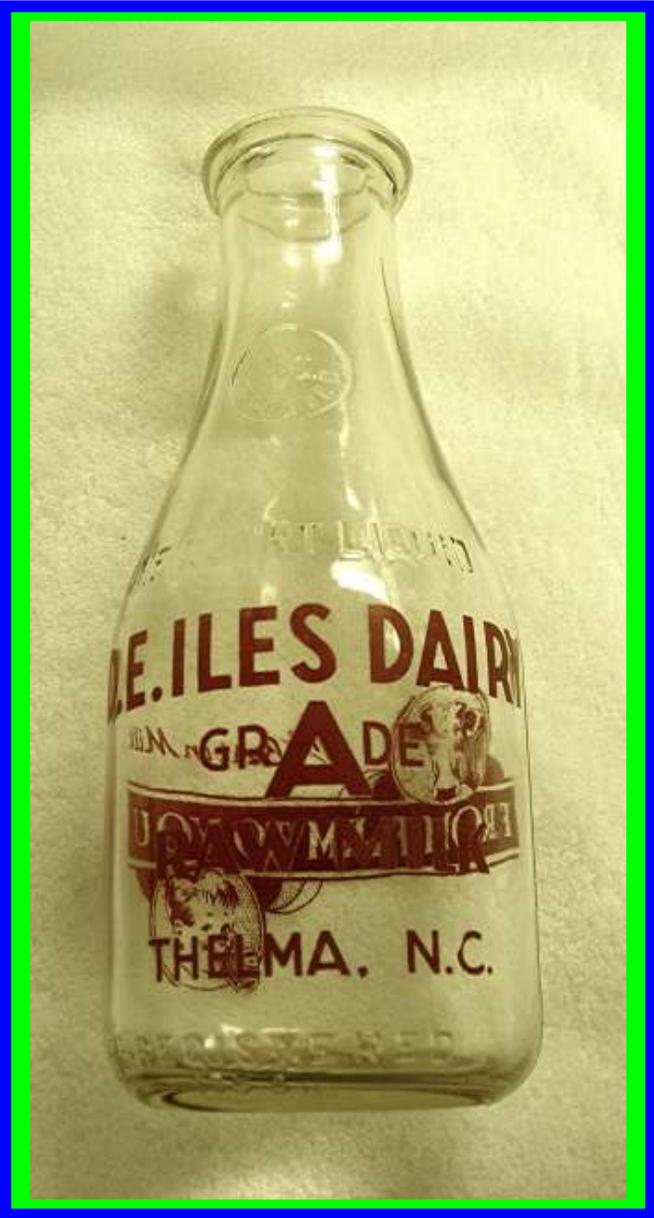
show and Tell



This nice Hutchinson style **HAMLET BOTTLING WORKS** bottle from Hamlet, N.C was presented by Whitt Stallings. The hutchinson style closure dates this bottle between 1879 and 1915.



Pem Woodlief presented this nice BUFFALO SPRING WATER bottle. These bottles are not that unusual unless you happen to be looking for one with this rare light apple green color.



A Brief History of D.E. Iles Dairy, Thelma, N.C.

The nice D.E. ILES quart milk bottle from Thelma, N.C. was shown by Pem Woodlief. Being as curious as I am, and never having heard of Thelma, N.C, I checked the internet to see just where Thelma was located. From the aerial map of Thelma it appeared to be a small farming community on Hwy 158 between Littleton and South Weldon. Chances are if you traveled this road you just might pass through Thelma and never know you were there. After locating Thelma on Mapquest, I thought it would be interesting to see if the Iles family still lived there. After a quick check I found D.E. Iles Jr. listed in the Thelma vicinity. As I suspected this person turned out to be the son of the founder of D.E. Iles Dairy.

The Iles dairy business began in 1931 with 25 to 30 milk cows. Mr. Iles had an old car with the back seat removed to make room for 10 gallon milk containers. He started out selling buttermilk and butter from his converted auto. In the morning he would fill his containers with buttermilk and drive through the neighborhoods selling his product. His customers would bring their own containers to his car where he would use a dipper to transfer the buttermilk from his container to theirs. In 1939 Mr. Iles started a retail home milk delivery business in the neighborhoods around Roanoke Rapids, N.C. His son remembers going in the back door of the homes into the kitchen where the customer would leave a note stating how much milk and butter they needed. He would bring it in the house and put it in the refrigerator. These were definitely the good old days. Along with his home delivery business Mr Iles supplied pint and half pint bottles of milk to schools and mills in the area. The Iles dairy continued the retail route delivery until 1953. After 1953 the milk was sold to large distributors. During their peak production years D.E. Iles Dairy milked more than 200 cows a day.

The dairy system in the southeast began a steady decline with the introduction of the mega dairies in Texas and California. These mega dairies sometimes would milk 1500 to 2000 cows a day. The new interstate highway system has made it possible for them to transport large tankers of fresh milk across the U.S. in less than two days. The government would not allow farmers in the Southeast to cut prices on their product so they could compete fairly in the marketplace. This situation is leading to the disappearance of dairy farmers in the southeast. Less than 40% of the milk consumed in the southeast today is produced here. No doubt the percentage will continue to drop and the dairy farmers will be forced to turn to something else to make a living.

Ironically, the day I called Mr. Iles to talk about the milk bottles was the very same day he sold his last milk cow. As of that day the D.E. Iles Dairy ceased to be and a treasured family business was gone forever. (1931-2009)

by Marshall Clements

The D.E. Iles Dairy bottles can be found in quarts, pints, and half pints. The D. E. Iles name only appears on the painted label quarts. There are also embossed quarts. The pints and half pints are painted labels and were never known to show the owners name.



This rare ten pen style Indian Rock Ginger Ale is something you don't see every day. The round center slug plate with the embossing COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO. LEAKSVILLE, N.C. adds to the value. This nice bottle was presented by Donnie Medlin. You can be sure if this Coke bottle is in the Pepsi Guru's collection it is a pretty rare bird.



To Our McDonald's Partners:

The Coca-Cola System produced this series of Coca-Cola aluminum bottles that celebrate West meeting East in the Olympics. To accomplish this, eight Chinese Visual Artists joined eight Western Musicians to capture the true spirit and values of The Coke Side of Life. There were total of eight themes designed to strengthen the perception and feeling of Coca-Cola as a cultural brand leader amidst the background of the Beijing Olympics.

Please enjoy one of these themed bottles and feel free to visit Cocacola.com/we8 for information on the artist/musician inspiration.

From Your Friends At The Coca-Cola Company



Marshall Clements recently got these new issue Cokes as a gift from his nephew who works for McDonalds Real Estate Office in Atlanta. He now has the challenge of finding the rest of the set. His nephew won't give him any Big Mac coupons but he does come up with some nice bottles from time to time.

WANTS AND DESIRES

WANTED

Coca-Cola Water bottle TOP.

Any style, but prefer the one with the sail boat.

Contact Steve Williams at (317)848-4921
or steve.williams@chiefind.com

BOTTLE TALK READERS

**YOU COULD HAVE
YOUR AD IN THIS SPACE.**

Ads are free to all readers as long as space allows.

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2-LITER SODA BOTTLES WANTED

Will pay reasonable price for glass, two liter, soda bottles in very good condition, w/cap and bright color. ACL or Styrofoam.

*Marshall Clements (919) 423-8557
blobtop@gmail.com*

*Will pay top dollar for bottles embossed
'Wilmington, N.C'*

Sodas Medicines
Whiskeys Beers
Milks

Contact:
*Chris Whitehurst
cbw315@yahoo.com*

***** WANTED *****

Raleigh, N.C. Memorabilia

(old items embossed or labeled RALEIGH, N.C.)

ephemera - advertisement - license plates
- BOTTLES -

Contact: Jack Murdock 919-829-5766

***** WANTED *****

TAB BOTTLES

**Will pay reasonable price for
unusual colors or odd sized TAB
bottles.**

Contact: DeeAnn Nichols
919-383-2094

BLAST FROM THE PAST



This turn of the century photograph is from Pem Woodlief's collection of N.C. memorabilia. This is an early photo of W.D. Upchurch's Bar in downtown Raleigh, N.C. The slogan printed on the W.D. Upchurch whiskey bottles reads "*The reliable liquor dealer when in want of pure liquor*". W. D. Upchurch, known as "Whiskey Bill", is the guy on the left behind the bar. His brother, "Snuff Bill", is standing in front of the bar. What do you think the four rags hanging from the bar were used for?

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BOTTLE COLLECTORS

If you have not yet joined the FOHBC I would strongly encourage you do so. There is no better way to keep up with what is going on in the world of bottle collecting. Membership includes a subscription to the BOTTLES AND EXTRAS magazine. Membership information can be found on the website:

www.fohbc.com



*Send your payment to:
PSBCA -The Soda Fizz
341 Yellowstone Drive
Fletcher, N.C. 28732*

SODA BOTTLE COLLECTORS

If you are a collector of painted label soda bottles you need to be a member of Painted Soda Bottles Collectors Association. A one year membership includes bi-monthly issues of Soda Fizz magazine. This magazine is a must for the soda bottle collector. Soda Fizz is the premier magazine for the collector of painted label soda bottles. For additional information contact:

psbca@thesodafizz.com

THE BOTTLE WORLDS PREMIER WEB SITE

www.raleighbottleclub.org

If you have constructive ideas or suggestions please contact Robert Creech at:

raleighbottleclub@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 18-19 - JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

The Antique Bottle Collectors of North Florida's 42nd Annual Show & Sale (Sat. 8 AM - 3 PM; Early Buyers Fri. 5 PM to 8 PM) at the Fraternal Order of Police Bldg., 5530 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida. INFO: **MIKE SKIE**, 3047 Julington Creek Road, Jacksonville, FL 32223, PH:: (904) 710-0422 or **JACKIE McRAE**, PH: (904) 879-3696.

SEPTEMBER 20 - WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

The Apple Valley Bottle Collectors Club's 35th Annual Show & Sale, (9am - 3pm, early buyers 7:30am), at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Family Life Center, 1309 Opequon Ave, Winchester, VA. Info: **Richard Venskoste**, 2038 Chestnut Grove Rd, Winchester, VA 22630, ph: (5 40) 247-4429

SEPTEMBER 26.... RALEIGH, N.C. ...SEE INFORMATION on Page 13.

OCTOBER 3 - CHESTERFIELD, VIRGINIA

Richmond Virginia Antique Bottle Show & Sale (Sat. 9 AM - 3 PM, \$3, Early Adm. 7:30 AM \$10) **NEW LOCATION** -at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds, 10300 Courthouse Rd., Chesterfield, VA 23832, INFO: **MARVIN CROKER**, PH: (804) 275-1101, E-mail: RichBottleClub@comcast.net or **ED FAULKNER**, PH: (804) 739-2951

OCTOBER 3 - POINT PLEASANT, WEST VIRGINIA

The West Virginia State Farm Museum Bottle Show (9am to 3pm) West Virginia State Farm Museum (located 4 miles north of Point Pleasant on Fairgrounds road - take State Route 62 North, 4 miles then turn right on Fairgrounds Road), Point Pleasant, West Virginia. INFO: **CHARLIE PERRY**, 39304 Bradbury Rd, Middleport, OH 45760, PH: **(740) 992-5088**, E-mail: perrycola@suddenlink.net.

NOVEMBER 22 - GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

The Southeast Bottle Club's Greensboro Antique Bottle, Pottery & Collectibles Show & Sale (Sun. 9 AM - 3 PM, Adm. \$1, Set-up 7 - 9 AM; No Early Adm.) at the Farmer's Curb Market, 501 Yanceyville St., Greensboro, North Carolina. Free appraisals, free bottles for kids, food available, 160 tables. INFO: **REGGIE LYNCH**, 4734 Pimlico Lane, Waxhaw, NC 28173, PH: (704) 221-6489, E-mail: rlynch@antiquebottles.com. Website: www.antiquebottles.com/greensboro.

NOVEMBER 29 - BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA

Forks of the Delaware Bottle Collectors Association's 36th Annual Show & Sale (9am - 3pm, early buyers 7:30am), at the Bethlehem Catholic High School, Madison & Dewberry Avenues, Bethlehem, PA. Info: **Bill Hegedus**, 20 Combridge Place, Catasauqua, PA 18032, ph: (610) 264-5945.



ANTIQUÉ BOTTLE AND COLLECTIBLES SHOW

Sponsored by the **RALEIGH BOTTLE CLUB**

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General Admission: 8:30 am-2:30 pm \$3.00

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**Dealer setup on Friday evening 5-9:00 PM or Saturday morning 6:00 AM
Early buyers Saturday morning 6:00 AM.**