

Bottle Talk

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If you are a bottle digger you more than likely have uncovered an old light bulb at one time or another. The blue bulb on the cover and in photo number 2 was dug years ago by Marshall Clements. They came from a trash dump where the Duke Eye Center now sits. The four in the above picture number 1 were collected by RBC member Pem Woodlief. You might ask; why would anyone be interested in collecting old light bulbs? Well, take a close look at picture number 3. This Edison bulb recently sold on Ebay for \$511.00. The filament is still intact and it will still light up after more than a century. You will find a brief history of the light bulb on page 11. Visit the web site listed at the bottom of the article for a more in depth look at the development of the light bulb.



LEFT: The beautiful amethyst colored Pepsi from Goldsboro was presented by RBC member Robert Creech.

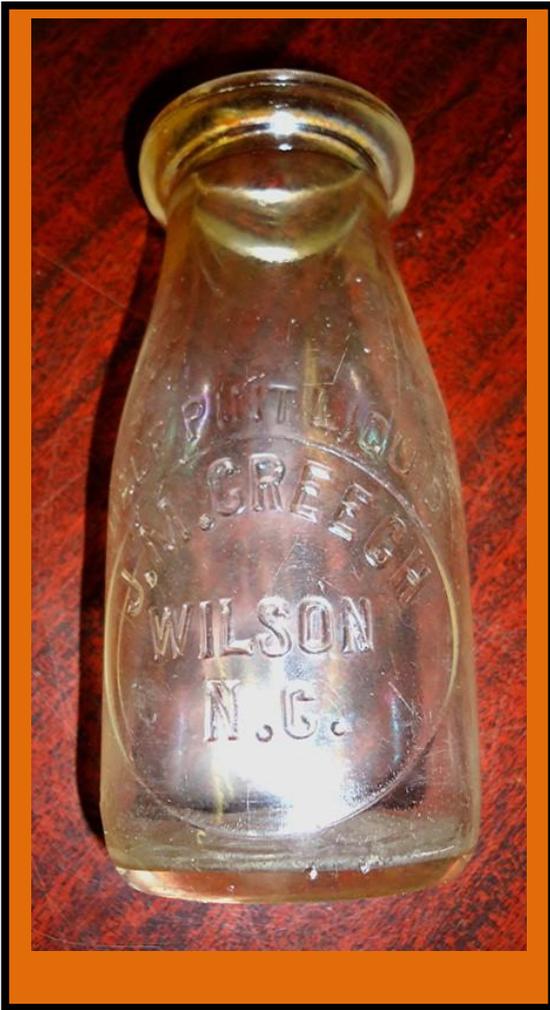
ABOVE: It is amazing how many different types of closures were invented for soda bottles. The foil label Canadian Pepsi above was presented by "Pepsi Guru", Donnie Medlin. It is an example of one of the more recent pull tab tops used by Pepsi. How many of these have you seen? The screw top is taking over.



These “Confederate Egg” insulators were presented by Robbie Delius. During the Civil War the south produced these crude telegraph line insulators. Most all of the ‘egg’ insulators were made in Richmond, Va. Depending on condition and color these insulators could sell for several hundred dollars. Confederate Eggs are worth more than Confederate money.



Several days ago a lady called me about selling some old bottles she had discovered while scuba diving in Bermuda. She was returning to Bermuda and did not want to pay the high tariff to carry the bottles back. The mustard jars in the above photo were just some of the items she had for sale. The jars appear to have been imported from England and France. The pepper sauce bottles pictured on page 6 are from the same lot.



ABOVE: The rare pint J.H. CREECH center slug milk bottle from Wilson, N.C. was presented by Robert Creech. You don't see these every day.

RIGHT: Joel Sanderford presented this nice, colorful King Cola from Oxford, N.C.



Time has come and gone for those who have not yet paid their membership dues. If you have not renewed your membership for 2011 please do so now. Send your payment to Jerry Higgins, 2048 Deer Trail, Clayton, NC, 27527.



These pepper sauce bottles were found by a lady scuba diving in Bermuda. The middle bottle is 10 ½ inches tall. The one on the right is 9 ½ inches and the one on the left is 8 inches. The height, color and unique design make these bottles very collectible. They now have a permanent place in Marshall Clements' display cabinet.

Did You Know?

North Carolina enacted state statutory Prohibition in 1908 with an operative date of January 1, 1909. This law prohibited the sale and manufacture of intoxication liquors.

In 1911 the Prohibition was expanded to include near-beer, beerine and similar drinks containing alcohol, cocaine, morphine or other opium derivatives. This new rule included private clubs.

The General Assembly passed an act in 1913 making the possession of one gallon of liquor evidence of guilt. In 1915 this was expanded to prohibit the delivery and receipt of more than one quart of liquor in 15 days.

In 1917 a bill was passed making the manufacture of liquor a felony with a minimum sentence of 12 months upon conviction.

After July 1, 1917 the state became bone dry and liquor advertisement was no longer permitted to circulate through the mail.

North Carolina ratified the Prohibition Amendment to the Federal Constitution January of 1919.

It is interesting that in 1915 the booze continued to flow for personal use and was sold throughout Raleigh by the "blind-tiger" drug stores. It is noted that one Raleigh druggist within a three month period filled 3,990 prescriptions for whiskey, 555 for beer, 26 for gin, 50 for wine and 14 for brandy. Another druggist had received 835 gallon of spirits in a five month period.

More later on the elicited liquor trade during Prohibition and the special circumstances that allowed this liquor trade to exist in North Carolina.

David Tingen

NOTE

If you have interesting stories or information related to bottles or collectibles, please email them to me. I am always looking for articles, words of wisdom, pictures and opinions. How about a little help folks?

Marshall Clements: Editor

Show Calendar

March 6, 2011 (Sunday) Baltimore, MD

Baltimore Antique Bottle Club's 31st Annual Show & Sale (8am - 3pm) at Essex Campus of the Community College of Baltimore County, 7201 Rossville Blvd, Baltimore, MD. Info: Eric Ewen, ph: (410) 265-5745, email: Teresaanderic@comcast.net
FOHBC Club

March 12 (Saturday) Badin, NC

Uwharrie Bottle Club's 4th Annual Bottle and Collectibles Show & Sale (8am - 3pm) at the Badin Fire Department, Badin, NC. Info: Todd McSwain, ph: (704) 474-0552, email: mcswain8649@windstream.net
FOHBC Club

March 18 - 19, 2011 (Friday - Saturday) Deland, FL

The Deland M-T Bottle Collectors Club's 41st Annual Bottle and Insulator Show & Sale (Early buyers Friday 3pm - 7pm \$20 and public Saturday 9am - 3pm) at the Volusia County Fairgrounds, Deland, FL. Info: Brian Hoblick, PO Box 2015, DeLeon Springs, FL 32130, ph: (386) 804-9635, email: hoblock@aol.com or Dwight Pettit Jr, ph: (386) 575-0293, email: pettit9119@bellsouth.net, www.m-tbottleclub.com.
FOHBC Club

April 16, 2011 (Saturday) Salisbury, NC

Piedmont Bottle and Pottery Club's 5th Annual Show & Sale (8am - 2pm, 6:30am dealer setup at the Salisbury Civic Center, 315 S Martin Luther King Ave (formerly 315 S Boundary St), Salisbury, NC 28144. Info: John Patterson, ph: (704) 636-9510, email: ncmilks@carolina.rr.com

April 30 (Saturday) Aiken, SC

The Horse Creek Bottle Club's 3rd Annual Show & Sale (9am - 3pm, no early buyer) at the H. Odell Weeks Activities Center, 1700 Whiskey Rd, Aiken, SC 28903. Info: Geneva Greene, ph: (803) 593-2271 or Mike Newman, ph: (706) 829-8060.
FOHBC Club

May 7 (Saturday) Gray, TN

The State of Franklin Antique Bottle and Collectibles Association's 13th Annual Show & Sale (8am - 2pm with free admission; dealer setup and early buyers (\$10) - Friday, May 6 12 noon - 6pm). Info: Melissa Milner, ph: (423) 928-4445, email: mmilner12@chartertn.net, www.sfabca.com.
FOHBC Club

Saturday, June 4, 2011

RALEIGH BOTTLE CLUBS *Bottle and Collectible Show and Sale*

N.C. State Fairgrounds ... James Martin Building Show Set Up: 7:00 – 8:00 A.M. Open to Public: 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. General ADMISSION \$3.00 Vendor Tables (8 ft.) \$25.00.

Additional Tables \$15.00 each. For table Reservations and show information contact:

Whitt Stallings (919-781-6339) awhittstallings@planetebay.net

June 25 - 26, 2011 (Saturday - Sunday) Memphis, TN Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors' Annual National Show & Sale at the Cook Convention Center, Memphis, TN. Info: R. Wayne Lowry, FOHBC Conventions Director, ph: (816) 318-0161, email: JarDoctor@aol.com

July 23, 2011 (Saturday) Tallahassee, FL
The 5th Annual Tallahassee Antique Bottle Show & Sale (9am - 3pm) at the North Florida Fairgrounds, Tallahassee, FL. Info: Britt Keen, 1144 Azalea Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32301, ph: (850) 877-44990, email: britt_keen@hotmail.com, www.floridabottles.com aol.com.

September 19, 2011 Winchester, Va.
The Apple Valley Bottle Collectors Club 36th Annual Show & Sale, (9 AM to 3 PM, early buyers 7:30 AM), at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Family Life Center, 1309 Opequon Ave, Winchester, VA. Info: RICHARD M. VENSKOSKE, 2038 Chestnut Grove Road, Winchester, VA. 22603, PH: (540) 247-4429

October 2 Chesterfield, Va.
The Richmond Antique Bottle Club Annual Show & Sale, (9 AM to 3 PM, early buyers 7:30 AM) at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds, 1030 Courthouse Rd., Chesterfield, VA. Info: MARVIN CROKER, 4718 Twila Ln., Richmond, VA 23234. PH: (804) 275-1101 or ED FULKNER, PH: (804) 739-2951, email: richbottleclub@comcast.net

November 5, 2011 (Saturday) Jacksonville, FL
Antique Bottle Collectors of North Florida's 44th Annual Show & Sale (8am - 3pm with early buyers Friday 5pm - 8pm) at the Fraternal Order of Police Building, 5530 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, FL. Info: Mike Skie, 3047 Julington Creek Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32223, ph: (904) 710- 0422 or Jackie McRae, ph: (904) 879-3696

The show schedule published in BOTTLE TALK will generally list shows of interest on the east coast. It is not meant to be a complete list of all upcoming shows.

There are primarily two web sites listing shows throughout the country. If you are traveling on business or taking a long needed vacation, you might want to take a look at the following sites to see if there is a show in the area:

www.fohbc.com/FOHBC_ShowCalendar2.html

www.glswk-auction.com

Take a look at the enhanced version of the Raleigh Bottle Club web site You can see back issues of BOTTLE TALK, read the 'for sale/want' ads or place an ad of your own. There is also space for you to add pictures of your favorite bottle or perhaps you whole collection.

TAKE A LOOK.....www.raleighbottleclub.org

Robert Creech Web Site Administrator

WANTED

STYROFOAM COVERED SODAS

Any size larger than 20 ounce

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

Coca-Cola Water bottle TOP.

Any style, but prefer the one with the sailboat.

Contact Steve Williams at (317)848-4921

or ***steve.williams@chiefind.com***

FOR SALE

MOUNTAIN DEW

Over 300 hard to find bottles including:

...tri-city bottles

...numbered bottles ...Australian bottles

**...various hard to find bottles and
advertisement pieces**

Contact: Stan Dismukes 772-473-7730

******* 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

Edison Electric Light Company

In the period from 1878 to 1880 Edison and his associates worked on at least three thousand different theories to develop an efficient incandescent lamp.

Edison's lamp would consist of a filament housed in a glass vacuum bulb. He had his own glass blowing shed where the fragile bulbs were carefully crafted for his experiments. Edison was trying to come up with a high resistance system that would require far less electrical power than was used for the arc lamps. This could eventually mean small electric lights suitable for home use.

By January 1879, at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey, Edison had built his first high resistance, incandescent electric light. It worked by passing electricity through a thin platinum filament in the glass vacuum bulb, which delayed the filament from melting. Still, the lamp only burned for a few short hours. In order to improve the bulb, Edison needed all the persistence he had learned years before in his basement laboratory. He tested thousands and thousands of other materials to use for the filament. He even thought about using tungsten, which is the metal used for light bulb filaments now, but he couldn't work with it given the tools available at that time.

He tested the carbonized filaments of every plant imaginable, including bay wood, boxwood, hickory, cedar, flax, and bamboo. He even contacted biologists who sent him plant fibers from places in the tropics. Edison acknowledged that the work was tedious and very demanding, especially on his workers helping with the experiments. He always recognized the importance of hard work and determination. "Before I got through," he recalled, "I tested no fewer than 6,000 vegetable growths, and ransacked the world for the most suitable filament material."

Edison decided to try a carbonized cotton thread filament. When voltage was applied to the completed bulb, it began to radiate a soft orange glow. Just about fifteen hours later, the filament finally burned out. Further experimentation produced filaments that could burn longer and longer with each test. By the end of 1880, he had produced a 16-watt bulb that could last for 1500 hours and he began to market his new invention.

This information is an excerpt from an article found at:
www.ideafinder.com/history/invention/lightbulb/htm

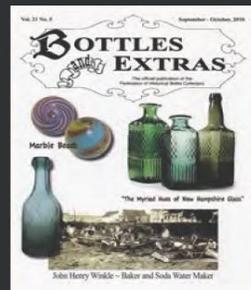
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Discounted access, dealer information and general news regarding the much heralded FOHBC National Show each year. This year the show will be in Memphis in June 2011 and the Expo will be in Reno in 2012!

FOHBC National Show



FOHBC Virtual Museum

Get the latest news regarding the planning and development of the FOHBC Virtual Museum of American Glass. See the great bottles and glass legends, visit galleries, get research material, expand your knowledge.

For more benefits and information on how to join, visit www.fohbc.com or contact the FOHBC Business Manager: June Lowry, email: OSUBuckeyes71@aol.com, tel: (816) 318-0160

The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors is a non-profit organization for collectors of historical bottles and related collectible items. The primary goal of the federation is educational as it relates to the history and manufacture of historical bottles and related artifacts.