

Raleigh Antique Bottle and Collectibles Club Newsletter

# Bottle Talk

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Ice Cutting Machine from Caleb Bradham's Drug Store owned by RBC member Lonnie Blizzard

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# Bottle Talk Feature Of The Month



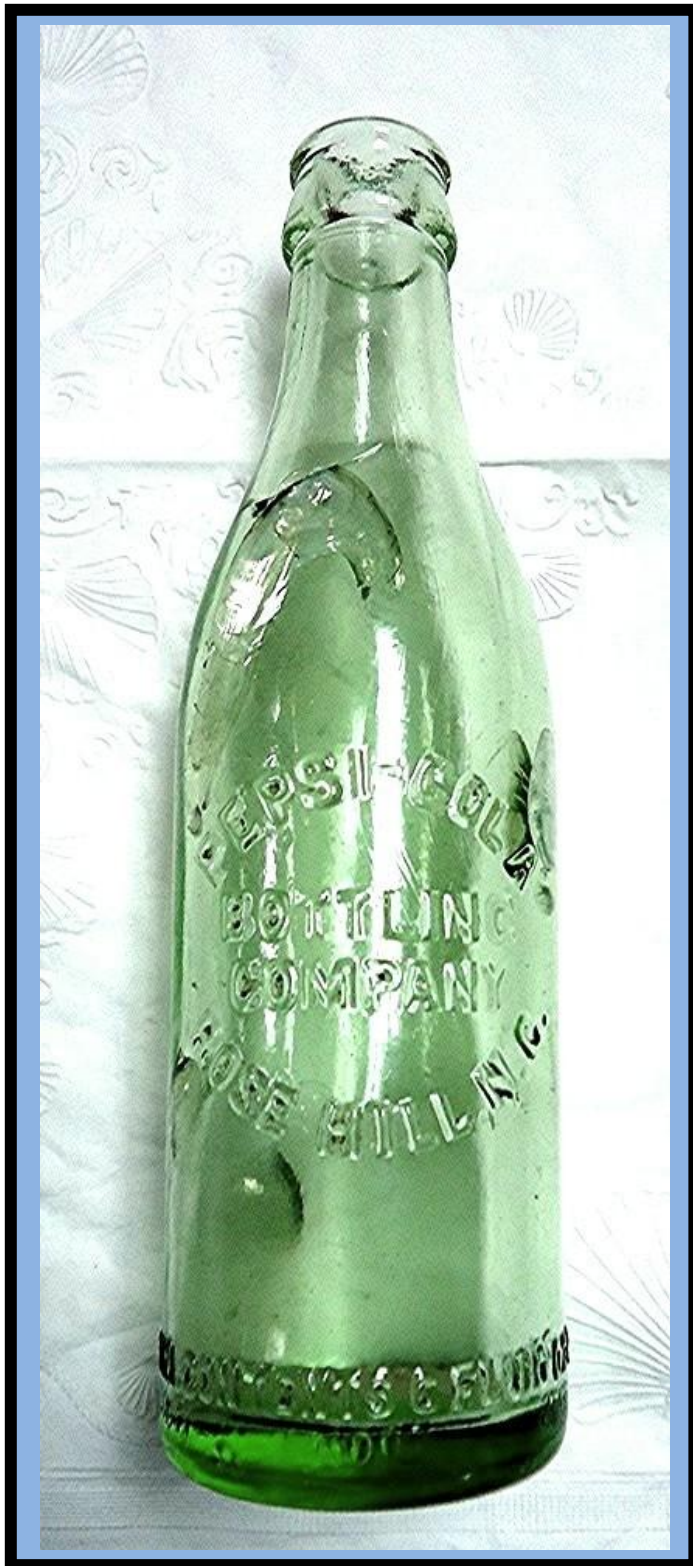
November 10, 1880 Patent Date

Every now and then something special pops up. This ice cutting machine is just such an item. Lonnie Blizzard's brother Raeford was a collector and looking at a copy of his inventory you can definitely say he kept good records. Item number 118 in his inventory records is a "Crusher/Grinder". His notes on this item read: *"bought by Raeford Blizzard from J.B. Worthington who bought it from Caleb Bradham who invented Pepsi Cola. J.B Worthington said the first Pepsi was poured over ice crushed in this machine"*.

Based on the Ice Cutter patent date, the date Brad's drink became Pepsi, and the detailed inventory notes of Raeford Blizzard, I think we are looking at a special piece of Pepsi history.



# SHOW AND TELL



Thanks to Lonnie Blizzard for giving us a look at this nice and very rare Pepsi from Rose Hill, NC. There are only three or four of these bottles known to exist. The value of these bottles, even in this condition, will well exceed \$2000.00. You might want to check out your neighbors old trash pile. There might just be one there waiting for you. This bottle no doubt came from some ones trash pile



### ***RARE LOUISBURG KOCA-NOLA***

*Embossed bottles of any kind from Louisburg, N.C are difficult to find but when you start looking for a Koca-Nola you have taken "hard to find" to a much higher level. I only know three people that have one of these rare bottles and all are from Louisburg. The one pictured was shown by RBC member Freddie Edwards. The following four pages feature some of Freddie's bottles from Louisburg and Franklin County.*

Every town, large or small, has things of interest. Almost every bottle collector I have known had a strong interest in bottles and collectibles from their home town. Take a look at your collection and share it with other Bottle Talk readers throughout the country. Put your town on the map....or. at the very least, put it in the newsletter.





These two nice Mint Cola bottles were shown by Freddie Edwards. You will have to look hard and long to find a Mint Cola from Louisburg, NC. Try to find two and you will not be without something to do this summer





Rumors are there are other variations of these unusual Louisburg Bottling Works bottles. If you run across any that are different, give Freddie a call. I'm sure he will be interested.



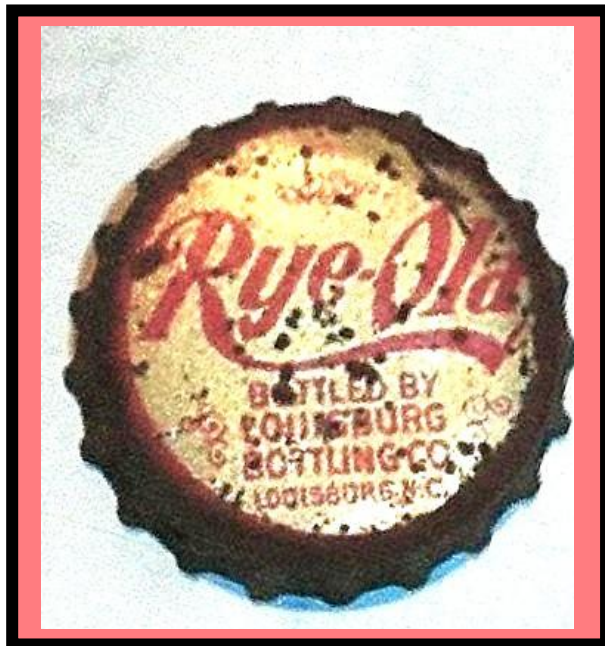




The slug plate Youngsville Bottling Works bottle is from the late teens or early 20's. These two variations are from Freddie's collection. Youngsville is one of the small towns in Franklin County. Any bottle embossed "Youngsville, NC" is highly collectible.

These C.J. Alston Lemon Soda bottles with a paper label are extremely hard to find. Moisture and insects have destroyed most of the early paper labels. These two Lemon Soda bottles somehow escaped the hard times.





One of the all time best bottle designs is seen in this early Nu-Grape bottle from Louisburg. From time to time you might run across a Nu-Grape with this unusual design but if you look until you find one with Louisburg on the bottom you will need a lot of gas.

Freddie has the cap to an old Louisburg Rye-Ola but is still searching for a bottle to put it on. If you run across a Rye-Ola bottle embossed "Louisburg" please contact Freddie.....he's interested.



## Signs in and around Franklinton, N.C.

When i travel I am always on the lookout for old store signs. As you travel through some of the smaller towns it always a good idea to see what's behind those store fronts on Main Street. You never know what you might find. Try it and send me a photo of what you see. You will be surprised at what you discover just around the corner from Main Street, USA.

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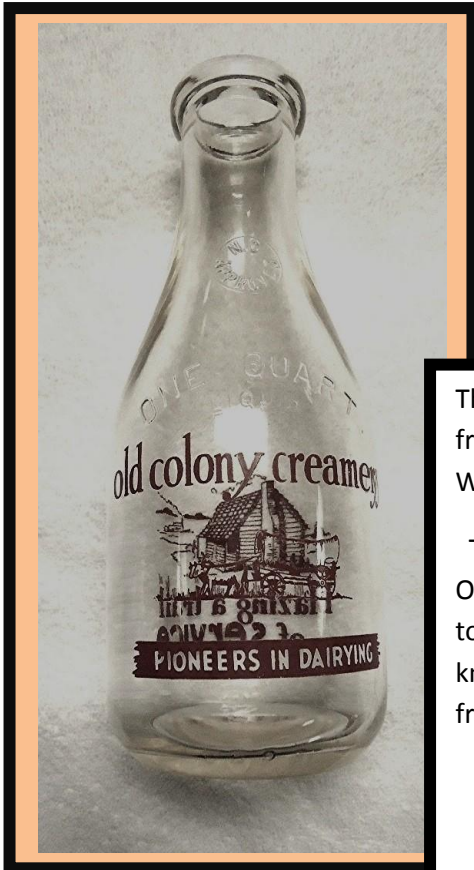






I am always in the need for old pictures and interesting articles. I don't know where you live or what your nearest town looks like, but I have seldom found a town that did not have some old advertising on the buildings. Check it out. As you travel on vacation or just go out for a Sunday evening ride take your 'point and shoot" or your cell phone and take pictures of what you see. Send them to me and I will publish them in the newsletter. The only reason you cannot find anything to photograph is because you are not looking. It only takes a minute....less time than it takes to put on a new roll of toilet paper. The only thing is....one helps the club and the other helps you. Take on a new role in 2014. Get involved in the club.

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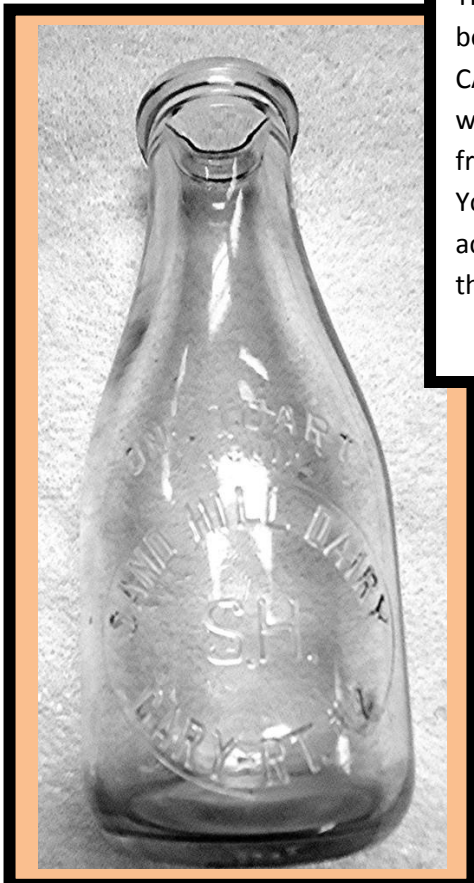
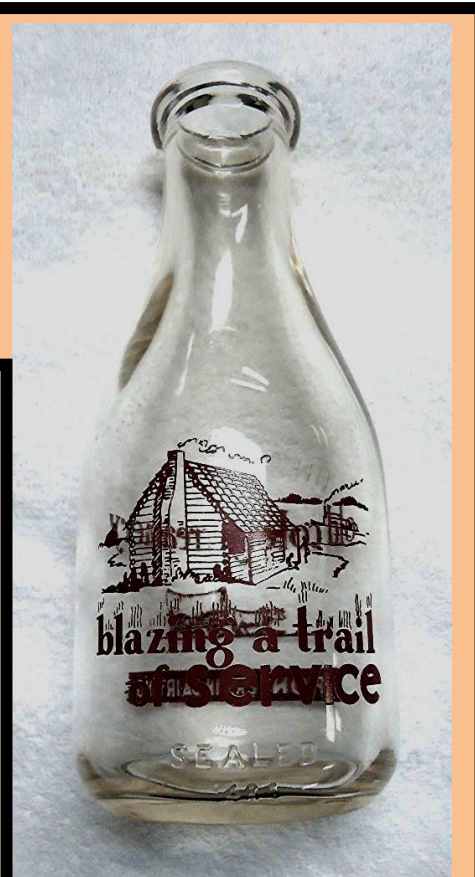


The bottles shown here are from the collection of Pem Woodlief.

This colorful and very graphic Old Colony Creamer is believed to be from Virginia. If you know where this bottle is from, please let Pem know.



This nice quart, slug plate, milk bottle from SAND HILL DAIRY, CARY, NC is a real jewel. You will see very few milk bottles from Cary, NC. Keep looking. You may be the one to run across the pint or half pint but the odds are pretty slim.

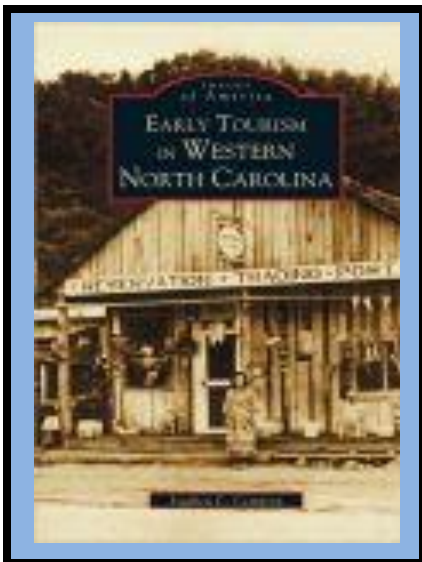
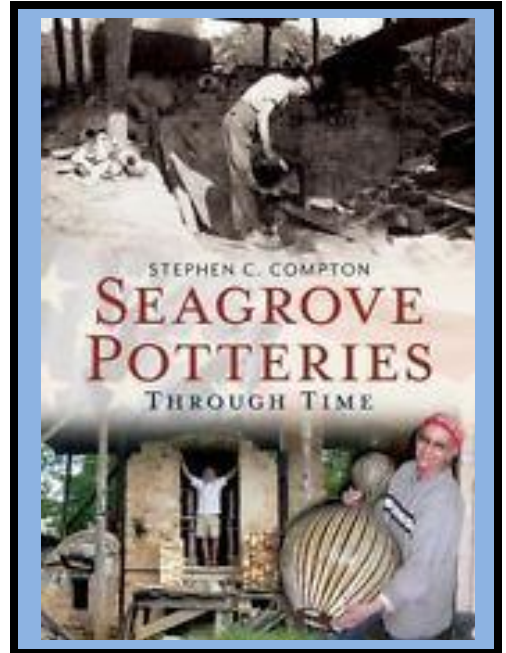
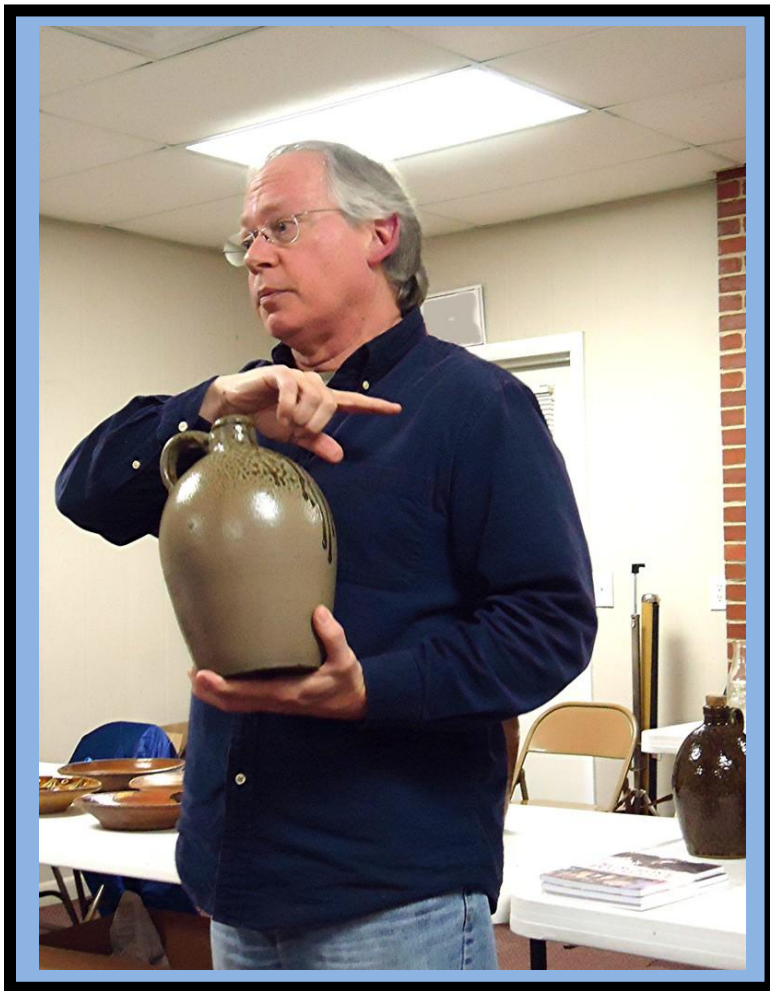




## N.C. POTTERY Presentation By Steve Compton



If you have ever wanted to know anything about N.C. pottery, you should have been at the February meeting to hear Steve Compton. Steve brought several of his earthen ware, stoneware and art pottery pieces to illustrate his presentation. Steve is a well known authority on N.C pottery and has written several books on the subject. If you want to learn more about collecting N.C. pottery I suggest you go by Barnes and Noble and purchase one of his books. You can also find them on Ebay. Thanks to Steve for a most interesting presentation. You are most welcome to join us again.







## **REX**

**You da Man !!**

Rex McMillan brought several boxes of his extra bottles to the meeting priced and ready to sell. The great part about it is he agreed to donated 30% of the proceeds to the club. Thanks to Rex the club is now \$85.00 better off. How about someone else trying this unique money raising idea.

# SHOW CALENDAR

**14 & 15 March 14th 2014** (Friday & Saturday) **Deland, Florida** – **Deland Florida M-T Bottle Collectors Club 44th Antique Bottle, Insulator & Tabke Top Collectible Show and Sale** at the Bill Hester Building at the Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 E. New York Avenue, Deland, Florida 32724, Friday, 3:00 – 7:00 pm, Saturday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Early admission Friday, 3:00 pm and before 8:00 am Saturday Morning \$20, Setup for dealers, Friday 1:00 – 6:00 pm, Cost of admission for show and early admission: Friday, 3:00 pm, Early Admission \$20, Show Day Saturday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm FREE! [Deland Florida M-T Bottle Club, INC., www.mtbottleclub.com](http://www.mtbottleclub.com), Contact: Brian Hoblick, Show Chairman, 11721 NW County Road 236, Alachua, Florida 32615, 386.804.9635, [hoblick@aol.com](mailto:hoblick@aol.com), Deland Florida M-T Bottle Club, **FOHBC Member Club**

**15 March 2014** (Saturday) **Athens, Georgia** – **3rd annual Athens Antique Bottle & Pottery Show & Sale**, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, at Holiday Inn Express, 513 W. Broad Street. Tables \$35, Adult admission \$7, 14 and under \$3. Table and admission tickets include free meals catered by the Holiday Inn. Holiday Inn also is offering discounted room rates top those attending the event. Space is almost twice as large as last year, with great lighting, site easy to find. It's halfway between The Varsity and the University of Georgia Arch on Highway 78 (Broad Street). For tables and more information: Sam Evans at 706.613.0224 or [sam@dixiesoda.com](mailto:sam@dixiesoda.com). Web site is [www.dixiesoda.com](http://www.dixiesoda.com).

**29 March 2014** (Saturday) **Whitmire, South Carolina** – **Antique Bottle Auction** at the Marty McMurtury Building, 113 Main Street, Whitmire, South Carolina 29178, Saturday, 29 March 10:00 am. Open at 8:00 am to preview, also Friday 28 March, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm for preview, [South Carolina Bottle Museum on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SouthCarolinaBottleMuseum), Contact: Marty McMurtury, 3c Gary Street, Whitmire, South Carolina 29178, 803.537.6826, [mariamcmurtury@yahoo.com](mailto:mariamcmurtury@yahoo.com)

**12 April 2014** (Saturday) **Memphis, Tennessee** – **Memphis Bottle Collectors 29th Annual Antique Bottle & Advertising Show** at the Agricenter International, 7777 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38120, Show Hours: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm., Admission \$5, Early admission is also available. Contact: Gene Bradberry, PO Box 341062, Memphis, Tennessee 38184, 901.372.8428 **FOHBC Member Club**

**26 April 2014** (Saturday) **Salisbury, North Carolina** – **Piedmont Bottle & Pottery Club** proudly presents their **8th Annual Show & Sale of Bottles, Jars, Potters and related Antique Items** at the Salisbury Civic Center, 315 S. Martin Luther King Avenue, Salisbury, North Carolina 28144. 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Dealer set-up 6:30 am. Club Info: Jimmie Wood at 704.692.7888 or Chuck Rash at 704.732.0373. For dealer contract call show chairman Jogn Patterson at 704.636.9510 or e-mail at [ncmilks@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ncmilks@carolina.rr.com) **FOHBC Member Club**



**26 April 2014** (Saturday) **Aiken, South Carolina** - Horse Creek Bottle & Pottery Club's 6th Annual Antique Bottle & Pottery Show & Sale at the H. Odell Weeks Activities Center, 1700 Whiskey Road, Aiken, South Carolina, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Free admission (no early birds), free parking, small antiques & collectibles. More information: Geneva Greene, 803.593.2271.  
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**27 April 2014** (Sunday) **Harrisburg, Virginia** – The Historical Bottle-Diggers of Virginia 43rd Annual Antique Bottle and Collectibles Show & Sale at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds, U.S. Route 11 South (Exit 243 off I-81), Harrisburg, Virginia, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Contact: Sonny Smiley, 540.434.1129, [lithiaman1@yahoo.com](mailto:lithiaman1@yahoo.com) **FOHBC Member Club**

**03 May 2014** (Saturday) **Gray, Tennessee** – 16th Annual The State of Franklin Antique Bottles & Collectibles Show at the Farm & Home Building, Appalachian Fairgrounds, Gray, Tennessee, from I-26, Exit 13, Saturday 9:00 am until 3:00 pm, No Early admission, Set up: Saturday 7:00 am until 9:00 am, Free Admission, [State of Franklin Antique Bottles & Collectibles Association](http://State of Franklin Antique Bottles & Collectibles Association), Contact: Carl Bailey, Show Chairman, 3803 Deepwood Drive, Johnson City, Tennessee 37601, 423.282.3119

**14 June 2014** (Saturday) **Smyrna, Georgia** – The 44th Annual Atlanta Antique Bottle Show & Sale, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, early buyers 6:00 am at the Smyrna Community Center, 200 Village Green Circle, Smyrna, Georgia, Contact: Jack Hewitt, 1765 Potomac Court, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043, 770.963.0220 or John Joiner, 770.502.9565, [propjj@bellsouth.net](mailto:propjj@bellsouth.net)

**21 June 2014** (Saturday) **Tallahassee, Florida** – 8th Annual Tallahassee Antique Bottle Show & Sale at the North Florida Fairgrounds, 441 Paul Russell Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, Saturday, 21 June 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Early admission, Friday, 20 June, 3:00 pm, Dealer set up – Friday, 20 June beginning at noon; Saturday, 21 June before the show, \$3 admission; early admission on Friday is \$15 and includes a dinner, [www.floridabottles.com](http://www.floridabottles.com), Contact: Britt Keen, 1140 Renae Way, Tallahassee, Florida 850.294.5537, [britt\\_keen@hotmail.com](mailto:britt_keen@hotmail.com)

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](http://www.fohbc.com/FOHBC_ShowCalendar2.html)

[www.glswk-auction.com](http://www.glswk-auction.com)

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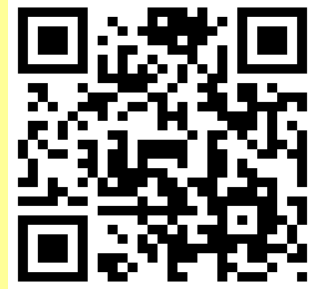
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### **Raleigh, N.C. Memorabilia**

(old items embossed or labeled RALEIGH, N.C.)  
ephemera - advertisement - license plates -  
**BOTTLES**

**Jack is also looking for items from Lenoir, N.C.**

**Contact: Jack Murdock 919-829-5766**

## **WANTED.....PAYING SERIOUS CASH**

**I'm looking for a rare Pepsi bottle. It is NC3 in Ayers book. It has Pepsi Cola written 15 times on the bottle. If you or anyone that you know has one, please let me know.**

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## BLAST FROM THE PAST



Thanks to Robert Creech for this nice look into the past. LYON store is located on NC Hwy 903 between Snow Hill and Ayden. The old Pepsi sign appears to be from 1906 but more likely is an old re-paint or copy of the original sign. It is almost impossible for a sign painted in the early 1900's to survive in the sun and rain unprotected for over a hundred years.