

# Just For Openers Convention 2022

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Attendees for the 43rd Annual Just For Openers Convention  
September 28-October 2, 2022 Miamisburg OH (16 Members)

Arber Bill (Barb) Alden NY  
Bachmann Kurt (Debbie) Lake Orion MI  
Barber Ray (Jane) Erie PA  
Bowers Tim Ijamsville MD  
Campnell Tommy Schaumburg IL  
Cartwright John Paso Robles CA  
Cook Theresa (Don Lafaive) Midland ON CAN  
Eblen John (Marcia) Oakdale CA

Hinton Mike (Sharon) Portland TN  
L'Africain Josef (Sue) Vinalhaven ME  
Lynn John (Mary) Midland Ontario CAN  
Oatess Rick (Terri) Bluffton IN  
Osborn Jim (Mary Jo) Herrin IL  
Stambaugh Pat Lake City MN  
Stanley John (Pat) Durham NC  
Stilwell Darvin Boonville IN

2022 Miamisburg Convention Openers Sold/Traded	C-001-010 Eichler (Brass) C-002-003 Hutchinson C-002-004 Independent Silver Top C-002-005 Pittsburgh (Logo) CBO-HBO-11 PAT. AUG. 25.'15 (Actual Date is August 25, 1914) D46,310 Blantz CBO-MIS-04 The Willis Co Erie PA (B-49) CBO-MIS-27 Charles L. Goetz Fine Cigars (Pic of C L C Cigar) Trade Mark South Bend, Ind. Pat. Feb. 12, 1901 CP-14-CAN Compliments of Frontenac Breweries LTD. (w/ Sterling Sheath) AG66 D-022-002 Voigt E-016-015 Saginaw G-010-003 Moerlbach G-010-006 Maltosia H-008-999 Pepsi=Cola H-010-007 Geyer Malt H-010-011 A B C I-007-064 Edel Brau I-007-082 Balboa K-006-003 Southern Select K-010-002 Pabst L-002-999 Emerson Old "5x" Rye Brotherhood Wine Co NY L-002-999 Pere Marquette M-002-003 Goebel M-019-041 Rickel Malt / Same (Chrome) M-037-001 Schlitz M-073-003 Highlander (Red) N-002-001 Dixie (Blue) N-002-001 Dixie (Red) N-148-002 Consumers Co N-148-003 Erie Co N-148-006 Pabst	N-148-008 St Marys N-148-009 Tosetti N-148-012 Becker N-148-016 Wayne Co N-148-016 Wayne Co N-148-018 Cheboygan O-001-004 Miller O-008-999 Polar Ginger Ale Worcester Mass O-022-999 Vaughan's Improved Never Chip No. 2 Patented Trade Mark O-588-999 Pep (Steel Bent Square w/ 4 Mounting Holes) O-888-999 Gaskell & Chambers (Brass) (British 1930s) O-999-MEX Corona (Bent Steel) P-001-005 Green Tree P-008-139 Wacker & Birk P-008-UL Dick & Bros Quincy Bry Co P-019-242 Lexington P-026-018 Anheuser-Busch 125th Anniversary P-026-018 Anheuser-Busch 125th Anniversary P-041-UL Phil Hamm The Berghoff Man P-045-999 Yankee Blank P-051-012 Fehrs P-051-042 Rock Island P-087-CAN Silver Spring Brewery X-002-001 1985 Telluride Brewery (Brass) X-002-001 1985 Telluride Brewery (Steel) Z-Button Hook Marked "A. McDonald Worcester, Mass. / Patd. May 22, 1877 Pat'd June 8, 80 (Patent No 228,660)	Z-Can-Opener 1917-01-16 Forrest S. Sowers Oak Park IL #1,213,034 "Household Implementation" (w/ Corkscrew & Neckstand) Z-Can-Opener 1917-01-16 Forrest S. Sowers Oak Park IL #1,213,034 "Household Implementation" (w/ Corkscrew & Neckstand) Z-Corkpuller 1935-06-18 John Bordner Detroit MI #2,004,974 "Combination Bottle Opener" (& Corkpuller) Z-Corkscrews 1899 Jopson Patent Z-Corkscrews Dutch 18thC Sterling T-Mini Z-Corkscrews F. (Francis) Boyd SF 1980s Repro Corkscrew Wood-T w/ Sleeve Z-Corkscrews Hoegger Wall Mount Z-Corkscrews Long Brass Fly Nut Z-Corkscrews Lucian Mumford 1892 Patent Z-Corkscrews Mini Knife Swedish Patent Z-Corkscrews P-19 Clough Ad Z-Corkscrews P-54 Clough Ad Z-Corkscrews Walker Hall-boy Z-Jar-Opener A. C. Williams Ravenna, O. Pat. Pend'g Z-Wall-Mount Corbin
A-002-999 8 Miscellaneous A-004-006 Crockery City (Nude) A-004-034 Joliet Citizens (Clothed) A-005-999 Badger State Bottling (Rough) A-009-999 Drink Pe-Ne-To A-013-003 Gambrinus A-013-009 Gold Top A-013-011 Lackman Germantown A-029-021 Manistee A-029-999 Try-Me / Same A-033-004 Bechaud Empire Beer A-034-005 Reading Hagerstown A-040-003 Home A-041-001 Medford A-042-003 Franklin (No Fish Detail) A-042-007 Hoster-Columbus A-043-999 Drink Penn-Cola A-060-001 Narragansett Banquet B-001-998 Portner's Hofbrau Tivoli B-006-009 Spokane B-009-004 Hoster-Schlee-Columbus B-014-195 Virginia Tron-O B-021-054 Muskegon B-021-373 Galion (Worn) B-028-001 Howell & King Perfection B-042-011 Kerns C-001-002 Doelger C-001-009 Meyer Bloomington			

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The last small Just For Openers Convention started out like any others except the Stanleys had two dogs to bring to Miamisburg so I had to cut down on what I brought. Dog beds and dog crates take up a lot of space. We headed out mid-morning on Monday and had an uneventful trip to the Doubletree. The hotel had not changed much since 2019 and by 9PM we were there and off-loaded everything located in our guest room. The girls were somewhat happy and had to check both rooms in the suite.

One thing that had changed was the breakfast was not good so Tuesday morning I made the first of six morning visits to the Waffle House about a half mile from the hotel. Great food at a very reasonable price. I will add there may be a few shady characters in the place from time to time.

I spent most of day dealing with the hotel as first they said I could switch from our somewhat cozy meeting room to one twice the size but in the end management told me they did not realize I needed the bigger room for four days and kept me in the same room we had for 2019. It was tight space to get many tables in but in the end it worked well. The room had undergone some water damage recently and had a musty smell but if we kept a door open it was fine.

That evening some other early birds arrived including Tommy Campnell and Pat Stambaugh. Tommy had the good fortune of having a lot of Don Bull's corkscrews to sell as Don had decided to hand over all corkscrews he was not keeping in his collection and let Tommy deal with disposing of them. Tommy had a nice selection with him including many knives. Wednesday was set-up day and the one house tour we had lined up this year was with Marvin Gardner who lives about 15 minutes away. He asked if he could set up at the show and he covered two tables with all kinds of beer and non-beer advertising. His house tour was scheduled for Friday. About half of the JFO members arrived Wednesday and over the next three days had a nice turnout from local collectors including two of my good eBay customers, Chester Walton who likes soda openers and Harter Jackson who collects cigar box openers. Other collectors of note were Philip Henry and Jade Hook who John Eblen had recruited off of Facebook.

At 9:30PM I picked up John Cartwright at the Dayton Airport and the show was really off and running. The star of the show was Marvin even though he was dealing with mother-in-law issues and was absent in the afternoons but always started the morning off being in our meeting room. I should add that Josef and Sue L'Africain arrived on Tuesday but they went Airbnb route and stay at a local house. Rumor has it that Tommy was served some nice meals.

Thursday the action really picked up when Jim Osborn arrived. Jim and I both had some tough openers on our Convention Wantlists and before he left on Saturday we did some serious dealing. We have traded back and forth many great openers over the last few years and Jim really wanted to the beer set of 10 C-1s. I decided I had owned the set for five years and it was time to let Jim enjoy them. When we were done Jim now has nine of the ten and told him I needed to check with Ben Hoffman on the C-1-8 Liberty as Ben had traded out of his collection to give me the set. Ben did want it back so Jim needs that one to own all 10 C-1s. Sales for me were really good as Bill Arber, Mike Hinton, and Jim needed several of the nice openers I had brought (check out the openers and corkscrews that were sold and traded at

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the Convention on page 1). In the end my best customer was Marvin Gardener as he bought openers and a lot of non-opener items. Thursday night the local Queen City Chapter guys came by and had a good time.

You may have remembered how the last few conventions the ladies had been very loud and enjoying themselves. This year they concentrated on jigsaw puzzles and it was very quiet most of the time at their two tables because you really have to concentrate to put those puzzles together. The unfortunate part was the two they finished were both missing pieces. I guess they do not make them like they use to.

Besides going to Waffle House every morning I went a couple of nights as the service was fast. Four of us went Thursday night, Pat Stambaugh, John C, Darvin and myself. Darvin and I found out you need a good steak knife to cut the T-Bone steak Waffle House serves but is not on their official menu. A regular knife with a plastic plate on a slick table makes the cutting challenging. The meal served it purpose.

Friday we made the short trip to see Marvin's Museum Collection of pretty girls. He collects and deals (boofers on eBay) any advertising collectibles but especially likes advertising with pretty women on it. He had half a house full and you can ask if he would sell something but you needed to be prepared for sticker shock. He had several pieces advertising "Old Gold Cigarettes" and that was a brand my dad sold while working 29 years for P. Lorillard. I just know everything I picked up was at least 4 figures. Good thing just looking was free. We stayed about an hour at the house and headed back to the hotel to get ready for the afternoon auction.

Without our premier auctioneer, Gary Deachman, I ran the auction solo and we had some fun and about three-fourths of the lots sold. There was nothing too exciting but the entertainment is the main focus. Saturday used to be my blow-out sale time but I encouraged people to make offers that night and did move some stuff out. With a small group you would be surprised at the opener/corkscrew action we had going on.

## **JFO 43 Auction Results**

A-009-001 Buffalo Pass  
A-030-011 Rainier Pass  
A-034-005 Reading (Fair) \$60.00  
A-035-999 Butte \$17.00  
FBOC-417 Clown \$20.00  
H-007-009 Potosi Pass  
M-003-017 S-K Slider \$25.00  
O-004-999 Diehl \$10.00  
O-999-999 3 Misc Wal Mounts \$30.00

P-007-036 Oertel Pass  
P-010-031 Bartholomay \$20.00  
P-021-003 10th JFO Conv \$12.00  
P-025-003 A-B Knife \$65.00  
Z-Corkscrew Titan Barmount \$15.00  
Z-Corkscrew Don-Barmount \$11.00  
Z-Corkscrew 3 Flash \$13.00  
Z-Knife Storz 2-Blade \$22.00  
Z-Misc JFO Issues 1-19 & 24 \$20.00

Friday night a group of us went to the local steakhouse, Carvers. We had a great meal and service was great but real slow. It was a two hour process but when you are having a good time with great people it was not a big deal. I might add that John Cartwright managed to buy Tommy enough drinks at the restaurant and hotel bar that Tommy was not feeling any pain that night. Once we got back to the hotel I tested his mental ability by making a couple

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of lowball offers on knives. Tommy just said, "I am not that drunk". Most people turned in for the night before 10PM. No more all-nighters at JFO.

The biggest surprise for me was having nine displays for the Saturday show. Thank you to everyone who brought one and for also entering an item into the "Bill McKenzie Best of Show" award. Ray Barber won the McKenzie award for his "Erie Specialty Company" wire type opener. It is the only known example. Rick Oatess won third place for his "Pepsi=Cola" opener display. Tommy Campnell won second place for his "Corkscrews with Frames" display. First place went to Bill Arber for his "Bottle/Bullet" corkscrew display.

A lot of great displays were shown and hopefully we can continue next year in Schaumburg. The public show for Saturday had a decent number of walk-ins and Marvin went on one last buying spree with me. By noon the show winds down. I will add that despite only 16 official JFO members signed up we had the head of JFO (me), the President of ABA (Tim Bowers), the President of BCCA (Mike Newton) and "The Right" (Josef L'Africain) who is head of the ICCA Corkscrew Club (the elite club) in attendance. Not too bad for a little group like JFO.

We had a return trip to Carvers for our closing group supper. Besides being knocked sideways by a waitress we had a good meal. It is always great when the Canadians attend, John and Mary Lynn along with Theresa Cook and Don Lafaive. A special thanks to the Eblens and John Cartwright for coming all of the way from California. Kurt and Debbie Bachmann represent Michigan well. Darvin Stilwell got one of the few "K" barmounts he was missing, a K-6-3 Southern Select. Despite health concerns Barb Arber was able to come with Bill. It was great finally meeting Rick and Terri Oatess. Rick is a big contributor to the JFO Facebook page. Terri is the life of any party. Tom Bowers always brings good stuff and Pat Stambaugh always finds some rare Minnesota openers. Corkscrew collectors missed a chance to get some quality corkscrews as Josef L'Africain and Tommy Campnell brought the good stuff. Finally "Mr Erie PA", Ray Barber, always a wide variety of collectibles and is always looking for anything from Erie, Pennsylvania.

I must add that Tommy brought a couple of boxes of wooden sleeve Clough corkscrews and sold like crazy out of the two boxes. One of his early deals on the Cloughs was Wednesday night when jet-lagged John Cartwright picked out \$324 worth and asked Tommy if he would take \$400. Tommy of course said yes but when John slept on it that night he meant to offer less, not more. Tommy made an adjustment in John's favor the next morning. Remember the old saying, "in a 24 hour day even the best of them mess up 15 minutes". An old horse trader saying that is so true, everyone messes up sometime.

After 43 JFO Conventions as a smaller group we will be joining NABA at their annual Convention August 1-5, 2023 in Schaumburg, IL. NABA had 299 members attend their Wisconsin convention in 2021 and 276 attend Pittsburgh in 2022. The 2023 Convention already has sold out 1,260 room nights and we should have well over 300 members in attendance. NABA specializes in all areas of the breweriana hobby. You must be a NABA member to attend and be registered for the convention. There are several nearby hotels and JFO will be joining in NABA's room-to-room trading format with a Saturday Show open to the public. Any questions or concerns please email me.

Saturday night and Sunday morning we said our final good-byes and we had a good trip



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home and the “girls” were glad to be home. The 2023 Convention will be a new adventure and hopefully many JFO members will be in attendance. Tommy promises to have an great open house to see his awesome collection (for JFO members only). Thank you again to everyone who attended number 43 and making it another great JFO Convention.



Banjo and Dorie raring to go. Banjo barely holding on and Dorie sleepy also after a few hours on the road. Front desk welcomed us. Pat with the girls after we got settled. Boxes of openers waiting to go down to the meeting room. Breakfast at the Waffle House. Pretty standard, 3 eggs, 3 pieces of bacon, a bowl of cheese grits and choco milk. John Eblen scores early, a steel wall mount for a Bireley's display.



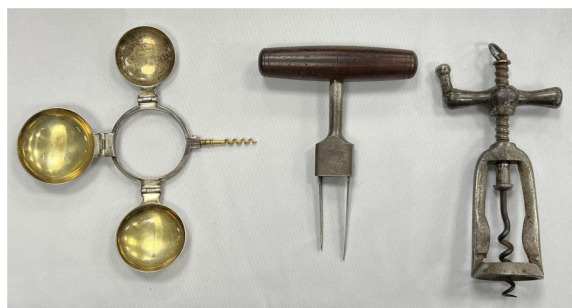
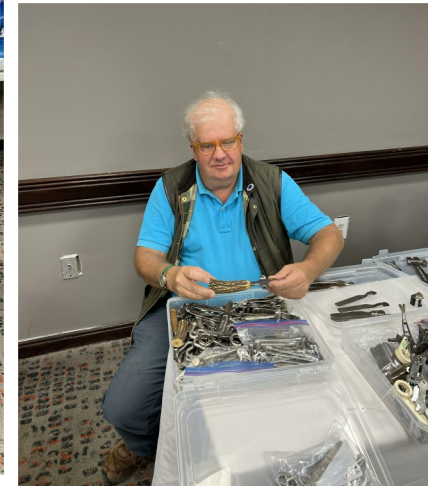
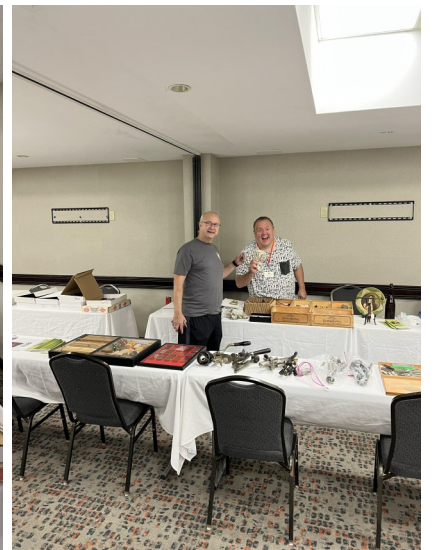


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John Cartwright checking out a bunch of "Nifty" corkscrews. Pat Stambaugh checking out Tommy's Clough "Wood Handles". Marvin and Tommy strike a deal. The girls in their stroller home when in the meeting room. Harter Jackson looking through CBOs and some of the ones he bought at bottom right. Josef and Sue L'Africain with a table full of corkscrews. Three rare "birds" that Josef brought for show and tell. Marvin's first haul from me.



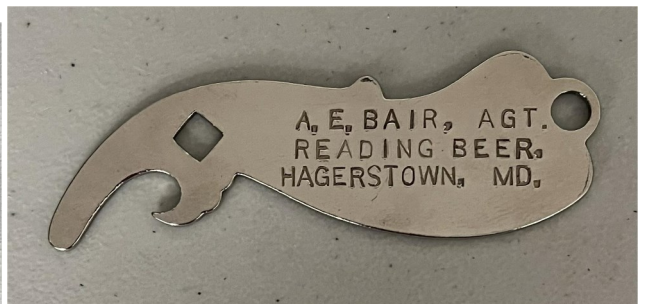


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Harter's CBO Collection displayed in the trunk of his car. A front and back shot of a hard CBO type he owns. Darwin Stilwell looking for Indiana openers. Tommy and Josef dealing corkscrews. Chester Walton buying soda openers. Bill Arber checking out the Handbook. Two rare openers that changed hands, an A-60-1 Narragansett Indian and a mint A-34-5 Reading Beer.





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The "Blantz Corkpuller" and "Pep" Wall Mount changed hands. Jim and Mary Jo Osborn at the table full of Jim's treasures he brought to trade and sell. The ladies end of the meeting room. A view of the opener end of the meeting room. Three pictures of Jim's trade and sale bait. Great "A"s and "B"s along with painted openers and just plain hard types to find. The picture at the right shows three rare barmount "K"s. Two found new homes along with many of the openers seen in the pictures.





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Rick and Terri Oates. Two cases displaying part of Rick's collection. Some items were for sale and some not. The ladies getting into crossword puzzles.



Three nice openers Jim bought from me, C-2-5 Tech (Logo), C-1-9 Meyer and a D-22-2 Voigt. Tim Bowers had a table full of stuff for sale. Left is a P-8-UL Dick Bros Jim had for sale.



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Ray Barber and below Ray a Erie PA opener he needed. Theresa, Barb, Sharon and Mary puzzling. Darvin with Don Lafaive. Bill with John Lynn. Jim and John Eblen talking wall mounts. Tim Bowers with Ohio wires. Marvin and Ray are the two bigtime dealers in attendance. Pat Stambaugh and Kurt Bachmann talking in the crowd. Below: note everyone around the puzzle as completion is near.





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Tommy and Jade Hook are all smiles. Pat and Kurt away from the crowd. The girls resting in the room. It is a "rough life". Various and very partial pictures of Marvin Gardner's collection. You know it is special when you build a house to fit the collection. Cindy (Marvin's wife) is a special woman. If you see anything you need bring a checkbook (or cash) and a big bank account.





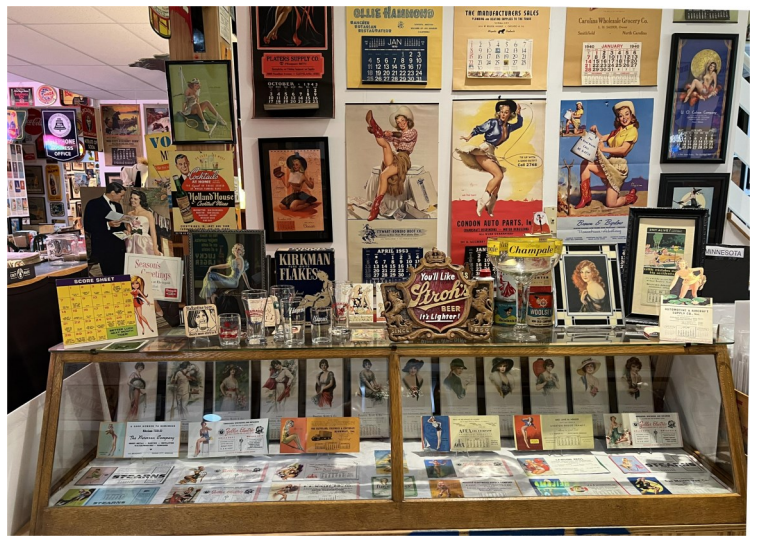
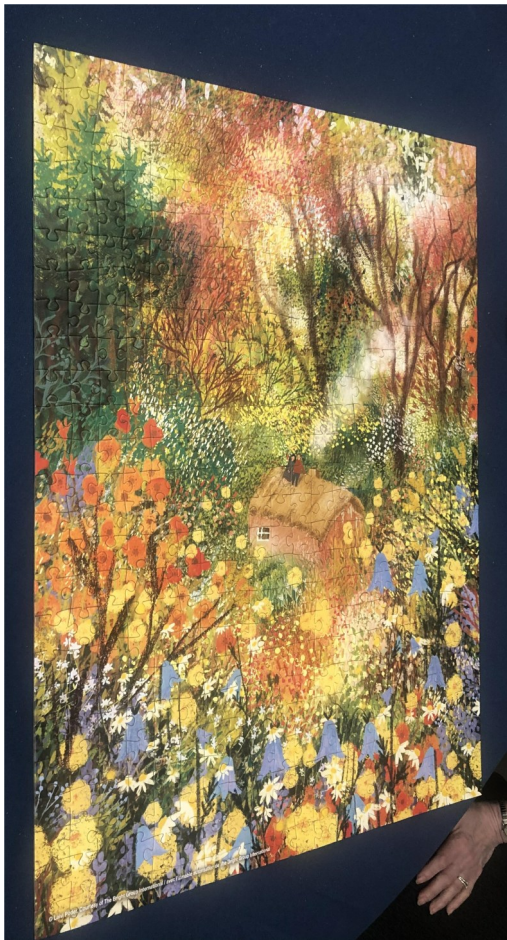
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More pictures from the Marvin House Tour. I love the Hawaii cardboard sign beside the toilet paper holder. Below is a pretty puzzle with several missing pieces. Next year complete puzzles only. The factory finisher must have been out with Covid.



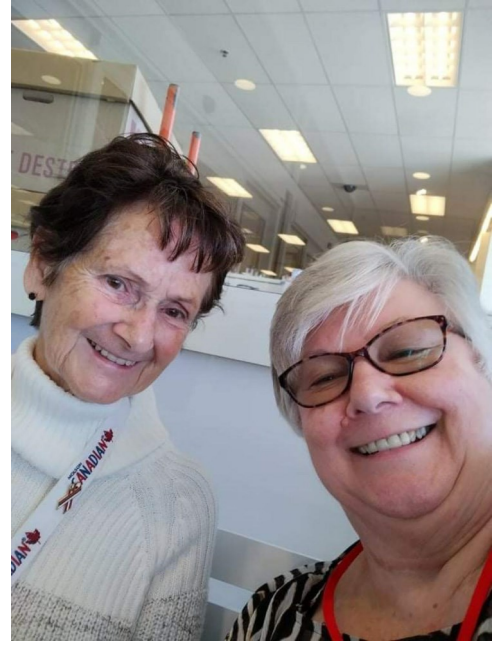


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B-28-1 Howell & King Jim added to his collection. Mike Hinton, Barb, Bill and Sharon in a selfie. Mary and Sharon in a selfie. Tommy ready for action and Bill is just CALM. Two views of the auction crowd. A pile of openers Kurt bought (cheap I might add).



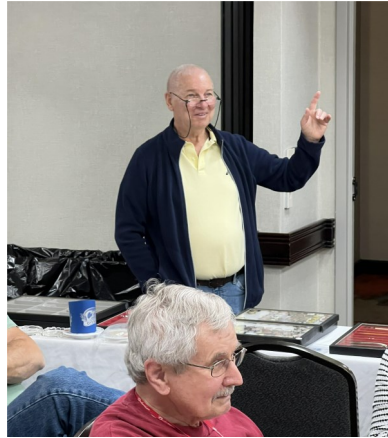


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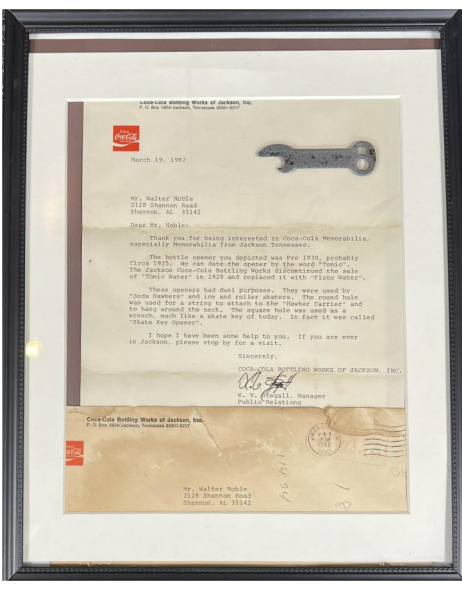
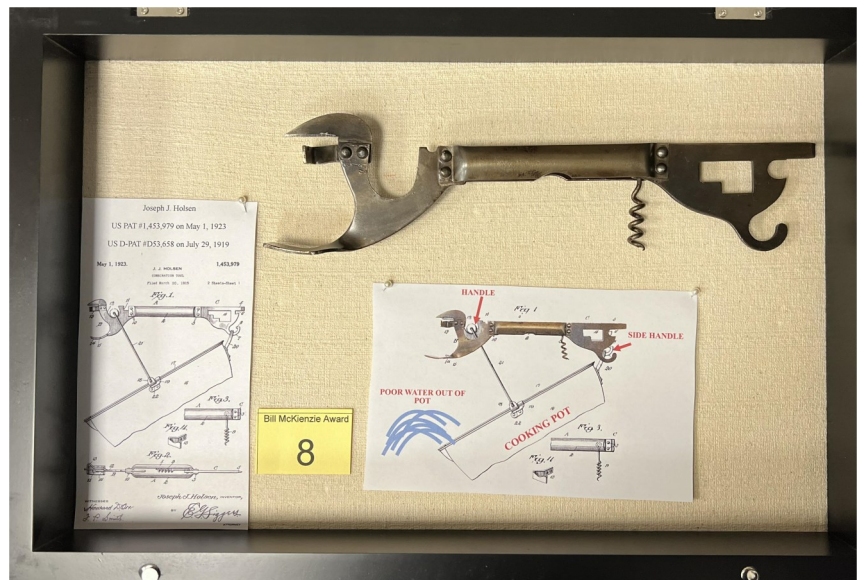
John Stanley playing auctioneer and not smiling. Remember I say, "Seller beware" and seller must say yes or no on being sold. Chester bidding. John Cartwright is laughing at the boy in blue. Tim, then Rick, Pat and John wondering how long this auction will last. Don at the ladies table. More views of the auction crowd. It was a good time had by all and 75 percent of the items sold.





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The Bill McKenzie “Best of Show” displays. Darwin Stilwell (1), very unusual barmount. Bill Arber (2), FBOC-422 “Amish Man”. Ray Barber (3), Erie Specialty opener (won the award). Pat Stambaugh (4), a one-of-a-kind Pabst embossed knife. Jim Osborn (5), K-6-3 Southern Select, a very tough style to find with beer advertising. John Stanley (6), K-10-2 Pabst and one of a handful known and again a tough beer barmount to find. Kurt Bachmann (left 7), a hard to find Coca-Cola opener from Jackson TN with a 1982 letter asking what the company knew about it since they were still in operation. Tommy Campnell (8), a one-of-a-kind multi-tool opener & corkscrew, Joseph J. Holsen of Manitowoc WI patent #1,453,979 May 1, 1923. A “rare bird”.



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**Bill Arber's display of Bullet and Bottle corkscrews. Above left is an almost complete set of JFO Beer Advertising bottle (L-2s). Bill is only missing the L-2-24 Maier & Zobelein to complete the set. Right picture are 70 different Bullets and Bottles with almost all being non-beer. Bill won First Place in the Display Contest. Bottom is John Eblen's display of Arcade Manufacturing Co. of Freeport IL cast iron wall mount bottle openers.**



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Darvin Stilwell's "Slider" display. He had a card that read "Display Of M-3 and Similar Retractable or Slide-Out Openers - No Duplicates, 58 Jfo M-3 Openers, 33 Non JFO M-3 Openers, 5 M-3 Soda Openers, 3 JFO M-73 Opener/Corkscrews, 2 Non JFO M-73 Opener/Corkscrews. (Beer "sliders" above and other "sliders" next page).



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## NON-JFO M-3 openers



## SODA M-3 openers



## NON-JFO M-73 openers



## NON-JFO M-140 openers



Display Award

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Top: Rick Oatess's Third Place winning display of Pepsi+Cola openers and go-withs.  
Bottom: Jim Osborn's complete collection of 14 M-73 Beer "sliders". Great condition set.



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Above Left: Pat Stambaugh's Minnesota and Hamm's Beer openers and go-withs display.

Top Right: Mike Hinton's display of some great "A" figural openers with Mr. Harley-Davidson riding high in the middle.

Right: John Eblen's Arcade Manufacturing fact sheet that went with his display.

## ARCADE

CAST IRON

The Arcade company was founded in 1885 in Freeport, Illinois. Arcade was the manufacturer of many home use items. Because of their foundry and casting experience, they also made many cast iron parts for other companies during their early years. Arcade is also known to have made different bottle openers during their many years in the casting business. These nine openers are believed to have been made by them. The two-holed, side mounted openers were produced in the 1926-28 timeframe and the vertical mounting openers in 1928-1935 era. The small opener with the embossing "Moss Cooler" was made for the J. Moss & Sons Equipment Company located in Brooklyn New York. It was attached to their Moss De Luxe "A" cooler which they manufactured between 1930-1933. The advertising on the other openers are for the Hotel Norton-located in Canada, Angelica-makers of service uniforms, Brunswick-for the Brunswick Bottling company, Nehi & Canfields-both being soda beverage drinks, and lastly for the Arcade company itself.



Moss De Luxe "A"



**SPECIFICATIONS:**

Vending Capacity: N/A  
 Precool Capacity: N/A  
 Dimensions: N/A  
 Weight: N/A  
 Production Dates: Early 1930's, 1933  
 Price New: N/A

**Comments:** This Moss cooler was only brought to our attention through an advertisement. The De Luxe "A" came in a Four-Case Senior and Two-Case Junior. According to the literature, they also had a Standard "M" Model also available in the mentioned sizes. Interesting to note is that literature also mentions Counter Coolers...



Nehi



Canfields



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Tommy Campnell's Second Place winning display. Tommy found some perfect metal hanging hooks and they work great for larger corkscrews.



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42nd JFO Convention Quakertown, Pennsylvania September 22-26



**John Stanley's  
Corkscrew display.**

The crowd hanging around after the show. John Eblen's Arcade display is still standing. He hauled it all of the way from California and the wooden board may have gotten a couple dings courtesy of the airlines.





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**Ray Barber accepting The Bill McKenzie “Best of Show” award (Erie opener).  
Rick Oates receiving his Third Place Regular Display award (Pepsi=Cola openers).  
Tommy Campnell receives his Second Place Regular Display award (Corkscrews).  
Bill Arber receiving his First Place Regular Display award (Bottle & Bullet Corkscrews).**





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One of the “Head Honchos” in attendance at JFO. Mike Newton President of BCCA standing with Marvin Gardner.

Marvin’s “blowout” sale pile he got from me Saturday morning. He loves wheeling and dealing.

This was Sunday morning’s last stop at the Waffle House and now we find out they actually have a steak knife to go with the T-Bone steak. Steak is maybe a quarter inch thick and comes in a vacuum sealed bag.





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The Last Supper at Carvers table shot #1



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The Last Supper at Carvers table shot #2