Just for openers



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Perhaps your curiosity was aroused by the outline of a Coca-Colopener on the mast-head. Our member, THOM THOMPSON, a specialise them prepared the excellent & informative article which appears sively in this issue. Your comments to him or to me on it will much appreciated. The July issue will feature SYROCO openers & screws. You don't know what a SYROCO is? Look forward to that a	be very
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The results of the survey for the 1986 convention by 67 responshow: EAST COAST-29, MIDWEST-26, MOUNTAIN STATES-3, WEST COASTANYWHERE-4. The site will be selected at the business meeting year's convention.	

From the additions that were in the Jan.'85 issue, delete: B-18-349 Berlin (is B-18-7 Berlin), B-21-337 Buffalo (is B-21-228 Buffalo), & I-11-323 Anheuser (is I-11-6 Anheuser). Change I-2-3 Pilser's to I-2-8 Pilser's. Lastly, H-2-127 Moerchel's is spelt Moerschel's.

It is with deep regret that I report that BOB BATES died in Oct. '84. His CAN WORLD business will be carried on by family members KAREN, PAUL & TOM BATES. CAN WORLD continues to be a member of JFO. See their wanted ad.

The JFO shoulder patches were delivered. However, I rejected them as they were not to the art work that was submitted. I have no idea as to when the problem will be resolved.

HENRY BODNAR is the co-ordinator of the CCCC (Canadian Corkscrew Collectors Club) & is also publisher of their quarterly newsletter. He sent me a copy of page 7 of it wherein he gave JFO and our convention activities a very good write up.

LARRY SHERK has 315 of his openers (out of 680 in his collection) on display in the head office of Carling-O'Keefe breweries of Canada, 79 St. Claire Ave., East Toronto, for the next several months. All are of Carling-O'Keefe and companies they took over.



In sub-zero weather, all 6 of the St. Louis bunch & their BETTER HALVES met at VIC KEOWN'S on Jan. 25th to discuss their current business which was their annual Christmas party & to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the beer can. If the beer can was not invented, what would they be collecting? OLLIE had his finger waving JOHN was hard to beat

at the pool table, ART had gifts for all, BOB was on his good behavior & VIC made sure all had plenty of food & refreshments. All played some poker. Talk was also of the convention and all hope to see you there.



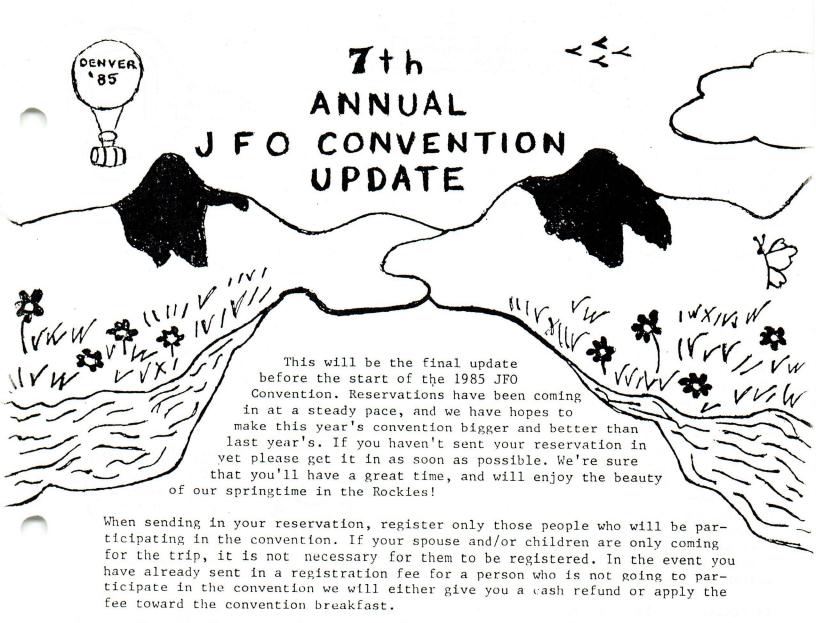
DON BULL writes: During my Fall 1984 trip to England I had the pleasure of visiting with MAGGIE MORRIS in Gravesend. When I first arrived at her home, she brought out one box of openers & I was astounded by some of the opener variations in it. She then brought out another box...and another...and another...until I looked at several thousand openers! MAGGIE collects all types of openers & corkscrews - with and without advertising. (England's ART SANTEN!). She has a rather extensive collection of "crown cork" (her term)openers with beer advertising. These are the early cast iron "D" types.

If anyone is interested in developing a trading relationship with MAGGIE, write to her, care of DON BULL-his new address as of April 12 is on page 1. (Look closely at the picture and see how cleverly she used openers to hang the framing-ED).

Our new member MERVIN C. EISEL writes that he is a novice collector - only 3 years - of Minn. only. He now has artifacts from 42 Minn. breweries & likes signs, kegs, wood cases etc. & has about 300 books on on brewing & beer (Minn. only) & 200-300 periodicals. (See his want ad)

The classified ads appear on page 16.

A REMINDER THAT THE DEADLINE FOR THE JULY ISSUE IS FOR ME TO HAVE YOUR NEWS, FREE ADS, ARTICLES, COMMENTS ETC. BY SATURDAY, JUNE 1st. THIS ISSUE TOOK TOO MUCH TIME TO RESTRUCTURE AND WAS MAILED LATER THAN I HAD PLANNED. THANKS FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION!

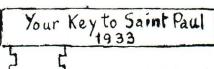


We have made a couple of changes in the convention format as printed in the January issue of $J\Gamma O$. Rather than eating in Denver and touring the recently renovated Tivoli Brewery, we have decided to have the convention breakfast in Boulder and to tour the new Boulder Brewing CO.

Boulder, a short distance from Denver, is the home of the University of Colorado. It sets in a valley surrounded to the west by sheer rock mountain faces, known as the "flatirons". A dynamic growing community, it still posesses a touch of the peaceful small town atmosphere.

The Boulder Brewing Co., a micro brewery, is located just on the outskirts of Boulder. Its new facility is a masterpiece of modern architecture. You'll be impressed by its beauty. A special tour has been arranged for us and free beer and souvenirs for sale will be available.

Because of the positive response we had to last year's convention opener, we have designed another special opener for this year's convention. The opener will be in the form of a corkscrew so that it can be enjoyed by beer advertising opener collectors, and corkscrew collectors alike. It will commemorate a very special Colorado brewery, whose claim to fame could not be claimed by any other brewery in the United States, and for that matter, the world. Like last year, only 50



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of these special openers have been ordered.

We hope that you'll be able to bring some of your openers to display at the convention. First, second, and third place awards will be given for the best displays. An impartial panel, composed of people from local breweriana clubs and beer distributorships, will be selected to do the judging.

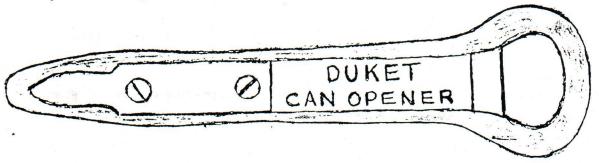
Remember that we will be joined at the convention by members of the corkscrew collectors club. They bring beer advertising openers, breweriana, and other items of interest to trade for corkscrews. Remember to bring corkscrews, with or without advertising to trade with them.

Some of our JFO members also collect other forms of breweriana other than openers. Others are into collecting non-beer advertising openers. For these reasons it would be wise to bring along all your traders, beer or non-beer, with or without advertising. Listed below are some things you might consider to bring. You can never tell what you might be able to trade.

- wall mounted openers
- 3-D cast iron figural openers
- 2-D flat figural openers
- soda pop & whiskey advertising openers
- can openers
- letter openers
- shoe horns
- cigar box openers
- Breweriana: signs, trays, tip trays, ash trays, cans, coasters, foam scrapers, matchbooks, belt buckles, bottle caps, etc.

In closing it should be mentioned that we felt that last year's public show ran a little bit too long for most people. For this reason we thought that this year we would run the show only until 3PM, at which time we would hold a business meeting to decide the site for next year's convention and to discuss any other pertinent business. This would give the people who were planning to leave Saturday evening time to pack up and refresh themselves before starting their trek back home.

For those of you that are staying overnight Saturday, we are planning to have a group dinner at the Zang Brewing Co., a restaurant located in one of the former brewery's buildings.



For more information phone or write: Gary Deachman, 877 Mobile Street Aurora, Colorado 80011 303-341-5259

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An Act Not On The Bill ? Well, for a change of pace this Issue will feature Openers which advertise Coca-Cola, in lieu of those advertising Beer. I'm hoping I don't Bore you Brewery Aficionados. I am a collector of all Coca-Cola Memorabilia, Ephemera, Junque, Etc.. But have always been most enthusiasic about 1.) Blotters, 2.) Chewing Gum Items, 3.) Pocket Knives, and 4.) OPENERS (of course all advertising Coca-Cola) In these areas I'm generally considered to have the foremost collections in the country. I have been collecting for 15 years now with my Opener enthusiasm being stimulated by a purchase of a collection of about 8 openers in 1973, all of the flat stamped style, including my first Figural Opener (an Eagle A-15). I had already accumulated some of the more common wire and Starr-X cast wall openers, but this acquisition about doubled my collection and I began seeking and buying anything different in openers to add to my collection. My collection now numbers approximately 350 different types, styles and varieties of Coca-Cola Openers. A collector friend of mine in Maryland has approximately 300 different Openers in his collection. We do not know of any other Collections that number any more than a hundred.

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I have been a member of JFO since shortly after its start, and have been most appreciative of the time and effort by Don Bull, Ed Kaye and others who have contributed to the Newsletter. It has been a great source of information for myself, and I hope my sharing my Collection with you in this Article in someway shows my graditude to you.

Coca-Cola was first "brewed" in 1886, but was for the first 14 years only a Soda Fountain drink, considered to have certain medicinal qualities. It was first officially bottled in 1899. The first Bottlers all used the Hutchinson stoppered bottle. (of which about 12 or 13 different are known, all commanding a premium price) In approximately 1901 or 1902 the Crown Cap was first used by the Coca-Cola Bottlers and was universally accepted by the growing industry. By the late teens there were over 1000 individual bottlers stretching all across the United States and spreading into other parts of the world....and still growing. The Bottlers for the most part bought any openers they gave away directly from the opener manufacturer. Some of these they bought with advertising on them and many were bought without. This individual buying accounts for the wide range of styles and varieties of openers available with Coca-Cola advertising on them. By the middle Teens, openers were offered to the Bottlers through the Parent Company. One of the first offered in this manner was the "Sealite" style (G-5) at \$12 per 1000. By 1920 the Parent Company offered the "Sealite", "Wire" style at \$5 per 1000, and a "Key Ring" style (probably the Vaughan Special B-14) at 2¢ each. By 1926 the Parent Company was still offering the same group of openers, but now at reduced prices, the "Sesco" (previously "Sealite") at \$10 per 1000, the "Key Ring" style at \$8.65 per 1000, and the "Wire" at \$4 per 1000. In 1928 they first offered the "Starr" cast wall opener at 9¢ each along with the "Wire" at now \$3.45 per 1000. In 1929 they offered the new design "Starr-X" (O-5) along with the "Starr" and the "Steel Wire". These early openers purchased through the Parent Bottler are the most prevalent around today. Those Bottlers who continued to buy directly from the Opener Manufacturers account for the almost endless variety of different Coca-Cola Openers available today. One could almost assume that any opener style ever invented might eventually be found with Coca-Cola advertising on it (except for those made for specific consumers)

Below and on the following pages are some Openers from my collection with comments, general values, and scarcity guides. Where possible Don Bull's Style

Identification System is used.



A-12 SABER or SWORD A very scarce opener, value \$65 to \$75.



A-9
BASEBALL PLAYER
A very scarce opener, value \$65 to \$75.



A-4 and A-5
This Vaughan Design occurs in both the
"Early Morn" (Nude) and "Calendar Girl"
(clothed) varieties, also both with and
without the Prest-O-Lite Key (square hole)
A scarce and desirable opener,

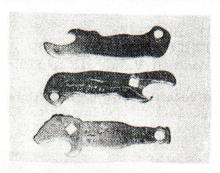
value \$65 to \$75.



A-17 and A-15 EAGLE HEAD and LION HEAD All I have seen of this design have the Prest-O-Lite Key hole in them. A scarce opener, value \$30 to \$40.



A-20 and A-21 HAND SPINNERS A scarce opener, value to \$40.



A-30 LEGS I have in two designs, one Legs with Ballet Slippers and one Bare Legs with Garter.

Note one with Prest-O-Lite Key, one without.

A scarce opener, value \$65 to \$75.

A-43 HORSE HEAD Have only seen one of this design with Coca-Cola Advertising on it.

An extremely scarce opener, value to \$100.

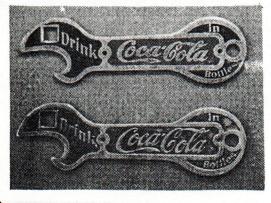


A-23 DOW Not very common, value \$15 to \$20.

B-30
KEY SHAPED with CAP LIFTER
An unusual opener that surely dates back to the 1920's or early 1930's with the 2 digit phone number.

Not very common, value \$15 to \$20.





B-2 KEY SHAPED These are seen in Brass with Red and Black Enamel Paint In-lay and in Steel with both solid Red Enamel and with Red and Green Enamel. The Brass is the more common of the two.

With 95 to 100% Enamel value \$25 to \$30. With Enamel worn, value only \$10 to \$15.



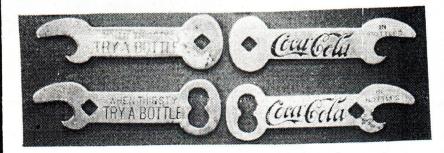






B-14
KEY SHAPED....VAUGHAN'S SPECIAL
Most common of the Flat key ring style openers.
I have about 28 different varieties of this style in my collection.

Value with cap design or plain \$5 to \$10. Value with "In Bottles" \$10 to \$15. Value with Bottlers Name/City \$15 to \$20.



B-19 and B-29 KEY SHAPED OPENERS An early opener, reverse also shown.

Value \$10 to \$15.

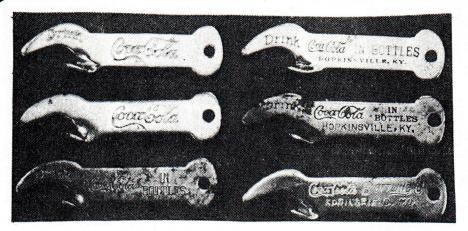


C-11, C-13 and C-17 FLAT METAL CAP LIFTERS Not very common, Value \$15 to \$20.

There is a recent issue C-13 which has "Enjoy....etc.", value \$2 to \$3.



B-22, B-20 and B-23
KEY SHAPED OPENERS
These are desirable early openers. Also have or have seen B-15, B-18, B-22 and B-32 similar to these.
Value \$15 to \$20.

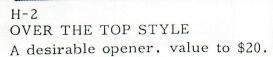


B-24
KEY SHAPED...NEVER SLIP, Not very common, value to \$20.



TYPE L
BOTTLE SHAPED
8" long, aluminum, red
circle logo on back.
Scarce, value \$40 to \$50.

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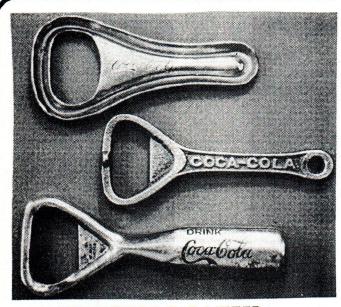




A-39
TURTLE
A recent opener, Advertising printed on, not stamped.
Common, Value \$2 to \$3.



TYPE M
SET OF FOUR, CARD SUITES
Stainless, sleeves only marked.
Uncommon , Value \$40 to \$50 for the complete set.



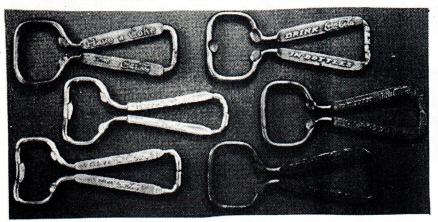
G-13 PERFECTION CAP LIFTER

D-3 (similar) CAST IRON

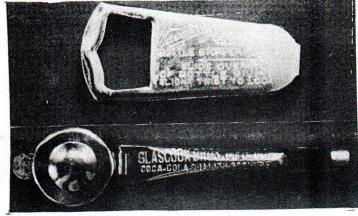
G-1 IMPROVED PERFECTION CAP LIFTER

Values: G-13 \$10 to \$15

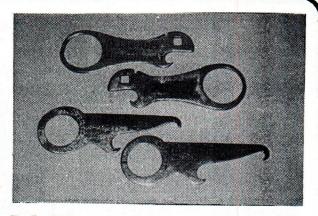
G-l and D-3 less common, \$15 to \$20.



TYPE E WIRE FORMED OPENERS
Many variations of these exist with numerous slogans, these are the most common opener, Value 25¢ to \$1.



N-9 CAP CLOSER / OPENER G-25 CAP CLOSER / OPENER Both not very common, Value \$25 to \$30.



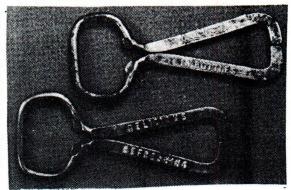
B-5 KEY SHAPED with KEY RING Nice early opener, Value \$10 to \$15. B-7 HANDY POCKET COMPANION A scarce early opener, Value \$40 to \$50



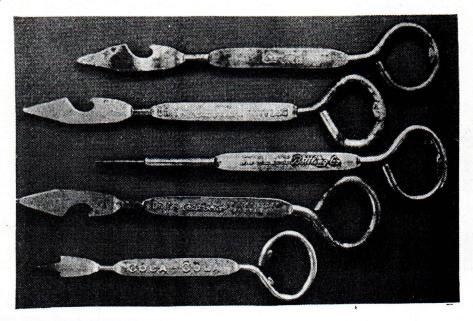
G-5 CAP LIFTER
Many variations on this, some
marked "SEALITE", "N.Y.
SPECIALTY CO., SESCO" and
"W.J.FARRELL", many dated
1909. Value \$5 to \$8.



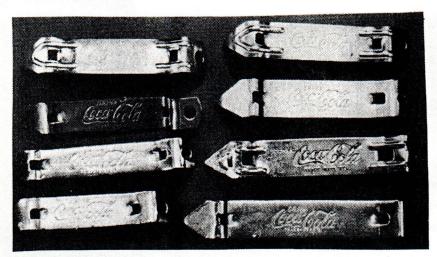
G-4 CAP LIFTER
Many variations, most marked
"CONSOLIDATED CORK CORP,
BROOKLYN, N.Y." value to \$4

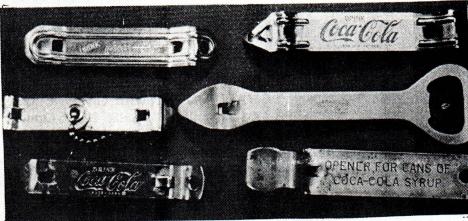


E-7 WIRE FORMED OPENER
The earliest variety of this opener,
pre 1928, has "Delicious - Refreshing"
on one side, Value \$5 to \$8.



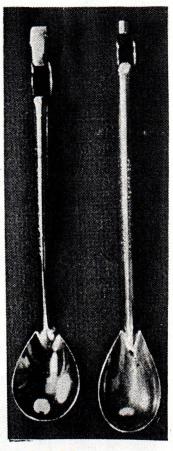
F-5, F-6 and F-18 MULTI-PURPOSE OPENERS Not very common, but desirable, value \$25 to \$35.





TYPE I COMBINATION CAP LIFTER / CAN PIERCER
Many types and variations of these exist, most are rather common.

Values \$1 to \$5.



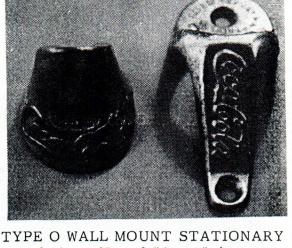
F-4 and F-15 CAP LIFTER with SPOON Value \$20 to \$25.



NOVELTY OPENER
Wood with cap catcher.
Unusual, Value \$20 to \$25



TYPE O WALL MOUNT STATIONARY OPENER The upper two, with corkscrews and hook at bottom (for cap catcher), value \$30 to \$40. The lower two are more recent, both chrome plated, one with cork screw, value \$5 to \$10.



TYPE O WALL MOUNT STATIONARY "Hoof Shaped" and "Starr" (tongue shaped), Both by Brown Co. Value of hoof \$15 to \$20, Starr to \$10.

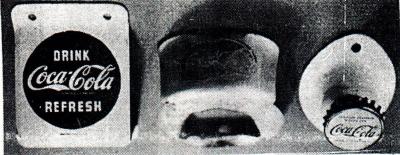


O-5 "STARR-X" STATIONARY WALL MOUNT Many varieties, some dated, value \$1 to \$3.



STARR BOTTLE OPENER CAP CATCHER

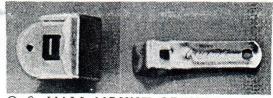
WALL MOUNT with CAP CATCHER Often called "Sprite Boy" Opener. Rather Common, Value \$3 to \$5.



WALL MOUNT STATIONARY OPENERS

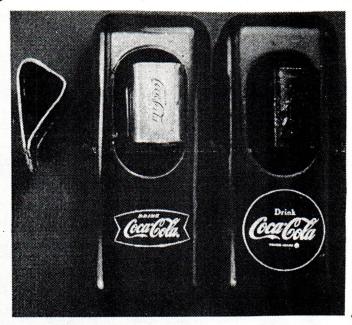
Type O-2, a "Delux Ezee Decapper" with decal, and an Enameled metal with Bottle Cap.

All unusual, Value O-2 \$5 to \$10, others \$15 to \$20.

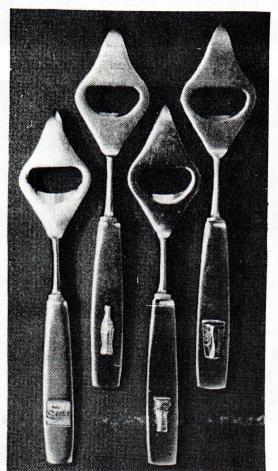


O-9 WALL MOUNT OPENER G-6 CAP LIFTER

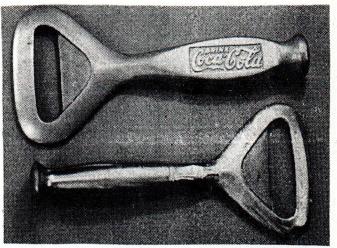
Values \$5 to \$10



WALL MOUNT with CAP CATCHER Stamped wall opener portion with metal enameled cap catcher, Value \$10 to \$15.



TYPE M MISCELLANEOUS This group all has applied, enameled logos or designs, handles stainless steel. Recent, Value \$10 to \$15.



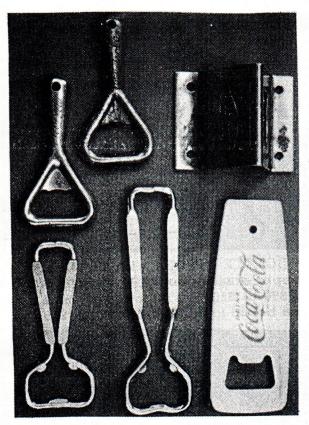
M-19 BOTTLE OPENER with MUDDLER The upper stamped example is very scarce, Value \$90 to \$100. The lower example has applied bottle logo, Value \$20 to \$25.

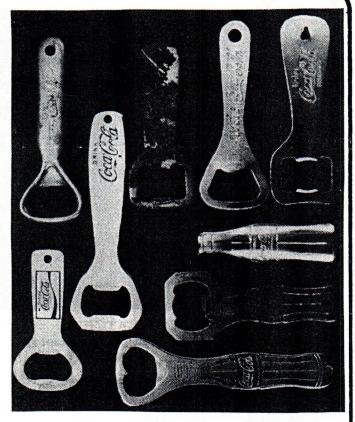


50 th ANNIVERSARY OPENERS Circa 1950, not common, Value \$20 to \$25.

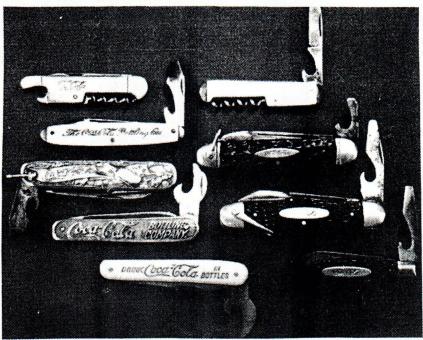


G-12, N-30 and G-14 Miscellaneous recent openers, Value \$1 to \$2.





MISCELLANEOUS GROUPING OF FOREIGN OPENERS,



POCKET KNIVES with OPENERS
This grouping is all of earlier knives, circa 1905
to 1940, Values from \$50 to \$200.



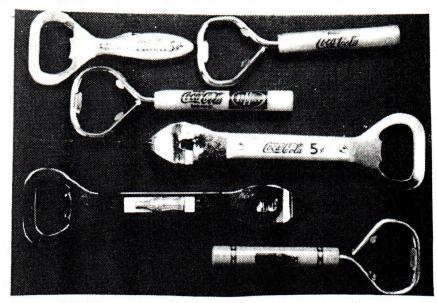
N-29 BULLET PENCIL/OPENER Early example, scarce \$20 to \$25.

Values \$2 to \$10.

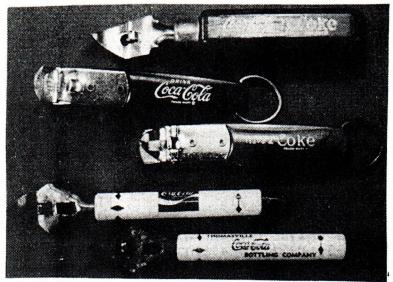




POCKET KNIVES with OPENERS This grouping is all of later knives, circa 1945 to 1970. Values \$15 to \$20.



MISCELLANEOUS OPENERS
N-25, M-14's and M-65's Values \$5 to \$10.



MISCELLANEOUS OPENERS
M-33, M-23's and M-30's Values \$5 to \$15.

In closing, let me state, an attempt has been made to show a good representation of Coca-Cola Openers. But these pages in no way show all the known styles and variations. Even many in my collection I have not shown, as some photos did not come out. I continue to add new and different Openers to my collection constantly.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to share my interest with you, and hope it has been of some interest to you. I further wish to thank all the JFO members who have corresponded with me in the past and offered me openers for my collection. I will be



MISCELLANEOUS OPENERS
All recent, some 75 th Anniver.
Values \$2 to \$5.





NOVELTY DOOR LOCK/OPENER Circa 1929, stamped metal w/box. Value \$10 to \$15.

I welcome all opener offers and correspondence.....

THOM THOMPSON

HUNTERTOWN ROAD VERSAILLES, KY 40383

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Grand Prize, Blue Bonnet, Southern Select or any other old Texas breweries. All types. MIKE HENNECH 2602 Chevy Chase Irving, TX 75062.

Any opener or other brewery item from Atlantic Brewing Co.(Atlanta,GA. or Charlotte, NC) Send for list of openers & other items I have to trade or sell. DAVID STOUT 2007 Washington St. Barnwell, SC 29812.

Kiewels openers, Minn. brewery post cards, books, priodicals, and Minn beer distributor's handbooks.MERVIN C. EISEL Rt#1 Ft. Ripley,MN 56449

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M-35 Storz in good condition \$20. BOB KOCH 404 So. Beech Rd. Osceola, IN 46561. (219) 674-8554.

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Thanks to all who submitted new additions of openers & corkscrews not previously listed in the HANDBOOK & the Jan.'85 up date. Also to those who checked their collections & found discrepancies between what they have & the listings as previously reported. All are being checked and a master list will be issued of them rather than piecemeal.

Shows that may be of interest to you if you are in those areas: The Figural Bottle Opener Club will convene on May 4th in Lancaster, PA For details: Phyllis Eisenach 13018 Clarion Rd. Ft. Washington, MD 20744

Palmetto Beer Can & Breweriana Show held May 24-25 in Columbus, SC For details: David Stout 2007 Washington St. Barnwell, SC 29812

American Breweriana Association 4th annual meeting June 14-16, Denver. For details: Chris Galloway ABA Box 6082 Colorado Springs, CO 80934