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Our 10th year would not be possible without our Founding Members(*) and others who joined us in the first year. They have been with us since and spread the word about our group. They deserve our sincere THANK YOU. Their efforts were not overlooked. To the left, is a reduction (from 8-1/2 x 11) of the CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION mailed to them. It reads:

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Have you noticed any names that are not listed above or in the Jan. issue? Perhaps they lost their money in the stock market, bought an expensive opener or corkscrew, forgot to renew (or whatever). We miss them. Do you have anyone in mind that would like to be part of our group? Get them to join as we would all benefit.

---WANTED---

Besides openers, I collect wallet size sports schedules with beer advertising. Bring both to the convention. Have something to trade for them. TED STRINY 814 W. Minnehaha Ave. St. Paul, MN 55104.

Any Virginia, Tennessee or North Carolina openers-beer or non-beer. Have many good openers to trade or will buy. JOHN STANLEY 2000 Ridgewood Rd. #111 Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

"F" type openers-spoons, picks & spatulars. L.F.BIEHL 448 Crandon Calumet City, IL 60409.

Coca-Cola openers: Paying super prices for older styles, unusual types, especially figurals. THOM THOMPSON Huntertown Rd. Versailles, KY 40383.

A-9 Baseball pitchers. ED KAYE 1478 Albatross Rd. Sanibel, FL 33957.

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CONVENTION UPDATE

Everything is set for the 10th Annual JUST FOR OPENERS convention to be held April 21, 22 and 23, 1988 at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, St. Louis County, Missouri.

We will have a hospitality room where Mary Ann and I will be to greet early arrivals on Wednesday afternoon. Socializing, with refreshments, a welcome souvenir kit which includes identification badges, breweriana items, information about the area etc. will be given to registrants here. Convention souvenir openers, JFO patches & JFO pins will be available, each at a nominal cost.

Thursday will be devoted to getting together with old friends and making new ones, room-to-room trading, buying, selling and of course, the hospitality room.

Friday will begin with the Fil Graff brewery buildings tour. Then a lunch on the way to a tour of the Anheuser-Busch brewery & gift shop. We will return to the hotel in time for the annual auction. After a dinner break, at one of the many places within walking distance of the hotel, back to room-to-room trading and the hospitality room.

Saturday, the show (open to the public) will be from 9 AM to 3 PM during which raffle tickets will be drawn for prizes. The awarding of trophies for the best displays (bring yours along) will be held prior to the annual meeting.

The St. Louis group looks forward to seeing you there.

Your host,

MEMBER JFO BCCA ABA

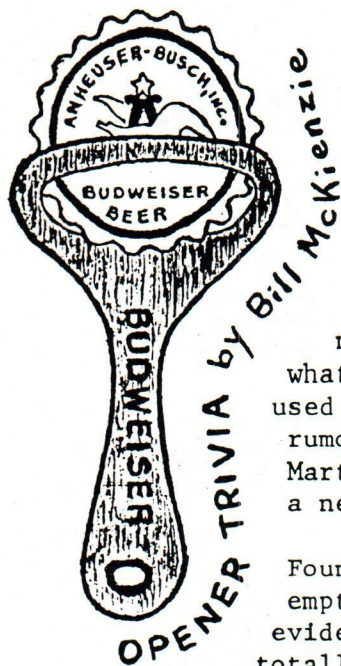
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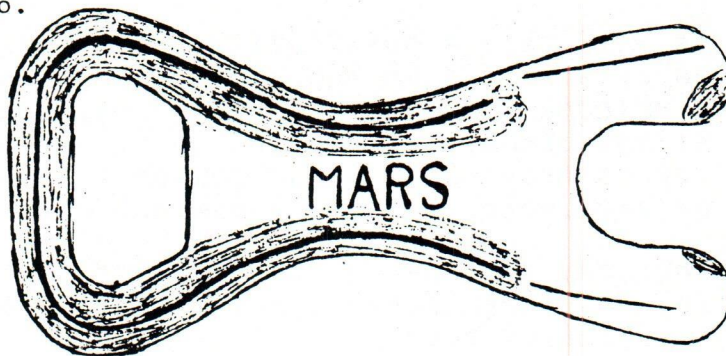
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Meet these and other members who were with us at previous conventions. (Camille & Herb Danziger of Michigan, Peg & Bob Nugent of New Hampshire, Jackie & Joe Young of Illinois & Joe Paradi of Canada).



You've probably always wondered what Martians used to open their beer. Opener Trivia has finally found the answer. This opener was recently discovered in a Martian spaceship which crashed to Earth many years ago. It is obvious that the one end of the opener was used to open bottles. We are not exactly certain what the other end was used for, but it is rumored that the Martians had created a new type of beer can.



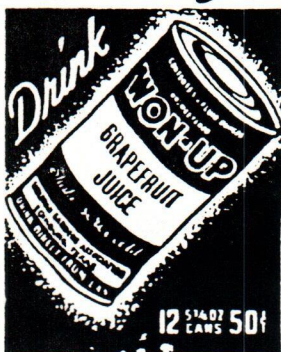
Found beside the skeletal remains of the pilot and navigator were the empty bottles from two Martian eleven-packs. Experts agree that the evidence indicates that the Martians were "boogeying on down" and were totally blitzed at the time of impact. Vern Vollrath, a noted expert on Martians, said: "I think they were so bombed that they totally misjudged their landing. It looks like they hit the Earth at around 2000 miles per hour. This is a real disappointment because I really wanted to meet those little green critters in person. I'd like to have had a beer or two with them. I heard that Martian beer is about 25% alcohol. Ooh Wee (Martian for: is there a doctor in the house.)."

It is with regret that we must report that all the bottles were broken from the impact of the crash, and that time had disintegrated and faded the remains of the labels beyond recognition. We were hoping to let you know what the Martians favorite brand of beer was, but now that will have to wait for our next exclusive.

Remember that this kind of information cannot be found in any other opener column. That's what sets us apart from all the others. Turn to Opener Trivia for the facts!



For your health's sake



THE OHIO MATCH CO. WADSWORTH, OHIO
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When I found my first I-7-42 Won-Up opener I can remember wondering whether it was a beer. The name just didn't sound like a beer, and I couldn't find any beer brand by that name in any of my reference books. Upon asking some other collectors about the opener it seems I can remember having a recurring conversation that went something like this:

- Bill: Joe is this Won-Up opener a beer?
- Joe: No that's a mislisting. Won-Up used to be a soda pop.
- Bill: Are you sure?
- Joe: Oh yea, I can remember drinking it as a kid.
- Bill: What type of pop was it?
- Joe: It was sorta like 7-up, but it had a little different flavor.

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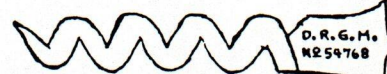
(WON-UP continued from the preceding page)

Until I recently found the matchbook pictured on the preceding page I always believed that Won-Up was a soda pop. I even made reference to it as such in the April 1986 issue of Opener Trivia. Who would have ever guessed it was grapefruit juice?

In small letters on the bottom of the can you might be able to read: ENGLEMAN GARDENS ASSOCIATION EDINBURG, TEXAS. Look for it on your grocer's shelf, 12 cans for 50¢. Don't let the cost discourage you. Remember it pays to pay a little more to get the very best quality product.

This corkscrew is a little different from most others I've seen of its type. On one end of the handle is a cigar box opener while on the other is a wire breaker. Notice that the handle is split in the center so that the two parts can be folded inward alongside the shaft.

Stamped on the shaft is: D.R.G.M. N254768. I believe that this is probably a German patent number. Maybe one of our corkscrew collectors can tell us what D.R.G.M. stands for and possibly date this corkscrew?



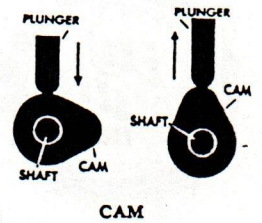
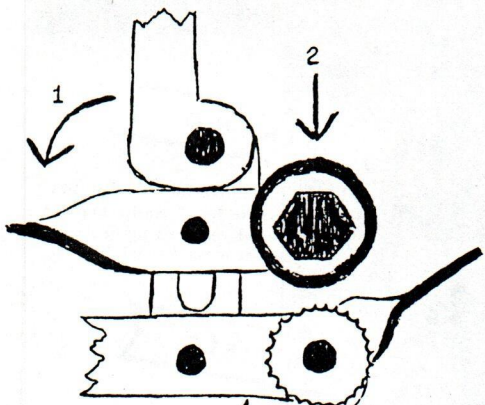
Although B-19-71 Ambrosia Lager Beer is probably from the Sioux Falls Brewing & Malting Co., Sioux Falls, South Dakota (reference B-21-409 Sioux Falls) it is hard to prove it without the brewery name on the opener.

Does anyone know of any other brewery that used the Ambrosia brand name Pre-prohibitor?

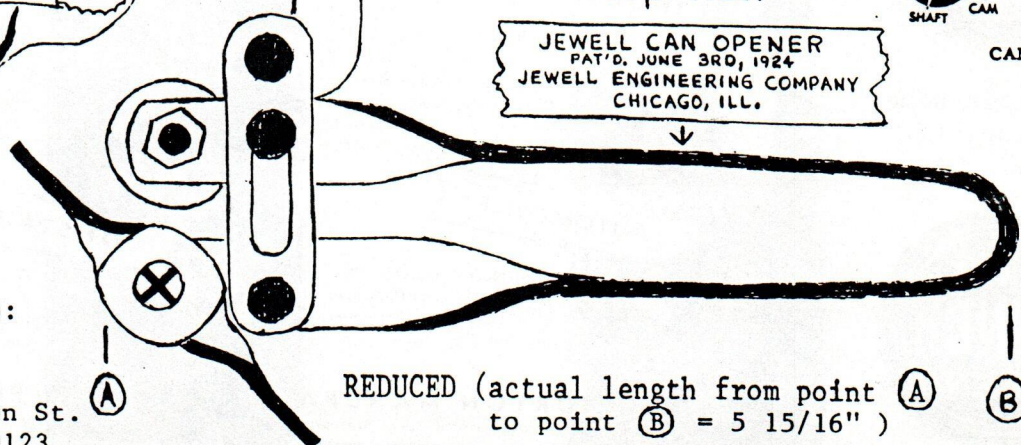


This interesting can opener operates on the principle of a cam. As the handle is moved in the direction of arrow 1 it causes the sharp-edged wheel downward in the direction of arrow 2 thereby piercing the lid of the can.

cam (kam) n. [Du. *cam*, orig., a COMB'] a moving piece of machinery, such as a wheel, projection on a wheel, etc., which gives an eccentric rotation or a reciprocating motion to another wheel, a roller, shaft, etc., or receives such motion from it



Top view
 JEWELL CAN OPENER
 PAT'D. JUNE 3RD, 1924
 JEWELL ENGINEERING COMPANY
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Send info for OPENER TRIVIA to:

Bill McKenzie
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 Littleton, CO 80123

REDUCED (actual length from point A to point B = 5 15/16")

Observe the jack-shaped opener illustrated in this brochure. Mike Gordon has listed this opener as J-137 in his book of figural bottle openers. One side of the opener reads JACKS DUFF NORTON while the opposite side reads JACKS PITTSBURGH USA.

I cannot be certain of the exact age of the opener but notice on the brochure that: 1) the circular diagram beneath the picture of the opener illustrates a cone top beer can, and; 2) the steam loco-



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FROM

*"The House that
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Radio Program*



motive and the vintage of the automobile. This leads me to believe that it is probably from the 1930's.



Just a little something to cap off this issue.



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- On a more serious note I would like to know what purpose the unusual end of the "MARS" opener (1st page of this article) serves. I suspect the opener is foreign.
- BOB KOCH of Osceola, Indiana reports that he has 2 or 3 matchbooks advertising FROEDTERT MALT and that a friend of his has an ad from the 1930's which indicates that this company was located in Milwaukee.

Bob is currently on vacation but when he returns home he plans to send us xerox copies of the matchbooks and the ad which we will use in a future issue. He feels that FROEDTERT never made beer but supplied many breweries with their malt. Thanks for the info Bob!

- RON KLIMAS, member, mason, and friend from Federal Way, Washington was kind enough to give us some information on the unusual combination opener (The Carney Co. Inc.) sent in by FRANK KRAFT last issue.

Ron says that this piece is called a line pin. They used to be given away as freebies by masonry companies, and he at one time had a collection of them. This one is the first one he has seen with an opener.

Line pins are commonly used for repair work, and at times when building brick walls. To build a wall they first put up two small sections at either end of the wall. Into a head joint (the vertical joint between two bricks) in each section they place a line pin, from which a line is drawn connecting the two sections. The line allows the mason to build in the middle section of wall keeping it level with the two end sections.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT
THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION!

ED'S NOTE: Thanks to BILL McKENZIE who puts in a lot of time researching for his Opener Trivia and effort in putting it together so that we may enjoy it in every issue. He needs our support! Us members should send a note, pro or con, to him.

WORDS OF WISDOM: "Being happy is being involved."

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---TRADES---

My ANHEUSER-BUSCH P-1-2 for a P-1-10 HIGHLAND BREWING CO. I will add a \$10.00 kicker! OLLIE HIBBELER Rt.73 Box 135-20 Lake Ozark, MO 65049.

My M-3-UL (red) and M-7-1 SILVER TOP openers for Penna. openers that I need. ANTHONY ZANGHI RD1 Box 404 F-14 Coopersburg, PA 18036.

A-P openers (also for sale). Want Minn., South & North Dakota ones. LARRY JAEHNERT 1679 Atlantic St. St. Paul, MN 55106.

I want to thank STAN SUMMERS of Rochester, MI for taking time to visit with me. All members are invited to stop by and share a cold one with me when you are in the area.

A reminder that the July issue should be ready for publication on June 15th and your articles, ads etc. should be received by June 1st. Thanks for your cooperation!

To my inquiry why a Floridian collects Great Falls, Montana Breweriana, member MICHAEL SCHILLE of Tampa, FL. responded with this interesting and informative data: "I was born in Seattle, WA when dad worked for Pioneer Brew. Co. After the war and brewing school in Chicago, he went to Sicks' Century (Seattle) for a while before going to Great Falls which was also part of Sicks' empire as Assistant Brewmaster/President. From there, the the family moved to Tampa (while I was in Southeast Asia) where he was with Anheuser-Busch. Hence my interest in Great Falls."

ED'S note: I sold him my E-14 Great Falls openers.

Another inquiry answered by member ROBERT D. CROSS of Sun City, AZ: "My Openers Presentation was given to approx. 25 members of the Phoenix Antiques, Bottles and Collectibles Club (ABC is a small club that began as an "old bottle" club and expanded to their present classification). For display, I took at least one of every type I have in my collection, including non-beer types. Attached to each was a tag indicating the type and approximate value. Points of my talk were:

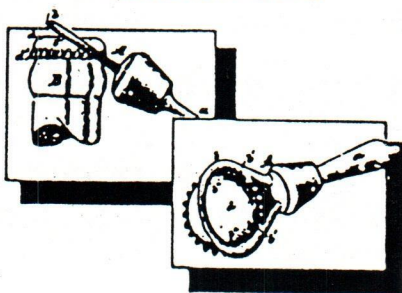
- (A) How I got started: Bought a box of "I" types, about 50, at a bottle show for \$3.00.
- (B) Why it is an interesting hobby: With the advent of the twist off cap and pull tab can in the 1960s, openers with beer advertising were no longer produced as freebies. Also, they are relatively inexpensive to procure at flea markets and garage sales.
- (C) Classifications and values: I had with me, DON BULL'S 'Beer Advertising Openers' to explain the 3 step process, and 'Price Guide To Beer Advertising Openers And Corkscrews'.
- (D) 'Just For Openers': A quarterly newsletter for members with current information on our hobby, including but not limited to, up-dates to 'The Handbook of Beer Advertising Openers and Corkscrews (An alphabetical composite) by EDWARD R. KAYE and DONALD A. BULL'.

As a novice opener collector, my presentation went well and believe it planted the seed for them to join us in this interesting and informative hobby."

ED'S note: Well done Robert!

The Handbook of Beer Advertising Openers and Corkscrews

(An alphabetical composite)
by
Edward R. Kaye
and Donald A. Bull



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