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## **The H-2 Mint Cola Story**

DOND "Deal Or No Deal" on Facebook By John Stanley

The Old Opener Expert/Guru strikes again. In 2016 Eddie Tatum had the H-2 Mint Cola opener shown below at a Raleigh Antiques Show. Eddie sold it to me for \$6 and it had a lot of "tarnish" but I figured it would clean up and it sure did. Polished up almost like a new opener. A couple of years later David Tingen asked me to give a Raleigh Bottle Club talk on openers. Randy Cobb was in attendance and I had brought three riker mounts of mainly soda openers and the H-2 Mint Cola was one of them. I did sell several openers that night but did not want to sell the Mint Cola example. Randy told me if I ever got rid of it to give him a chance to buy it.

Flash forward to June of 2024 and the Raleigh Bottle Held its last meeting at Hill Farms in Youngsville, NC (David was stepping down and no one volunteered to take over running the club). At the Hill Farm meetings there are always tables available to set up and sell. I had decided I would offer the H-2 Mint Cola to Randy who was in attendance. I asked him \$100.00 and he did not blink an eye and paid up. Randy has an awesome Tarrboro, NC collection and a wide variety of local advertising of all kinds. He has posted pictures of the opener two or three times on Facebook.

This past Tuesday (1/6/2026) Randy posted the opener in TheRealDeal101 on Facebook. It is mainly for Gas and Oil collectors but folks can sell any kind of advertising. The bidding/ auction is called DOND (Deal Or No Deal). You make an offer and the seller can accept or say No Deal.

Offers started at \$10.00 followed by a generous one for \$12.00. At this time I joined TheRealDeal101 but it was the next day before I could start bidding. By then bidding was up to \$250.00 and then it hit \$450.00. I thought surely Randy would sell at \$450.00 but he had two bidders going at each other. Sometime Wednesday afternoon, the high bidder at \$600.00 said he was out and the other bidder came back and got it for \$650.00.

Forty-nine years of collecting openers does give you a lot of "experience" and ideas on value. But \$650.00 for any "Over-The-Top" opener is just simply amazing. Rest In Peace Eddie Tatum (he passed away in 2021). As this proved sometimes I am not an "Opener Expert". May 2026 bring many treasures to collectors.



**H-002 Drink Mint-Cola**


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