

Just
for

Openers



Happy New Year. Welcome to the 1980s. The 1970s saw the birth of opener collecting as a recognized hobby and the 80s are sure to see it grow. Good things are ahead. Ollie Hibbeler phoned me at the end of 1979 to advise that the plans for the April 19th convention are shaping up very well. To date he has received 27 firm commitments to attend. If you haven't let Ollie know your intentions yet, please do so as soon as possible by using the enclosed form. Also be sure to indicate whether you will need a motel reservation. There are four Holiday Inns in the vicinity - please note that the convention will be at the Holiday Inn NORTHWEST.

Enclosed with this issue is the current Directory of Opener Collectors. These are people who renewed their subscriptions to Just for Openers. You will note the list has shrunk considerably since the last newsletter. Possible reasons for the decrease:

1. We have now narrowed the list down to those who are really serious about the opener collecting hobby.
2. The rest forgot to renew.
3. The rest did not understand that subscription is based on the calendar year.
4. The rest spent the \$7.50 on some openers.
5. The rest either don't like the newsletter or feel the \$7.50 subscription price is too high. (The \$7.50 does not come close to offsetting the cost of printing and mailing four issues to the list).
6. Who knows!

Do you know someone who collects openers and should be a subscriber to this publication? Do you know someone on last year's subscriber list who did not renew? Pass the word to subscribe - - this publication will only survive by keeping the circulation at a point where it is economical to print and mail the issues. Take a look through the list now and send a note to those you know who are missing from the list.

This issue is devoted to updating the catalog of openers in BEER ADVERTISING OPENERS through type E-14. In the next issue (April) I will include updates for type E-15 through whatever there is room for. If you have any additions, please get them mailed in as soon as possible. Some "Discoveries" have been forwarded to me for photographs and I hope to add some more before the July issue in which additional "Discoveries" will be included. Hopefully, there will also be a wealth of exciting convention news for that issue.

With hopes of getting the April issue out before the convention, I am setting an early deadline for news, ads, etc as Feb. 29, 1980. Mail all material to: Donald Bull, 63 October Lane, Trumbull, CT 06611.

BUY - SELL - TRADE MART (10 cents per word)

For Sale: Openers, Tap Knobs, Trays, Patches, Coasters. Lists 25 cents each. Over 125 openers as low as 25 cents. JANTOS, 7025 Kevin, Bethel Park, PA 15102

Corkscrews Wanted: Any type, old or new, unusual, combination tools, etc. Joseph Balaban, 6630 Riley Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220.

BEER ADVERTISING OPENERS - A PICTORIAL GUIDE (The Book)

I have had, unfortunately, a number of complaints about the pages coming loose from the binding of the book. I regret that this has happened and apologize for it. It is, however, something over which I had no control - the binder just plain fouled up. At least it is obvious that those of you who have complained have put the book to good use. Might I suggest that you take the pages completely out, three-hole punch them, and put them in a nice binder. This way the book, the newsletter, and all other information about openers and your collection can be kept together.....Don Bull

TYPE ASSIGNMENTS

The combination tap knob/opener on page 3 of issue No. 4 is type M-55.

The Burger bottle - bottle opener on page 3 of issue No. 4 is type S-1.

CHURCH KEY

In the DICTIONARY OF WORD AND PHRASE ORIGINS William and Mary Morris explain the term "Church Key" as follows:

"When I passed on through my newspaper column a question from a Maryland reader about why "the tool that punches a triangular hole in a beer can is called a church key," I received lots of explanations. Included was one amusing script - virtually a one-act play - purporting to prove that the name was coined by a pair of hung-over acolytes.

But then I had a explanation from - where else? - Milwaukee, the beer capital of the world. It seems so authentic that all other theories may now be put aside. For one thing, Mr. J.R. Oberhofer, an old-time brewery worker, pointed out that the expression church key is much older than the device that leaves a triangular hole in beer cans. Indeed, it goes back to early days of the brewing business, when beer was first dispensed in bottles.

'The expression church key is old in the brewing business,' he wrote. 'I worked in a brewery for about 35 years and everybody carried a bottle opener or church key, perhaps so called because it looked like the top end of the kind of heavy ornate key used to unlock church doors. I am enclosing an old relic that is about 50 years old. It's made of cast iron and from its weight and appearance, you can see its resemblance to a churchdoor key.

With the coming of cans in the brewing business, the bottle opener gave way to the can opener that makes the triangular marks - but the name church key was simply transferred to the new device."

Mr. Oberhofer actually did send the cast iron bottle opener, and the evidence seems to me entirely persuasive. Thanks to him for settling a question that has puzzled me for many a year."

.....Thank you William and Mary Morris.....I assume the reference is to a type D Cast Iron Cap lifter. Does anyone have any other theories on the origin of the term "Church Key"?

IBI Tap Knob / Opener

Ross Reid says the type M-55 opener (Pg. 3 issue 4) was given out to Beer Wholesalers. He acquired one this past summer in original presentation case.

M-55
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