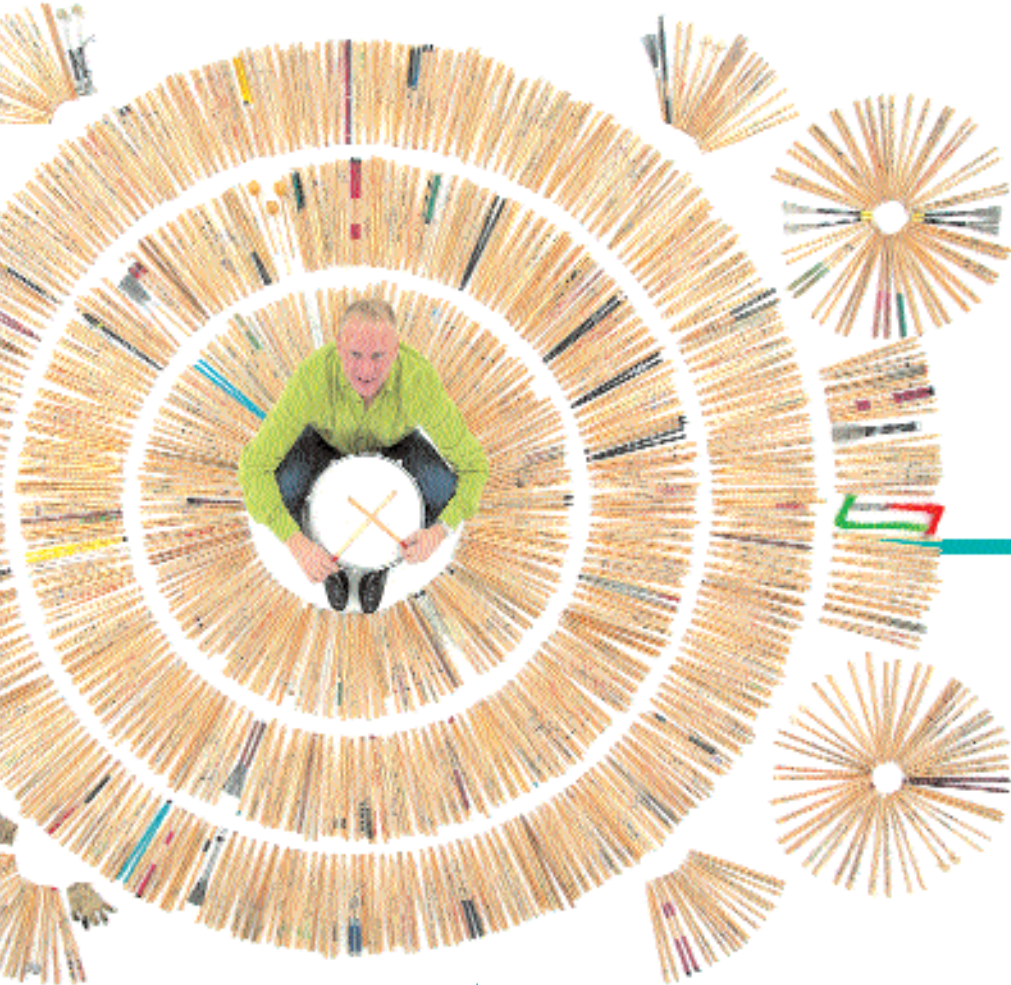


## Largest autographed drumstick collection

Since 1980, Peter Lavinger (USA, below) has accumulated over 1,300 drumsticks, all of which have been played and handed to him by drummers from various popular bands, including Ringo Starr of The Beatles. He caught his first drumstick from the front row of a Good Rats concert in 1980.



### ★ Largest beer bottle collection

The largest collection of beer bottles in the world is owned by Peter Broeker (Germany), who has amassed 12,548 bottles since 1980. The collection derives from 2,440 different breweries within 153 countries. Peter estimates that if all of his beer bottles were piled one on top of each other they would reach to a height of 3,043 m (9,983 ft), which is almost eight times the height of the Empire State building in New York, USA.

### ★ Largest passport collection

Guy Van Keer (Belgium) owns 7,637 passports and documents used in lieu of passports. They represent 130 countries and passport-issuing authorities, including many countries that no longer exist. The passports date from 1615 to the present day. The collection's most expensive item is a rare Chinese passport from 1898 valued at £28,032 (\$52,830).

### ★ Largest collection of coloured vinyl records

Alessandro Benedetti (Italy) has collected 1,180 music records made of coloured vinyl. His

collection comprises 866 LPs (792 coloured, 74 with pictures), 291 singles (277 coloured, 14 with pictures) and 23 in unusual shapes.

### ★ Largest collection of photographs of professional sporting personalities

Since 2000, Thomas Gill (UK) has built up a collection of 510 photographs taken of himself with professional footballers. Thomas has photographs of himself with well-known British footballers such as David Beckham, Sir Geoff Hurst and Ryan Giggs.



## Largest collection of yo-yos

John 'Lucky' Meisenheimer (USA, above) has a collection of 4,251 yo-yos, which he has amassed since 1971. His current collection is housed in 23 custom-made cases and is estimated to be worth around \$100,000 (£63,167).

He also has a photo of himself with his all-time football hero Paul Merson.

### ★ Largest collection of uncut bank notes

Leigh Follestad (Canada) has 123 sheets of uncut bank notes from 33 countries, representing 73 denominations, which he has been collecting since 1982.

### ★ Largest jet-fighter collection

The world's biggest private collection of jet fighters numbers 110 and belongs to French winemaker Michel Pont. His collection started in 1985 and includes Russian MiGs, British Jaguars and French Mirages. Michel buys the jets from governments, but is not permitted to fly the aircraft over French airspace. He also has a collection of 500 motorbikes, and 24 Fiat Abarth racing cars.

## Largest banana collection

Ken Bannister (USA, right), owner of the International Banana Club Museum in Altadena, California, USA, has 17,000 different banana-related objects that he has amassed since 1972. All are on display in the museum.



### ★ Largest collection of royal memorabilia

Ronny Bragança (Portugal) has a collection of 2,950 pieces of memorabilia relating to Diana, Princess of Wales, which he has accumulated since 1991. He has items from many countries, including Japan, Mexico and Australia. In 1999, he was fortunate enough to purchase a Christmas card signed by Charles and Diana in 1989.

### ★ Largest chamber pot collection

Manfred Klauda (Germany) has amassed 9,400 chamber pots, the earliest dating from the 16th century. Currently his collection can be seen at the Zentrum für Aussergewöhnliche Museen, Munich, Germany.

### ★ Largest valid credit card collection

Walter Cavanagh (USA) has accumulated 1,397 individual valid credit cards. The cost of acquisition to 'Mr Plastic Fantastic' was nil, but they are

worth more than \$1.65 million (£875,500) in credit. They are kept in a 76.2-m-long (250-ft) wallet – the world's longest.

### ★ Largest collection of soft drink cans from the same brand

Christian Cavaletti (Italy) has a collection of 3,284 different Pepsi cans from 71 different countries. Christian, who has been collecting since 1989, belongs to the two largest soft drink can collectors' clubs: the National Pop Can Collectors (NPCC) and the Pepsi-Cola Collectors Club (PCCC).

### ★ Largest ice-lolly stick collection

Since 1988, Poul Lykke Jepsen (Denmark) has collected 449 different ice-lolly sticks. Poul started collecting lolly sticks after he had eaten two ice creams and noticed that they had different sticks. His collection grew after he got a job as a storage worker in 2001 – his new employers manufactured ice-lolly sticks.

## Collections

Collection	Quantity	Holder
airline sickbags	3,307 from 755 airlines	Niek Vermeulen (Netherlands)
airline tags	469 from 115 airlines	Raghav Somani (India)
badges	13,516	Daniel Hedges (UK)
ball-point pens	285,150 from 148 countries	Angelika Unverhau (Germany)
Barbie dolls	1,125	Tony Mattia (UK)
beer cans	75,000 from 125 countries	William B. Christensen (USA)
bottle openers	20,884 from 136 countries	Dale Deckert (USA)
bottled water labels	5,115	Lorenzo Pescini (Italy)
bus tickets (used)	14,000	Yacov Yosipow (Israel)
car bumper stickers	3,230	Bill Heermann (USA)
clothing tags	2,180	Angela Bettelli (Italy)
condoms	1,947	Amatore Bolzoni (Italy)
decorative pins	1,457	Gerhard Kühler (Germany)
five-leaf clovers	31,336	George Kaminski (USA)
fruit stickers	34,500	Antoine Secco (France)
hats	25,777	Tustumena Lodge (USA)
hotel baggage labels	2,016	Robert Henin (USA)
keychains	24,810	Kurt Meadows (USA)
mouse mats	1,947	Daniel Evans (UK)
mugs	4,567	Harold Swauger (USA)
pencils	6,885	Emilio Arenas (Uruguay)
pencil sharpeners	8,514	Demetra Koutsouridou (Greece)
phonecards	4,531 from 239 countries and territories	Harvinder Chohan (Canada)
piggy banks	5,750	Ove Nordström (Sweden)
plasters (unused)	4,500	Brian Viner (UK)
rubber ducks	1,439	Charlotte Lee (USA)
rubber stamps	1,251	James Burton (UK)
shoe horns	1,594	Martien Tuihof (Netherlands)
shot glasses	8,411	Brad Rodgers (USA)
teabag labels	8,661 from 88 countries	Felix Rotter (Germany)
thermometers	4,580	Richard T Porter (USA)
traffic cones	137	David Morgan (UK)