

the MORRISTOWN SHOW

The First Annual Antique Bottle Show and Sale was held October 11th at the Talley-Ward Civic Auditorium, sponsored by the State of Franklin AB&CA and the Morristown Parks & Rec Dept.

For a first show, attendance was great. As everyone packed up, Bill Henderson, show chariman, esitimated that, although he had lost count at some point, somewhere between 400 to 500 people had attended.

The Show was given coverage in many local newspapers, and some of the people who attended even brought their newspaper with them.

This particular show was one of the most fun shows I've ever attended. Even with the crowds, everyone still had a great time.

It was a toss-up to see who got the best deal at the show. "Fifty-Cent" Harold Carton, a member of the SFAB&CA claimed he got the best deal with a Coca-Cola "star" bottle, while Stan Hopson said he got the best deal in an embossed Dr. Pepper bottle from Greenville, S.C. But I suppose the best deal would have to go to June Lowry for her 1857 salesman's sample fruit jar (pictured beside a Coke can to show how small it was) that she obtained. Good going June!

I hope you enjoy the photos as much as I did the show.



Bill Henderson awards the first hourly door prize winner a 6-pack of Coke.



Bill takes a minute out to have a chat with Charlie Barnette, co-show chairman, his wife Lynn Barnette and Susie Kesner.



The youngest active member of the SFAB&CA, who along with his Mom, found many items for his collection.



Fred Milner and Wade Cox look at one of the bottles on Wade's table.



Daniel Moore, who runs The Country Bottle Shop in Sevierville, Tenn. with his wife Carolyn, was out looking for things to add to the shop, and his collection.



Harold Carlton arranging the things around on his table. He also had boxes of bottles in the floor behind him.



Every year, Pete Wyatt plays a trick on Jack Barker. This year, Pete presented Jack with a "Urine Specimen Bottle" filled with Mountain Dew.



Maxie Sloan shows a bottle from his personal collection, an attractive Ned's red/white ACL. This was also Maxie's first show - taking care of Jimmy Timm's table, who could not attend the show due to an unexpected death in his wife's family. A big welcome to Maxie - and our condolences to Jimmy. I bought several items from Maxie for my own collection. :)



Above: June Lowry's 1857 salesman's sample fruit jar, with in insert of its lid.

Left: Wayne Lowry, the "Jar Doctor" and "Pepper" take a moment to watch the crowd at the show.

Below: Wayne, June and FOHBC secretary, Ed Provine (standing) used this opportunity to discuss the EXPO at Memphis next August with Gene Bradberry (seated), its chairman.



Stan shares some information from one of his many books, while I took a break from the Soda Fizz / FOHBC table to snap photos.



Laurel Wyatt assists her father, Pete, with his table.



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Left: Paul Ward had many soda bottles for offer at reasonable prices on his table and many collectors took advantage of this to add to their collections.

Below left: Fennie Thacker waits patiently for his next customer.

Below: Mike Barbera looks at items on Harold Carlton's table.



Gary Lawson, from Kodak, Tenn. assists one of his customers.

A "Cadillac" of a pedal car, one of the many items Dickie Dukes had to offer..

Right: Fred and Melissa Milner with Randall Knight enjoying the show.

Below: Carl Bailey (right) having a chat with Sam Crowder (middle), while Sam's wife, Missi has her own chat with Roberta (left), Randall's wife.



Gary Fowler brought a selection of metal detectors to the show.



Chris Edmonds had many soda bottles to offer at his table, as well as other items. Here he is pictured with Gerry Brown.