

THE BLUE GRAY BREWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO the 34th BLUE GRAY SHOW!!

Drum Roll, Please! TIME for the Beer! TIME for the room to room! TIME for the annual exchange of awesome cans and breweriana! TIME for the poker games, TIME for the beer tastings, the whiskey tastings and the ladies wine tasting! It's time for the Friday Mexican afternoon with Margaritas and Friday night Pizza Party! TIME for the Saturday Full Bottle exchange and Banquet! It's TIME for *friends* from all over the country to get together again, some who haven't seen each other since last year! Standing ovation, please! It's TIME for the *really* BIG Show!!!

The Blue Gray Show Committee and other hosts are excited to welcome all of you to the show and to once again host *a BCCA Board Meeting* which will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing all of the same faces and the addition of many new ones to this year's show. Our hosts include: Capital City Chapter, Richbrau Chapter, Rusty Bunch Chapter, BCCA, Sports Can Chapter, Microcosm Chapter and NABA. *We welcome each and every one of you to The Show!*

We are happy to say that our two guest speakers at this year's Banquet will be *Jeff Fitzpatrick* from the Blue Gray Brewing Company and *Mark Dobie* from Aviator Brewing Company. We are excited to have them!

Be sure as you walk around this year, trading, buying, conversing and just plain drinking beer, to *introduce yourself to the many micro-brewery representatives in attendance and thank them for continuing to make the Hospitality Room one of the best in the East or the West.*

Brews to you!
Rayner Johnson

Room - to - Room Trading all day and all night from Wednesday, February 13th through Saturday, February 16th!

The Hospitality Room is open 24 hours a day, beginning on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. and ending at noon on Sunday.

Please remember to wear your Badge at all times as this is a private party and people that do not have their Badge on will be asked to leave. This has to do with the State Liquor Law and remember, you are responsible for your own behavior and that of your guests.

TRADE FLOOR TABLES

On Thursday around 10 or 11 a.m., as soon as the tables arrive, we will be setting them up. This is staffed by the Richbrau and Rusty Bunch Chapters but **ALL are invited to help.** Please do NOT just take a table to set it up for yourself. These tables will be available on Thursday and Friday so that the collectors in the other Hotels can participate in the room-to-room trading. The tables are **ONLY** for collectors **not staying** in the Ramada Inn and those in the **back building, (all odd numbered rooms from 301-341 and from 401-441).** Collectors in the main building and on the front side of the back building will have their rooms open for the room-to-room trading. **So check out all of the outside rooms!** On Saturday, the tables are open to **ALL** collectors **EXCEPT** those who have inside rooms (open to the Atrium of the Ramada).

THURSDAY'S CAPITAL ALE LUNCH

The Ale House is located in Historic downtown Fredericksburg at 917 Caroline Street. It is an upscale-casual dinner house that features 62 craft and import beers on draught and over 300 selections of bottled beer. It is a 10 minute drive from the Ramada. This year a four course lunch is paired with 8 or 9 beers. Tickets include transportation via Fredericksburg Trolley between the motel and the Ale House. There will be a 15 minute tour of Fredericksburg after the lunch. The cost for the lunch including the trolley is \$30.00 per person. We will be meeting in the lobby at 11:45 a.m. and will be returning around 2:30 p.m.

HEY LADIES! Love Margaritas?? Meet in the lobby at the front door on Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. and walk or ride down to Pancho Villas Mexican Restaurant for margaritas and chips and some lunch!

FRIDAY NIGHT PIZZA PARTY

Friday night, be sure to get in line for the Pizza Party! Tom Chegash will be there to ensure the line is orderly and that you each get a share of great pizza. Be nice, or the **Pizza Dude** might make you go to the end of the line and wear a “dunce” cap or make a “citizen’s” arrest! The line forms on the second floor of the Ramada outside the Hospitality Room at the Registration desk at 8:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. and at 10:00 p.m.

MICROBREW FULL BOTTLE EXCHANGE

The annual Full Bottle Trade takes place Saturday morning 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the meeting room down the hall from the hotel restaurant. Bring 6 to 24 bottles of bottles or cans of fresh micro-brewed beer to trade. You **MUST** be in the room and ready to trade at 9 a.m. sharp. Latecomers always miss the good stuff. Learn more about this event at the Blue Gray registration table or see Jim Plant in room 226.

WINE GODDESS WINE TASTING

Debbie Eib will be holding her annual Saturday Afternoon Wine Tasting at 1:00 p.m. in the, now closed, Garden Terrace Restaurant area. All ladies are invited to attend. Just bring a bottle of wine and an appetizer to share.

BANQUET INFORMATION

Be sure and stop by the Blue Gray Registration Desk if you have not signed up for the Banquet on Saturday night yet. **The food, catered by an outside company, will be delicious**, the conversations will be great, and the drinks will be cold. Our guest speakers will be **Jeff Fitzgerald of The Blue & Gray Brewing Company** and **Mark Doble from Aviator Brewing Co.** of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina.

BLUE GRAY WEBSITE

A very special Shout Out to the Webmaster, Mark Benbow, for the job he continues to do on the Blue Gray Website, and which was **redesigned by Dave Waugh**.

Did you hear? This Year's banquet is being catered by an outside company!

BLUE GRAY 2013 RAFFLE CANS

The Rusty Bunch is proud to present the cans below as the Blue Gray 2013 Raffle Cans.

An outstanding Ortlieb's J-Spout, a beautiful Gretz Tooner Schooner, as well as a Non-IRTP Gunther “Dancing Goat” Bock. There will be a second chance drawing for a Narragansett Ale.

The Ortlieb's J-Spout and the Gretz Tooner Schooner were provided by website sponsors Beercanman.com and Tavern Trove, respectively. The Gunther Bock was kindly donated to the Rusty Bunch by The Dixon Family.

Tickets are sold in groups of 10, 10 tickets for \$10.00! Get yours now!

HUNGRY?

The Waffle House and Denny's are both a short distance from the hotel if you are looking for breakfast and I'm sure there are other breakfast joints in the area. **Let us know if there are any you particularly like** and we'll be sure to let others know about it! Email breakfast or any other meal suggestions to irishdki@comcast.net

There will be complimentary donuts and coffee each morning at the Registration desk area on the second floor.

There will be the usual **Hotdog Stand** available on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from noon to 3:00 p.m., near the Back Bar displays.

Hooters Restaurant, the Pancho Villas Mexican Restaurant and Ruby Tuesdays are just a short walking distance away.

The Blue and Gray Brewing Company is only 4.83 miles (9 minutes) away where you can enjoy great lunches and dinners at **Lee's Retreat Brew Pub**. **Stop by for a meal and let them know you are from the Blue Gray Show**. **We're sure they will have some sort of deal for you.**

CAN REPAIR & LID REPLACEMENT

Will Hartlep brought along his can repair and lidding equipment this year. So you might want to bring your can projects to him in room 114.

SATURDAY NIGHT STAY

The rules state that you must stay over Saturday night to stay at the Ramada Inn.. So plan on staying! *All guests checking out early will still be charged*



The Back Bar Display is back again for its 14th annual appearance at The Blue and Gray Show 2013. An outstanding collection of early, lighted breweriana will be presented by John Bain and numerous other participants from across the country. There will be a Best of Show Contest with prizes and awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. The Back Bar Lounge will be open where show attendees can enjoy popular tunes from the Big Band Swing era, and watch classic, black and white, Film Noir movies. Many early lighted signs and other breweriana will be offered for sale and trade in the Back Bar Shop. So pour yourself a cold one at the Blue Gray hospitality room, and then head on over to the Back Bar for a memorable trip back in time! **Tuesday & Wednesday**, you can hang out in the Lounge from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. and shop from 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.

“The Back Bar” is presented by ABA/ECBA/NABA member John Bain.

Make your vote count! Don't forget the voting deadline is Saturday at 10:00 a.m.!

Back Bar Schedule

Thursday, February 14th

- 4 p.m. to Midnight

Friday, February 15th

- 10 a.m. to Midnight

Saturday, February 16th

- 9 a.m. to ?
- 10 a.m. - Deadline for voting for Best of Show
- Noon - Group Photo and Award Ceremony

The 2012 Winners were Dave Doxie, Bud Hundenski, and David Donovan.

2012 Best of Show: Animated, reverse-painted, cast-glass ad panel in painted metal cabinet; Mfd. by The Brunhoff Manufacturing Company c. 1937; **Bud Hundenski, Coraopolis, PA**

2012 1st Runner Up: Reverse-fired glass ad panel, painted glass back panel on cast-metal base; Mfd. by Gillco c. 1937; **Dave Doxie, Wernersville, PA**

2012 2nd Runner Up: Animated, cardboard, paper and glass; Mfd. by L.A. Goodman Manufacturing company c. 1955; **Dave Donovan, Perry Hall, MD**

STAY OUT OF THE DOG HOUSE!

OK, Guys, don't screw this up!

Thursday is Valentines Day! If you left your honeys at home, make sure you call them and wish them a Happy Valentines Day on Thursday. Better yet, send them flowers! If they're here with you, better take them out to dinner! Just saying. Be nice.

BCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Blue Gray show this year **PROUDLY** hosts the BCCA's February Board of Directors meeting. The Board Meeting will be held on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the Banquet Room area. The meeting is open to the public but only board members can vote on anything that comes up. Rayner will not only be running this show, he'll be wearing other hats this weekend as a BCCA Board Member, himself. So feel free to stop by and attend all or part of the meeting.

A Special Thank you to EVERYBODY who helps in putting on and pulling off this great breweriana Show! You all deserve a tip of the hat! But since I'm the editor, I get to send a special Shout Out to Olde Frothingslosh's own, Larry Manley!

34TH BLUE GRAY SHOW "HOPPY" HAPPENINGS!

Wednesday - February 13th

24 Hour Hospitality Room opens at 1:00 P.M. - Room-to-Room Trading All Day and All Night through Sunday!

Thursday - February 14th

Complimentary Donuts and coffee are available in the morning from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

11:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Beer Lunch - Capital Ale Beer Lunch - A 4 Course lunch paired with 8 or 9 beers. Tickets include transportation via trolley between the motel and the Ale House. There is room for about 35 on the trolley, but more can attend the lunch. Cost: (\$30.00 includes Trolley).

John Bain's Back Bar Display returns through Saturday. Awesome breweriana!

Friday - February 15th

Complimentary Donuts and coffee are available in the morning from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Trade Tables are available ONLY FOR "eligible" participants - **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

10:00 a.m. - Back Bar Display until midnight

1:00 p.m.: Margarita Madness - For you guys and gals, who are Margarita Lovers, meet in the lobby. Walk or ride to Pancho Villas Mexican Restaurant for 1 or 2 margaritas, chips and lunch!

8:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. - PIZZA Hospitality with the Pizza Dude! Line forms at the registration desk by the hospitality room.

Saturday - February 16th

Complimentary Donuts and Coffee are available in the morning from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Trade Floor Open to All - **EXCEPT** - Dealer Inside Room Occupants

8:45 a.m. - Full Bottle Trade in the Banquet Room. Bring some fresh microbrewery beer from your area to trade. Minimum-one six pack, maximum-one case. (must be 21 or older). **Must be in room no later than 9:00 & ready to go!**

1:00 p.m. - Wine Goddess Wine Tasting - This is for the Ladies! Meet at the hotel's Garden Terrace Restaurant. Bring one bottle of wine and an appetizer to share. This awesome event is hosted by *Debbie Eib*.

2:00 p.m. - BCCA Board Meeting in the Banquet Room.

7:00 p.m. - Banquet

9:30 p.m. - Table tear-down

Poker Games, Music Playing & Singing throughout the night

Sunday - February 17th

Complimentary Donuts and coffee are available in the morning from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality room closes at noon.

Enjoy your Bragging Rights!

Have a Safe trip home and see you next year!
Seriously, I will!