

CrownVention 2016

Come to the Crown Mecca for CV XXVII

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Kenny Yohn and I are again acting as CV co-coordinators and we encourage all members to consider attending this year. If you have never been to a CrownVention, try it at least once — make it this year. How long have you been saying, “Some year, I should go?” Do it now! Grab your spouse, a friend, son or daughter or significant other and DO IT!! You will meet the diehards, the hard-core, the old-timers, the new-comers, the fanatics, the crazies, the learned, the wanting-to-absorb-it-all, the young, the old, 20+ year attendees and first-year attendees.

There are retirees and students, the specialists who seek only one brand or brand family, and those who collect all crowns world-wide. Some collect soda only, some beer only, some both. Some avidly collect crowns from stuff you can't drink, and others won't touch 'em.

Some collect only unused and some collect both unused and used crowns. Some collect only cork-lined, some collect plastic-lined as well. Some show up with little money and lots of trade stock. Some show up ready to buy, but with little trade stock.

Some specialize or prioritize flavors. I can name those who specialize/prioritize the following flavors: ginger ale, grape, orange, cream soda, grapefruit, and root beer. Others seek crowns from particular states, regions, or countries.

Regardless of your age, knowledge, size of your collection, or years collecting, Kenny and I urge you to attend. Crown prices in general seem to have fallen back from their peak four to five years ago. There are many good values to be found and new collectors can get in cheap. Our advice is this: book your reservations or flight and save up, if necessary; get a part-time job if needed. Do whatever it takes, but COME ONCE if you have never come. If it has been awhile since you've attended, come and meet the newer members. Meet the guys and gals who live, breathe, and talk crowns — those who have crowns on the brain. Join in the fun. Make contacts, listen, learn; believe it or not, you will have something to contribute. Put names on faces and faces on user ID's.

Don't miss history being made. You can learn how to open a bottle with a piece of paper. You may have a chance to see 50 trays of 100 crowns each come crashing down on an unsuspecting crown-o-phile or be shot between the eyes with a crown by the Rochester infamous assassin. Anything can happen if it pertains to crowns or crown collecting.

Every collector has something to share from their own area of expertise. Thirteen years ago was my first CV, and as a newbie what impressed me so much was the camaraderie and the crowns that were available.

That is the environment we want to facilitate for all who attend CV 2014 — the camaraderie and the opportunity to find many great crowns. I invite you to come enjoy this gathering of the sickest, most ridiculous, the most freakish crown show of them all: CrownVention. There will be several hundred thousand crowns —maybe a million, waiting for you.

Something else to remember is this: you will see many crowns and have a chance to acquire many crowns at CV that you will not see on eBay. Many collectors hold special or scarce crowns to trade for that certain crown. Certain crowns will never see the light of eBay, but they'll be lying around at CV for trade to any member who attends. If you have access to Issue 69 of

CrownCappers' Exchange look at pages 12-13-14-15. You will see a photo of some really happy campers who attended last year. This is one of the reasons I have flown to CV, 11 of the last 14 years.

CV officially begins Wednesday morning, April 9 when Kenny and I open our room door for registration. However, some fanatics will show up Tuesday night. Some years there are even a few attendees present on Monday. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday are room-to-room trading, and Saturday is the trade show where members as well as the general public can buy from vendors. Anyone can set up as a vendor to rent a table to sell from. No one is required to sell crowns. This floor show is done by 2:00, so don't come late to it.

We implore you, come for one day, or come for six. Get in the game, knock yourself out, go nuts, and stop the procrastinating. Read the article in Issue 72 where Michael Walser and Jason Kassler describe their first CV last year.

My advice is if you are going to drive all the way to Harrisburg, or fly-in as I do, make a 3 or 4 day event out of it. You will never run out of crowns to look at.

All CCSI members who register for CV will receive a goody bag of unused beer and soda crowns for attending. Kenny and I have created a commemorative crown since 2004, to issue free to each member attendee. Hopefully, we can find time to do it again this year.

*If economic, physical or other conditions simply won't allow you to attend, call or email me, and Kenny and I will try and find a way to help. If you have bags of traders you'd like sold on silent auction, or you'd like to donate some crowns to the goody bags, or if you have a few select crowns you'd like to sell, we'll try to facilitate it. If you'd like the proceeds to be spent on your pet brand, flavor, or brew, or someone to find you an incredible crown, we'll try to help. In other words, if you can't come, try to contribute or participate in some way.

See the notice elsewhere on this website regarding registration through our breweriana collector hosts who organize the show. Make your hotel reservations through them (using the form and instructions supplied), not directly with the hotel.

For Questions Regarding CCSI Activities, e-mail CrownVention Co-Chairmen Kenny Yohn or Phil Pfeiffer at Kenny@bottlecapclub.org or Phil@bottlecapclub.org

Hope to see you at CV!
Catch you then, Phil Pfeiffer and Kenny Yohn