



FOR MEMBERS ONLY

OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY LANTERN

by Brent Zier

This year marks our 20th annual gathering of Coleman Collectors. To mark this anniversary, I wondered what "special something" the club might do for its members. As I stood before the mirror pontificating the question, my reflection looked back at me, indicating the task was clearly on my shoulders.

I reached out to Tim Daniel to dial in the realities of what Coleman could do for the ICCC. Coleman would discount on an off-the-shelf item, but it was up to me to put our special "mark" on the product. I chose the 639 Kerosene lantern for good reasons. It retains the timeless Coleman look with traditional green paint and a classic bulge globe. Many of us cherish our single mantle lanterns; this is the remaining single mantle liquid fueled lantern offered by Coleman. Now you have an excuse to enter the kero world if you have waited.

To leave our mark on this special lantern, I decided to reach out to the tremendous talent we have within our own ICCC family. While there are many whom I reached out to, I want to give special thanks to ICCC members Darren Bentz, Jeff Gaylord & Fred Kuntz.

Jeff at IPE made this project possible by changing the vent to red at a cost very supportive of the Club, allowing us to offer a Christmas-like lantern. Jeff also received and stored the lanterns. Darren worked with me countless hours creating both the globe and decal designs, and has taken on the marking of the globes, a project that will take him months to complete. Fred worked with his label supplier to provide the finished serialized replacement labels for the lantern.

Celebrating our 20th gathering, the

ICCC is offering members this limited edition Coleman 639 kerosene lantern at our club cost. What really makes this lantern special is the hard work of select ICCC members. I strongly hope



this "labor of love" stays in our ICCC family; our members are doing this for us. We hope never to see these on EBAY, as it could affect the future generosity of member participation in projects like this.

To keep it special, only one lantern can be ordered by each current member (two for a family membership). This will keep the production low and preserve the value. Each lantern is \$100

plus shipping TBD (estimated at \$14). **It is available only to current members of record who order by the deadline of: March 31, 2012.** At that time the final production number will be determined for the label; serialization number issuance will be random.

Because the expense involved in this project exceeded the funds in the club treasury, the lantern needs to be prepaid to produce. Two members fronted personal funds to purchase an initial quantity of 200 lanterns at a very good holiday price. Thank you to those that were able to respond to my email request. You raised more than our \$12,000 outlay and the ICCC treasury was able to reimburse both members and order 56 additional lanterns to keep the price at \$100.

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Paper mock-up, final sticker will be on a metallic silver background & look nicer!

Mockup details of the fount & globe graphics.



LAKE GEORGE CONVENTION UPDATE

Note these brief updates to the convention announcement in your January newsletter:

- International members can register at our website and pay in US dollars using PayPal. Check the website for details.
- We misspoke (political for typographical error) when we gave you the route from Albany and points south to Lake George and the convention: Take Interstate 87 (I-87). Taking highway 187 rather than I-87 will get you to Orchard Park, an interesting place, but no Coleman gathering.

• Rob Rowe has changed his name. No wait, WE changed his name. Rob is actually Bob Rowe and his phone number is 518-798-5072. Bob is not a professional courier or travel operator. As a friend of Steve and Robin, Bob is willing to pick you up from the Albany airport and get you to Lake George and back. You need an appointment since his space is limited. Remember, too, you can rent a car at any of the international airports if you prefer the freedom to wander about, squander your time at yard sales and flea markets and see the sights on your way to the conven-

tion. The nearby airports include JFK and LaGuardia in New York, Logan in Boston, and nearest to Lake George, Albany International (ALB) in Albany.

See the all new Lake George patch here. Get it there. See you in June.



THOSE WHO DARED

Many dedicated members helped pull the club together way back in 1995-96 when Herb's idea of a Coleman collectors club began to gel. Here are a few special names among many. **Thank you all.**

Herb Ebendorf—Originator of the collectors list and editor of an occasional free newsletter for Coleman enthusiasts. Long time Coleman employee (publications), historian, museum curator, mentor, and club icon. Herb's newsletters for Coleman collectors from 1981-95, planted the seed for the ICCC.

Ernie Hiatt—Wrote to Coleman collectors in mid-1992 stirring interest and offering to host an international gathering in May, 1993. Ernie hosted the first two conventions and was Chairman during our formative years.

Jenny Horning—A tireless and dedicated volunteer, our first Vice President, registrar and lead author of our first completed draft of the club by-laws.

Charleen Becker—Dedicated organizer and volunteer, treasurer for many years, and publisher of Hiram Strong's Coleman shipping records that reveal so much about Coleman history.

Bernie and Gaetane Rousseau—Organizers, officers, mentors, historians and committed volunteers from day one. Bernie, Vice President several years; Gaetane, Secretary for many years.

Ron Bowers—Host of the 1997 Denver convention and newsletter editor 1996-2000. Under Ron's direction, "The Coleman Light" set the quality standard for all future newsletters.

Carl Tucker—Co-author and publisher of the "green book", Coleman Collector's Guide 1903-1954. Carl worked with Herb and many collectors to assemble the book.

Club Presidents—Those folks who volunteered enormous hours leading the club forward, often hosting the annual convention and editing "The Coleman Light" when no editor stepped forward.

Supporting Officers—Elected officers and way back, the organizing committee members, advisors and mentors who did so much to make us a club.

Convention Hosts—Our dedicated members and spouses who took on the challenge of organizing and hosting our landmark annual conventions. Editors, writers and web hosts—The researchers, communicators and information organizers who keep us informed and in touch.

Charter members—Those 92 members who voluntarily donated additional seed money to fund the treasury and assure the next convention, knowing that their only benefit was the fulfillment of seeing the club stand on its own two feet.

Finally—A few names of special individuals who simply stick out because they kept believing in the cause back in 1995 and 1996: Don Colston, Jerry Engbring, Ed Erb, Paul Ickes, Bob Willard....(If I left out your name, it was not intentional. Pencil it in here and accept a pat on the back and heartfelt thanks.



THOSE EARLY YEARS

by Bud Michael

We didn't know each other. Most couldn't have found Rochester, Indiana without a road atlas. Yet we answered the call and met in a 4H barn for the first known international Coleman collectors gathering.

Long lasting memories like aging lanterns lose a little shine as time steals away details. I do recall that letter from a rural Indiana address. "Know anybody in Indiana," she said as I walked in from my day's work. "Nope. Might be an auction ad", I offered. It was Ernest "Ernie" Hiatt, farmer, HVAC contractor, sheriff's deputy, major Boy Scout memorabilia collector and Coleman enthusiast calling us together.

Herb Ebendorf, Coleman historian and keeper of the company museum, had the foresight to build an extensive

address book of individuals from all over the world who'd made any inquiry about older Coleman appliances. Herb sent occasional newsletters and encouraged these folks to organize. Ernie had the vision to use Herb's contact list and see if anyone out there besides himself wanted to make the effort to gather, show, talk, and trade anything Coleman. It was a shot in the dark. It worked.

Thus we came, 50 or more enthusiasts in all. From Alabama and Michigan. Colorado, Kansas and Carolina. From Quebec and Ontario, across the Midwest: Indiana, Illinois, Kansas and Ohio. The Eshes, Erbs, Beckers, Rousseaus, Millers, and a host of others most of whom had no idea that anyone else in the universe might be interested in this lamp and lantern passion.

Through fits and starts, we went from casual gatherings in '93 and '94 in Rochester to a semblance of an organization as early as mid 1995 when we met in Wichita at the invitation of two Coleman employees Charleen Becker and Gary Schulte. Denver 1997, brought further gelling of the ICCC and away we went with By-laws in hand and a fresh slate of officers & directors.

Now, here we are anticipating our twentieth convention. One-third of the original charter members are still active in the Club. Dan Boschen became our 100th member way back in '95 and Dan Imming became our 1000th member in 2011.

Today we're 360 strong and more fully international than ever. We've expanded to the internet with an excellent web site, grown an extensive library of old Coleman related paper, and encourage regional groups and gatherings. Hundreds will be at the 20th gathering in June.

TWENTY ANNUAL GATHERINGS

Our twentieth annual convention is coming to Lake George, New York on June 28-30. Here's where we've gathered over the years and the names of our hosts:

1993	Rochester, IN	Ernie Hiatt
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1995	Wichita, KS	Charleen Becker and Gary Schulte
1996	Paradise, PA	John Lapp & Levi Esh
1997	Denver, CO	Ron Bowers
1998	Berlin, OH	Ed & Melinda Erb (assisted by Carl & Katie Tucker)
1999	Amarillo, TX	Matt & Barbara Moore
2000	Wichita, KS	Jim & Jan Nichols, Ron & Charleen Becker
2001	Minneapolis, MN	Don & Jan Colston
2002	Denver, CO	Jay Poirier and Ron & Judy Bowers
2003	Springfield, MO	John & Anne Carriere
2004	Wheaton, IL	Terry and Laura Marsh
2005	Sugarcreek, OH	Ed Erb
2006	Yucca Valley, CA	Frank and Tamma Bebb
2007	Lexington, TN	Rob & Rose Roberts
2008	Wichita, KS	Jim & Jan Nichols and Ron & Charleen Becker
2009	Madison, WI	Jerry & Pat Engbring
2010	Seattle, WA	Tim & Carla Murphy
2011	Tulsa, OK	Dick & Mary Beth Sellers
2012	Lake George, NY	Steve & Robin Miller

Club Presidents:

Brent Zier (2011-)
Matt Moore (1999-2001)
Jim Nichols (2007-2011)
Dan Boschen (1997-1999)
Don Colston (2001-2007)
Ernie Hiatt (1994-1997)

CLUB PATCHES MARK OUR HISTORY

Our interesting and colorful patches mark membership and denote the annual conventions. The first patch was introduced by Ron Bowers in 1997 at the Denver Convention.

As you read this Special Edition, enjoy these colorful keepsakes of our gatherings.



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Additional lanterns will be purchased to meet demand, as needed, after the ordering deadline is passed. Take time now to pre-order your lantern by completing the enclosed order form (disregard if you have paid already).

We hope the lanterns will be completed in time for attendees at the Lake

George 20th Annual Convention to pick up their lanterns. This should save on shipping costs for Convention attendees.

Contact Brent Zier at: icccpresident@comcast.net if you have any questions regarding membership ordering. **Remember the deadline for ordering is March 31, 2012.**



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CORRECTION

Our apologies to Jerry Engbring for publishing the wrong address on his classified ad in the last issue of the newsletter. See corrected ad below.

For Sale: The Coleman News on DVD. A valuable piece of Coleman history. Enjoy this 400 page journey back to that great Coleman era. Sixteen years (1936-1951) of factory news in pdf format. Cannot be altered or printed from the disc. \$10 to US and Canada, slight additional mailing costs elsewhere. Send money order to Jerry Engbring, 4809 Rothman Pl., Monoma, WI 53716.

