

MICHIGAN “DID YOU KNOW” – MICHIGAN BEER CANS (MBC) By Randy Karasek



The Michigan Beer Cans (MBC) project was started November 2002, with intent to photograph all known Michigan beer can examples, including minor variations. Over three years later, literally thousands of rental car miles, numerous plane trips around the country, many great beer can shows, countless hours spent with Photoshop, one melted digital camera, and the help of many awesome collectors and great friends, over **700** Michigan variations have now been documented with detailed photographs. Many thanks to all that have helped with this project!!!

Among those whom have contributed their valuable time and beer cans for photography (listed mostly in order pictures were taken) include:

Chuck Starrett	John McGuire	Dave Van Hine	Alex Draper
Chris Taylor	Bob McCoy	Tom Waggoner	Marc Tracey
Mike Taylor	Greg Stinsa	Bob Hilderbrand	Steve Gordon
Eric Menning	Dick Adamowicz	Dave Stark	Don Kaiser
Don Wild	Rawley Douglas	Tom Wascher	Ted Wolfe
Leon Hampton	Dan Bora	Ed Stroh	John Vetter
Dale Rogalski	Dave Wheaton	Al Cambridge	Chris O'Brien
Jack Lucas	Keith Niel	Kevin Foley	
Jim Potapa	John McLogan	Robert Fondren	

I have had the opportunity to visit with and make some great new friends, as well as view some absolutely mind-blowing collections. Special thanks must go out to Chris Taylor. I have visited Chris at least six different times in Ann Arbor, he has arranged visits with other collectors, has had the patience to respond to numerous email questions, and my initial over eight hour Easter weekend photography visit with Chris and his father Mike was the major kick start to getting all these obscure variations documented!

All MBC content is freely accessible from my website, <http://www.mbcinfo.com>. While the pictures and generated content are subject to included copyright, the information is freely accessible for all to view (members and non-collectors alike). However, due to the large volume of data, many of the higher-resolution photographs are only available on CD for a nominal charge to cover media, labeling, and shipping costs.

While 700 variations are now documented, there are still some “believed known” but not yet photographed variations, with a link detailing these at the top of the main MBC web page. If you have any of the listed “missing variations”, please let me know and I will make arrangements to photograph. Thanks again for all your help with this fun project, and keep an eye out for a number of Michigan related articles in upcoming Rustlings...