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Cc: Marcia Butterbaugh (BCCA Magazine Editor)  
John Smoller (Rusty Bunch Chapter President)  
Steve Gordon (Rusty Bunch Chapter Treasurer/Secretary)  
From: Randy Karasek (BCCA #31836)  
Subject: Permission to distribute digital Beer Cans Monthly / Brewery Collectibles

Hello Robert,

It was a pleasure chatting with you at the Western States convention and I hope you enjoyed your trip to the West Coast. Per our discussion, this letter is a formal request for the Rusty Bunch Chapter of the BCCA to receive permission to distribute, without cost, digital scans of back issues of Beer Cans Monthly and follow on Brewery Collectibles.

Over 2005-2006 I have been working on creation of an electronic archive of the Rustlings newsletters, ranging from our first issue in February 1984 to present (currently 5,887 pages now scanned and digitized). As part of this archive project, I have written a custom Java program to view this digital data, as well as created a search engine and search keys for major keywords. The end result of this Rustlings archive project will be to provide a fully searchable, fully indexed, electronic copy of each and every page of our Rustlings newsletter. Current plan is to make this archive available middle of 2006.

The Rusty Bunch chapter will be distributing this content on CD/DVD, with all net revenue (gross proceeds minus cost of the media, labels and shipping) contributed to the Rusty Bunch treasury. I will be receiving no monetary profit from this effort, instead, simple satisfaction that this older information now made available to all collectors.

As part of scanning Rustlings I have also scanned each and every page of the defunct Beer Cans Monthly magazine, as well as the defunct follow on Brewery Collectibles. At the time of my scanning I had assumed these were both long out of date and there would be no copyright/ownership issues. It has since come to my attention the BCCA has purchased rights to both of these defunct magazines, and thus this request. I am now requesting formal permission from the BCCA to allow the Rusty Bunch chapter, without cost, to include digital scans and searchable index of all pages of the Beer Cans Monthly (1978-1982) and Brewery Collectibles (1982-1984) magazines as part of our electronic archive. While these are long out of date and very difficult to obtain, these magazine issues still contain great historical information that I feel would be a major benefit to our collecting community. The BCCA will still retain copyright/ownership of the magazine content, with the Rusty Bunch chapter simply receiving formal permission to distribute electronic scans of these magazines.

Thank you for your time and I hope the above able to be discussed at the April BCCA board meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions/issues about the above.

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