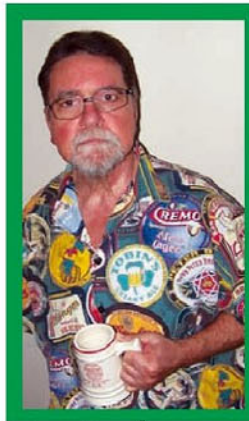




25 Years Ago Fall 1993

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President Larry Handy talked about giving up the Treasurer's hat and now wearing the President's hat. Darrell Reider informed us about the last Stoudt's Beer Festival. Bob Kay discussed the highlights of the Beer Label Auction. Two pages of results of the the auction from Lynn Geyer. There were 25 photos of the convention filling the center pages of the Keg.. Bragger's Corner had 8 additional photos of members rare brewery items.



Annual Meeting Minutes continued;

2) The Eastern Coast Breweriana Association (ECBA) is incorporated under the general not for profit corporation laws of the state of New Jersey. It is hereby proposed that the New Jersey Corporation be dissolved in June, 2020. The final vote to adopt this proposal will be taken at the annual convention in Reading, PA in 2019.

3) It is proposed that the ECBA sell the name "Eastern Coast Breweriana Association" and the copyrights to "The Keg" magazines for \$1 to the ABA effective June 2020, whereupon the ECBA will become a division of the ABA. The final vote to adopt this proposal will be taken at the annual convention in Reading, PA in July 2019.

All 3 motions were moved and seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.

Coors Murder continued;

Corbett should have rented a less conspicuous car because on the morning of October 29, after hearing an FBI agent's description of the car, Police Constable John Marshall of Vancouver recalled having seen a red Pontiac at a local motor hotel two weeks before. He took a "Wanted" poster on Corbett out to the Maxine Hotel and showed it to the manager, Mrs. Mary Bell. "Why that's Thomas C. Wainwright," said Mrs. Bell. "He is registered October 10. He's a very quiet, pleasant fellow - I can't believe he's a murderer. He's a writer, I think - at least he's expecting delivery of a typewriter." Shortly after, a squad of Vancouver officers and FBI men knocked on the door to Wainwright's room - "Your typewriter sir" was the answer. The door opened and the fugitive found himself looking down the barrel of a pistol. "I give up." Corbett was arrested on a charge of possessing an unregistered firearm. Corbett admitted to escape from Chino, but refused to discuss any aspect of the Coors kidnapping case. He waived extradition, but when he was returned to Jefferson County Colorado, he simply stared in to space whenever Coors name was mentioned

Announcements: The winner of the 50/50 was MJ Witman. This year we had three consolation prizes, won by Barb Lawley, Chris Levesque, and Al Aprea.

We are having a special raffle to help defray the expenses of the 2019 convention. When the club originally printed American Breweries II, we had 20 copies hardbound for presentation copies. All the officers received one, and we gave them to our guest speakers at our banquets until we no longer had a banquet. Dale and Leslie found one last book. We are having it autographed by all the people in office at the time, and selling chances to win this book, winner to be announced at the Reading business meeting. See the ad in The Keg. You do not need to be present to win.

Meeting was adjourned.

The State's Evidence was circumstantial, and under Colorado law, a convicted man cannot be sent to death when there are no witness to the crime, unless he confesses. The Defense Counsels, H. Malcolm Mackay and William H. Erikson, called no witnesses. Instead they saw the State's case as based on a thousand probabilities (which do not make one truth). They charged the state "has failed to establish any element upon which to obtain a convictionThe only crime the state has proved against Corbett is that he crossed a double yellow line....Joseph Corbett didn't write the ransom note....There are too many unknowns for you to convict him of murder." But the state called ninety-three witnesses, including twenty-three FBI agents, a FBI finger print expert, and five laboratory Royal Lite technicians. They told the jury whose type matched the lettering on the ransom note. They told the jury about identification of Osborn and Corbett, and finally the damning evidence taken from the burned out yellow Mercury sedan - soil which matched that from the neighborhood where the kidnapping took place. Assistant District Attorney F. Richard Hite made no attempt to deny that the State's case was entirely circumstantial, but found the evidence overwhelming. "These circumstances," he told the jury of eight men and four women, "will lead you to concur with what this defendant stated himself. He said in Vancouver - "I'm your man."

On March 29, 1961 - a little less than 14 months after Adolph Coors III had disappeared, the jury found Joseph Corbett Jr. guilty of murder. Subsequently, Judge Christian D. Stoner of Golden District Court imposed the mandatory sentence of life imprisonment at hard labor. Corbett served nearly 20 years in a Colorado prison for the murder of Coors before he was paroled in December of 1980. Corbett lived discretely after his release with his neighbors remembering him as being extremely quiet. In a 1996 interview with the Denver Post, he claimed to have had no involvement with the Coors kidnapping and murder. In his later years, Corbett was diagnosed with cancer. On August 24, 2009 he was found dead in his apartment of a gunshot wound to the head. Corbett, once the most hunted person in America, at 80 years old had committed suicide.