

20th Convention

July 1986

S.C.I. CONVENTION XX

JULY 9 - 13, 1986

HOTEL DEL CORONADO

SAN DIEGO, CA



Master Steinologist: Bob Wilson

Jack Heimann Service Award: Jim DeMars

Miss Beer Stein: Pola Durban



Roaring 20's Party

Jessie Johnson

The Wagenknechts

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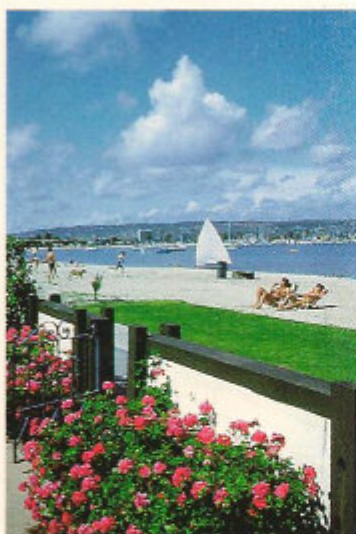


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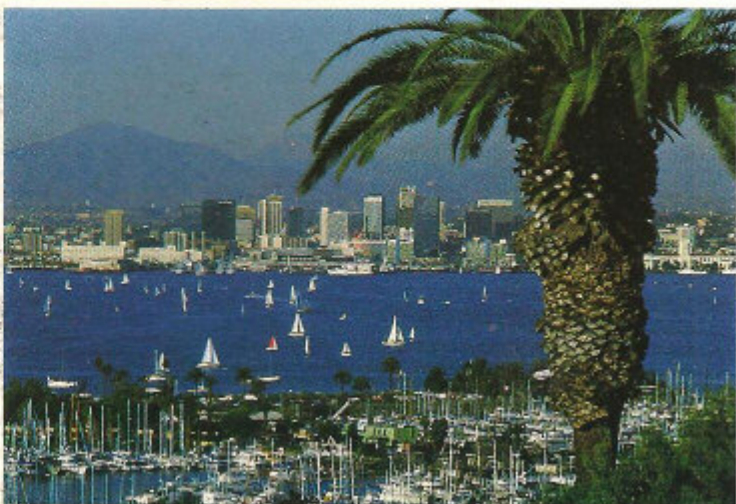
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STEIN COLLECTORS INTERNATIONAL
 July 9 - 13, 1986

Hotel Del Coronado
 Coronado, California

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 1986

POST 18 EARLY BIRD DAY

8:30 A.M.

Executive Board Meeting
Windsor Room

8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Registration
Upper Foyer of Grande Hall

8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Set Up for Stein Sale
Oxford Hall

1:00 - 4:30 P.M.

"Early Bird" Stein Sale
Oxford Hall

1:00 - 4:30 P.M.

Stein Display
Oxford Hall

4:30 - 6:00 P.M.

SCI Museum Committee Meeting
Hospitality Suite

6:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Cocktails (No Host Bar)
Promenade Deck

7:00 - 11:00 P.M.

"Early Bird" Dinner
Promenade Deck
Mariachi Band of Enrique Adams

<< Admission of ALL EVENTS is by badge only.

San Diego Prepares for SCI Onslaught All Systems are "Go!"

by Terry Hill

Convention Co-Chairman

(The other half of this indefatigable team is Mark Durban)

As the days draw closer to this year's SCI Convention at the *Hotel Del Coronado* in San Diego, a wonderful infection has set in on my fellow *Erste Gruppens*. With feverish looks upon their faces they only talk of the impending invasion of steins and collectors to our California steinland. They also display a marked desire to train for this summer's beery events at this **XXth Annual SCI Convention**.

Take Jim Riley and Gene McClung for example: These two are responsible for receiving registrations and monies, and setting up the convention's financial books. Well, last weekend the two, armed with a case of beer, spent a glorious day inputting the wealth of registration data into Gene's computer. With a push of the right button everything from demographics to which beer the lads liked best spews forth. What a way to work on a convention!

Victor Lopez, whose wife Lotti serves on the Convention Stein Committee, called up all the Ventura County collectors for an inspection of the proof Convention steins when they arrived from Rastal Werke in Höhr-Grenzhausen. A vote on which tankard would go best into production could only be conducted after the vessels were judged to be beerworthy.

Mark Durban, who is manning the Convention Hotline, reports many humorous conversations with conventioners planning on making the trek to San Diego. Mark's favorite is the young SCler who is planning a marriage just prior to the summer steinfest. The newlyweds will then spend their honeymoon at the SCI Convention. The devoted groom claims his wife is just wild about the Hotel Del Coronado and he'll have five days to look at steins. Now that's a true stein collector! If there are any of you that need convention questions answered, don't hesitate to call Mark at:

(818) 287-1276

The rental of tables for the stein sale and swap has been brisk. If the present trend continues, convention goers will have a wealth of material for their stein shopping sprees. In addition to a number of German dealers who will be selling at the "Del," several American entrepreneurs have made recent buying trips to Europe to augment their stock for the Convention.

In addition to the early activity in table rentals, many of the conventioners have indicated that they will be bringing material

for the SCI "Member" Auction. This strong showing is encouraging as we had no idea as what to expect when we decided to include this type of auction in our convention program. Flyers describing the Auction conduct will be sent to all auction consigners and will also be included in all convention goers' registration package. We feel very fortunate in being able to have Steve Elliott act as auctioneer for this affair. Elliott has long been recognized by his many SCI friends as being an accurate gauge of the stein collecting market. Additionally, his glib tongue will make him the perfect auctioneer—what else could you expect from a smooth-talking realtor?

Because of the large number of registrants to date, we have added another attraction to the convention program. In past years there has been a vocal group of SClers who have decried the lack of options for those SClers not interested in attending the day-long auction. In attempting to address this situation, we have decided to add an alternative bus trip to San Diego's historic Balboa Park during the Friday SCI "Members" Auction. Buses will leave for the mainland in the A.M. and return by 4:00 P.M. Once at the park you may visit some of San Diego's finest museums, galleries, and the world renowned San Diego Zoo. This trip will be dependent on the number of SClers at the Thursday morning General Meeting who indicate an interest. If the numbers are lacking, the excursion will be canceled.

Balboa Park is located in the very heart of San Diego. Within this beautiful wooded thousand-acre tract of land are the city's finest museums, galleries and theaters. The Zoo, one of the world's largest, contains over 3,200 exotic creatures. Most of the museums in the park are housed in buildings of Spanish-Moorish architecture built



Hotel Del Coronado, site of SCI's 20th Convention in 1986

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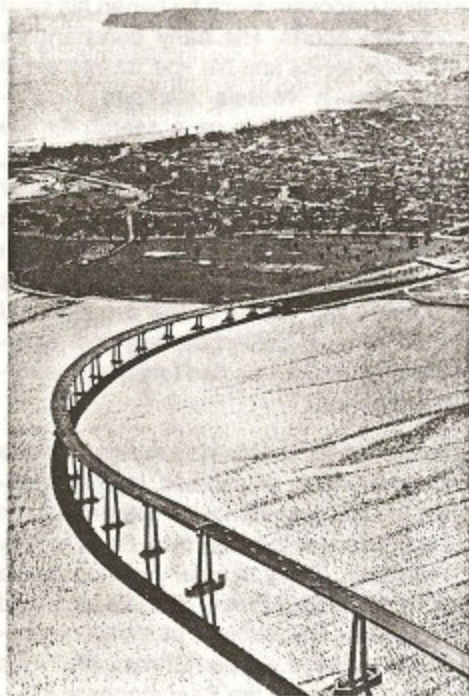
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for the Panama-California Exposition of 1915-16 and the California-Pacific International Exposition of 1935-36.

As in Germany, Erste Gruppe Chapter members are busy stitching another *Heinrich Schlitt Quilt*. This year's version, the fifth so crafted by E.G.'s talented needle workers, is once again being headed by Claire Hill. In fact, all of the earlier quilts will be on exhibit in San Diego. The rules for the 1986 raffle will be different from the last such venture in Europe in that only convention registrants will be allowed to purchase chances. The winner *must* be present.

Convention contests, a popular ingredient in recent years, will once again be included in this summer's activities. Our last night dinner dance will be a "Some Like it Hot" party—the theme from the popular Billy Wilder flick that was filmed at the Hotel Del. There will be prizes for the best dressed "Roaring Twenties" guy and gal. Word has it that Rosemary Sahm of Höhr-Grenzhausen, Germany, has been hard at work assembling an outfit for the competition. O.K. you flappers and you steinmen with your raccoon coats, here's your chance! I wonder if Al Capone was into black market beer steins? At this same last night blowout, we'll also have a Charleston Contest for those energetic toe tappers. I'm not going to dance as I plan on being one of the many shimmy watchers.

At Friday night's party aboard the historic



The San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge, linking Coronado Island to downtown San Diego (photo courtesy of the San Diego C&V Bureau)

ferry boat, *The Berkeley*, we'll have the traditional talent and chug-a-lug contests. Early talent favorites (The Thirsty Knights, Meistersteiners, and Erste Gruppens) are putting out the challenge to the rest of the SCI Chapters for talent supremacy. Or is it really a contest to determine which group is the craziest? With no chugging at last year's convention in New York (hotel restrictions), E.G.er Frank Poppie is thirsty. With Bill "The Fox" Foster on hand to encourage the Southern California boys, the host chapter is eager to challenge all comers. Poppie and The Fox: What a duo!

The scheduled lectures on the Convention program are drawing a number of inquiries. Our speakers are all well known for their expertise in steinology and we're sure the subjects of their summer talks will be discussed for many months following.

Heading up our group will be Dr. Theresé Thomas, curator of the *Villeroy & Boch* Museum in Mettlach, Germany. Dr. Thomas will address the convention on "Otto Hupp—his background and contributions to the production of ware at Mettlach." Once this lecture is delivered to our predominantly American audience, Hupp's name will join the ranks of Schliit, Warth, Stahl, etc. that American collectors bandy about when discussing the artisans of Mettlach stoneware.

Ron Fox, a frequent speaker at national and regional SCI gatherings, will share with the San Diego conventioners his most exciting discovery since he began his stein collecting efforts. His early penchant for character steins and his special interest in the porcelain vessels stamped *Musterschutz* have led him on a search for the identity of the producers of the ware. Now, with the help of German collector Werner Sahm, the mystery has apparently been solved. Fox will illustrate his talk on "Schierholz and Sons—Musterschutz Makers," with slides of the product and pages from old Schierholz catalogs. Character stein collectors can't miss this exciting revelation.

The third speaker, Bob Wilson, has for some time now been recognized as this country's leading researcher on the production of stoneware at the *Villeroy & Boch* factory in Mettlach. Bob's scholarly writings have appeared often in *Prosit*, *Stein Zeitung*, and *Stein Talk*. The subject of Wilson's convention address will be "Chromolith." This product, on which the Saar stoneware factory built their reputation, immediately preceded the mass-produced steins and plaques that collectors so enthusiastically

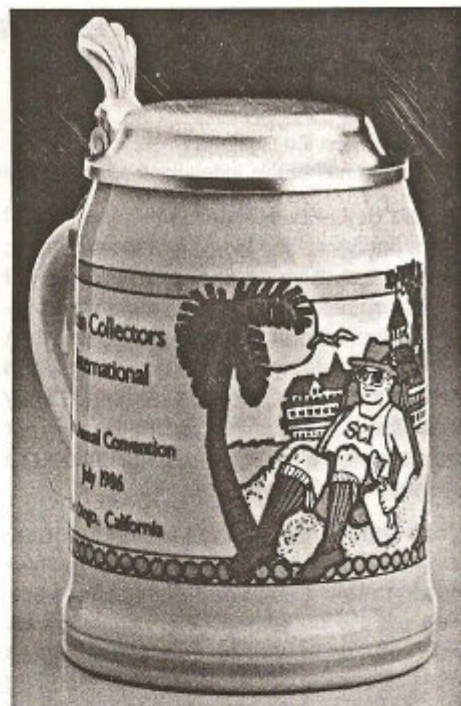
pursue today. Examples of this early stoneware from V&B will be on display to illustrate the Wilson lecture.

In addition to the aforementioned Chromolith and quilt displays, convention organizers have planned the following other displays to add to the atmosphere of this year's convention: Of course there is the stein display. This year's edition will be a bit different from the traditional displays of past conventions. Be sure to bring your cameras stuffed with plenty of film as you'll want to record this fabulous assemblage of steins.

Jackie Dietlein, a former Miss Beer Stein from Nevada, has agreed to head up a committee to bring to San Diego all of the jeweled crowns that have graced the heads of SCI's most glamorous collectors. The display of Miss Beer Stein coronets, which even outshines the finest of Tiffany, will be under the careful watch of the security guards stationed in the display room.

SCI chapters are also being encouraged to revive the practice of hanging their chapter banners in the Convention's general meeting hall. Years ago many of the chapters spent long hours preparing these beautiful chapter logos and the result at the National Convention was a spectacular setting and spirited chapter participation. Let's do it again, Sam!

Les Paul of the Golden Gate Zechers has begun, as you all know by now, a movement to establish an SCI Museum. The Museum Committee will meet on Wednesday, July the 9th, in the Hospitality Suite at 4:30 P.M. Later in the Convention Les will address a general meeting of conven-

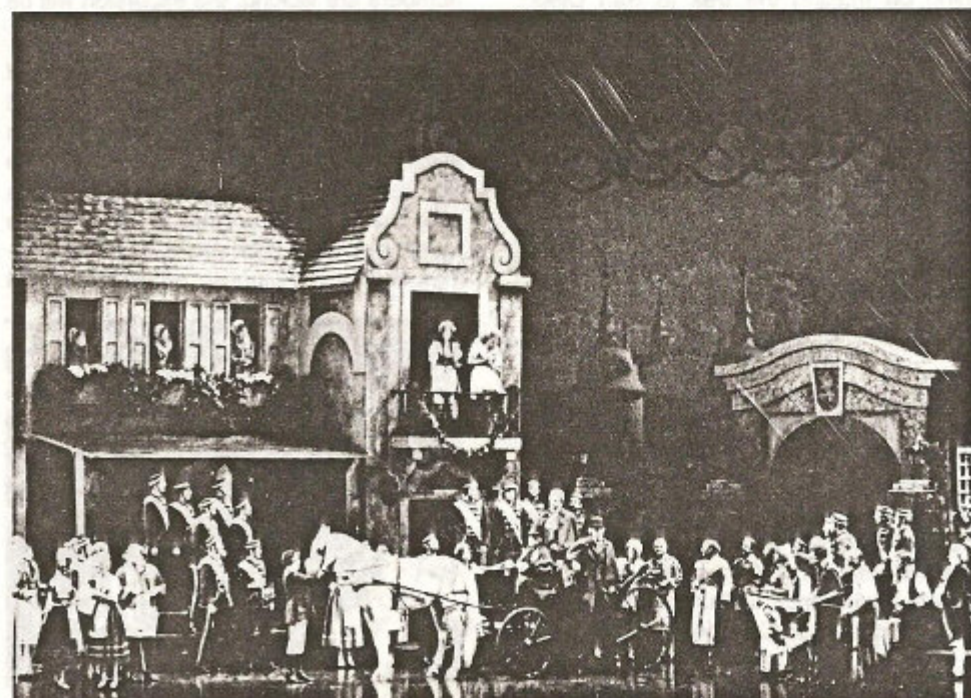


The 1986 Convention Commemorative stein, "San Diego Gemütlichkeit," as depicted by Rastal-Werk

tion attendees on the progress of the SCI Museum project.

This XXth Convention couldn't be more packed with steiny events and just plain fun if we tried!

For our German conventioners, there are plans for a short post-convention sight-seeing tour. Space is limited aboard our passenger vans and will be restricted to only those from overseas. If participation for this trip is lacking, the event will be canceled. The itinerary is being left open-ended



Scene from "The Student Prince," presented by the San Diego Civic Light Opera Association: SCI'ers will see the "First Night" opening presentation of this wonderful and endearing musical!

so as to fit participants' time and budgetary limitations. Because distances in California are so vast this is the only practical way to proceed. Interested parties should contact:

Terry Hill
SCI Post Convention Tour
Box 1022
Ojai, California 93023
U.S.A.

The following is a preview of convention events:

Wednesday, July 9, 1986

- 8:30—Executive Board Meeting
- 1:00—"Early Bird" Stein Sale
- 1:00—Stein Display
- 4:30—SCI Museum Committee Meeting
- 6:30—Cocktails (No host bar)
- 7:00—"Early Bird" Dinner on Promenade Deck: Mexican cuisine and entertainment

Thursday, July 10, 1986

- 7:00—Continental Breakfast (Complimentary)
- 9:00—Annual SCI General Meeting
- 10:00—Convention Lecture: Ron Fox—"Schierholz & Sons—Makers of the Musterschutz Steins"
- 11:00—Convention Lecture: Bob Wilson—"Making of Chromolith Products at Mettlach"
- 1:00—Stein Sale No. 2
- 5:00—Buses leave for Abbey Restaurant
- 5:30—Cocktails (No host bar), Abbey Restaurant
- 6:00—Dinner at the Abbey. Miss Beer Stein selection
- 8:00—Buses leave for Starlight Bowl
- 8:30—San Diego Civic Light Opera presentation of "The Student Prince" in the Starlight Bowl
- 10:30—Cast Party on stage for first nighters
- 11:00—Buses return to the "Del"

Friday, July 11, 1986

- 7:00—Continental Breakfast (Complimentary)
- 8:30—Bus trip to Balboa Park. Visit to museums and/or Zoological Park
- 8:30—SCI "Members" Auction Preview
- 11:00—SCI "Members" Auction
- 5:30—Buses leave for Waterfront
- 6:00—Wine Tasting and Museum visit aboard the ferry boat, *Berkeley*. The *Berkeley* now houses the San Diego Maritime Museum. The tasting will feature the highly acclaimed wines of San Diego County



- 7:00—Santa Maria-style steak barbeque aboard the *Berkeley*. Evening events will include: Jack Heimann Service Award, Talent Contest, Chug-a-lug competition, Bill "The Fox" Foster (world's quickest beer gulper), and a hot Dixieland band
- 10:30—Buses return to the Hotel

Saturday, July 12, 1986

- 7:00—Continental Breakfast (Complimentary)
- 9:00—SCI General Meeting
- 9:30—1987 National Convention Preview—Washington, D.C.
- 10:00—SCI Museum Committee Report—Les Paul
- 10:45—Convention Lecture: Dr. Therese Thomas, Curator Mettlach Museum—"The Artistic Contribution of Otto Hupp to the manufacture of Stoneware at Mettlach"
- 1:00—Stein Sale No. 3
- 6:30—Cocktails (No host bar)
- 7:00—"Some Like it Hot" dinner party and dance. "Roaring Twenties" Dress Contest, Charleston competition, and the presentation of Master Steinologist award

Sunday, July 13, 1986

- 8:00—10:00 A.M.—Sunday Brunch, Convention Farewells.

Well, stein collectors, we in Erste Gruppe would love to have you join us for what will prove to be five of the most exciting days in SCI history. Come west to San Diego and the island home of the Hotel Del Coronado.



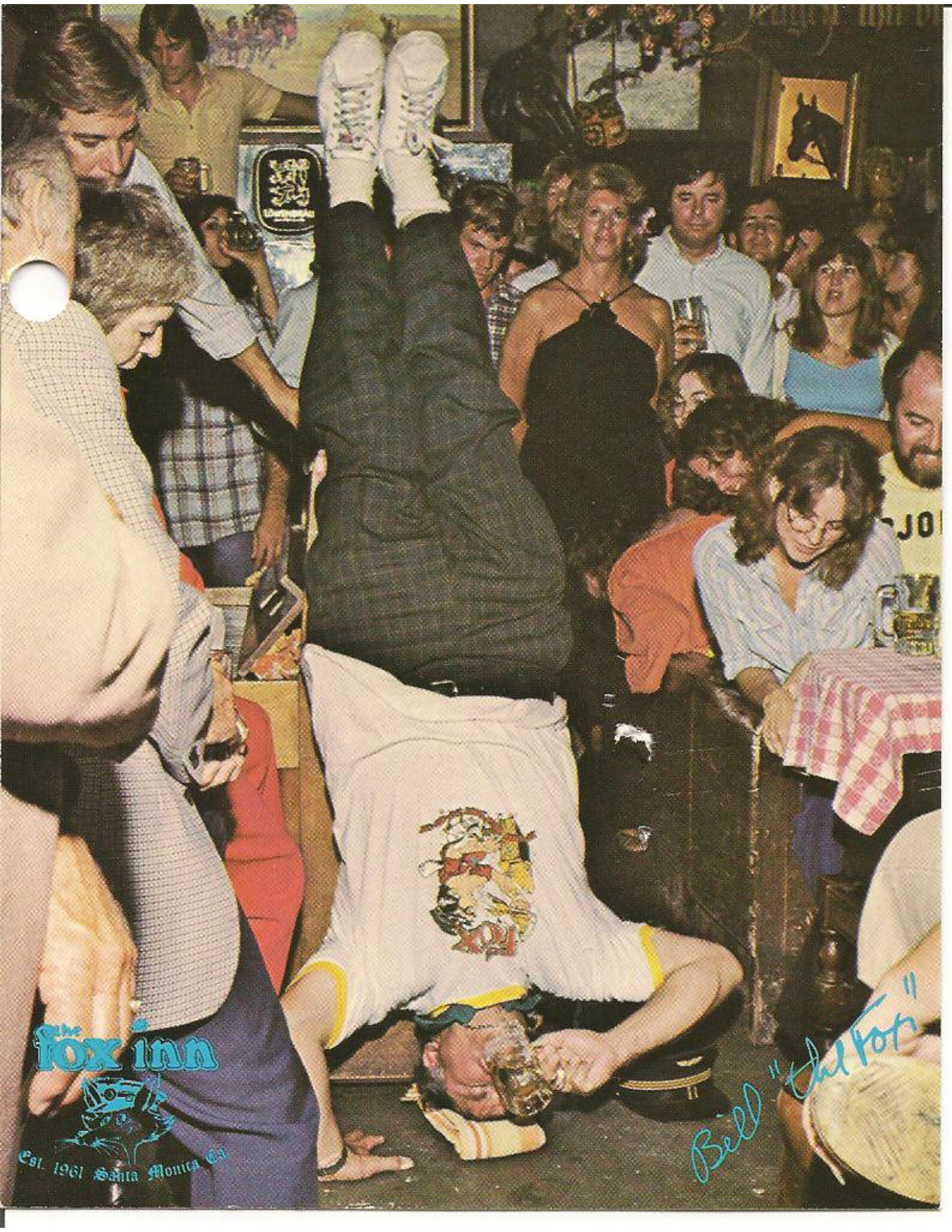
The "California Tower," famous San Diego landmark in Balboa Park—which is also the home of that city's world-famous zoo (photo courtesy of the San Diego C&V Bureau)



The SCI Song

Pack up your steins and plaques
 and bric a brac
 and fly, fly, fly
 To the convention that we all
 adore,
 that's right, S C I !!!
 Now's the time for hurrying—
 To Cal-i-for-ni-all!
 Pack up your steins and plaques
 and bric a brac
 and fly, fly, fly!!!
 Thinking of what's ahead, each gal
 and guy
 is bound to sigh,
 Hoping to find that piece which
 they must have,
 either that or die.
 So they do their level best
 Their trading skills to test,
 And if successful, and they get
 their piece,
 they fly, fly, fly!!!
 We'll have a lot of fun before we
 have
 to fly, fly, fly,
 Back to the home from which we
 often roam
 steins and mugs to buy.
 There's still time for tarrying,
 And with old friends to vie.
 We'll have a lot of fun before we
 have
 to fly, fly, fly!!!
 (to be sung to the tune of *Pack Up
 Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag*)
 Arthur J. Maethner
 March 17, 1986





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SCI'S TWENTIETH CONVENTION

This year's SCI's International convention was held on Coronado Island just across the bridge from San Diego, California. In attendance from our chapter were: Robert & Peg Baldwin, Philip House and son, Richard & Mary Kreider, John & Robyn Mertz and daughter Heidi, and Ben Sampson.

The convention can be described in two words, Knowledge and Fellowship. Convention headquarters was the Del Coronado, a white, red-roofed wood structure whose 700 rooms, restaurants and shops ramble over acres of ocean front.

We arrived at the Del Coronado Tuesday evening, July 8th with the convention getting off to a rousing start Wednesday morning with the opening Board of Directors meeting. Probably the biggest bit of news was that Jack Lowenstein is resigning as Executive Director of S.C.I. The job of handling the publication of "Prosit" and handling the other responsibilities has become an overpowering job and Jack has opted to step down as Executive Director. He will, though, continue on as Managing Editor of "Prosit". This change will occur July 1, 1987.

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Membership at the present stands at 1455.

The Stein Museum was efficiently approved by The Board and is well on its way.

The sites of the next conventions are as follows:

1987	July 22-26	Washington, D.C.
1988	July 13-16	St. Louis, Missouri
1989	July 5-9	Dearborn, Michigan
1990		Northern Germany
1991		Open
1992		Open
1993		Texas

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And last but not least the "fellowship". This year there were three nights of varied and delightful entertainment. Thursday night found us in the Starlight Bowl to watch a performance of the operetta, The Student Prince. The Bowl lies in the flight approach to the San Diego commercial airport. At about three minute intervals a plane would pass low overhead, whereupon the cast would freeze for about ten seconds until the sound of the plane's engines had diminished, and then resume their performance without missing a note. The performance was excellent.

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Saturday evening was celebrated in the hotel's Grand Ballroom where the dinner dance theme of "Some Like it Hot" found many of the members decked out in "Roaring Twenties" costumes. They were great.

The last surprise of the convention outweighed all others - - - At approximately 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning we were awakened to a 5.3 on the Richter scale earthquake that lasted for about 20 seconds. The entire

building was moving back and forth. Luckily no steins were damaged and it provided great conversation at the farewell brunch, which to say the very least, was fabulous.

Throughout the convention, I used up every spare moment snapping pictures, (approximately 400), some of which will appear in the next edition of "Prosit".

Thus I wrap up my synopsis of the 1987 convention I feel quite certain that everyone attending the convention will agree that it was truly an experience to remember, that it added greatly to our knowledge of steins, and that even more than that - that we were reminded once again - what a wonderful group of people share our hobby of stein collecting!

Respectfully Submitted,

John P. Mertz, Keystoneers Chapter
Representative to SCI Board
September 12, 1986



AUCTION ACTION

GLENFORD, NY

Glentiques, Ltd. of Glenford, N.Y. has reported on an auction of over 300 steins, plaques and drinking vessels which took place July 13 at the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego, Calif., following the Stein Collectors International Convention.

The day's gross of \$342,545 set a record for stein auctions. Rare and unusual steins were offered in every category from Thuringen faience to Mettlach, and the quality of items offered is thought to have surpassed all previous stein auctions.

There were over 100 collectors in attendance, with hundreds of mail bids. Auctioneer Steve Early moved at a fast pace, selling 100 steins per hour.

Record prices were recorded in many categories. A regimental naval character stein depicting a sailor astride a keg, S.M.S. Preussen, (continued on page 21)

A STEIN AUCTION in San Diego, Calif. on July 13 included the following items. Top row, left to right: Stag, \$3,850; Black Man, \$2,750; Boar, \$3,520; Mettlach #2106, Caged Monkeys, \$2,860; Baby, \$1,760; miniature stein, \$578; King Ludwig II of Bavaria, \$2,640. Bottom row, left to right: Mettlach #2136, Anheuser Busch, \$2,310; Mettlach #2725, The Artist, \$3,740; Mettlach #2729, The Blacksmith, \$2,640; Mettlach #406, California, \$935; regimental stein, \$1,815; and regimental naval character stein, \$4,180.

AUCTION ACTION

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1910-12, brought \$4,180. A character stein in the form of a stag's head sold for \$3,850, and a Mettlach occupational stein, The Artist, #2725, went for \$3,740.

A Mettlach faience-type stein, #5394, realized \$1,980, a Mettlach Pokal, #2058, was \$2,915, and a porcelain character stein depicting King Ludwig II of Bavaria was \$2,640. Another porcelain character stein depicting Uncle Sam in shades of tan and brown brought \$1,870.

A catalogue of the auction, (44 pages, some in color), is available, with results, for \$8. Write to Gary Kirsner, Box 337, Glenford, NY 12433.

THE SCI CONVENTION, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA ** 9 to 13 July, 1986

THE WEATHER. We "gotta" mention this first. Perfect. Sunny, cloudless skies. Daily highs about 80°; lows about 60°. We were told that this range of temperatures prevails throughout the year.

THE HOTEL. The Del Coronado is a white, red-roofed wood structure whose 700 rooms, restaurants and shops ramble picturesquely over acres of ocean front. Our 3rd floor room, with balcony, overlooked the large central garden court that was an ever changing scene of parties, dinners and wedding receptions. On the exterior, ocean side of the hotel a multi-level promenade, lined with umbrelled tables offered food and drinks ranging from hot dogs and giant hamburgers to tasty salads and cordon bleu, or simply a place to rest and sip a cool drink. The more energetic spent their leisure time on the tennis courts or in the swimming pool, or just walking along the beach.

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SUNDAY BRUNCH -the Convention finale. An innovative feature was the wakeup call at 6:45 A.M. when a 5.3 Richter scale earthquake rocked the hotel. This assured that even the late party-goers of the previous night made it in time to the brunch in the hotel's Crown Room. The name describes the form of this beautiful wood paneled room whose high center dome forms the pinnacle of the crown. Everyone agreed that this was the finest brunch that they had ever attended. We rate it 10 plus, plus...

A new term for the stein collector: "an earthquake tremor hairline crack".

THE SCI BOARD MEETING

This will be reported in more detail in Prosit. The main items were:

1. The Executive Director and the Editor of Prosit will become separate positions on 1 July 1987. At that time, Jack Lowenstein's resignation as Executive Director will become effective, and a new Director elected. The two positions have become too time consuming for one person.
2. A motion to consider reorganization of the SCI Directorship and Staff was adopted. The proposal will be sent to the chapters for comment, after which a proposed change to the Bylaws will be drafted and voted upon at the 1987 Board Meeting.
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Bo Boresch

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