



A TRIBUTE TO  
**STANLEY SUMMERS**  
AND HIS BREWERIANA COLLECTION

JUNE 10 & 11, 2022

NABA and its partner, the Cone Top Brewery Museum, held the first of what will be many future joint events in Vicksburg, MI—home of the Cone Top Brewery Museum—on June 10 & 11, 2022.

This inaugural occasion was called “Eternal Summers” and honored 93-year-old NABA member Stan Summers while celebrating the acquisition of his extensive breweriana collection by the Cone Top Brewery Museum. Stan’s unique collection has upwards of 1,500 pieces with a focus on vintage die-cut cardboard and poster-style point-of-sale signs, plus an impressive assortment of back bar statues. Much of this collection was on display.

The Eternal Summers celebration was a two-day event. It began on June 10 with a private gathering of about 70 people, including NABA members and Stan’s family. It concluded with a NABA-sponsored breweriana trade show on June 11 that was open to the public. The show was organized by Clayton Emery of NABA’s Membership Committee and NABA Board member Paul Cervenka. It was held in downtown Vicksburg during the same weekend as the annual Vicksburg Classic Car Show, exposing the museum, NABA and the breweriana-collecting hobby to thousands of antique auto enthusiasts.

The Cone Top Brewery Museum is led by NABA member Chris Moore, founder of The Mill—a multi-use entertainment and hospitality complex currently in development in Vicksburg. Chris and the NABA Board of Directors envision the museum to serve as “NABA’s front door,” where collectors can both enjoy the wide-ranging collection and curate their own exhibits. The museum will provide an engaging forum where newcomers can learn about the passions and preservation of breweriana.

Alongside the museum, The Mill complex will include a brewery, distillery, hotel and convention center—all part of the amazing revitalization project of the massive, century-old paper mill plant that was abandoned more than 20 years ago.

As The Mill’s renovations continue, the Cone Top Brewery Museum will be temporarily housed in renovated 19th-century buildings in picturesque downtown Vicksburg. Stay tuned for further news about NABA celebratory events and trade shows to be held at the exciting new Cone Top Brewery Museum.



*Eternal Summers  
presented by:*



**Celebrating Stan.** Part of the large group of NABA members who gathered with The Handsome Waiter at the reception to celebrate Stan Summers included:

**Back row:** Clayton Emery, Tom Flerlage, Frank Zynda, Mary Legeret, Dan Bora, Paul Cervenka, Brian Langenbach, Scott Bristoll, Bill Norton, Barry Travis, Rob McCarty and Tom Hardy

**Middle row:** Sue Flerlage, Vickie Zynda, The Handsome Waiter, Beer Dave Gausepohl, Tom Legeret and John Ferguson

**Front row:** Jim Kaiser, Don Kaiser, Stan Summers, Chris Moore and John Coughanowr



# THE MILL TOUR

## FRIDAY, JUNE 10

NABA members received a tour of The Mill at Vicksburg—the future home of the Cone Top Brewery Museum and NABA's Front Door.



*NABA members pose with Chris Moore in front of art installation by local artist Natalya Critchley.*

***Left to Right:** Barry Travis, Paul Cervenka, Dan Morean, Natalya Critchley, Tom & Sue Flerlage, Chris Moore, Steve Miner, Brian Langenbach, James and Cheryl Kaiser, Scott Bristoll, Clayton Emery*



*Members gather for the tour in front of the West Wing of The Mill.*



*While on tour, Chris Moore shares details about this once-in-a-lifetime project.*



# ETERNAL SUMMERS

## FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Friends and family of Stan Summers gathered on Friday evening for a friendly roast, dinner and drinks.



Stan Summers, Chris Moore and Emcee/NABA Creative Director Barry Travis look on watching a tribute video to Stan.



*Left to Right:* Dave Gausepohl, Former NABA President John Ferguson, current Treasurer James Kaiser and Frank and Vicki Zynda pose before the event.



*Attendees Lori and Don Kaiser enjoy a pre-event beer.*





*Left to Right: Rob and Rick Summers—Stan's grandson and son—join other family members for the celebration.*



*Left to Right: Tom Legeret and Don Kaiser*



*Chris and James tell memorable stories about Stan.*



*Barry and family members.*



*Left to Right: After the roast, NABA members Dave Gausepohl, Don Kaiser and Paul Cervenka explore the Cone Top Brewery Museum for the first time.*



*Stan and Chris hamming it up before the big show.*





## OPENING DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Visitors from across the region came to downtown Vicksburg on Saturday, July 11 to experience the Vicksburg Classic Car Show and visit the downtown Cone Top Brewery Museum to learn more about breweriana and Stan's collection.



Chris and Stan pose in front of a handful of Stan's favorite pieces.



A glimpse into the Cone Top Brewery Museum and more of Stan's collection.



The Famous Hamm's Spinning Bear, fully operational, waving the Stanley Summers banner proudly!



Part of Stan's 'Pretty Gals' collection on display at Cone Top Brewery Museum.



A few of Stan's Chalks he's entrusted to the museum.



# NABA TRADING EVENT SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Alongside the Eternal Summers celebration and Vicksburg Classic Car Show, NABA members Clayton Emery and Paul Cervenka organized the first-ever joint Cone Top Brewery Museum/NABA breweriana trade show in Vicksburg!

Collectors of breweriana and classic cars bonded over their passions, exchanged stories and browsed artifacts for sale.



*Paul Cervenka selling items to the public during the show.*



*Barry Travis always making new friends!*



*Chris Moore and Bill Norton enjoying the show.*



*Expansive assortment of cans by collector Tom Legeret.*



*Villagers and visitors browse the tent and find items to start their own beer collections.*