

# NABA adds two new local chapters—now has 55



**A brand new chapter!** Standing: Brent Laswell, New Magnolia Brewmaster John Ferguson, Rob Janney, Tyler, Jerry Otahl, Ron Saterlee, Chris Wick, Stephanie & James Defrance, Jaime Pina, and Richard Englebrecht. Kneeling: Mike Lombardo, Unknown, Southern Select Chapter VP Phillip Brogniez, Southern Select Chapter President Matt Scherzinger, Ron Rychel, Charlie Staats, and John Williams.



## Southern Select Chapter

The Southern Select Chapter of NABA—a brand new chapter from the Houston area—had its first show at The New Magnolia Brewery in Houston, TX on July 15, with more than 60 collectors attending.

To help celebrate, the New Magnolia Brewery released a special beer using the original Pre-Prohibition formula for Southern Select Beer, first brewed in the early 1900s by the Houston Ice & Brewing Company (also known as The Magnolia Brewery). This formula, developed by legendary brewmaster Frantz Brogniez, (see story on Tivoli Brewing Co. in this issue) won the Grand Prize in Ghent, Belgium in 1913, besting more than 4000 competitors.

After Repeal, Howard Hughes hired Brogniez as brewmaster for his new Gulf Brewing Company in Houston. The new brewery's flagship beer used the same formula as Brogniez' Pre-Pro Southern Select but named it "Grand Prize," reflecting it's win in Belgium more than 20 years earlier.

This new beer launched by New Magnolia Brewery honored both of its predecessors by incorporating their names in the new label, "Magnolia Grand Select."



**45 years young!** The Westmont Stroh's chapter celebrated its anniversary with a show on October 1 in Elk Grove Village, IL. Joining the Handsome Waiter in the festivities were Mark Nelson, Robert Brown, John Nelson, Jim Radeck, Don Hardy and Brian Nelson. And yes, Mark, John, and Brian are all brothers.



## Westmont Stroh chapter

The Westmont Stroh's chapter just celebrated it's 45th year, making it is one of the oldest existing local breweriana chapters. But along with Southern Select, we proudly announce it is NABA's newest!

The chapter was founded in the Chicago suburb of Westmont, IL by the late Dick Johnson and Don Hardy. They took the Stroh's name because Dick has a connection with the local Stroh's distributor, who in turn was generous with donating Stroh's-branded raffle prizes for chapter events, like the truck that the chapter uses on its promotional materials, shown above. At its peak, the chapter had about 600 members.