

Chicagoland Beer Author Returns to WGN Radio, Rolls Out More Book Signing Dates

Years After Chicago's Brewing Industry Goes Flat, Interest in its Frothy Past Continues

CHICAGO, Ill. – Oct. 17 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – After wrapping up a recent appearance at the Goose Island brewpub, book signings in suburban Riverside and Hinsdale, and a nod in the Chicago Tribune, Bob Skilnik, author of *BEER: A History of Brewing in Chicago* (\$24.95, Hardcover, 416 pages, Barricade Books, ISBN 1569803129) readies for a second appearance on WGN Radio.



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Fresh from a 90-minute radio interview with Milt Rosenberg, the host of the critically-acclaimed Extension 720 program, Skilnik returns to the WGN studio on Thursday morning, October 19, 2006, to delve deeper into the history of Chicago's brewing industry with radio host Nick Digilio.

"I'm not sure if the folks at WGN Radio realize their part in Chicago's brewing history," notes Skilnik. "It was WGN Radio that broadcast the return of legal beer to Chicago back in 1933. The Chicago station scheduled special programming throughout April 6 and 7 to broadcast from the Atlas Brewing

Company at 21st and Blue Island, giving an onsite description of the beer manufacturing process straight through to the loading of the beer on to the waiting trucks ready for delivery at 12:01 A.M on the 7th.”

Skilnik continues his ode to Chicago beer with a book signing on Saturday, October 21 at Barnes & Noble, 1441 West Webster, (773)-871-3610 and an upcoming lecture at the Newberry Library. His bus tour of once famous and sometimes infamous Chicago breweries and saloons is also available for individuals and groups.

About the Author, Bob Skilnik

Bob Skilnik is an alumnus of Chicago’s Siebel Institute of Technology – the oldest school of brewing technology in the U.S. – where he earned a degree in brewing technology. He is the former associate editor for the American Breweriana Journal, a contributor to the Chicago Tribune’s Good Eating food section, trade journals, magazines and newspapers.

He has appeared on ABC’s “The View,” the Fox News Channel, ESPN2, and Chicago’s WTTW. BEER: A History of Brewing in Chicago is his fifth book.

For more information on the author’s upcoming appearances, further tour information, or to order the book online, visit www.chicagolandbeerhistory.com.

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