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Thanks Swanky. I thought I had something unique. I did a web search on the name and got nothing. When I searched the web for the address I came up with only sites about the Kahiki. I looked at the address again and got out one of my Kahiki postcards and BINGO! I don't live in the Columbus area or I would go digging around at the library for more info. The match book has no writing on the inside. Found in the wild here in Kalamazoo. .25 cents. Thanks Again.

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tikiskip

Grand Member (6 years) X

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WOW! That is the place Bill Sapp and Lee Henry Had before the Kahiki! He told me that when they got it it was a rough place, patron wise. They got it for a testing ground for the Kahiki. They invented And tested the drinks/food at that bar.

The place did burn down, on Bills Birthday!
He told me he went home (party was still going on)
And got a call from sondro Conti, Bar Manager/drink inventor
Who said "Boss we got a fire here"
Bill said "well put it out"
Sondro called back and said "hey boss this things getting pretty big"
Bill "are we going to be open tomorrow?"
Sondro then called back and said."Boss we no open tomorrow!"

They were going to start on the Kahiki the next day anyway.
Bill told me that they had matches with the raised boobs. I thought he was mistaken but there they are!

Great find! How much did the great collector bear offer for it?
Don't let anyone charm you out of those. they are RARE!

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WOW!!Thanks for the great info Tikiskip. The match book does have raised boobs. Makes em easy to find in your pocket I guess. Do you know of any photos of the place or were I can read up on the history? No offers to buy them yet. I'm hang'n on to this one. I do have a few Kahiki items to make a good grouping in my collection. Thanks again.

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I have NEVER seen anything from the Grass Shack. When I talked with Mr. Sapp he said he had no photos/stuff from the Grass Shack Or the Kahiki. I did not think to ask Lee Henry.

Mr Sapp did say that when they started the Kahiki
The fire marshal came in and said "you can't use the thatch" Because it was a fire hazard.
They told him that they used fire proofing material on the thatch.
They then took him to the burned remains of the Grass Shack and showed him that everything but the thatch was burnt to a crisp!
So he let them use it.

If we could find out Mr Sapps birthday we could go to some old newspaper to see if there is a photo of the fire at The Grass Shack.
This would be 1958 or 1959 In the Dispatch, or The Citizens Journal.

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I was thinking it would be nice to have a thread that showed tiki items from each restaurant. We have oooga mooga for the mugs, But need a place for the other stuff. Pictures, Napkins, lamps, ECT... Try not to duplicate. Also give brief discriptions. Here goes. The Kahiki Tiki bar, restaurant 3583 East Broad Street Columbus Ohio, 43213 (614)237-5425 in Whitehall. I am trying to update pictures in this thread. Some of them I can't find. 08/05/2008

New Sept 6 2012 here is a good timeline of Kahiki events, Will add to as new info arives. Bottom of page, that's the links page. <http://www.tikiroom.com/tikicentral/bb/viewtopic.php?mode=viewtopic&topic=18136&forum=5&start=360>



This is bill sapp. (age unknown) He and lee henry started the kahiki. They had the little grass shack before the kahiki. Grass Shack burned down on Bill Sapp's birthday June 14th 1958 or 1959.





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Here are some swizzle sticks from the Kahiki.

Hey good post. Look at the photo below. all are different. and none are made by the mfg you posted. The lt green one is the last ones they made (ie newer) It has "cpl conti c. 45257 " on back. The dark green large one has. " mi-ko usa " on back. The other small pick has no mark on back.
 (Update 2/23/2012 The swizzle on the far right is from The Top restaurant Bill and Lees other restaurant at that time)



some cloth dinner napkins



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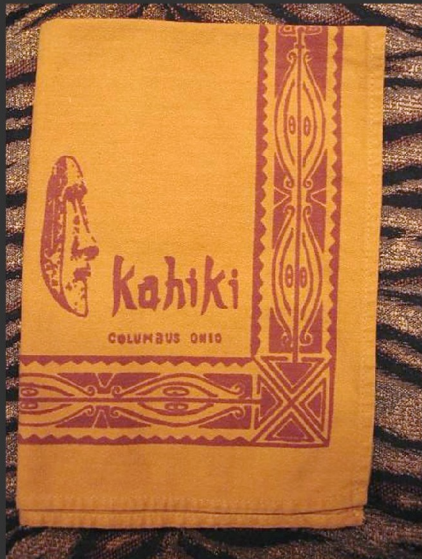
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Here is an old photo showing the backgammon bar in the background. Don't know when they took it out, But I never saw it. Does anyone know when they took down the backgammon bar?
 And in the second photo you can see the same bar on the right.



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This is a card from the menu. I got this on the last night of the kahiki. 8/26/2000.
 And a bill holder thingy.





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Heres Arthur godfrey with a lovely wahine. But wait. why is her face blocked out? Rumor is they had a fling. So her face was blocked out by hand, by our own umeone. bill sapps daughter Linda Sapp. Mr. Sapp said that Arthur G asked if she could take a week off to come to California. They said yes. From that day on Mr. Godfrey talked on and on about how great the Kahiki was! Some thought Mr. Godfrey was being paid by the Kahiki to do so.



"Roses are red, these floats are blue, Send me some money and they belong to you"... "TIKISKIP"



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Welcome to the kahiki, May I show you to your seat? these are just a few of the seats from the kahiki.

The first one is a bar stool Chair #1. (I got 4 for \$80.00)



At the auction they could not give the second chair away, they sold for two dollars each! One guy got 40 of these Chair#2.



The next one is a dining room chair as well Chair #3. (six for \$70.00) I think there were at least one more style of chairs used at the kahiki.



The last chair #4 is from the home of Bob Karr, Bob was one of the first bartenders at the Kahiki. When the Kahiki was built the Karrs bought the same furniture from the same place as the Kahiki did.

So when they sold it all in 2011 it was all in great condition!!! You see these Peacock chairs all of the time, but who knows, was that a Kahiki chair? This one was.