

Knickerbocker Knews

Premium Cigars, Pipes and Pipe Tobaccos



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The Economy and Cigars

Economic Times are tough... Stocks markets are sinking... Major industries are failing and we are all feeling a financial pinch. We have a new president-elect who is expected to bring new energy and life to our sluggish economy. No easy job...

We are all feeling the pressure... concerned about our jobs, savings, homes and plans for retirement. There is a lot of anxiety out there and we are all waiting for the next shoe to drop. We are all waiting for a turnaround but starting to brace for the worse.

When times like this come

along, we all cut back on luxury things... we eat out less, travel less and as cigar or pipe smokers, we cut back on our buying habits. Instead of buying a Padron Anniversary 1926, we may buy several of the 3000's. We are now looking for more value for our dollar than buying what we really want.

Fortunately there is a silver lining in all of this for us all. Spending less for a cigar does not mean that we have to lose out on quality, construction and flavor. There are now so many cigar manufacturers that are focused on creating awesome smokes at affordable prices.

Perhaps the best medicine for tough times like the ones we face today is a little extra time at the cigar store with friends. We try to gain some perspective on the current economic times. We try to reassure ourselves and we are also supporting our local cigar shop and the cigar industry. They both really need our help.

There are most certainly better times ahead. Until then, the cigar fan in all of us knows exactly how to create better times right now.

Light up, sit back, and enjoy...

"Menlo Park Pipe Station"

ALL ABOARD!!!

Olde Knickerbockers is opening the "Menlo Park Pipe Station"!

This is our new and ever expanding Pipe and Tobacco area of Knickerbockers.

At the "station", we have a wide variety of Pipes from many manufacturers: Barling, Savinelli, Peterson, Bjarne, Dunhill, Nording and CAO to name a few.

Our stock of pipes is constantly growing and

changing.

For those who are adventurous and like to create or "tweak" their favorite smoking tobaccos, check out our new Custom Blending Station!

We have many types of tobaccos to blend with: Louisiana Perique, Latakia, Balkan's, Burley's, Cavendish's, English and Virginia tobaccos as well as many others.

There are also some of

the most popular pre-mixed tobaccos as well: Lord Fairfax, Fox & Hound, Mayfair Preferred and others.

We also have many Aromatics: Vanilla's, Cherries, Champagne and other sweet & spicy tobaccos.

Next time you are at Knickerbockers, check out our pipes and tobaccos.

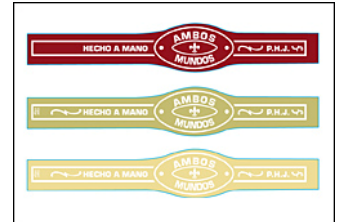
Let us know what you think or if there are any of your favorites that you would like to see!!!

Cigar Knews

Tatuaje to Release Economy-Priced Cigar - Ambos Mundos, a long-filler cigar priced for hard economic times. While the cigar may seem to be debuting at just the right time, Tatuaje owner Pete Johnson says he didn't make Ambos Mundos just because of the current economic downturn.

"My original idea for the Tatuaje brand was for it to be not as expensive as it turned out to be," said Johnson, "but having it made in Miami kind of set that expensive precedent, so I made this [new] cigar partly due to the economy and partly because this is where I originally wanted the cigar to be priced."

Ambos Mundos, which translates to "both worlds," will come in only two sizes: a 5 inch by 50 ring Robusto and a 6 by 50 Toro.



Both will be offered in either a Nicaraguan Habano or Ecuadoran Sumatra wrapper, hence the name of the cigar. The initial shipments will contain boxes of 50 cigars, half with Nicaraguan wrapper and half with Ecuadoran. All other shipments will come in bundles of 25.

SCHIP Bill Continues to be Priority of New Administration –

From: Chris McCalla
Legislative Director, IPCPR

Industry Lobbyists' Consensus Sees Compromise Holding For Next Round of SCHIP Deliberations

November 21, 2008 - As rumors continue circulating about SCHIP in 2009, CAA's and IPCPR's lobbyists, along with several industry consultants, met to share new information and prognostications regarding legislation to renew and expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

While tempered with a bit of caution, all parties participating on the conference call remain confident the compromise that was reached and agreed to by Congressional leaders will be incorporated into yet-to-be reintroduced SCHIP legislation.

General consensus among industry lobbyists and consultants holds that despite campaign rhetoric, the reality of governing, particularly in the economic circumstances faced by all segments of the economy, will prove difficult for the new Administration's legislative priorities to be quickly approved.

With those caveats in mind, there were three consensus views that emerged:

While there are credible scenarios that would delay SCHIP, there was much agreement that SCHIP will likely be an early priority of the new administration.

House leadership has signaled it will likely be among the top three priorities of the Congress/Administration. SCHIP has passed the Congress twice in 2007, so passing the "old" bill with the "compromise" language would be an easy step.

The make-up of the new House and Senate is even more favorable than before and the new President will eagerly sign the bill. Under this scenario, SCHIP would provide a high profile legislative victory and a down payment on the health care agenda.

The International Premium Cigar & Pipe Retailers Association (IPCPR) is a not-for-profit trade association organized as the advocate for the independent retail tobacconist and recognized as the "Voice of Authority and Reason" on premium tobacco related issues.

Pipe Club??

Interested in joining a Pipe Club??

Olde Knickerbockers is thinking about starting a Pipe Club that would meet at the shop on a Saturday afternoon, each month.

We can discuss various topics, such as: New & Old Pipes, Pipe Tobaccos and Blending of Pipe Tobaccos, How pipes are made and how to recognize pipes by markings.

Let us know what you think!!

Relax with your pipe



Employee Reviews

La Aurora, 100 Años - 5x50, Robusto – Smoke Time: 1 hour 20 Minutes

The 100 Años Robusto is the epitome of a fine cigar with cream and spice delivered straight to the palate featuring a long and full cedar finish. The construction on this stick is bar none, it features a flawless hand selected Dominican Corojo wrapper free of veins or imperfections, this cigar held a long and strong white ash and is by far one of the finest robustos on the market. Its only downfall is that it is currently discontinued so supplies are limited. Enjoy these while you can, you will not be sorry. I know I'm not; I've smoked this stick down to a nub several times and could not be happier. ~ Darrell



Arturo Fuente, Don Carlos – 5 ¾" x 52 Double Robusto

A GREAT medium bodied cigar! Dominican Filler and Binder, with a Cameroon Wrapper. As on all Fuente products, the craftsmanship was perfect. Nice reddish-brown color with small veins. The cigar burned nice and even with a perfect white, non-flaky ash. The flavor was a nice sweet blend of cocoa and leather. A complex but very favorable cigar. Pricing is not on the lower side, BUT if you are looking to treat yourself to a premium smoke, I would recommend this cigar or any of the Don Carlos line to anyone who truly wants a gratifying and relaxing experience! ~ Dan



Holiday ideas for the cigar lover in your life!

The Holiday season is upon us!

Don't forget some GREAT Cigar and Pipe items for that tobacco lover in your life. Perfect gifts or stocking stuffers...

- **Cigar Caddy's** – Many sizes available for the person who travels around a lot.
- **ATOLL Accessories** – Lighters, Travel Humidors, Flasks, Cutters and more.
- **Humidors** – Don Salvatore, Michael Godard, Lotus and others...
- **Xikar Cutters** – New Carbon Fiber Xi3 cutters, Xi2 cutters and Scissor cutters.
- **Pipes** – CAO Meerschaum's, Savinelli, Bjarne, Petersen and more...
- **Pipe Accessories** – Pouches, Stands, Cleaners & Polishes...
- **Lighters** – Blazer, Prometheus, Lotus, Zippo, Porsche and many more...
- **Gift Cards** – For those who are not sure what to get BUT know that there is something here for that special person!!!

Ask any of our staff for assistance in selecting a perfect gift...

