

Buyer Beware!!!

Another fake metal sign has surfaced on eBay. This is a reproduction of the metal header that was on some display racks from the 1950's (see photo below). It is the exact same image, yellow background with blue lettering and Mr. Peanut (see top photo blue book p. 51), although the blue has been seen in both light and dark shades. The original is large, about 23" in length, while the fake is much smaller, about 9 ½" in length. Also the fake has a grommet hole on each short side for hanging, while the original does not. Some are pristine; others have been subjected to water to look old and rusty.



I have noted most of the sellers to be from Canada, which leads me to believe that is where they originate from. Sellers' eBay names include rustyrustiques and 2good2bethru (both from Cambridge Ontario Canada), strkur8 (from Stratford Ontario Canada) and signpro74 (Carlisle PA). This is not a complete list however. Some of these Canadian sellers were also responsible for the fake green Salted Peanuts sign (see photo below) seen which debuted earlier this year (see PEANUT PAPERS, Internet Watch #71 Jan/Feb 2017 under "Questionable #1, Club Members). The sellers do not say these are new items, but they cleverly don't refer to them as old or vintage either.

