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Smörgåsbeerd  
Label Competition  
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Don Sajda's House  
Saturday  
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## Edicts From The Czar

by Eric Hendrix (Czar@TheKGB.org)

**T**his year is winding down rapidly, comrades. You know what that means? It means *Smörgåsbeerd*. Our second annual to be exact. This one, as was last year's, will be held at Comrade Commissar Brewski Don Sajda's house. There are a couple of things to remember. One, how to get there, and two, there is a pool in the back yard. No doubt it will have water in it this year. Therefore, falling in will not have the serious physical trauma associated with it as it did last year.

The menu this year will be similar to that of last year. I just hope we have tons of that red cabbage and apple dish that Comrade Bruce and his wife brought. I believe Comrade Roberta has volunteered to make that for us. Comrade General Secretary Al Jurica is getting the sausages and other cholesterol laden foods.

Everyone else that is not already committed to bring something, feel free to bring any food item you would like. No score sheets will be provided. The measly sum of \$7 will get you all you can eat, but I would get there early.

The BOM for this year is posted on the web site. Great idea! There are 15 commercial beers and at least 4 homebrews to be on tap. Comrade Donald has stated that Samichlaus will be there as well. Bring all of your beer you can so we can drink yours too. A pittance of \$5 will provide means by which you can enjoy this wonder-

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## Notes From The General Secretary

by Al Jurica (GeneralSecretary@TheKGB.org)

**W**ell this is election month, so Nov. 16th make plans to be at the Commissar's place, say 7-ish, to cast your vote. But there's more. Bring your best label design, yes it's time for our annual Label Competition. We're not finished yet, our November meeting is also our *Smörgåsbeerd*. Awesome beers like Samichlaus, and others will be sampled. Then there's the food, knockwurst & bratwurst from a couple of country meat markets, sauerkraut, German potato salad, red cabbage. Are you hungry yet? And we have added a new tasting glass to the list of K.G.B. goodies. For the mere sum of \$15.00 you get privy to the B.O.M., food and one tasting glass (others may be purchased later). What an evening, make plans now and don't be left out of the fun.

Well, I just recently returned from my fall pilgrimage to Las Vegas. I try to go at least 3 times a year. There was some tasty brews to be had. Jimi Sullivan, formerly at the Triple 7 brew pub, has moved to Ellis Island brew pub where he backs up Joe Pickett. This was my first visit to this place but according to Jimi they have been there about 5 years. They had a Light, Amber, Dortmunder, Weiss, and hard lemonade on tap. Their best beer I tasted was an Oktoberfest that was still a week away from hitting the tap. Jimi should be a great addition to Ellis Island brewing. I'm familiar with his brews from many years at the 777.

Speaking of which, I once again found myself spending a goodly amount of my

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ful selection of libations.

How can we have so many beers without a proper KGB sampler glass from which to drink them? We can't! Now available is the KGB 5.5 ounce Martigues Sampler. This is a lovely little sampler with a narrow base and a flared throat. The flared throat allows for the nose of the beer to be judged and enjoyed to its fullest, while the narrow base makes it easy to judge clarity and brilliance. Emblazoned on the side of the glass is the world famous logo of the Kuykendahl Gran Brewers. Reproduced in minute detail and in royal blue, the logo stands out proudly while the glass is on display and is readily visible while the glass is in its natural state, full of beer. These beautiful glasses are available to you for \$3 each or a set of 6 for \$15.

After all is said and done Comrades, this year's Smorgasbeerd is \$12 for food and drink, payable as you enter the PARTY ZONE. The glasses are optional, but for \$15 up front you will allow the KGB to save money on the plastic tumblers that sometimes end up littering the yards of our hosts. There will be a table set up from which you will all be able to select from a wide array of KGB logoed items that will make tremendous and greatly appreciated gifts. *[I think Eric might've just returned from a sales retreat or something—MOP]*

After we all get our fill of food and before we begin the BOM festivities there is the issue of the election of new officers. If for nothing else, this is an important reason to come to this meeting. Nominations are still open. Election will be by secret ballot. After the new Czar is elected he will officially select the MOP and the MOW. All officers will officially take office at the Christmas Party to be held at St. Arnold on

Sunday December 15.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING. PLEASE BE THERE IF YOU CAN.

Another Dixie Cup has come and gone. Kudos to all KGB members who entered, especially the first timers. The

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time there. As I've said before the black cherry stout is just great. This has been one of my favorite watering holes for a long time. Check them out the next time you get to Las Vegas. Main Street Station Casino, 777 brew pub in downtown of course.

My best find on this trip was a brew pub in Henderson. Barley's. They said they have been around for six and half years. It's amazing it took me this long to stumble upon them. The brewmaster is Michael Ferguson. If the name sounds familiar it might be because he does the Nevada article in the Southwest Brewing News. He learned the craft in Germany, worked awhile at Gordon Berisch, then became the Honcka at Barleys. He really has an impressive set up, a 30BBL system made in Germany. Everything air conditioned and a cold room on top of that. All the beers on tap were lagers. Michael said that's about all the clientele would allow. The Oktoberfest special was his Bohemian pils which was very clean and crisp and mildly hopped. He said that was pushing it for his crew. Twelve oz for \$1.00, 22oz for \$2.00 and pitchers for \$5.00 (what a

deal huh?). Also on tap were Blue Diamond Light (a medium hopped Helles), Red Rock Red (a Dortmunder), a Dark Lager (Dunkel style), Cold Creek (a Kolsch), and a Heffeweisen that took a silver medal this year at the G.A.B.F. They do have a beer sampler and I enjoyed every one of them. If you're planning a trip to Vegas, this place is a must.

The December meeting will be a Christmas party at St. Arnolds. All the elected officers will be announced to the world.

Enough said, it's Pivo Time!!!!!!!!!!!!



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## From The Brewski Cellars

by Donald Sajda (CommissarBrewski@TheKGB.org)

**I**t's hard to imagine. Another year has nearly come to an end and my term as Commissar Brewski will soon be over. It has given me great pleasure to serve in this capacity for the past one and one half years. One of my goals was to bring forth to the membership a nice selection of beers that could be both found locally and from out of our great state. I felt that the ideal sampling would be ten beers of the same style for each BOM. I am proud to say that by the conclusion of the November Smörgåsbeerd meeting we will have managed to sample **171 different beers!** Not a bad accomplishment. Our November Smörgåsbeerd meeting will be the ultimate eating and drinking fest in all of the Motherland. There will be **twenty exotic beers** for your pleasure to taste at the BOM. **Seventeen** of these cannot be found in the Houston area. Besides that, who could top the culinary skills of General Secretary Al and Comrade Brain Ellis when it comes to the proper preparation of Schulenberg bratwursts and knockwursts? My mouth is already watering.

Of course, don't forget about the **Third Annual KGB Label Design Contest**. It's time to dethrone the two-time winner, none-other than the Lame Duck MOP, Mark Rogerson. I hate to dash anyone's hopes, but I can assure you that I have the top entry this year. So, at best, you can hope for a second or third place....lol. I can't wait to have that beautiful plaque on my desk at work to impress my fellow colleagues.

If you missed the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Dixie Cup activities held in Houston, then shame on you. This was the largest single site Homebrew Contest in America this past year. It was great to see many of our comrades Sunday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday assisting with the judging and stewarding of this huge event. At the award ceremony Saturday night a more than abundant supply of Barley Wine flowed freely. Best part of all of this is; I actually survived and remember the whole week's worth of activities. I would like to personally thank Czar Eric, Cody Clark, Chuck Coleman, Ed and Mary Condon, David Corbishley, John Donaldson, Richard and Jamie MacKeen, Wes Powell, and Jeff Quintero for helping judge and steward during this hectic week and by displaying a strong KGB presence at this important event. For such a monumental undertak-

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## Ruble Collector's Report

by Andy Dyer (RubleCollector@TheKGB.org)

**C**omrades, fellow homebrewers and beer aficionados! Since I was unable to make it to the Dixie Cup, it seems like forever since we've had an official KGB party (although, I assure you, quite a good amount of beer was consumed at the last officer's meeting). Not to despair. From what I've heard, General Secretary Al Jurica and Commissar Brewski Don Sajda have a feast of fine food and rivers of the hop/grain/yeast/water nectar we love lined up for the November Smörgåsbeerd. I'm excited about this November 16 gathering, and plan to make up for missing it last year. Perhaps the wife will be tapped as a designated driver [*Ah yes...tapping the designated driver...many new brewers are conceived that way.—MOP*]. Or maybe I'll catch a ride... Regardless, this promises to be a helluva party. I hope to see all of you there!

Unless there are a few applications awaiting my attention at The Brew Stop, I regret to report that October brought us no new members. Things have been pretty slow in the Ruble Collector department for the past month as I prepare to take on the monumental responsibility that has been Mark Rogerson's flawless execution of the role of Minister Of Propaganda. The newsletter you are holding is the next-to-last to be produced by the current MOP [*WHEW!—MOP*]. While his shoes will be hard to fill, I feel I am up to the challenge of drinking the mass quantities of fine beer necessary to produce this fine publication. Just a second while I refill my glass...

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ing the Foam Rangers made the Dixie Cup run smooth as clockwork. Once again, they ran this event with class. My special thanks goes to the Foam Rangers for hosting the Dixie Cup.

On another pleasant note, it brings me great joy to receive feedback on articles that I write for the KGB Newsletter. Last month I stated the Internet wasn't really around in 1994. Our MOP Mark Rogerson quickly reminded me that Al Gore really invented the Internet [*Good sarcasm can be wasted on some people, can't it?—MOP*]. Actually, the Buzz radio station set me straight by saying the Internet was invented on October 29, 1969 by, of course, Al Gore. I guess what I really meant in last month's article was that I had a sorry Internet provider (free) in 1994 that only allowed you a text-based interface. I really didn't know what I was doing then.

Of course that wasn't my only booboo last month. Comrade John Donaldson gave me some insight into the history of Defalco's. The original store was not located on Morningside. Actually Defalco's moved to the Morningside location in 1981. The original Defalco's was actually located somewhere on the land that now houses the Two Row's Brewpub. Comrade John also let me know that in the 1995 Dixie Cup he won something like five medals. Very impressive, John! Now with that in mind the KGB shall be counting on you to repeat this feat at the 20<sup>th</sup> Dixie Cup next year.

Remember, to err is human. To forgive is the only way we can get people to continue to write fascinating articles for the KGB newsletters. See you at the November meeting.



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Mmm...Red Seal Ale. See, I'm already practicing. I can't disappoint the membership by consuming less than a reasonable number of beers while piecing together the newsletter. If my calculations are correct, the MOP has averaged a little over 8 beers per newsletter so far this year, and I believe that I'm up to the challenge.

On to the financial stuff y'all love to see here... While the KGB stash is sputtering at \$352.52, this can be attributed to the preparations for the upcoming meeting. The princely sum of \$745.52 went to pay for the new KGB tasting glasses and the November BOM. Another \$114.86 paid for awards for the Double Agent Brew-Off and club-paid Dixie Cup entries. With the raffle-to-end-all-raffles set for the Smörgåsbeerd and the funds that will be collected to pay for the festivities, we should be in adequate financial standing when the new regime assumes control – which reminds me; be sure to VOTE!

That's all for now. Till next time, remember... Truth is in a tall beer.



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Dixie Cup is an intimidating event to be your first one. We set an all time KGB participation record of about 130 entries. Special Congratulations go out to those that won medals. In no particular order they are Don Sajda, Brian Hutchins, Andy Dyer, and Barbara Coleman.

I am happy to say that I was able to participate in this year's event to a much greater extent than any previous year. Translate that to say I went on the Pub Crawl. I was impressed with the organization of all of the events. With almost 1000 entries the challenge of judging each entry was an awesome one. A big round of applause to Jimmy Paige, Ron Solis and the rest of the Foam Rangers.

*Oh, I almost forgot. This will be the last raffle of the year. It will be a good one. Come prepared.*

I will see you all at Comrade Don's house.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the craft.

Czar Eric



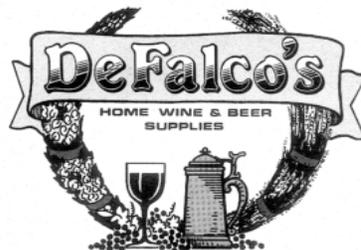
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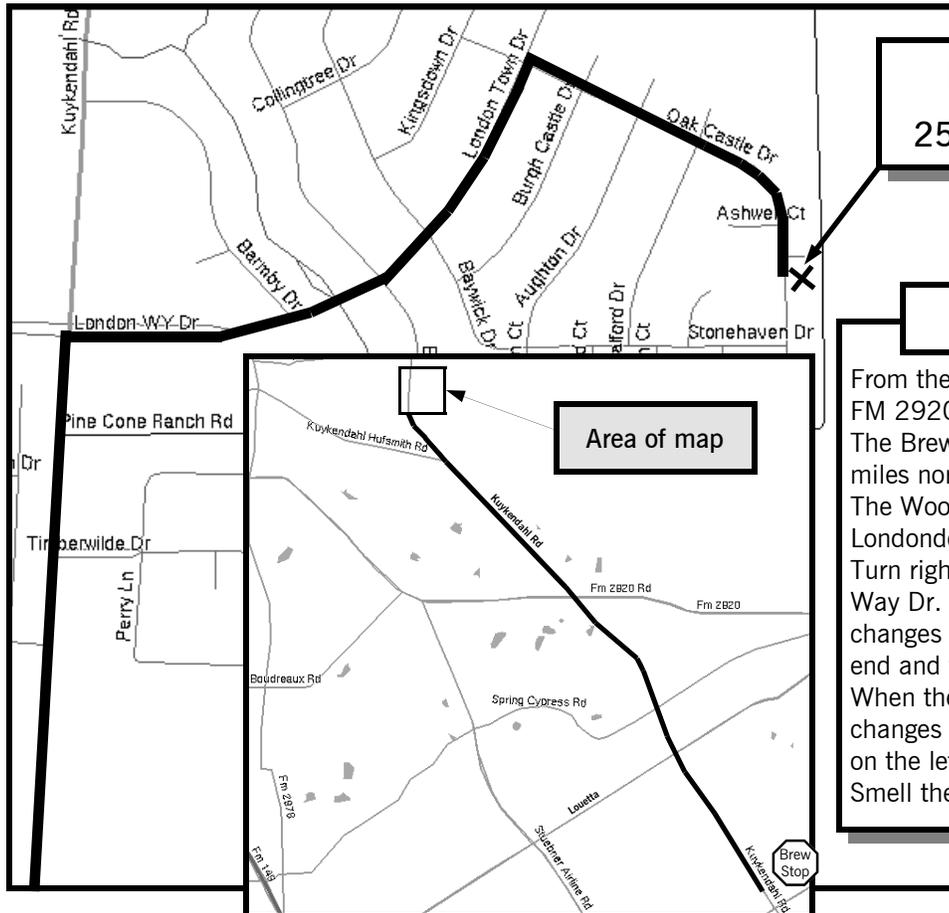
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