



THE KGB FILES

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EDICTS FROM THE CZAR

BY ED CONDON (CZAR@THEKGB.ORG)

Well here it is the day after the news letter article is due and I am finally sitting down to write it. Have to thank MOT Jamie for giving me a one day reprieve. Just a lot going on this past month in true KGB fashion. February got off to a good start with the 3rd annual Super Bowl Brew-In. RC Tim was one popular person, handing out party favors every hour on the hour throughout the day. The RC gave away openers, hops, this that and the other thing to all the comrades and guests that showed up for the Brew-In. Since I was there shortly after 7:00 am and left late in the afternoon, I walked away with a bunch of stuff. It was a fine day of brewing and that topped off with Comrade Brian Ellis showing up with his equipment to do a remote



Broke Back Brewing was in full flaming glory at the First Sunday meeting at BJ's Willowbrook. Czar Ed shown here being lured to the sweet side by Comrade Phil Kaufman's fruit lambic.

podcast. He did several interviews and part one of two is currently out there at <http://kgbradio.blog.spot.com> or there is a link on the top of our web page at

www.thekgb.org under KGB Radio. You are doing a fine job with the podcast Comrade Brian.

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Chili Cook Off



Saturday,
March 11th
@ 7:00 PM

CB Robb Wahlstrom
17503 Pine Brook Trl.
See map at
www.thekgb.org

RUBLE COLLECTOR'S REPORT

BY TIM WHITE (RUBLECOLLECTOR@THEKGB.ORG)

SUPER BOWL BREW-IN III was a great success. Thanks to Style and Living magazine for running a free ad for the annual event held at The Brew Stop. As a result of the ad, we enjoyed meeting several new folks and welcoming new Comrades into The KGB. Hops Direct was again very generous in their support of Super Bowl Brew-In III by donating a bag of Cluster hops. Spec's and their distributors were generous in their support and the RC was run ragged by giving the booty out on an hourly basis!! Unfortunately,

it's not always good news from the Ruble Collector (RC), Victory Brewing disappointed the KGB first by selling "short-filled" bottles of their beer (see the February KGB News for proof) and then by failing to deliver on a promise of Victory "bling" in support of Super Bowl Brew-In III. Shame on them, I hope the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission doesn't find out about this.



RC Tim was hoping that some Hooters Girls would drive by wisting thinking he was a construction worker.

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EDICTS FROM THE CZAR

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The next thing for the month was the Fish Fry meeting at Comrade Brian Ellis's. This was one to remember. GS Peter and Bill King fried up some mighty good fish, fries, mushrooms, and veggies and did one fine job of it. I guess it goes without being said there was a lot of very fine beer to be drank at the meeting also. I want to apologize for the misunderstanding about the starting time for the meeting. We tried a 3:00 start time which seemed to work out well. It so happened that in the February news letter we still had the 7:00 start time for the meeting. One thing I did learn from this though is the people pay more attention to the meeting schedule than they do my news letter article, the 3:00 time was mentioned in my article. Well I do understand, I don't read my article either.

Next for the month was the First Sunday meeting of the area brew clubs. February meeting was at BJ's at

Willowbrook. Once again BJ's treated us well giving everyone, not only KGB members the happy hour price for beers and provided us with some great appetizers. RC Tim once again bought a beer for all KGB members in good standing wearing KGB attire and a good time was had by one and all.

Well as I said in the beginning of this article I am running a little late and have to cut it short. There has been a major change in the Czars life, I now have a job for the first time in nearly four years. What a hell of an adjustment, really cuts into the brewing and beer drinking time. As you can see in the attached picture it is getting hard to get into my closet, I am really falling behind



Czar Ed has been a busy brewing bee trying to brew the award winning beer that will give him first place this year. He is sick of being second best to the independents and to Comrade Sasha. Editor's note: I do not claim to know the true membership standing of Sasha Sajda. This debate continues...

getting all my beer into bottles and kegs. Oh just kidding, just been brewing a lot in the spare time I have.

I want to congratulate our KGB comrades John Donaldson and Wes Powell for

bringing home some medals from recent competitions. Comrade JD brought home a 2nd place Bock and an honorable mention for IPA in the Boston Homebrew Competition. Comrade Wes took a 2nd place for Belgian and French Ales, a 3rd in Scotch and Irish Ale and a 3rd in Strong Ales in the Kansas City Bier Meister Competition. Way to go comrades.

In closing make sure and start brewing up some good chili for the annual Chili competition meeting at Commissar Brewski Robb Whalstroms on March 11 beginning at 7:00 yes 7:00 pm. The categories will be Traditional Texas chili with trophies for first through third place, 5 Alarm (make it as hot as you can) with a trophy for first place, and Non-Traditional (put anything you want in it) with a trophy for first place. Competition is always tough so make your best and gain the bragging rights until 2007.





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RUBLE COLLECTOR'S REPORT



RC White's dogs are not exactly white but they sure are adorable.

The First Sunday meeting at BJ's Willowbrook was a great time. Once again the folks at BJ's generously provided two huge platters of hor-doeves horderves finger food for the enjoyment of all Houston-area brewers. The Foam Rangers and The KGB as well as members of the Cane Island Alers and Deja Brew were in attendance setting the course for a great year of craft brewing events.

Great news from The White House, a new brew-dog, named Abbey Ale, has joined the first family. Special thanks to Comrade Billy Korndorffer and dame Princess Jessica Anheuser (shown with Abbey) for this gift. Sire JAXX was busy chasing shadows and unavailable for the photo.

For those who received a free vacuum-sealed bag of Cluster hops at one of the on-the-hour giveaways at the brew-in or at the February meeting, Cluster is the oldest variety grown in the U.S. Origin of the rootstock is uncertain. Until the late 1970s, it was one of only a few varieties growing in the U.S. Excellent general-purpose hop with medium and well-balanced bittering potential. This hop leaves no undesirable aroma properties. Good for dark beers with roasty and chocolaty aromas. Alpha acids content is 5.5-

8.5%, aroma is a strong floral. It has Bittering with good flavor. Storage stability of the alpha acids is among the best in the world; but, the RC recommends brewing with them as a component of the Imperial IPA for the upcoming

involved you are in the KGB, the more bang you get for your membership ruble!!

A closing reminder... as a Comrade in good standing of the KGB, you are entitled to brew a "free" batch of beer at the Brew Stop on a monthly basis (talk with Ken for details www.brewstop.com and remember to bring propane). You also get cash discounts at BJ's Brewhouse, Flying Saucer and several other places. We

have an incredible supply of shirts, glasses (pint and really cool 3 ounce Obreal sampling) and pottery mugs. Check out the website www.thekgb.org for prices and pictures!

Hail the Czar!! Ruble Collector Tim



Big Batch Brew Bash!!!

A special shout-out and welcome back to the new and not-so-new comrades attending the Comrade and

Oh, and the financial picture of the club is bright as shown by the amount of money we spent for various categories. The big picture is that over 80% of the money we spend is for our food and beer at meetings and for our social events. Further proof that the more



The temperature at the February meeting was cold... but the temperature (and who knows what else) was on the rise for the Chris and Jennifer Landis and Sandi and Stuart West.



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The Czarina and Comrade Mark Rogerson, in a throw back to the roll-your-own days... cruisin'.

Membership Has It's Privileges!!!

- **NEW - Tomball Welding** - Show your KGB ID and exchanging your CO2 tanks for a price of \$7.00 for a 5 lb. bottle. (tax included) Located on Hwy 249 across from Hughes Propane.
- **Hughes Propane** - Show your KGB ID and pay per gallon price not per tank. At this time 20 pound tank costs \$11 per gallon that is about \$9.00 at the per gallon rate. (Hughes Propane in Decker Prairie only)
- **Joe Blows** - Show your KGB ID and get case prices for import and micro brewed beer.
- **BJ's at Willowbrook** - Show your KGB ID and get Happy Hour Prices on all of BJ's Brewhouse beers any time of the day or night.
- **The Brew Stop** - Brew 10 gallons of beer leave 5 at the Brew Stop take 5 gallons home. You bring the propane Ken will supply the equipment and ingredients (except for your carboy).

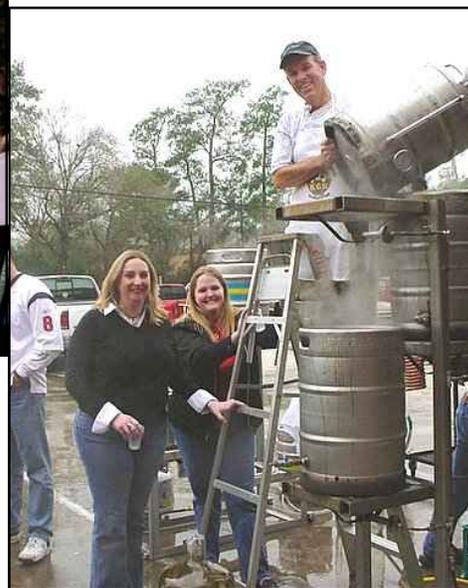
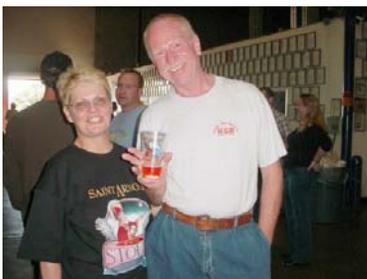
NOTE: To receive a membership card, see RC Tim at any meeting.



Comrade Al shows off his fine piece of meat at the Annual Steak out.



Will someone tell Czar Ed to get off the phone? We need to take a picture. Who's more important than company of Comrades?



Comrade Lori Guetterman and MOT Jamie Knapick relax in the rain while RC Tim White handles the heavy work.

BEER OF THE MONTH

BY ROBB WAHLSTROM (COMMISSAR BREWSKI@THEKGB.ORG)

Since CB Rob made a trip half way around the world to Belgium, you will have to settle for a second best article from the MOT about how my love for beer went from getting drunk on cheap watered down beer to driving to several stores just to find a specific beer.

If you are a member of the KGB, it is safe to say, you have some sort of passion for beer. If it is because your spouse loves it and you like doing things together or if you like the chemistry and complexity that can come with water chemistry (which has been rumored to be a topic for the KGB pod cast). So, you can be categorized from one extreme of being a good spouse to a geek. Well, I can say that my extreme went from a baby that was fed a sip or two of beer (yes mom and dad, I am telling on you), to being a rebel and stealing beers from the fridge as a teenager (yes your kids do it too), to appreciating that there was something better than Bud Light in college, and finally reaching the geek stage of wanting to know more about the chemistry and alpha acids; I could go on.

Well I guess I could pass up the high school years and start in college. I was surprisingly ahead of the game when it went to college. The group that I hung around with was not about drinking to get drunk, not to say that did

Let's move on to two and a half years ago. I was fortunate to run into a high school friend that you all know as Comrade Lori. We ended up being roommates living in Copperfield. I will have to say, that this experience was one of the most life changing things that

served. I now appreciate the difference between getting sloppy drunk and tasting quality beer.

Well, one fall, Comrade Lori went to a function at the school that she teaches at. There she met, the infamous RC Tim. He asked her about joining the club. Lori gave him her e-mail address to get more information, but due to some complications beyond both of their control, Lori never received an email. Just a few months later, RC came back into our lives and we were on our way to being members.

Through many trials and tribulations of brewing with other comrades and on our own, we have both learned quite a bit about brewing. I can proudly say that I will brew with Lori every time. She and I may not produce award winning beers (this has not been proven yet) but we sure do have fun. We learn separately and together. But we do not loose site of the fact that brewing beer is about fun.



MOT Jamie and Comrade Lori help RC Tim hand out hops at the annual Super Bowl Brew In.

not happen, but we did appreciate beers better than Bud Light and Miller Light. I can not say that we drank Saint Arnold, Anchor, or Avery, but we did drink Beck's quite a bit. I have no great keg parties to talk about, because all the keg parties were with Natural Light or Bud Light.

has ever happened to me. We did not have the same taste in beers to begin with. In fact, one of us preferred liquor over beer. (I will never tell) We would go out every weekend and go dancing and drinking. I now know there is a difference between drinking to have fun and drinking to appreciate what I have been

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Date	Location	Description	Beer Region of the Month	KOM
Sun., January 15th @ Noon	The Brew Stop 16460 Kuykendahl Rd., Suite 140	Spud Fest	West Cost USA	HBCB Jonathan— Masochator
Sat. Feb. 11th @ 7PM	Brian Ellis 18126 Delta Estates Ct.	Fish Fry	Western USA	Andrew Elliot—English Pale Ale
Sat. March 11th @ 7PM	CB Robb Wahlstrom 17503 Pine Brook Trl.	Chili Cook Off	British Isles	Czar Ed—Porter
Sat. April 22nd @ 3PM or 7PM	Carl Scott 6910 White Tail Dr.	Crawfish Boil		
Sat., May 20th @ 3PM	MOT Jamie Knapick 17227 Modbury	5th Annual KGB Steak- Out (All Houston area homebrew club mem- bers invited)		
Sun., June 4th @ 12:00 Noon	St Arnolds Brewery 2522 Fairway Park	BBBB	N/A	N/A
Sun., July 16th @ Noon	The Brew Stop 16460 Kuykendahl Rd., Suite 140	Brew-In and Pot-Luck Lunch		
Sat., August 12th @ 7PM	TBA	Mexican Fiesta & Salsa Contest		
September TBA	Scott Teeter	BBO III		
Sat., Sept. 16th @ 7PM	TBA	Pizza Party		
Sat. Nov. 11th @ 7PM	Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr.	Smorgasbeerd & Label Contest		
Dec. TBA	St Arnolds Brewery 2522 Fairway Park Dr.	Houston Area Home- brewers Christmas Party	N/A	N/A

CB Robb is working hard to fill spots for the KOM to correspond with the regions he has chosen. More information to follow.

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