



THE KGB FILES

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EDICTS FROM THE CZAR

BY ED CONDON (CZAR@THEKGB.ORG)

First off I would like to thank everyone that brought chili and judged the chili at the annual Chili CookOff meeting and especially CB Robb and Jen for hosting the meeting. Congratulations to all the winners of the event. Something a little new this year, RC Tim, who will always come up with a new surprise for his comrades, added a hand crafted KGB chef's hat to the winnings this year. I do believe the winners were more pleased with the hat than they were the fancy plaque they received. As with all of our meetings any more there was lots of good food and plenty of beer to go along with it.

Well I do want to hear the stories about the Blue Bonnet. This is the first time

in four years that I had to miss it. It is amazing how going back to work can affect your life style. All that weekend I just couldn't help thinking what was going on at the commercial beer tasting and then of course the many good beers being served at the room crawl. Oh I just kept on dreaming. In true Czar fashion I knew I could not let a weekend like that go by without seeking out some good beer. There did happen



This past years Best of Show dé buted this past month at Tow Rows in the Rice area. Go try some. It is the Best!!!

to be an event going on in Houston that weekend also. It was the St. Patrick Day celebration at St. Arnold. Brock and his brew crew broke out an oak whisky barrel full of Imperial Stout that had been aging in the

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Fish Fry



Saturday,
April 22
@ 3:00 PM

Comrade Carl Scott
6910 White Tail Dr.

See map at
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RUBLE COLLECTOR'S REPORT

BY TIM WHITE (RUBLECOLLECTOR@THEKGB.ORG)

The membership records are in the process of being updated; so, if you have recently joined or renewed your membership at The Brew Stop, your records will be updated as soon as your Ruble Collector (RC) is able to access the secret files. Rest assured that the documentation is in tact and will make its way into the database; but, with the advent of the new (okay, it's not so new anymore) website configuration and overall computer incompetence of the RC, the files have been lagging. The vision of the

Minister of Propaganda (MOP Andy) is for Comrades to update their own records electronically from the KGB website (www.thekgb.org), and I fully support the MOP. For those "computer-challenged" Comrades like me, I will still be collecting dues and updating records on a manual basis. Another note regarding membership cards... see me at any KGB function or stop by and see Ken at The

Brew Stop. We both have membership cards that can

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Has-Been Czar Don's wanna be Comrade and close companion Tasha shown here whispering secret brewing secrets to the Ruble Collector. The other comrades include officers and friends of the KGB including GS Pete, Czar Ed, Comrade Mark, MOW Brian, and CCSD Nick.

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barrel for the past nine months. Let me tell you it was worth the wait. It was a delicious rich stout with a perfect amount of bourbon taste to it. Bet if you would have been there you couldn't have drank just one, I sure couldn't. Nice friendly crowd, plenty of beer and a very nice St. Arnold, St. Patrick Day commemorative glass. So at least there was a good substitute for the Blue Bonnet. BYW congratulations to the comrades that brought home some medals from up north. Jeff Hilland first place with a Kolsch (Comrade Jeff save some to share), Jeff and Andrew Elliott third place with a Light Lager, HBC Don Sajda a third place with an Amber Hybrid, and John Donaldson a third place with his Peach Fruit Beer. Oh hell yes I will give myself a pat on the back for a second place Robust Porter. I will be there next year!!

Hope everyone has their Imperial IPA's brewed for the

Big Batch Brew Batch that will be held the first Sunday in June. If not I think there is still time to get it brewed. I am sure Comrade Chris Mittel and HBC Don Sajda may disagree, but you really don't have to brew it like them with the OG so high it is dangerous to take a hydrometer reading. Extra incentive for brewing this year is St. Arnold will brew the winning recipe as a Divine Reserve beer. Wouldn't that alone be worth a try? You should brew one and enter it just to be loyal to the KGB, we need your help to capture the coveted "Heavy Hitters Award". That award is for the club that has the most beers passed to the second round of judging. The winning club not only gets bragging rights but also a very nice roaming trophy, and a keg of some yummy St. Arnold beer (which

will be served at a meeting if we win). The competition will no doubt be tough this year with the extra incentive of the St. Arnold Divine Reserve offer. You can enter up to two beers so please get brewing.

Hard to believe April is upon us again. What does that


mean to the KGB? It is the annual crawfish boil. There is going to be a slight change this year. The meeting will begin at 3:00pm. It will once again be held at Comrade Carl Scott's home and will take place on April 22. Again beginning at 3:00pm, see the web site for details and directions. CB Robb will surely have another outstanding lineup of beers. Get there early; this is one of the biggest meetings of the year. Don't worry though there will be plenty of food and beer to go around. Until then, Cheers.



Membership Benefits

- **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.



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be issued to you allowing you to take advantage of the privileges of KGB membership.

The RC has decided to upgrade the tap system at The White House. This means that if you are interested in trading a chest freezer for a kegerator, give the RC a shout or an e-mail to work out the details.

On a recent trip to the Philadelphia area (yes, there was business involved and an expense report was filed), the RC was fortunate to get to the Iron Hill Brewery in Media, PA to spend some quality time with head brewer Bob Barrar. Those officers and friends who came to the brew-in for the Big Batch Brew Bash (BBBB) commemorative beer were fortunate to be able to sample a Belgian Triple that the RC assisted in filtering earlier in the week. In addition to bringing back a growler of Triple, I was also provided with a Russian Imperial Stout and a kriek, both of which were award-winners at the Great American Beer Festival. The RC expects to receive a contract to perform geotechnical work in Delaware soon; so, expect more trips to the area and

more growlers filled with their incredible beers!!

Okay, I'll mention that the RC was lucky to win second place behind the Czarina's First-Place vegetarian chili in the "Non-Traditional" category... if I have to come in second, I'll concede to the Czarina all day long.

Financially, the club is operating with a positive balance in the coffers. We continue to spend our rubles on the beer and keg of the month as well as food for Comrades attending KGB functions.

Further proof that the more 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




MOT Jamie enjoyed a father Daughter date with Comrade Dad (aka. Mike) on the debut of Infinitely Peach

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





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NOTES FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

BY PETER ROSALES (GENERALSECRETARY@THEKGB.ORG)

Crawfish Boil Recipe

In preparation for this month's KGB Crawfish Boil, I thought I would share the recipe passed on to me by none other than Has Been Officer Brewski Eric Hendrix:

Ingredients\Supplies

- Fresh Crawfish—If serving a large group, at least 2 Boil Pots to stagger the flow of boiled Crawfish
- Red Potatoes
- Corn
- Brussels Sprouts
- Crab Boil Seasoning (available in large

- containers from Sam's)
- Liquid Crab Boil Seasoning
- Liquid Louisiana Cayenne Pepper
- Brown Sugar
- Beer (for Chef)

For each Pot\Batch add to boiling water:

- 1 stick of butter
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 big orange (cut in half)
- 1 large lemon (cut in half)
- 1/2 large onion

- Beer (for Pot Watcher)
- Mix Crab boil with some brown sugar (about 6 cups brown sugar per large plastic container of Crab Boil from Sam's). This can be kept in plastic pitchers or 1 gal. plastic freezer bags. Use eleven and a half (11 1/2) cups per pot.

get the taste you desire.

Boil 30 minutes/soak 30 minutes (soaking is very important).

Peel and enjoy!



JOIN THE PARTY!

Single one year membership \$20 Family \$35

Single two year membership \$35 Family \$60

Payable in cash or personal check (made payable to **KGB**). Give completed form to a club officer along with your dues, or mail to The KGB Homebrew Club, c/o The Brew Stop, 16460 Kuykendahl Suite 140, Houston, TX 77068 (**DO NOT SEND CASH**). Paid membership entitles you to full club benefits, including a monthly newsletter, 5% discount on equipment and 10% discount on supplies at the **Brew Stop**, discounts at other local establishments and much more.

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LONE STAR CIRCUIT

BY MIKE HENIFF

Over the past number of years, our clubs have competed mightily in the "Gulf Coast Circuit". It has been a great time: tons of inter-club participation, a huge variety of individual winners, the club trophy passing hands year-after-year, and the individual and teams awards changing virtually every year. What a great circuit it has been!

But, in the past two years, the Crescent City Competition in New Orleans has not been held due to their lack of interest and funding for their competition. In addition, Hurricane Katrina has thwarted any effort that they



A friend of the MOT, Jason Tolliver, brought this beer back for her from Brazil. Guess Skol is not just for Chewing Tobacco anymore.



Ian, Head Brewer at Two Rows, does the hard work while making Infinitely Peach while....

might have had to rekindle their competition. Additionally, this year, the Central Florida Homebrewers have elected to not hold the Sunshine Challenge due to the fact that they are holding the AHA National Homebrew Competition.

Therefore, the club Presidents of the Gulf Coast Circuit have elected to hold a new circuit this year named the "Lone Star Circuit". This circuit will include Gulf Coast Circuit holdovers Bluebonnet Brew-off and the Dixie Cup as well as longtime Texas competitions including the Cactus Challenge, the Big Batch Brew Bash, the Lunar Rendezbrew, and the Celtic Brew-off.

The circuit awards will be very similar to those of the Gulf Coast Circuit: the three end-of-year major awards will include "Homebrewer of the Year", "Homebrew Team of the Year", and "Homebrew Club of the Year". The points will be accumulated

in a similar matter to the old circuit: 3-2-1 points for 1st-2nd-3rd respectively (with the exception of an 8-6-4-2-1 for the single style KGB Big Batch event).

All of the details are at the official "Lone Star Circuit" website www.lonestarcircuit.com. Please visit the website and certainly support all of the Texas homebrew competitions.

(Bexar Brewers and SAAZ, non-voting), and Bev Blackwood (at-large)

Best of Luck to All Clubs and Competitors!

Mike Heniff

President,

Lone Star Circuit



Special thanks go out to all of the officers from the participating clubs of the new Lone Star Circuit: Jim Layton (NTBHA), Richard Dobson (Red River Brewers), Mark Wedge (Cap and Hare), Steve Wesstrom (Knights of the Brown Bottle), David Majoras (Ale-ian Society), Don Sajda (KGB), John Jurgensen (MashtroNauts), John Rudzki



2X BOS John can still find a lounge chair at Two Rows.



OVERHEARD IN THE WAR ROOM

BY BRIAN PICKETT (MINISTEROFWAR@THEKGB.ORG)

The month of March was short and we still had an excellent Chili Cook Off.

For those that did not make it, it was very fun, but you missed some good beer and exceptional food. I traveled great distances trying to discover the perfect receipt for chili. All though I proved to be the inferior Pickett by loosing to both my mother and father, but I did get a third place and I had an outstanding time. The big thing that happened this past month was the Bluebonnet Brew-Off (www.bluebonnetbrewoff.com), held in DFW. I picked up the entries from the Brew Stop for the KGB, where Bev Blackwood of a lesser club here in Houston took them to the competition. If you see him around, give him a big Thank You from the KGB. I have gotten back the official numbers of entries for the clubs around here: 202 - Foam Rangers, 62 - Bay Area Mashtronauts,

and 37 - KGB. Although we had a limited number of entries, I was confident we would capitalize on them.

This month's meeting is the Crawfish Boil, get ready for a lot of fun sucking heads and eating potatoes and corn. I just returned from New Orleans, where I attended a small festival that centers on food and beer! You may have heard of it... Mardi Gras! I had a great time! However, this was my first trip out of state, with family as a home brewer.

Everything was different, some good and some bad. Too much equipment was needed to dispense good beer to all those with us. It was a huge ordeal trying to transport four kegs, CO2, cups, ice, chairs, and ladders to and from parade sites. One thing that made the transportation so much easier was "The Rocketman" keg backpacks! On the up side, the previous \$100 beer fund was reduced to \$0! We also were able to supply beer for

some floats in exchange for beads, so we hauled back approximately 250 pounds of beads!

While in Louisiana, my father purchased his winning chili ingredients and I received all the advice I need to take the first place from him. I hope to see everyone at the Chili Cook Off, but if not, I know I will see you at a future KGB function!



Up Coming Competitions

Competition:	Date of Event:	Webpage or E-mail:
ALES Homebrew Open	4-1-06	www.alesclub.com
2006 World Beer Cup	4-10-06	www.beertown.org/events/wbc
South Region Nat'l Comp.	4-22-06	www.beertown.org/events/nhc/
Enchanted Brewing Challenge	5-19-06	www.nmbeer.org/ebc
BrewMasters Open	5-20-06	www.brewmastersopen.com
Celtic Brew Off	5-27-06	www.hbd.org/kobb
Big Batch Brew Bash	6-04-06	www.thekgb.org

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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	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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