



# THE KGB FILES

The Official Newsletter Of The Kuykendahl Gran Brewers Homebrew Club

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## EDICTS FROM THE CZAR

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I would like to start out by encouraging all the KGB comrades to make it to more of the functions around town. I had to pass on the Home Brewers campout, which I heard was a great time. I did make it to the Deja Brew golf tournament for the first time ever. The KGB was sparsely represented, but Comrade Chris, Alex, Harold and myself kept those beer carts going at top speed. They didn't present an award for the most homebrew drank this year but I know the KGB did keep up their reputation. It was a great time, good beer, food, golf (for some) and a real nice raffle. I walked away with a lot of glassware, food certificates, \$25 gift certificate from DeFalco's (which I got from Alex in exchange for a round of golf for 4 at the golf club we

played at). Not a bad day.

We had a little lighter than usual crowd at the Annual Crawfish meeting this year. There was just a little too much going on that weekend. The AHA judging at St. Arnold was going on all day Saturday as was the MS 150, which the comrades at the KGB meeting donated so generously to. We did manage to eat a lot of crawfish and some



At seven minutes to 2PM, RC Tim left the officers meeting. Now it is time to open up the real beer!!!

excellent smoked chicken prepared by our host Comrade Carl Scott. I sure

want to thank Carl and Pat for  
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## Steak Out



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[www.thekgb.org](http://www.thekgb.org)

## RUBLE COLLECTOR'S REPORT

BY TIM WHITE (RUBLECOLLECTOR@THEKGB.ORG)

The membership records are completely updated; so, if your information is not complete on the website, please send me an e-mail and I'll work to get your issue resolved. As a result of doing the membership update and maintenance of records, I was able to develop a couple charts. One chart I found interesting and included in my article was the total number of members over the past couple years... think of it as Ross Perot on crack!! It's interesting that the rise in membership parallels the time when the Czar and I, as

well as several other members, were brewing more frequently at The Brew Stop. What we experienced while brewing at the shop was an opportunity to visit with Ken's customers and other folks just pulling in to see what was going on in the parking lot. I think we ended up encouraging many beer aficionados to take the plunge into craft brewing.

membership cards... see me at any KGB function or stop by and see Ken at The Brew Stop. We both have

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Another membership note regarding Do you really want to know the caption I thought of first when I saw this picture??? Nuff Said.

# EDICTS FROM THE CZAR

## 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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the fine job they did hosting the meeting. I also would like to thank our master crawfish chef Comrade Rocky Lyle for doing a great job cooking the crawfish once again this year. Thanks also need to go to GS Peter for his assistance to Rocky and for making the arrangements for all the food.

It all came together in true KGB form. Finally, I can not leave out thanking RC Tim for one of the more entertaining rrrrrrrrrrrrrraaaaaaaaaaaaaa fffffiles. You are one of a kind RC Tim.

The next real big event around town will be National Homebrew Day on Saturday,

brewers from all around this region. This is an opportunity to make a really great brew. St. Arnold furnishes their most excellent water to brew with (usually delivered at 150 degrees plus) and when you are ready

to pitch your yeast you can select a St. Arnold yeast. I don't have the yeasts to choose from as of this writing but will email the comrades as soon as I find out. If you absolutely can't bring your brewing equipment and brew, please stop by and support your fellow comrades that are brewing. Brew or not!

May 6th at St. Arnold Brewery beginning at 9:00 in the morning. This event is always a good time. Bring your brewing equipment out and brew with your fellow KGB comrades and with



Is bicycling an Olympic Sport??? It sure should be, MOP Andy has proven this with his war wounds from the MS150.

guarantee a good time. Oh and did I mention there is always a whole lot of beverages to be sampled. I would also almost guarantee that RC Tim will have prizes and handouts for all the KGB comrades who show; at least he does at most functions. How about it RC Tim?

A short two weeks after National Homebrew Day on May 20th is the KGB annual SteakOut meeting, all the details will follow. I only have a very short time to get this article to MOT Jamie and if it isn't on time she has warned, well I don't want to talk about it. There will be good beer and lot of good food there (you bring your main course) so don't miss it.

Till National Homebrew Day...



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

The annual MS-150 event had our very own Minister of Propaganda (MOP) Andy Dyer participating for Team St. Arnold. Here's a segment from an e-mail he sent me after the race thanking the KGB Comrades for our financial support of this very worthy cause:

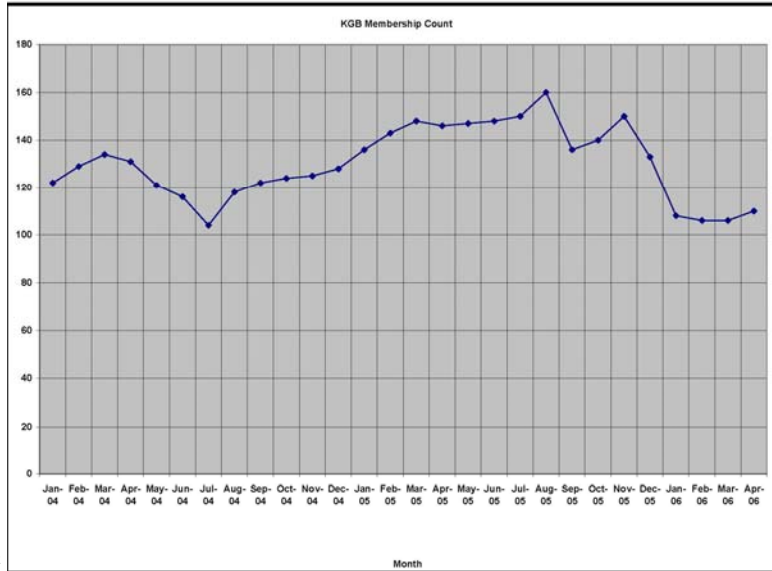
*RC Tim, I survived the ride, but unfortunately had to stop with 50 miles to go. I was zooming down a hill yesterday at over 30 mph when I saw a couple riders in front of me losing their water bottles going over a rough spot in the road ahead. I slowed down to avoid their water bottles in the road and must have hit the rough spot in precisely the wrong place, because I went over my handlebars, hitting my head and taking most of the impact on my right shoulder. I'm very sore and have some road rash, but I'm the new poster boy for bike helmets. It's visibly cracked down the side where I hit and I have a nice red mark along the side of my head from it. But I'm alive! I'll definitely be more careful riding that fast in the future. I was really bummed I didn't finish because I was having a great ride up to that point. I ended with 120 miles, an average speed of 18 mph, a max speed of 42 mph, and burned 6000 calories along the way.*

The raffle at the upcoming Big Batch Brew Bash (BBBB XI) is coming together and should rival the ones we enjoyed the

past two years. Come early, judge/steward beers, stay for the raffle and most of all... HAVE FUN! June 4th is just

The White House! Here's a picture of the process which in total took 20 minutes to accomplish.

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



around the corner, mark your calendar.

The RC tried his hand at filtering the light lager style beer that was brewed with Comrade Brian Ellis. We filtered 5 of the 10 gallons made using a 5 to 15 micro cartridge filter and had very


nice results. I don't think there was an appreciable difference as the unfiltered 5-gallon keg was very clean to begin with; but, the resulting beer is terrific... and the old saying "when it's good, it goes" continues to rule at

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


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](http://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](http://www.thekgb.org) for prices and pictures!

Hail the Czar!! Ruble Collector Tim Ps. And as a final thought, unlike the past 28 issues of the KGB Files, no picture of me, your humble Ruble Collector, was included in my article... if I'm in pictured in this issue, don't blame me!






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## OVERHEARD IN THE WAR ROOM

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# BEER OF THE MONTH

BY ROBB WAHLSTROM (COMMISSARBREWSKI@THEKGB.ORG)

**G**reetings comrades! It was great seeing everyone at Comrade Carl's for the Crawfish Boil. There was plenty of great food and great beer to go around. Thanks again to Comrade Carl for hosting the event and GS Peter for the fantastic crawfish.

Last month for my birthday, Jennifer surprised me with a weekend trip to Austin. Of course, seeing what beers are available in Austin was at the top of our agenda. First, I relaxed until we arrived at our first stop of the trip, the Whip In. I found many choice beers and purchased quite a few. Some better beers I found will be included in future BOMs. Our next stop was North by Northwest Restaurant and Brewery. This is a restaurant similar to a BJ's that had good food and beer. They had two Brewer's Choice beers that were excellent- an Irish stout and a nutty brown ale.

After a nice lunch and a few beers, we headed over to Live Oak Brewery's 10th

Anniversary party. It was a fun event with free food, free beer, live music, and tours of the brewery. After a few more

We enjoyed the Saturday special of free bratwurst and



RC Tim and Comrade Brian Ellis's first attempt at filtering a light lager.

beers, we moved on to the Draught House. This place has an amazing selection of beers on tap. As soon as I saw the Old Foghom, 2006 Big Foot, and Old Ruffian all on tap, I knew I had found my home for a while.

sauerkraut while making new friends with a homebrewer from San Antonio. I had intentions of visiting a few more bars downtown but after way too many pints of barley wine, we didn't quite make it.

All in all, we had a great time in Austin and if you get a chance you should definitely stop by the Draught House and the Whip In.

Next moth's meeting will be here before we know it. This year's Steak Out will have a new location of MOT Jamie's house. This month's BOM will focus on beers from Germany. So be sure to bring a good steak to enjoy with some good German beer. I hope to see you all there.

Let's not forget that the BBBB is just around the corner. Let's make sure we get our entries in before the deadline so we can win the heavy hitter's award and get the keg of St. Arnold's beer. Once again the Style is Imperial IPA and the judging will be held on June 4th at St. Arnold Brewery. Well, I hope to see you soon. Cheers and happy brewing.



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## 2006 KGB MEETING SCHEDULE

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	North East America	CB Robb Special
Sat., May 20th @ 4PM	MOT Jamie Knapick 17227 Modbury	5th Annual KGB Steak- Out (All Houston area homebrew club mem- bers invited)	Germany	Mastercater—Chris Mittel Meeting MaiBock— HBCB Jonathan
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	Chris Landis 3807 Cypresswood	Mexican Fiesta & Salsa Contest		
September TBA	Stuart and Sandi West	BBO III		
Sat., Sept. 16th @ 7PM	HBCB Jonathan Goudy 21706 Leonard	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

*If you want to provide a Keg at a meeting for KOM, contact CB Robb*

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