



THE KGB FILES

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EDICTS FROM THE CZAR

BY ED CONDON (CZAR@THEKGB.ORG)

These months are flying by, can't believe it is time to write another newsletter article. We had a very successful SteakOut meeting this year. MOT Jamie did a fantastic job hosting the meeting. Without a doubt GS Peter pleased all the comrades preparing anything from steaks to chicken, shrimp and who knows what else was on that grill. He got a several hour workout standing over the hot coals and hot oil cooking the fries. It was greatly appreciated by all. We also had a few beers at the meeting. Comrade Chris brought a keg of Belgian Wheat I think it was. It had to be one of the lowest OG beers that I ever drank made by Chris, that brewing animal. He did back that up by also



Two proud fathers. Now the HBC can't say that he has the biggest one...

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BBBB XI



Sunday,
June 4th
@ 12:00 PM

St Arnolds Brewery
2522 Fairway Park

See map at
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RUBLE COLLECTOR'S REPORT

BY TIM WHITE (RUBLECOLLECTOR@THEKGB.ORG)

Lots, and I mean LOTS, of fun at the May Steak Out meeting a couple weeks ago... Broke-back-brewer Phil Kaufman attended with a friend, nice to see him coming out of the closet (now if we could just get him to bring some homebrew, that would be even better). Cliff Baker, a first-time guest of Comrade Joan Hauff, is now a KGB member, he's fired up and ready to start brewing. Oh, and who could forget Nadia, a special friend of Minister of War Bryan Pickett and his parents, Comrade Kendall and wife Kay... based on the

warm reception she received and her promise to infuse new ideas into marketing KGB logo items, look for Nadia to be a regular at future KGB functions. Comrade Gerald Corona is a gem to have at a meeting. Comrade Corona (normally NOT a name spoken at KGB meetings, unless we're demonstrating skunky, yellow swill) is being trained by Comrade Alex Terronez in meeting etiquette... Comrade Alex had him bring a case of premium beers to share with the comrades... way to go guys!!

Comrade Joan Hauff had three other guests, Martin (the lawyer who speaks fluent German) and two Spanish girls whom he left the meeting with... I'm waiting to receive Martin's promised article on his first impressions of a KGB meeting. The article should run later in the newsletter and you'll recognize it because it starts with the sentence... "I never thought it could happen, until it happened to me..."

The end of my third year serving as Ruble Collector is coming up in six months... if

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bringing a keg of his Imperial IPA and a keg of Immaculate Conception Brew. For those who don't know about that one he had some extra wort after brewing his Imperial IPA and just put it in a carboy and was going to add yeast the next morning. When he saw it the next morning it was fermenting as good or better than the one with yeast. A naturally fermented beer and the best part is the Immaculate Conception Brew is or should I say was as good or better than the IIPA. Along with the beers Comrade Chris brought, Comrade Stuart brought a keg of IPA and one other and I forget the style. I hit that one pretty hard, it was very good. Then just in case there wasn't enough Comrade HBCB Jonathan brought a keg of his famous Maibock. Another excellent beer. Thanks comrades for providing so much and such excellent beers for the masses. Well the comrades were just getting warmed up on the keg beers when CB Robb got the BOM going. He

again out did himself. There was a fine selection of 15 German style beers, mighty tasty ones too. He topped it off with a little bit oversized bottle of Salvator I think it was. I hope a picture of that makes it to the news letter. If you weren't there you have to see it. I think the CB broke RC Tim's budget on this BOM but I think it was worth it, the KGB comrades need good beer and we need to keep them happy. Well it doesn't stop there. When the BOM was over Comrade WasWaz Ed started bringing out a variety of beers he brought back from a recent trip. What a selection of beers, I think everyone was pleased. Oh did I mention there were plenty of home brews being passed around by the comrades also. We also had another classic RC Tim RRRRRRRRRRafl. Some very nice prizes including a

\$50 gift certificate from Williams Brewing. Thanks all for making this a successful meeting.



KGB breaks them in right. Happy 21st birthday to MOP Andy and Comrade Matt's friend.

A few beers got brewed in the parking lot of Saint Arnold on National Home Brew Day. There was a smaller crowd than usual due to very heavy rains early that morning. That wasn't going to stop the Czar. I brewed a brown ale with my neighbor Jerry. It rained hard all the way there but was down to a sprinkle when we started to set up. It turned out to be a beautiful day for

brewing. I think it had to be Saint Arnold looking down on his parking lot and had to clear the skies so he could watch. Brock and the Brew Crew at Saint Arnold had 170 degree water ready for all the brewers so it was a matter of setting up and start the mash, how convenient. When it was time to chill the beer they then had super cold water for us. I had to turn the water way down for my counter flow chiller so it didn't get too cold. The brewers with submersion chillers chilled in record time, again how nice. Then at the end Saint Arnold and I think Two Rows provided a variety of yeast to use in the brews. The yeast seemed to work a lot faster than usual for me. By the time I got the carboys home it was spewing out of the carboy. The beer was ready and in a keg in less than two weeks. That is the way I like to brew. I may suggest you put it on your calendar for the first Saturday in May next year, it is a blast. I sure want to thank everyone at Saint Arnold Brewing for their continuing support to the brewing community in Houston.



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As of this writing preparations are being made for the 11th annual Big Batch Brew Bash. I won't go into details but a lot of effort by a lot of comrades goes into making the BBBB a competition to remember. Hope to see you all there on Sunday June 4th. Judging will start promptly at 10:00. Please be there about 9:30 to check in. Anyone there and checked in before 10:00 will get a free lunch and a commemorative bottle of 11th Annual BBBB Brew, a Belgian Dubbel brewed by the KGB officers, assisted by Comrade Mark Rogerson. See y'all there.

Cheers, Czar Ed



RUBLE COLLECTOR'S REPORT

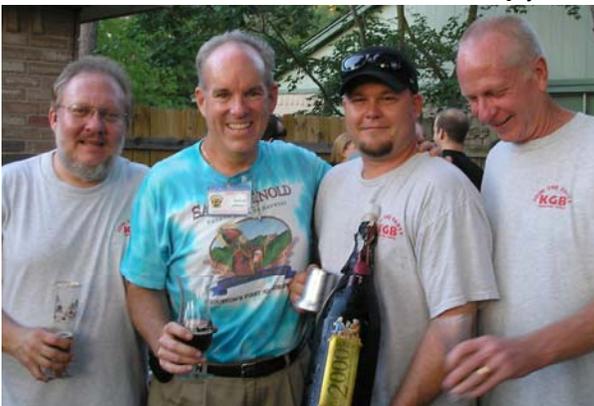
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you're at all interested in serving the Czar and the Comrades of The KGB in this elected position, stop by and visit me at a future meeting and I'll tell you what it's all about.

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

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



Has-Been Czar Don Sajda joins RC Tim White, C/B Robb Wahlstrom III and Czar Ed Condon. There is no limit to the beer provided to KGB Comrades!

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- **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.
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- **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.

past two years... and YES, THE HOOTER GIRLS will be there, too!! Come early,

buy raffle tickets, judge/steward beers, buy more raffle tickets, stay for the raffle, win cool stuff and most of all... HAVE FUN!

Financially, the club is operating with a positive balance in the coffers. We continue to spend our rubles

Further evidence 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 Brewhouse, Flying Saucer and several other places. We have an incredible supply of shirts, glasses (pint and really cool 3 ounce Obreal sampling) and ladies thong-style panties with the KGB logo. Check out the website www.thekgb.org for prices and pictures (sans the thong - see the RC to model and schedule a photo shoot)!

Hail the Czar!! Ruble Collector Tim



on the beer and keg of the month (no BS about that if you enjoyed the beer at the past several meetings) as well as food for Comrades attending KGB functions. Isn't our General Secretary, Peter Rosales doing a phenomenal job with the food!!!



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BEER OF THE MONTH

BY ROBB WAHLSTROM (COMMISSAR BREWSKI@THEKGB.ORG)

All though I will be taking a break from serving a fine selection of beer at this months KGB event, it is always playing in the back of my mind what selection of beer will be available for the eclectic members of the club. What do you think, Bud Light, Miller Light ... no we don't drink that crap. (Well at least it is not admitted at the meetings.) Well I won't tell you what next month's choice of beers will be, but I can promise that there will be a great selection of beer.

This month, I would like to talk about something that is a large contributing factor of the brewing process. What is the one thing that we like the most as brewers? Well if you are like me, you like hops, hops, and more hops. The United States is really behind the times when it comes to hops. Did you realize the first record of hops being cultivated was in 736 A.D. in what is known now as Germany? The first time it was documented as being used in making beer was in 1079 A.D. and introduced into British beers in the early sixteenth century. Brewers in the United States did not start

using hops until 1629.

Until the 1960's, harvesting was an event for the entire family down to the smallest child. They got to get away from the smoggy city, out in the country for a chance at good fortune and an opportunity to socialize with many people that they did not see in their normal daily routine.

I know some of you (Jonathan) already know this, but for those that don't, continue reading.

Resin is what hops produce to give the bitterness and aroma to your beer. There are two main acids in hop resin. They are alpha and beta acids. The alpha acids have a light antibiotic effect that likes the activity during the fermentation process. Beta acids are the ones that KGB members love. These are the ones that give the bittering aroma. There is not much flavor that comes from Beta acids, but they are great for the aroma of the hopped up beers such as the Imperial IPA's that will be at BBBB. Caution though, beta acids will oxidize which causes the



Former Commissar Brewski Jonathan Goudy demonstrating perestroika with a dash of détente for our Spanish guest while guest Martin shown wishing he had a cool T-shirt and hoping he'll still get lucky.

oh so favorite (not) DME.

Now remember when you brew the heavy hitter beers that require a higher malt content (Don), remember to use hops that have a higher IBU to balance out the malt with the hops. Remember that an Imperial beer with an IBU of 50 will have a lower

bittering flavor than an English Bitter with an IBU of 28.

Enjoy your brewing and hopefully I will get back in to the brewing mood. See you soon at a meeting near you.

CB Robb



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OVERHEARD IN THE WAR ROOM

BY BRIAN PICKETT (MINISTEROFWAR@THEKGB.ORG)

During the May meeting, the Steak Out, we had a number of good beers and foods. The great CB surprised us all with his personal stash of beer as an excellent finale! Even though I was injured during the after party at my parent's house, I had a great time.

intoxicated). We were playing fetch with the dogs; my sister's and my dog do not get along. I threw the ball for them to get and they just started fighting. Instead of letting them go at it, I thought it would be a good idea to try to break them up. I stuck my hands between them and was lucky enough to get it back. I will not be doing that again,

dog bites hurt!

There are a number of great competitions coming up over the next few months, but I think one should stand out to everyone. Yes, it's the Big Batch Brew Bash! The moment we and our IIPAs have been waiting for all year! I have a couple I will be enter-

ing and I know the KGB will show all the other clubs just how to dominate a competition when June 4th rolls around.

During my recent brewing experience I have been brewing mainly session beers for the summer months coming up. I have done a few different types of lighter beers and can't wait to see how they taste. I hope to see everyone at the BBBB and keep brewing.

Alright, I will tell the story, I have already been deemed a dunce in my last article. I was hanging out on my parent's back deck, after a great Steak Out (slightly

Competitions	Date	More Info
Big Batch Brew Bash	June 4, 2006	You should know
AHA Nat'l 2nd Round	June 22, 2006	www.beertown.org/events/nhc/index.html
Lunar Rendezbrew	July 29, 2006	http://www.mashtroauts.com/
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2005 KGB MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Description	Beer Region of the Month	KOM
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 Homebrewers 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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