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## Edicts From The Czar

Ed Moore — [Czar@TheKGB.org](mailto:Czar@TheKGB.org)

Comrades, we have officially changed out the officers from 2006 and 2007. I will be the new Czar taking control of the party from Ed Condon. Bill King will be the new General Secretary. Jeff Scheerhorn is the new Commissar Brewski (need to stay on his good side if you want a generous pour). Chris Landis will slowly break into the Ruble Collector role with former RC Tim White showing him the ropes. Andy Dyer remains the Minister of Propaganda and Mark Rogerson is the Minister of Tabloid. Finally, Don Sajda is the new Minister of War. Please welcome these very capable people as your new officers (if not, maybe you will become one). *[Again!—MOT]*

The Christmas party went very well and everyone had a great time. There was plenty of food and beverages for everyone. I think Ed Condon may have had the best time passing the hat to me. We collected a massive array of donations for the Casa de Esperanza, a safe home for battered and neglected children. Because of your generosity, we help to

make many children's Christmases better. Again, thanks to Brock and the St. Arnold crew for letting us celebrate at the St. Arnold Brewery. The Winter Stout is still out there but it is being drunk very fast, so if you want some, you need to get going. Of course the Spring Bock will be out there before you know it. Also, Divine Reserve #4 is being fermented as you read this (or ignore this). It will be a wee heavy and should be out late February/early March.

Speaking of Divine Reserve, the BBBB will be Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Arnold's Brewery. The special style is Russian Impe-

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The new and improved Czar Ed shown before he got the hat upgrade.

## Ruble Collector's Report

Tim White (acting) — [RubleCollector@TheKGB.org](mailto:RubleCollector@TheKGB.org)

What an honor to receive the Homebrew Club Member of the Year for 2006 award! There were so many other deserving Comrades to pick from and I'm sure that Czar Ed Condon was thinking that naming his Ruble Collector to receive this award would bode well for the generous funding of the "Former Czar Annuity," a financial trust fund created by Former Czar Don Sajda. Just more proof that membership has its privileges!!

An Officer Transition Meeting was held in December and I am happy to report that the new Officers of the KGB are fired up to provide lots of exciting meetings and events as well as to continue some of the traditions of years past. Be ready, you'll find yourself thinking "that's not the way we used to do it..." Oh, by the way, if you have a thought to improve our club, don't be a girly-girl, share it with an officer... be a manly-man, Comrade!

Well, being the outgoing Ruble Collector

after serving three years in this position, I will report on the financial health of our club. The financial strength of The KGB is strong; however, that said, our club has had a significant loss of membership over the past year. The trend in our club is that we continue to spend more money

than we bring in; primarily the difference is the loss of membership dues. The rebuilding of the membership roster will take an effort from the officers, but it is something that you can make a difference in, too. The officers will be bringing out some membership initia-

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Always schmoozing up the bitches, RC Tim cops a feel from Tasha, the ever-obliging brew-dog.

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rial Stout. There is still time to brew your entry but you will want to be sure to have a good one since the winning beer will be the next Divine Reserve brewed by St. Arnold's Brewery. So get your kettles boiling and have your Imperial Stout brewing.

The next meeting will be the Spudfest starting at high noon at the Brew Stop on Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup>. So, be ready to eat some spuds and see what BOM we will have for the meeting. Maybe you can brew your Imperial Stout that day?

The fourth annual Super Bowl Brew-In (SBBIV) will be Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Brew Stop, so come on by and brew up a batch or two of beer. Maybe you can brew another Imperial Stout then. You can never have too many entries for the BBBB.

Finally, I want to close with trying to bring back four events that have lagged over the years. One is a monthly

brew in at the Brew Stop. I will be looking for volunteers to brew at the Brew Stop, probably the second Saturday – so check your schedules and see if you can show off your brewing system and your brewing skills to see if we can get more people interested in brewing. Second, I would like to promote the first Sunday pub visit to support our better bars and to encourage them to carry a wide variety of beers for the discriminating beer drinker. Third, bring back the double agent brewing competition. I think it is important to pair an experienced brewer with an inexperienced brewer so both can learn from each other. Finally, I believe we should have joint meeting among the three main homebrew clubs in Houston. In the past, the steak out meeting has been the joint meeting where the KGB has hosted the other clubs.

As always, I am here to serve the party and its comrades. Please let me know if you have any ideas or questions.



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tives and incentives to regain the moniker of Houston's largest homebrew club!! Here are a few things that you can do: brew with a friend and he/she joins the club, a free vial of yeast is yours; go to our club's homebrew supply store, The Brew Stop... you'll get to meet some nice folks and share with them the privileges that membership affords (like the immediate discount they'll get on their purchase); and, make a batch of beer at The Brew Stop. Every time I've made beer at the shop including my annual tradition of making a batch at The Super Bowl Brew-In (your Ruble Collector's legacy KGB event!), I've had the privilege of welcoming new Comrades to the club.

Speaking of The Super Bowl Brew-In, it's held each year

on the day before the NFL's last game that they have coincidentally called The Super Bowl!! PUT FEBRUARY 3, 2007 ON YOUR CALENDAR. There will be beer, plenty of giveaways, beer aficionados, a KGB Radio blog recording may happen again this year and the Texan Cheerleaders don't have any plans for the weekend, so they may stop by, too.

This information from Comrade Jeff Hilland... *I don't know if any of y'all ever use the "beermapping.com" website, but I travel often and have found this site to be very helpful to find places nearby with real beer (instead of McBeer) - especially the hard-to-find places.* Jeff tells me that beermapping.com has Houston on the list (in Beta)! I know that our Comrades know of a lot more locations than I can remem-

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## War Room Briefing

Donald Sajda — MinisterOfWar@TheKGB.org

Comrades, Happy New Year! We have a new core of KGB Officers and they have planned a very exciting 2007. After a short absence at the helm, I am refreshed and excited to return as your Minister of War. Let me know your ideas for the KGB war room. You, the member, are the key to continued KGB growth and success.

Why does one join a homebrew club? Could it be the camaraderie and great food at the monthly meetings? Could it be memories of previous brewers in their family? Possibly, they want to take advantage of The Brew Stop's generous

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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 and Ken will supply the equipment and ingredients (except for your carboy).

**NOTE:** To receive a membership card, see the Ruble Collector at any meeting or event.



Our new **Minister of War** has a long and storied resume on file. Not only has he been Commissar Brewski and, yes folks, he's been the Czar, but he also made a unique exercise video for comrades like you. Here he explains that not all twelve ounce curls are created equal. "The key to great health and stamina," says Donald, "is in the reps. Lots of reps!"

discount for members. Or, could it be they just enjoy tasting fine brew with a few friends?

Approximately one fourth of our membership participates in some form of contest brewing. As your Minister of War, my focus will be contest brewing and brew-ins. Last year was the first year of the statewide "Lone Star Circuit." Drum roll, please!!!! I am proud to say that the KGB placed third overall. With a multitude of homebrew clubs around the state, this is a major accomplishment. To see last year's stats go to <http://www.lonestarcircuit.com/> Come on, comrades, gird your loins for battle! Grab your kettles and malt, hoist your paddles, light your torches, and fill your larders with needed supplies. Charge!!!!...

Our first 2007 Official Brew-In is the prestigious 4<sup>th</sup> **Annual Super Bowl Brew-In**. Yes, this is *the* official brew-in for the Super Bowl. [Holy crap! Roger Goodell: Cover your ears!—MOT] Come join in Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 in front of the Brew Stop. There is no "Official" starting time, however HBC Ed and myself have been known to start around 8:00 am. Feel free to show up anytime! We will have a great turnout of brewers with a wide range of equipment for both full grain and partial mash brewing. In 2006 we had around 10 different rigs brewing a variety of beer styles. This year,

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MOT Mark Rogerson and I will be teaming up to do a 10-gallon batch of an EKU 28 clone (not a beer for the faint of heart).

New to brewing? This is a great time to jump in. Ken at The Brew Stop should have all you need to start, including recipes. Families are welcome, too. Even if you choose not to brew this time, show up for a great selection of food, homebrew, comradeship and, of course, a flyover by the Goodyear Blimp. With any luck, brewing footage may be seen at the Super Bowl half time show Sunday.

Watch this space for all the brew events and opportunities to get involved.

Minister of War

MOW/HBC Don Sajda, at your service!



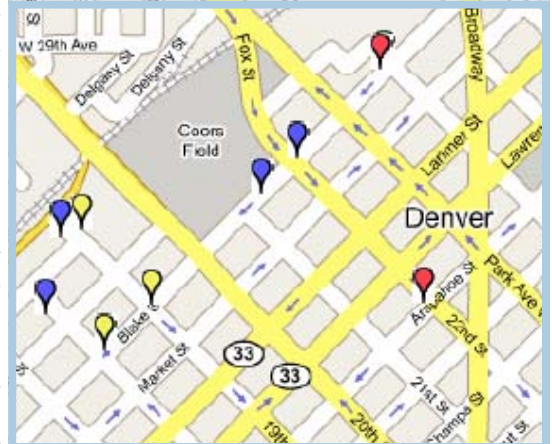
**Super Bowl Brew-In:** Other homebrew clubs will stop at nothing to learn how the KGB can continue to host so many incredible events throughout the year. We were unable to confirm before press time that the Foam Rangers had hired out the Goodyear Blimp during last year's Brew-In. But come on, what else would it be doing there?

## Ruble Collector's Report

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ber. And adding a location is easy - click on "other information" in the box and you will see "Location Submission". So if you have some time, I would encourage you to help support the places that provide us with great beer & ingredients by adding them to the map.

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



Pushpins dot downtown Denver signifying where great beer can be found. Visit <http://www.beermapping.com> before you travel.

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. A 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. We have a great supply of shirts, pint and sampling glasses and KGB logo hats. Wear KGB logo gear proudly!

Peace out!

Ruble Collector Tim



During Prohibition, President Herbert Hoover would visit the Belgian Embassy in Washington, D.C., for drinks, which was legal because it was considered foreign soil.

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Cheers comrades! By your will, or at least your faith in the judgment of others, I have the distinct privilege to serve you as Commissar Brewski. As CB, I plan to serve you by serving you... choice beers that is. Additionally, I'll attempt to pair the beer of the month (BOM) with food the club serves up at each meeting. This month, porter is the BOM (more on that later) and it will be enjoyed along with baked potatoes loaded with your favorite fixings.

Later BOMs may be either a particular style of beer or beers from a distinct region. In upcoming newsletters, I should be able to tip you off about what to expect for upcoming BOMs. Depending on my actual monthly preparation, I'll try to cover some basics of the featured beer style. At the meetings, this may include some practical as-



Take a good long look at this visage, comrades. You'll want to know where **Commissar Brewski Jeff** is at all times, since he holds the (church) key to the BOM coolers.

pects including serving temperature, shape of ideal serving glass, can't-miss food pairings, alcohol content, and signature flavors and aromas. We may even contrast the BOM to one or two of its close cousins (e.g., one stout may be served during the porter tastings). [*only one?* :( —MOT]

Before all the BOMs get sewn up, please let me know what some of your favorite beers/styles are. Also, if you are traveling to an out-of-state beer haven, let me know if you are willing to bring some hard to find beers back for the club to enjoy. We will also need some generous and giving home brewers to volunteer to supply the keg of the month (KOM) for some of the upcoming meetings. Please let me know if you would like to help out in that way. With the KOM and BOM selections we confer on, you will be reimbursed for your out-of-pocket expenses (see me for further details).

.... and now a word or so about porter. As you probably know, porter originated in England (in the 1720s). It was a dominant style of beer in the 1700s and 1800s that was made from inexpensive high-dried brown malt and incorporated all of the mash runnings. It utilized long storage time and more hops than what had been used prior. As today, it was then a strong beer, yet was not as dark. It is best served between 50 and 55 degrees. To date, my favorite British example is Samuel Smith's Taddy Porter and at the top of my list for one brewed in the states is Anchor Porter.

I look forward to the good times to come with you in 2007 and may your taste buds and nostrils have another banner year with a little help from the new CB of the KGB. Over and out & no pass out!



## Very Robust Porter

KOM by Has-Been-Czar Ed Condon

Batch Size: 10.5 gal      Boil Size: 13.5 gal  
Estimated OG: 1.062      Estimated IBU: 34.4  
Boil: 60 Minutes      Estimated Color: 45.7 SRM

### Grains

18 lbs      Pale Malt (2 Row) (US)  
2.5 lbs      Chocolate Malt (US)  
2 lbs      Crystal 60°L  
1 lbs      Special B (Belgian)  
1 lbs      Caramel 80°L (US)  
0.5 lbs      Black Patent (UK)

### Hops

1 oz      Chinook (Whole) [13%] (60 min) 21.6 IBU  
2 oz      Cascade (Whole) [7.1%] (15 min) 11.7 IBU  
2 oz      Cascade (Whole) [7.1%] (1 min) 1.0 IBU

### Yeast

White Labs London Ale (#WLP013)

### Mash Schedule

Add 24.00 qt of water at 169.6°F to reach 154°F. Rest for 60 min.  
Heat to 168°F and rest for 10 min.

Batch size assumed & mash schedule created by MOT Mark. Calculations for SG, IBUs, SRM, etc., by [BeerSmith](#).

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# KGB Calendar

(Updated 9-Jan-2007)

Date (Article due date)	Meeting Location	Event	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
Sun Jan 21 Noon	The Brew Stop 16460 Kuykendahl Rd.	Spudfest	Porter	Very Robust Porter by Ed Condon
Sat Feb 17 7PM (Feb 2)	Ed Condon 1718 Camille	Fish Fry	TBA	TBA
Sat Mar 17 7PM (Mar 2)	Jeff Scheerhorn 5919 Bayonne Drive	Chili Cook Off	TBA	TBA
Sat Apr 21 4PM (Apr 6)	Carl Scott 6910 White Tail Dr.	San Jacinto Day Crawfish Boil	TBA	TBA
Sun May 20 Noon (May 4)	St Arnolds Brewery 2522 Fairway Park	BBBB	N/A	N/A
Sat Jun 16 7PM (Jun 1)	MOT Jamie Knapick 17227 Modbury	6th Annual KGB Steak- Out (All Houston area homebrew club mem- bers invited)	TBA	TBA
Sat Jul 14 7PM (Jun 29)	Jonathan Goudy 21706 Leonard	Pizza Party	TBA	TBA
Sat Aug 18 7PM (Aug 3)	Chris Landis 3807 Cypresswood	Mexican Fiesta & Salsa Contest	TBA	TBA

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