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Saturday, March 10
7 PM

Jeff Scheerhorn's
5919 Bayonne Drive

(see map at www.TheKGB.org)

Edicts From The Czar

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Comrades, it is with great sorrow that I report to you about the death of Ken Rich on Febrewary 23rd. He will be missed and there is now a hole in the home brew community without Ken around. I hope that you will have fond memories of him and hopefully the KGB can do something in his memory.

The Febrewary Mardi Gras meeting went quite well and we had plenty of fish and various fried veggies to go around for everyone (Thanks Bill). Jeff brought many bock beers for us to try and they were very delicious.

The AHA meeting at St. Arnold on Sunday Febrewary 18th went well and Charlie Papazian was there to greet the AHA members. In addition, there was Divine Reserve 3 and 4 available for tasting.

I made sure the Bluebonnet entries were loaded on Rob's truck last Friday. I believe I will do a surprise inspection to be sure that the entries are in good order. Also, get your Big Batch entries ready for Sunday May 20th it will be Russian Imperial Stout. Entry forms and information are at area brew shops and St. Arnold. So, be sure to get ready for the Big Batch. It is always a fun time.

First Sunday will be on March 4th at Onion Creek Coffee House in the Heights at 3106 White Oak Drive. So be there around 4 PM. They have a nice deck and an excellent beer selection.

The next meeting will be the chili cook off at CB Jeff Scheerhorn's place Saturday March 10th 7 PM. Get your chili ready so you can have bragging rights for one year. The categories are traditional, experimental, and Texas hot. Hope to see you there and there should be plenty of beer to keep the Texas hot chili under control.

There is the Homebrew campout in Warda, Tx which is near LaGrange. It will be March

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War Room Briefing

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Comrades! Have You Heard? The KGB is making its mark in the brewing circles! At the highly regarded Kansas City Biermeisters' Contest two KGB members brought back some fine accolades. **Wes Powell**: 1st place American Barley Wine, 1st place Doppelbock, 2nd place Baltic Porter, 3rd place Light Lager and 3rd place Berliner Weisse. MOW/HBC **Donald Sajda**: (that's me), 1st place Imperial Stout (YES!!!!), 1st place Braggott and 3rd place Common Cider. Wes Powell was also awarded the 2nd runner up for Best of Show for his American Barley Wine. *Way to go Wes!!!!* In addition the KGB earned a 3rd place for the Club Quality Award. Not a bad showing.

The deadline for entries has come and gone for the first leg of the "Lone Star Circuit," the Bluebonnet. One of the premier brewing contests in the land will be held March 23-24 in Arlington, Texas. I would encourage you to attend. The Bluebonnet is one top act that every brewer should have the opportunity to experience. Friday night there is the commercial beer tasting. You will have the opportunity to taste a wide range of beer styles. Normally there are more the 60 beers present to enjoy. Of course, after that there is the legendary Room Crawl, and I do mean crawl. The participating homebrew clubs decorate the rooms, provide some outstanding nibbles and bring in tons of homebrew. Oh, life is good! Of course Saturday there is only one round of second round judging (unlike the Dixie Cup) so it is so much more relaxed. Chances are very good that all of the beers you may judge are tasty. In the evening, there is a very classy awards ceremony where, of course, there will be plenty of beer flowing.

The 12th Annual Big Batch Brew Bash will be here before you know it. Deadline for entries is Saturday, May 12th. So set those bottles of Imperial Stout out and get them ready.

Time to sit back and enjoy another homebrew. See you in Arlington.

MOW/HBC Don



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Farewell, Ken

Mark Rogerson — MinisterOfTabloid@TheKGB.org

Ken Rich, owner and proprietor of The Brew Stop, died on February 22nd and was laid to rest on the 25th. He will be long remembered in Houston's brewing community as a warm-hearted and generous soul. Ever-present behind the counter at his store, he was always available for dispensing brewing advice, supplies, a

sample of whatever he had on tap, or just to sit and talk about whatever we were interested in at the moment. Many's the time I went in there for one thing or another, and stayed for an hour just shooting the breeze with him.

The KGB has lost a great comrade and the local brewing community has lost one of its pillars. Sure, we'll shore up the foundation, but when you lose a pillar, you feel it.

Goodbye, Ken. Here's to you, my friend.



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30th and 31st, so please mark it on your calendars. There are information sheets at the area homebrew shops and there will be some at the March meeting. Please note that the March meeting will be Saturday March 10th (St. Arnold has the St. Patrick's day party on the 17th of March).

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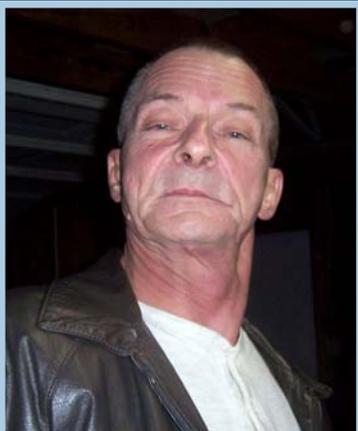
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NOTE: To receive a membership card, see the Ruble Collector at any meeting or event.



Now there's a blast from the past, only this picture was taken recently—at the February meeting, in fact. That's the infamous **Ron Hamm**, folks, Sierra Nevada killer and name-sake of the glass-saving Hamm Handle.

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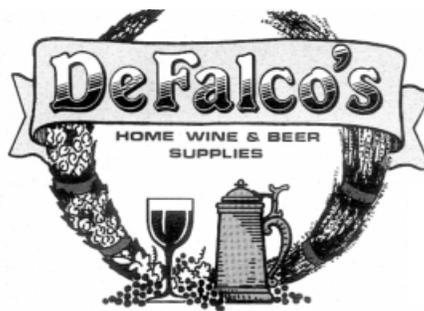
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..... this just in from our intelligence forces in the field who told me over their KOM that..... and I hate to just drop it on you like this... the enemy has a BOM that they will use on us and the code name for their operation is “Barley Wine”. Oh, one last thing... be prepared for it to be chilly when we do battle; I don’t want us to be on the receiving end of a winter-time-assault-on-Moscow situation. That’s all for now.

Your comrade in arms,
CB Jeff



Gently Bourboned Barley Wine
KOM by CB Jeff Scheerhorn

Batch Size: 5.5 gal Boil Size 7.6 gal
Estimated OG: 1.110 Estimated IBU: 63.6
Boil: 60 Minutes Estimated Color: 25.95 SRM

Grains

- 20 lbs Pale Malt (2-row) (GB)
- 2.5 lbs Crystal Malt (US) (40°L)
- 0.5 lbs Crystal Malt (GB) (55°L)
- 0.1 lbs Chocolate Malt (GB) (350°L)

Hops

- 2 oz EK Goldings (Plug) [5.5%] (60 min)
- 1 oz Bramling Cross (Plug) [6.5%] (60 min)
- 1 oz Fuggles (Plug) [5%] (15 min)
- 1 oz EK Goldings (Plug) [5.5%] (10 min)

Yeast

Wyeast 1028 London Ale

Mash Schedule

Notes Lost/Misplaced – though likely 155 degrees for 60 min. Then heated to 168/170 degrees for 10 min.

Notes:

My batch was combined with several others in an oak aged barrel (at Ray’s) – so I am actually serving an oak-aged, gently-bourboned Barley Wine.

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KGB Calendar

(Updated 8-Feb-2007)

Date (Article due date)	Meeting Location	Event	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
Sat Mar 10 7PM (Feb 23)	Jeff Scheerhorn 5919 Bayonne Drive	Chili Cook Off	Barley Wine	Gently Bourboned Barley Wine by CB Jeff Scheerhorn
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	Big Batch Brew Bash	N/A	N/A
Sat Jun 16 7PM (Jun 1)	Jamie Knapick 17227 Modbury	6th Annual KGB Steak-Out (All Houston area homebrew club members 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
Sat Sep 15 7PM (Aug 31)	The Brew Stop 16460 Kuykendahl Rd.	Brew-In and Pot Luck Lunch	TBA	TBA
Sat Sep 22 7PM	Stuart and Sandy West 17404 Apache Hills Dr.	BBO IV	NA	NA

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