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Big Batch Brew Bash 12

Sunday
May 20
1 PM

Saint Arnold
Brewery
2252 Fairway Park

see map at
www.TheKGB.org



Edicts From The Czar

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Comrades, the crawfish boil went well at former Czar Carl Scott's. The mud bugs were all over the place and they were delicious. Also, the veggies were very delectable as were the sausages. CB Jeff brought out the pale ales and everyone had a great time sampling the different commercial examples.

There is no meeting this month as the BBBB will be in full swing at St. Arnold on Sunday May 20th. Judging starts at 9:00 AM, so come out and support the BBBB. We need volunteers for everything from stewarding, judging, and cellar master. Entries are due May 12th at St. Arnold (by noon) or at Brew It Yourself and Defalco's by Friday, May 11th.

Next first Sunday will be at Two Rows on Sunday, June 3rd at 4PM. Wear your colors and get a beer.

As for the Brew Stop, I believe Ken's family is still looking for a buyer. Right now, Defalco's will probably buy the stock. I will keep you posted if anything happens

on that front. One last item is Marvin Rich, Ken's father, is looking for a home for Ken's dog, Shadow. He is a 75 pound mixed breed that is



Ken Rich and Shadow

around seven or eight years old. He is missing Ken and is looking for a good home to take him. He needs a fair size fenced in yard. Please let me know if anyone is inter-

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Ruble Collector's Report

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Comrades! WWTW? Where in the World is Tim White? I take over as Ruble Collector and he quits coming to meetings. And I haven't seen a picture of him in the newsletter since what, February? *[There's a new MOT in town!—MOT]* I say, Tim, come back to the meetings. Brokeback misses ya!

Another very successful month and meeting. Thanks to Carl Scott for hosting. BTW his house is for sale if you're interested! He went beyond the call with his chicken and home-made ice cream!! Oooohhhh baby. I had a great time as usual and the atmosphere was great. The weather was perfect, with a slight southerly breeze with just a whiff of hops in the air.....aaahhhhhh.

In summary, as Ruble Collector, we had a bunch of crawfish and I believe everyone had enough beer and sausage. And the formerly new RC (that's me) is starting to get the hang of it. Thanks for your patience. Thanks to Bill (again) for a perfect crawfish boil! The Gods smiled upon us.

Did I mention beer? We had a wonderful selection of pale ales, none of which to be beat. And the selection, oh the selection. The RC will hate to see the bill for this one!

The Big Batch Brew Bash will be at the St. Arnold Brewery May 20th, so come on out, judge, steward, or just hang out. And remember to bring money/friends for raffle prizes and support the club. Don't forget the magnum of St. Paul Belgian Ale go-

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KGB General Secretary **Bill King** and comrade **Rocky Lyle** served up a spread that included acres of fantastic crawfish.

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ested.

I plan on making a mead at Brew It Yourself on Saturday, May 19th from 11 AM to 2 PM. Please come by and see how to make a mead and see Ray's shop.

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



Buy KGB Pint glasses!

Ruble Collector's Report

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ing for the silent raffle, being unselfishly donated by your humble servant and RC.

In summary and closing, due to members paying their membership dues on time, and the generosity of our members paying for the BOM (beer of the month), and buying raffle tickets, Bill King in getting the best deals on food, and donations, and volunteers, the club is in the black.

Remember to drink responsibly and keep the money coming in!

Let's have some fun, bring some friends!!!!
Rrrrrraaaaffffllllllle!!!



Like it was the launch of the next generation PlayStation or something, comrades started queuing up to get crawfish long before it was time to eat.

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Comrades! Believe it or not, I have written over 70 newsletter articles and as I type I find myself with what is commonly called writer's block. Here I have a deadline of today, and I can't think of a damn thing to write about. Well, maybe I'll drink a few beers to loosen me up. Sadly, I'm at the store right now, so that will not be an option. Of course this is Wednesday and a few of us know that my favorite pastime on Wednesday's is to visit the Molly's Pub on Kuykendahl and partake in "Big Ass Beer." Yes, for the small price of \$3.25 you can get a 23 oz. glass of one of my favorites, Spaten Optimator. A great place to relax after a hard day's work.

OK, now for a serious matter. Yes, the **12th Annual Big Batch Brew Bash** is right around the corner. Find those homebrewed Imperial Stouts that you have hidden deep in your closets or coolers this past year and get them entered! This is the largest single style contest in the world and **the KGB** wants to defend its right for the **Heavy Hitters Award**. You can drop off your entries to **DeFalco's, Brew It Yourself**, or the **Sajda** residence before the close of business **Friday, May 11**. Last chance would be bring them to **Saint Arnold, Saturday May 12** from noon to 2:30 pm. **MOT Mark** and myself will be registering the entries. If you want to do the Saint Arnold tour, it will cost you \$5.

Since this is the largest single style contest in the world, we need your help with judging, stewarding, clean up...etc. This is our primary moneymaker, which helps keep the costs of the BOM/KOM and food to a minimum. So come out **Sunday May 20** to help and make sure you buy plenty of **Raffle Tickets!!!!**

Summer is quickly approaching! We will have a number of Lone Star Circuit Contests that will take place late in July. More details will be sent out in the next newsletter.

In closing it was a blast to fill in for **CB "Big Jeff"** at the last meeting. The real power lies not with the Czar. It's really the **Commissar Brewski**. It was an incredible rush to feel that

power again.

That's all for this month. **Keep on brewing!!** Stop by Molly's Pub on Kuykendahl on a Wednesday between 3 :00 – 4:30 pm and I'll let you buy me an Optimator. [*What a comrade!—MOT*]

MOW Donald Sajda



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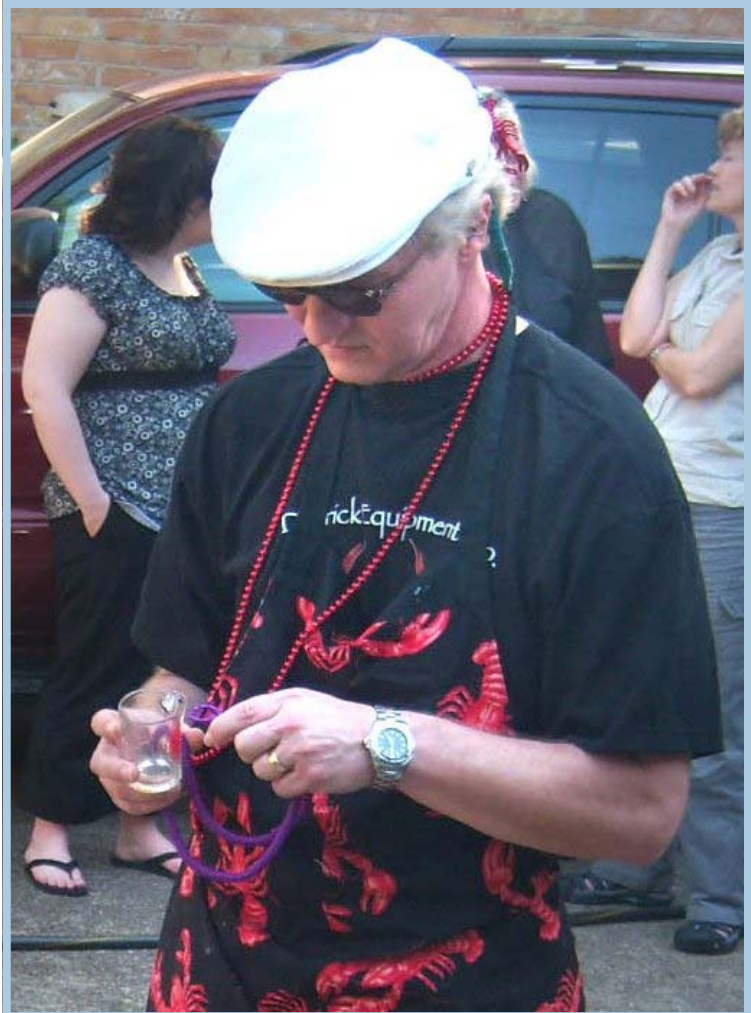
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My party-hardy comrades: Isn't it great to know that at least once a month you can count on a good time, compliments of the KGB? Let's face it, the KGB members are a lot of fun to share some beer and good times with. We broaden each other's understanding and appreciation of the many styles of beer. Personally and otherwise, I welcome the opportunity to get a bit silly, catch up with everyone, meet new folks, and blow off some steam that festers with us working stiffs. There's also great food, raaaafles, and support for entering beers into competition if you choose to do so. This is sounding like a "what to be thankful for" sound-off, so I might be half tempted to recycle some of it around Thanksgiving. Anyway, I guess I felt like writing about all of this because it comes straight from the heart and we should all try to keep a good thing like this going; hence I feel proud to be a KGB officer and do my little part.

Let's all try to make the Big Batch Brew Bash at St. Arnold on the 20th. If you want a laugh or a slap on the back, just let me know.

Faithfully,
- CB Jeff



General Secretary **Bill King** mourns the untimely demise of yet another taster-full of homebrew.

Infamy Imperial Stout

Donald Sajda and Mark Rogerson

Batch Size: 5.3 gal Boil: 60 Minutes
Original Gravity: 1.124

Grains

Pale Malt 2-row 17 lbs
Biscuit Malt 2 lbs
CaraVienna 1.5 lbs
Flaked Barley 1.5 lbs
Special B 1.5 lbs
Chocolate Malt 1.5 lbs
Crystal 55L 1 lb
Roasted Barley .75 lb
Candy Sugar 1.5 lbs

Mash Schedule

120 min at 155°

Hops

Northern Brewer (9.5%) 1.75 oz FW
Goldings - E.K. (5.1%) 1.00 oz FW
Goldings - E.K. (5.1%) 1.00 oz 10 mins.
Goldings - E.K. (5.1%) 1.00 oz 0 mins.
Fuggles (4%) Dry

Yeast

White Labs WLP007 Dry English Ale

Notes:

Infamy Imperial Stout by Rodon Brewing and Randy Stoat Femtobrewery. The sparge was eternally stuck (hence the 2 hour mash) and we, well, that's a story for another day.

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YOURSELF

KGB Calendar

(Updated 10-May-2007)

Date (Article due date)	Meeting Location	Event	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
Sun May 20 Noon	St Arnolds Brewery 2522 Fairway Park	Big Batch Brew Bash	Imperial Stouts, baby!	Anything St. Arnold
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)	TBA	Brew-In and Pot Luck Lunch	TBA	TBA
Sat Sep 22 7PM	Stuart and Sandy West 17404 Apache Hills Dr.	BBO IV	NA	NA
October 19-20	YKWIK	Dixie Cup www.crunchyfrog.net/dixiecup	Gruit Ain't Moot!	Numerous
Sat Nov 17 7PM	Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr	Smorgasbeerd & Label Contest	TBA	TBA

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