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Edicts From The Czar

Ed Moore — Czar@TheKGB.org

Comrades, it is hot and dry here in Denver, Co. Fortunately, there is plenty of beer to quench my thirst. I will be in Denver for a couple more weeks. We had a wet time at Jonathan's place near Dallas but the pizza was hot and the beer cold. Thanks to Jonathan for hosting the meeting and to Jeff for hauling out the beer in the rain. We hung out in the garage and stayed dry.

The Lunar Rendezbrew XIV is history and we did quite well. Congratulations on the winners. We are doing quite well on the Lone Star circuit where the KGB is in third place in the team standings. Thanks to the Has Been for being the Minister of War and keeping everyone up on the competitions.

First Sunday in August will be August 5th at the Flying Saucer and the September will be on the 9th at Kelvin Arms. Wear your colors and get a beer.

Next meeting will be the Pool party at Chris Landis' on Saturday August 25th. So

come on by and cool off in the pool and have some cold ones.

The Alamo City Cerveza Fest is August 10th and 11th in San Antonio. It was a blast last year and should be great fun this year.

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Your politburo is always pushing the envelope of professionalism, and the agitprop arm (of which [The KGB Files](#) newsletter is but one component) is no exception. The demands of a typical publishing endeavor are such that many articles are written well ahead of the date they are published. Inevitably, you will read of news or events that are contextually in the future, but really, and obviously, they have already taken place. We here at [The KGB Files](#) are all about the appearance of professionalism, so the Czar has, at least ostensibly, written this column well before its publication date.

Rest assured; the storied few, lounging here on our lofty, Kremlin-ensconced perches, are always looking for new ways to impress the proletariat.

—Hail to the Czar!

Ruble Collector's Report

Phillip Kaufman — RubleCollector@TheKGB.org

Comrades!
There was this orange thing in the sky that was very unusual. Hadn't seen it in days. What is normal with this orange thing is that it rises in the east and sets in the west. Like every 24 hours or so. This orange thing was short lived (for those mentally challenged, it's called the sun!). So the sun was shining, but on the way to Jonathon Goudy's house, the clouds began to increase in density. Almost there, I was driving through a nasty downpour. Fortunately, it stopped by the time I arrived and had a dry arrival. However the ground was still very wet. Unfortunately our brave General Secretary Bill King was not so lucky....Call AAA for a tow out of there. We tried to push and push but the front tire was too deep. Bill took the opportunity to embrace a few beers before the tow truck arrived.

The meeting had some excitement as well. In the middle of the meeting, Stuart West pointed out to his lovely wife, Sandy,



Apparently on commission with AAA, the KGB's hosts for the August meeting, **Nadine and Jonathan Goudy**, toast another vehicle stuck in their cash-making quagmire.

something crawling on the garage floor. She let out a scream and a jump....it was a crawfish going for higher ground! (She thought it was a scorpion....) Did I tell ya it was raining cats and dogs? And your humble RC moved his car to higher ground. I was debating whether to build an ark or not....but was

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We still need people to sign up and brew at Ray's shop. So, please check your schedule and see when you can brew. It will help Ray and the KGB attract more members. I will be looking for volunteers at the next meeting.

Also, we need to bring back the Double Agent Brew Off to get everyone brewing for the BBBB. We will work to pair up brewers at the next meeting.

The Belgian Blow out will be Saturday September 22nd at George and Sandy's place. Details will be given at the August meeting.

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

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afraid of the two by twos I would have to gather!

Now to the Ruble Collector stuff. Many people have asked about getting new ID cards. Well, I went down to Office Max and bought business cards and laminates. So for all those who replied to my mass e-mailing about cards, I will have them available for pick up. I will also take names for those I may have accidentally forgotten, or those who have changed their minds. My printer handles 10 at a time so I am trying to do lots of 10, to save money. OK you may be asking yourself what the heck are these cards for? Present these cards at Tomball Welding on HWY 249 and get CO2 tanks filled for \$7 (5 lbs); at Hughes Propane, pay per gallon price NOT per tank; at Joe Blows, get case prices for imports and micro-brewed beer; and at BJ's Willowbrook Restaurant get Happy Hour prices on BJ's brewed beer anytime. So why not get a card? And stay a member of KGB? Remember membership pays!

Glassware update: Some people have been asking about glassware. I am in the process of ordering...just in time for the Dixie Cup! A must have for any member of KGB!

Next meeting: Please note different day...this meeting pushed back to August 25 at Chris Landis' house. If it was as good as last year's, this is one NOT to miss. See ya there.

Let's have some fun!!!!

Rrrrrraaaffffllllllle!!!

RC Phillip

Hail to the Czar



Since it's salsa month: The habanero pepper is no longer king of the chile world. Say hello to the bhut jolokia, or ghost chile. Hailing from northeastern India, it tips the scales at over one million Scoville units. Ghost chile seeds are available from the Chile Pepper Institute at New Mexico State University, priced at ten seeds for five dollars plus shipping (www.chilepepperinstitute.org). Next year's salsa competition should be truly painful.

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Comrades, I have had a beer week from hell! To begin, I received an email about my 14 entries to the Alamo City Cerveza Fest. Well, they were missing, and I was in a panic. I knew for a fact that Ray from Brew-It-Yourself delivered them to the Lunar Rendezbrew. Somehow, the organizer of the ACCF did not get my entries (along with Wes Powell's, Peter Rosales' and 2 members from Barley Coherent). After much investigative work, we found the missing brews were left in the Clear Lake cooler. Luckily, they were picked up by the ACCF and did well at this contest.

My second and third mishaps were as follows: I put together 3 entries for the Limbo Challenge and 4 entries to the Cactus Challenge. Since I belong to a beer of the month club, I recycle these boxes for shipping out my contest beers. Well, guess what. Somehow these shipping boxes were beaten to death and my entries were destroyed. Due to this, I missed the deadline for the Cactus. I did manage to get one entry repacked and sent to the Limbo in time.

What might this mean? Could our club be the target of the BTO?...Beer Terrorist's Operation.....

Well, the KGB has been gaining ground in the standings on the "Lone Star Circuit" and is in 3rd place, closing in on both the Foam Rangers and the Bay Area Mashtronauts. Currently the KGB headquarters of Homeland Security has been very suspicious, and is investigating possible underground ties with the Bay Area Mashtronauts and the Foam Rangers. The KGB of HLS has found a connection between the "Fez,"

which is the hat worn by Waz T-Bob, and many terrorist groups. Recently obtained information can't be released at this time due to continuing KGB of HLS counterintelligence efforts.

A spokesman from the KGB of HLS stated "Mr. Donald Sajda has been shipping beer to brewing contests for the past 14 years without having one drop of beer damaged. He is an

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experienced packer. It is obvious that only a trained BTO could damage the shipping boxes sent out to those Texas locations. In regards to the ACCF, the bureau finds it highly suspicious that these beers were left in Clear Lake, a well-known site of astronaut plots.

Czar Ed Moore was quoted in a confidential email as saying,

"There is no doubt that these two clubs might resort to terrorism if a threat to their standing in the circuit was perceived." Nevertheless, the agency hopes to break this case well before the Dixie Cup, which will be the last and deciding contest of the Lone Star Circuit.

Comrades the last contest of the year is the Dixie Cup and entries will be due September 29th. With the KGB gaining ground, we do have a chance of victory as the top club in the Lone Star Circuit. So get out there and brew. Don't allow the BTO to alter our mission.

Take care.
MOW Don



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Comrades, Here comes the always saucy Mexican Fiesta and Salsa Contest on August 25th. For those who haven't recently experienced a burning mouth, watery eyes, and a runny nose at the same time, this meeting will fix that right up. A couple of our members are pretty sadistic, believe or not, and relish [b'dump-bump—MOP] the thought of you biting off more than you can chew. Yes, I'll bring water in addition to beer for the meeting, but that will only mobilize the heat in your mouth. You may want to pack a carton of milk because that is supposed to offer some relief. All I'm saying is, respect the hot category!!!

In taking the Czar's suggestion (never disappoint "the man"), this month's BOM will be amber ale. We'll have more North American examples than anything else and here's what that packs:

Original gravity: 1.050 – 60
 Final gravity: 1.012 – 14
 IBUs: 30 – 40
 Color (SRM): 8 -18
 Alcohol by volume: 5 – 6%

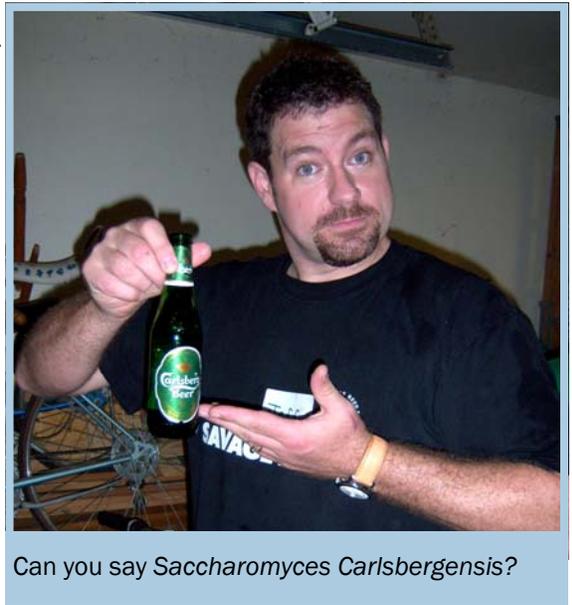
Michael Jackson's Tasting Notes for James Squire Amber Ale: "The designation Amber Ale is to be taken seriously. This brew has a full, amber-red colour. It also has a full flavour, though it is restrained and soft in body. It has an attractive, cinnamon-like hop character in both the initial aroma and

the balancing dryness of finish, but in the middle the emphasis is more toward a malty creaminess and a melony, marmaladey, fruitiness. Very refreshing."

Now that we've covered the BOM, your attention

naturally should turn to the KOM. Our August meeting host, Chris Landis, will graciously provide brown ale, pale ale, wheat beer, and a "Pass-Out Special" (named by Ken – Rest In Peace). So as you can see, there will be plenty to quench your thirst and delight your taste buds – assuming those taste buds can even function properly after tasting the hot salsas, that is. See you there mon frair!

CB Jeff Scheerhorn



Can you say *Saccharomyces Carlsbergensis*?



Rhino Horn Amber Ale

CB Jeff Scheerhorn

Batch Size: 5 gal Boil: 60 Minutes
 Original Gravity: 1.051
 Final Gravity: 1.014 ABV: 4.8%

Extract & Grains

0.50 lbs 40°L Crystal
 0.25 lbs Toasted malt
 0.25 lbs Munich malt
 3.00 lbs English extra light Dry Malt Extract (DME)
 3.00 lbs English extra amber DME

Hops

0.5 oz Liberty hop pellets (5% AA)
 0.5 oz Tettnang hop plug (flavor)
 0.5 oz Tettnang hop plug (aroma)

From *The Brewmaster's Bible*
 by Stephen Snyder p. 249

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KGB Calendar

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Event	Date (Article due date)	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
August Meeting Salsa Contest & Swimming Party	Sat Aug 25 7PM	Chris Landis 3807 Cypresswood	Amber Ales	Brew Stop Inheritance Brown, Pale, Wheat and "Pass-Out Special"
September Meeting Brew-In and Pot Luck Lunch	Sat Sep 15 Noon (Aug 31)	Brew-It-Yourself 25770 I-45 N	Still TBA	More TBA
Belgian Blow Out IV	Sat Sep 22 7PM	Stuart and Sandy West 17404 Apache Hills Dr.	NA	
Dixie Cup www.crunchyfrog.net/ dixiecup	October 19-20 (Oct 5)	Crown Plaza Hotel Northwest-Brookhollow	Gruit Ain't Moot!	Scads
November Meeting Smörgåsbeerd & Label Contest	Sat Nov 10 7PM (Oct 26)	Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr	Yet another TBA	<i>Gimme a T!</i> <i>Gimme a B!</i> <i>Gimme an A!</i>
Houston Area Homebrewers' Christmas Party	Sun Dec 9, Noon-4 (Nov 30)	St Arnold Brewery 2522 Fairway Park Dr.	It's the holidays. Use your imagination.	Saintly Stuff

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