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## Edicts From The Czar

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**C**omrades, it is with reluctance that I will be forced to relocate to Denver. My stay as Czar was brief but I will not be able to fulfill my Czarly duties from Denver. I plan to be back for the BBO and the September meeting, but Bill "Czar" King will make a more than adequate replacement.

First Sunday in August will be September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Kelvin Arms and the October first Sunday will be on October 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Arnold's. I will probably not make either one, so you may or may not get a free beer at the Kelvin Arms but you will get free beer at St. Arnold. The September meeting will be pot Luck at Ray's Brew It Yourself at noon on Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>. Come early and brew away. Please let me know if you will be brewing that day. You will need to start early (10 AM) and you need to be through by 5 PM.

The Belgian Blow out will be Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at George and Sandy's place. There will be Belgian Beer and food so

please sign up so we can get a head count. It will be \$25 for one and \$45 for a couple. It was a blast last year and should be great fun this year.

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. Call Carl Scott for a free immersion wort chiller. Find his number in the July newsletter.

Also, we are bringing back the double agent brew off to get everyone brewing for the BBBB. We will work to pair up brewers at the next meeting.

Finally, Dixie Cup will soon be upon us and we need to brew and enter to make the Foam Rangers sweat.

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



## Ruble Collector's Report

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**C**omrades- another wonderful meeting was held at Chris Landis's house. Of course the weather was great and the salsa was even better. And the KGB paid for the food that was prepared most excellently by Bill King (General Secretary) and his lovely wife Kim! Thanks to all for making salsa and participating. This is what the club is all about.

Sad news indeed. We have lost our Czar to the Beer Gods in Denver, where plenty of fine beers have been drunk. Perhaps this is why our Czar has left the flock? Or perhaps more money? Nah. The beer! I have known Ed from my club in Lafayette, LA, The Dead Yeast Society. He abandoned me there and then went to Houston. I followed him as quickly as possible. Now he is trying to flee me again by going to Denver. Never fear, I will follow our Czar...who's with me?!

Now to the important business of our club. I suspect that I will not be able to make

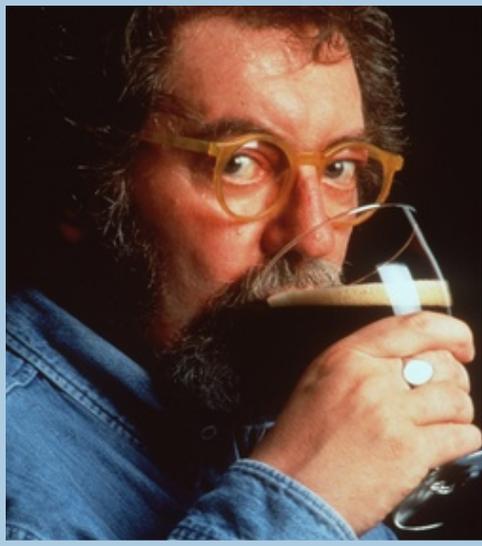
the Sept 15 meeting as I have plans to ride the HOG to Hot Springs, AR for a weekend of fun and drink with my HOG group Cut-n-Shoot. So I think the club will be in good hands while I'm gone.

Don't forget that that the Belgian Blow-out is coming September 22. Check our website for more details. Tickets will be available at the Sept 15<sup>th</sup> meeting for \$25 each or \$45 per couple. Also if there are any tickets left, they will be available as a first come basis. So don't delay! Buy your tickets at the Sept 15<sup>th</sup> meeting!

I still have some ID cards that have not been picked up. These ID cards are for discounts at local vendors. See our newsletter for complete listings and discounts.

As always, let's have some fun, come to the Sept 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, bring a friend or two, bring some beer for us to judge, and RRRRRrrrrraaaaffffllle!





**The Brewing World Mourns  
Michael Jackson**

**M**ichael Jackson was 65 years old when he died on August 30, 2007. He was credited by many with breathing life into the world's small brewing industry with his books, lectures and television shows. In fact, in 1994, Belgium's Crown Prince Phillippe was so thankful that he gave Jackson the country's Mercurius Award for single-handedly reviving the country's brewing tradition. Born in England, he was a self-educated writer who began his career in journalism in Yorkshire. His first beer book was published in 1976. His second, The World Guide to Beer embossed his name on the forehead of the brewing world forever.

Here's to you, Mr. Jackson. Cheers!

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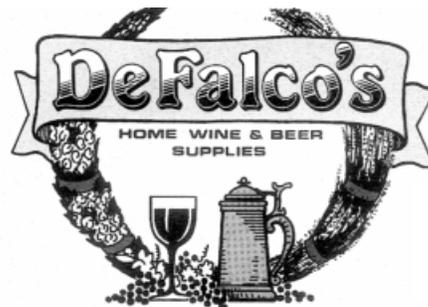
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Well I'm sure all of you have heard the bad news by now. Our beloved Czar Emo has accepted a promotion with his company and will be moving to one of the premier beer cities in our land. That city is none other than Denver, Colorado. Czar Ed will be greatly missed. He is one heck of a gentleman, always promoting the craft and the KGB. Our best wishes go to you the Soon Has Been Czar Emo. On a positive note all of us free loading KGB'ers now have access to a place to stay if we make it to the GABF, which is held in Denver. Besides that, we expect HBC Emo to ship us some of those outlaw beers from Avery.



Minister of War **Donald Sajda** groveled before the Czar (notice the dirty knees?), trying to keep him in Houston, but it went for naught.

Comrades the Dixie Cup is right around the corner. This event has been and may continue to be the largest single site Home Brewing Contest in the world. The event is hosted by the Foam Rangers and is held in Houston this October. Normally they take in well over a 1000 entries, so it's pretty impressive when one can claim a medal at this contest and earn

bragging rights. There are a variety of events that should provide something for everyone. One of my personal favorites is the Barley Wine tasting at 8:30 am (yes, I mean morning), Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>.

In regards to entries, the entry fee is \$7 per entry until September 28 if you register your entries online, or \$8 per entry if you use the paper entry forms. Late entries will be accepted until October 5, but the entry fee will cost you \$10 per entry, with no discount for online entries. Get those entries in early, avoid the rush, and save some money. For a complete listing of rules and events go to <http://www.crunchyfrog.net/dixiecup/>

In celebration of the Labor Day Holiday, Comrade Herb Baker and I brewed 15 gallons of what will be award winning beers. To start with, we brewed a 5 gallon batch of a 1.078

Porter which will be enjoyed as the KOM for the January meeting. Then we brewed a 10 gallon batch of my award winning Strong Scotch Ale recipe known as "Salt Lake Ale." This big beer came in at 1.093 and should be ready to drink in around 6 months. Special thanks go to GS Bill, who grilled



Later that same day, the MOW keeps his wary eye on the kettle while his flunky (and sometime Ruble Collector Stand-In), **Herb Baker**, works on emptying the mash tun of spent grains.

some excellent chicken fajitas for all in attendance.

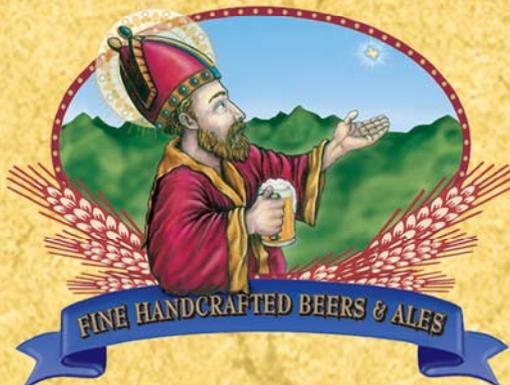
Mark your calendars for Saint Samiclaus Day, Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be the day of our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Samiclaus Brew In. Call in sick, take off the day and enjoy some great homebrewed Samiclaus and a number of vintage years commercial examples. I will guarantee a great time for all.

That's about it for now. So much beer to drink so little time. Hope to see you all at the Dixie Cup.

MOW Don Sajda

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Comrades, I come before you to stand behind you, to tell you something that is simplistic and self evident; the KGB does not disappoint your taste buds, your palette, or your beer-enhanced party time! Simply put, this Saturday is another lock on a good time.... one that you well deserve. I'm no doctor, but I think your body will make more endorphins if you make this KGB event. Now, I'm not trying to give you any medical advice, like a Guinness a day keeps the doctor away, but I think you should know that the B vitamins in the homebrews and microbrews that will be served on Saturday will reduce the risk of headaches. Plus, the alcohol will numb minor back pain and the like. Perhaps your problem is more of a constipation one.... well shit, why not give this meeting a chance. Do you see where I'm going with all of this? Will you share that clarity with me on Saturday? Will you at least talk to me on Saturday? I seem too needy and anxious again don't I? Well, here's the deal – we're all accepted by the KGB, baby; they take the good, the bad, and the ugly. When you take the good, you take the bad, you make a beer mess and there you have – the facts of life – the facts of life. *[Damn you, now I'll sing that crap all day!—MOT]*

Okay, let's just boil this thing down to the basics; get over to Brew-It-Yourself at a reasonable time on Saturday and see some wort getting boiled down in the pot. With any.... good fortune - we'll make it a tasty and plentiful pot luck. When you see the proprietor of the store, slap him on his right shoulder

and say something like “Ray... you a good man” - and he is. Now, don't keep a good man down, just come as you are, as you were, as I want you to be. Take a rest, as a friend, as an old memoria. Take your time, hurry up, the choice is yours, don't be late. Is that clear? (I'm hoping you're saying “crystal”).

Now on to the nuts and bolts of this Commissar Brewski's newsletter:

BOM = Oktoberfest/Marzen

KOM = Belgian Dark (from Ray's oak barrel – I will share my kegged portion with you)

Marzenbier means March beer and it was a style that originated in Bavaria long before the days of refrigeration. March was the last month it was safe to brew before the heat of the summer and to minimize summer's attempts at spoiling, it was made strong in alcohol and high in hops. Whatever amount was left over from the summer's imbibitions was consumed in September and October. In the 1830s the style was adapted to lagering and it changed from dark brown to reddish brown. The Munich Oktoberfest originated in 1810; it begins in mid to late September, lasts 16 days, and ends on the first Sunday in October. Spaten's Marzenbier (Oktoberfestbier) remains a classic example of this style.

I'm picking up good imbibitions, you're giving me excitements, *[Oh, no he didn't...—MOT]*

CB Jeff Scheerhorn



## Ad Hoktoberfest

### Caramel Marx

Batch Size: 6 gal      Boil: 90 Minutes  
 Original Gravity: 1.057  
 Final Gravity: 1.015      ABV: 5.2%

### Grains

8.5 lbs German Munich (10° L)  
 3.25 lbs German Pilsner (2° L)  
 1 lb Aromatic Malt (26° L)

### Hops

1.75 oz Hallertauer Hersbrucker (4% AA) (90 mins)  
 1 oz Hallertauer Hersbrucker (4% AA) (10 mins)

### Yeast

White Labs Oktoberfest/Marzen (WLP820)

### Mash

Mash at 150° F for 75 minutes  
 Mash out at 168° F

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# KGB Calendar

(Updated 4-Sep-2007)

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

You know it's happening to you right now. It's just getting flatter by the minute. And you know what I'm talking about, too. That's right, it's your ass. "But" (a conjunction, and an apt homophone, too) have you noticed how shapely Czar Ed's butt has become since he took the helm of the KGB as our Czar? Imagine, if you dare, how Arnold-worthy it might have become if he could only finish out his term. Well, your ass can also be as hard as a rock, and pimple-free, too. Run for a KGB office! Elections are in November and nominations will be taken soon. Why not throw your hat into the ring? Don't you think your flat ass deserves better?

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