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Brewalot and the Quest for the Holy Ale

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Edicts From The Czar

Ed Moore — Czar@TheKGB.org

Comrades, the Belgian Blow Out and the September meeting went quite well and we have nominations for all the KGB positions, except for one. We have a strong slate of people running for the following positions.

Czar
Bill King
General Secretary
Nēd A. Victim
Commissar Brewski
Jeff Scheerhorn
George West
Ruble Collector
Phillip Kaufman
Herb Baker

The appointed positions will likely stay the way they are.

Minister of Propaganda
Andy Dyer
Minister of War
Donald Sajda
Minister of Tabloid
Mark Rogerson

First Sunday in October is cancelled since judging for the Dixie Cup will be ongoing.

The first Sunday in November will be the famous light rail crawl. Details will be on the web site.

Please come out and judge or steward during the Dixie Cup competition.

See the schedule to the right. We have a great skit for the Fred Tasting.

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.

Dixie Cup Event Schedule

Sunday, October 7	
9:00 AM	First round judging begins
Tuesday, October 9	
6:00 PM	First round judging continues
Sunday, October 14	
9:00 AM	First round judging continues
Tuesday, October 16	
6:00 PM	First round judging continues; <i>This judging session is contingent upon progress made during the previous judging sessions</i>
Thursday, October 18	
7:00 PM	Welcome Reception
Friday, October 19	
12:00 PM	First round judging continues
8:00 PM	Dinner
10:00 PM	Raffle
10:30 PM	Fred Tasting
Saturday, October 20	
8:30 AM	Barleywine tasting
9:00 AM	Milli-conference
12:00 PM	Second round judging
1:00 PM	Lunch for judges (judging ongoing)
4:30 PM	Pub crawl
5:00 PM	Best of Show judging
9:00 PM	Raffle and Awards Ceremony

Also, we are bringing back the double agent brew in to get everyone brewing for the BBBB. We will work to pair up brewers at the next meeting. BBBB will be May 18th, so mark it on your calendars.

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.



From the Brewski Cellars

Jeff Scheerhorn — CommissarBrewski@TheKGB.org

Comrades, here comes the big one..... it's that Dixie Cup time of year! Before I launch into that, let me first give my thanks for everyone who helped make the Belgian Blowout last month a whopping success. Our hosts, George and Sandi West, were fantastic and who knew George could make such a tasty Belgian stew – you rock George... and opening up your upstairs taps to me was a strategic and effective departure postponement! MOW Don was the puppet master with getting just the right balance of Belgian beers on site. MOT Mark and outgoing Czar Ed contributed backup Belgian beer as needed. The irrepressible Jamie, who had already served her food-hardy heart out, further showcased her talents by serving beer allowing me a well earned brake for part of the night – that's my official story that doesn't clue you in to all the coop-style betrayal that enveloped me and continues to haunt me till this day. To make

things better, RC Phil gave some of the attendees, including myself, some comradely love by the end of the night; it felt different than radar love and I'm gonna say it was a welcome thing with or without alcohol in one's system. In a nutshell, I had a really fabulous, memorable time and I'm sure I am not alone with that sentiment.

So now we can focus in on the Dixie Cup. Let's hope as a club we do well with medaling, judging, and attendance. Try to bring or invite someone who has never experienced before but who is open to expanding their beer horizons in an extremely cost-effective way. Look for a Monty-Python style skit that a few of us comrades will perform just prior to the Fred Tasting Saturday night. Come and be merry comrades!

Yours truly,
CB Jeff Scheerhorn



Ruble Collector's Report

Phillip Kaufman— RubleCollector@TheKGB.org

Comrades, it was indeed been a busy month. I was not able to make the September meeting. I was riding the Harley up to Hot Springs, AR. What a ride! And the weather was great too. OK enough about that.

Thanks a bunch to Herb Baker for taking over for me. He did one hell of a job! Thanks Herb! I am glad you are my replacement while I'm gone. I appreciate it, my friend.

Speaking of which, I will continue to be your Ruble Collector for the upcoming year unless someone wants the job? Just ask! Really, I enjoy it if you can't tell. It is hard work every month, going to the bank, paying bills, etc.

Financially as a club we look pretty good. I did buy some pint glasses with the KGB logo which I will try to sell at the Dixie Cup this year...I purchased the minimum quantity of 288....so buy some! \$5 each. A BAR-GAIN! I am trying to get taster glasses as well...I think I am dealing with an idiot at the glass store...I guess I need to order more glasses and maybe I'll get some attention.

Belgian Blowout was a success. Thanks to Sandi and Steward for hosting. As in the previous years we lost some money but the beers were great (thanks to Stewart, Ed, Chris, and Don).

Ed Moore. I will miss you my friend. Enjoy Denver and your new adventure. Have fun and stay safe. It is a very nice place to be. Hopefully, I will make my way there soon.

Bill King: You have my support ... until there is an uprising.....then every man for him/herself.

Dixie Cup. October 19-21. I will be there. I have a room. I will not drink and drive! I will sell tickets! I will sell glasses/

shirts/ hats/. RRRRRrrraaafffflllle. I will make some money for the club!! And if you can attend, Jonathon has set up a skit of "The Knights of the Brown Ale". The theme of the Dixie Cup is the Holy Grail. Not to be missed ...the Knights that say "Ni"!

November 17 at 5 PM is the next real meeting. Let me know if you need anything from me there. Just for your information, I will be fishing in Brazil Nov 2-10, then off to Anaheim, CA Nov 11-15. But I will be back for the meeting. Bring your money! Raaafffflllee.

My Comrades: It is late and my glass is empty...time for bed....

RC Phillip



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With the leaves turning colors and the temperatures cooling off, it must be fall. Well, maybe not here in Houston, but nevertheless, it must mean that the 24th Annual Dixie Cup is right around the corner. The theme this year is “**Brewalot and the Quest for the Holy Ale.**” The Dixie Cup is one of the premier Homebrew contests in the world. I have been going since 1994 and I definitely encourage you to attend many of the activities that are offered. For a complete list of times and dates check out the site, <http://www.crunchyfrog.net/dixiecup>. The Dixie Cup is the last leg of the “**Lone Star Circuit**” <http://www.lonestarcircuit.com/currentStandings.htm> and will determine who will win the bragging rights as the Brewer of the Year and the Club of the Year. Currently the KGB is in a respectable 3rd place and we find many KGB brewers in the top 15. **Czar Emo** is in 5th, **HBCB Jonathan** is in 8th, **Wes Powell** is 9th and I am at 14th place. Only two points separate 8th place from 14th, so I will be really gunning to do well at the Dixie Cup.

Looking back at the month of September, we find an abundance of great beer-related activities. To start off, my wife **Roberta and I**, along with **Herb Baker and his wife, Sharla**, attended the beer and cheese tasting sponsored by **Saint Arnold Brewery** and the **Houston Dairymaids**. This fun event, held at the “Tasting Room,” was sold out with 130 seats reserved. All in attendance gorged themselves with a wonderful selection of small batch Texas cheeses and Saint Arnold beers. The raffle allowed winners first shot to purchase six-packs for the infamous **Saint Arnold’s Divine Reserve 5**. Well guess what, I was the **first person in Texas** to plunk down his money for a batch of Imperial stout beer. What bragging rights! With such a successful event, rumor is that Saint Arnold anticipates offering this again at the Brewery, possibly in January.

On September 18, **HBC Ed Condon, Roberta and I** headed to **BJ’s Brewery** at Willowbrook for their first ever **Belgian Beer and Food Tasting**. What an incredible event! The food, beer and service were top notch. There was so much Belgian beer that we could not keep up with the pace. Sadly, our table actually left beer in glasses when we left. Roberta and I took food home and I managed to smuggle out 2 unopened Belgian beers to share at **BBO IV**. In addition, a sales rep from **Fuller’s Brewery** was there and he allowed up to sample what Fuller’s thought might be marketed as an Imperial Stout. Now the rest of the crowd was impressed, but HBC Ed and I looked at each other and thought this was a good beer, but it lacked the customary body and alcohol. It only clocked in at 7% ABV. We made our comments known and the rep thanked us. The **BJ’s Belgian Beer and Dinner** was a great value and I highly recommend it in the future.

The bar was raised once again with the KGB activity “**Belgian Blow Out IV.**” Yours truly was in charge of selecting a tasty beer list of over 50 Belgian Beers to sample. Many of these beers are not available locally. Our many thanks go to hosts **George and Sandi West** for once again inviting the KGB into their home. In addition **George, Sandi and Jamie**



After the BBO had wound down a bit, Jamie Knapick rescued a Mexican rat from the West’s pool. She immediately began reviving it with Strong Belgian Dark ale and promised to reveal the results of the “complete rescue operation” at next year’s Mexican Fiesta meeting. When pressed for details, she was heard to mutter something about “...two, maybe three authentic tamales.”

Knapick created the many elegant dishes that went with the tasting. A hush fell on the group as each new dish was tasted. My personnel favorite was the **Belgian Stew** that was made with meat, cabbage, **Avery Salvation beer** and a number of special ingredients. It was to die for. *[Definitely worth living for, too.—MOT]*

Luckily there are a few days to give my body some much-deserved rest before we move on to the 24th Annual Dixie Cup. I do hope to see my fellow Comrades in attendance for this, the Premier Homebrew Contest in the land.



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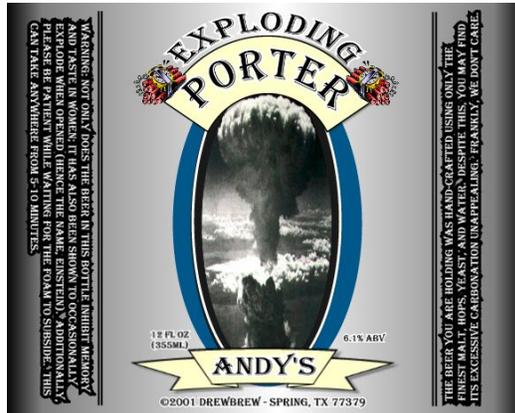
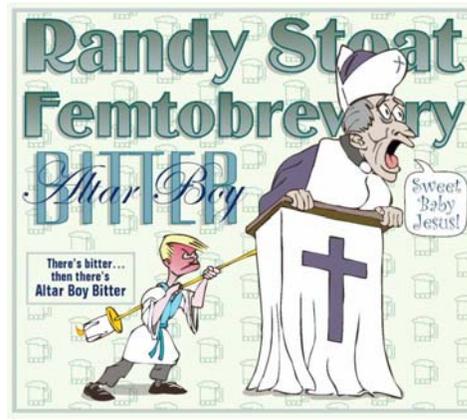
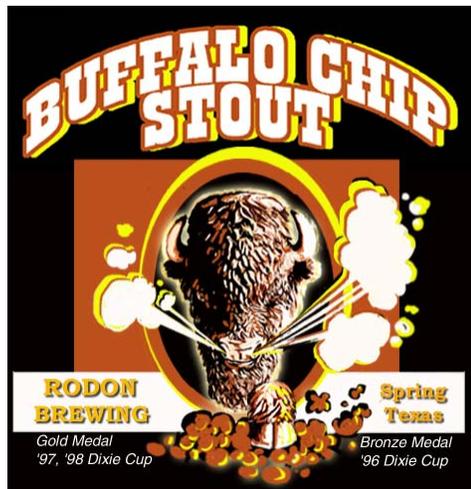
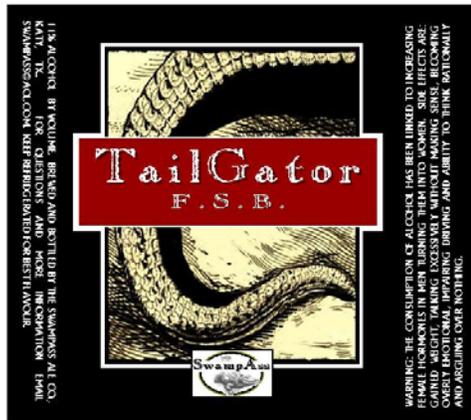
Welcome to the 7th annual KGB Label Design Contest. The main objective is to design an actual size beer label that would be placed on a 16 oz. bottle. You can do it freehand, use computer graphics or any other media. The key here is to be creative.

Entries are due at the November 17th KGB meeting

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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.

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



(which has come to be known as the Smörgåsbeerd). There is no cost to submit an entry as KGB members.

Put forth an all-out effort to earn the bragging rights. You could become the KGB label God (or Goddess) for the

upcoming year. You will be the envy of all when people at work view the fine looking plaque that you will have setting on your desk proclaiming the honor. This is your chance to dethrone last year's winner, Mark Rogerson. Use your time wisely at work with those fancy graphics programs you have available to you.



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Event	Date (Article due date)	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
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 17 5PM (Nov 2)	Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr	Big-Ass Beers	St. Ziggy's Strong Ale BC Oak-aged Dubbel Weizenbock One St. Arnold Christmas Ale
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
The Tentative Beginnings of a Preliminary, Loosey-Goosey Calendar for 2008				
January Meeting Spudfest	Sun Jan 19 Noon (Jan 4)	TBA was at Brew Stop last year	TBA	TBA
February Meeting Fish Fry	Sat Feb 16 7PM (Feb 1)	Ed Condon's?	TBA	Another TBA
March Meeting Chili Cook Off	Sat Mar 15 7PM (Feb 29 - Leap Day!)	Jeff Scheerhorn's?	Yet another TBA	<i>Gimme a T!</i> <i>Gimme a B!</i> <i>Gimme an A!</i>

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