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Edicts From The Czar

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Well, we are moving into the St. Patrick's Day month. The chili meeting will be soon, so look at the calendar on the website for the correct address for the meeting at CB Jeff's house. The weather has been cool, so good Imperial Stout has been good with all the meals served at the Czar household. We will be bottling the Weizenbock for the BBBB Judges next month and the Weizenbock is fermenting away in the secondary stage.

Everyone who braved the weather had a great time at HBC Ed's house. We were not able to Fry Fish in the rain but GS Chris and Susan prepared great food for all with help from our Comrades. **Remember to bring your favorite Chili to be judged at the March meeting.** We will have extra Chile to serve in the big pot in CB Jeff's kitchen plus



Czar Bill (right) and General Secretary Chris take a break from plotting KGB world domination to have their picture taken for "the brochure."

cheese, chips and other things to put on top of the bowl of homemade Chili. This event is just before St. Patrick's Day on Saturday

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Ruble Collector's Report

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Comrades: It's March and another article in the trash can. Oh, I mean another great article written by me!

First, I would like thank Sandy for correcting me oh so softly that her name is really SUSAN....Geez. A guy makes a simple mistake and you would think the world was coming to an end. LOL. Really, I am sorry. Still friends?

Now to business. We had several new and renewing members sign up.

New and Renewing Members

Hugh Lomas and Norma Brake of Webster
David Waggoner of Montgomery
Chris Landis and **SUSAN** Ayling
Jerry McClean of Pinehurst
Kendall and Kay Pickett of Spring
Ed Moore (Has Been Czar) of Colorado

If Ed can make it to meetings from Colorado, what the heck is stopping *you*? You know who I mean. Hopefully I didn't leave anyone out. Hey, I'm a volunteer!

For those who made it to Ed Condon's house for the Feb. meeting, we were honored with free food and beer. You had to pay for



Ruble Collector Phillip fell victim to his own "you win it, you wear it" raffle gimmick.

nothing. However, if you wanted to participate in the rrrrrraaaaaffilllee it was beyond belief. It appeared that the RC had rigged the event. As I recall, there were only a couple of huge winners. Lady luck, I say. Good for the

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ladies! And the RC always runs a legit game.

RC was a couple of hours late to the meeting and he had a good excuse. I had planned on being there at 7 PM. Oh yes, someone changed the time to 5 PM. Well, hello? E-mails don't work for me.....I like a personal call. I mean, what the heck? It's NOT my fault. OK it is....and I wasn't the only one, like Jonathon was late, too. And the weather was nasty and getting cold.....LOL

Even though the food was free, the club still came out in the black. Perhaps more free food to loosen the pockets? What ya say, Czar?

Our next meeting will be at Jeff Scheerhorn's house, March 15 7 PM (as this article is going to print). Check your e-mails just to make sure of date and time. *[It's 6pm now,*

folks. SIX PM!—MOT]

See ya Saturday, God willing, Saturday March 15. Bring friends, money for the raffle and food! And remember Raaaaafflllllle.

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

RC Phillip



Edicts From The Czar

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March 15th.

I am going to be at Old City Pub on Sunday March 16th to see the Parade. Check for the time and come by before the parade and stay after for good food. They have Irish food, Irish Beer and Crawfish....

There is a lot of activity at "Brew it Yourself" and I enjoyed seeing RC Phil make a real ale for the Super Bowl Brew-In. We need to get more KGB members to use the KGB setup at the shop.

Well, it is Rodeo time and I must get the dust off of my hat and get to eating BBQ and lifting a few "good" beers.



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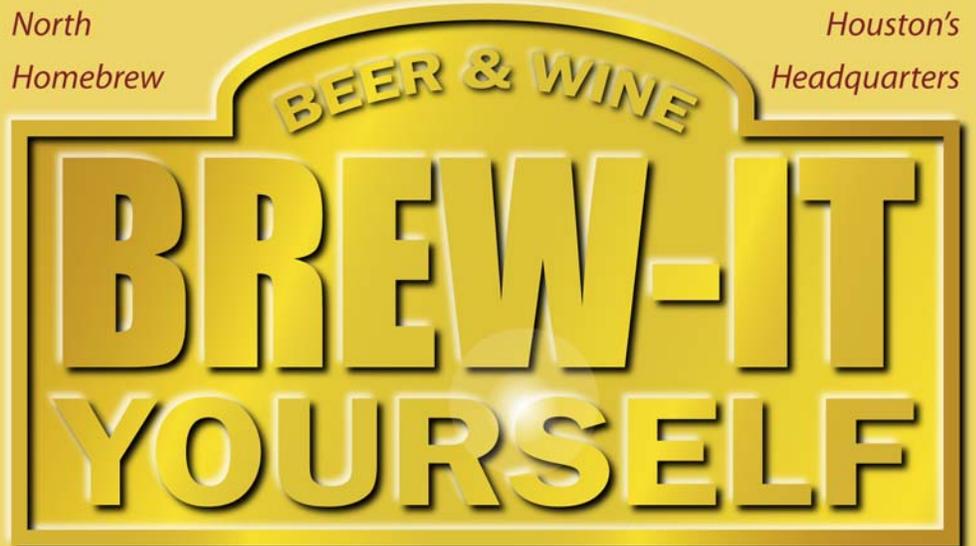
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Well it's that time of the month again.....no, not PMS, time to write my monthly KGB newsletter article. For me, it has been a very interesting month indeed. To begin I was the featured guest speaker at the Walker County Bee Keeper's Association. What do bee's and the KGB have in common. Well, you guessed it, my presentation dealt with the making of Mead. What a blast. All in attendance had a great time, especially with the sampling part. When I cleaned out the Imperial Cellars, I found many home brewed mead examples that were 10 plus years old, and man, they were tasty! It appeared that I converted many of these Bee Keepers into becoming Mead makers. They have already invited me back next year for another presentation.

On a similar note, I and MOT Mark Rogerson spent many hours in formulation of a mead based on an exotic Mexican liqueur. The nearest food item that I can compare it to is Ben and Jerry's ice cream called "Willie Nelson County Peach Cobbler." We started out by doing a small mash of 1 lb. of pale malt and 1 lb. of biscuit malt (to obtain the crust flavor). Add 16 lbs. of orange blossom honey to create a must of 5 gallons and start fermentation. At some point we will add some acid blend. When we do rack it over we will rack in on 2 cans of peach puree to give it that huge peach flavor. We may make a few fine adjustments and will finish it of with just a touch of anise. This big boy started big 1.200 so it may not ready for a while. But that's OK good things happen to those who wait.

The KGB was represented at the AHA Rally held at Saint Arnold's Sunday February 17th. Special thanks go to Comrade Herb Baker. Both Herb and I were in charge of doing an ex-

cellent job on cooking these rather large meaty hot dogs for those in attendance.

This past weekend I had the luxury of attending a training session in Marble Falls. This was my first opportunity to visit this very scenic area. I did manage to slip out for a few hours Friday afternoon. Well the tiny town of Blanco is located only 35 miles south of here. Just so happens that a brewery called "Real Ale" is located in Blanco. Well, fate would have it that one day a week, Friday, there is beer tasting from 2-4 and a tour at 5. Well I can not divulge the exact time I

arrived here, but I will say that I indulged in a fair amount of beer tasting. Just imagine free Sisyphus on tap, no limit. Can life get any better? Yes it can! One of the brewers demanded

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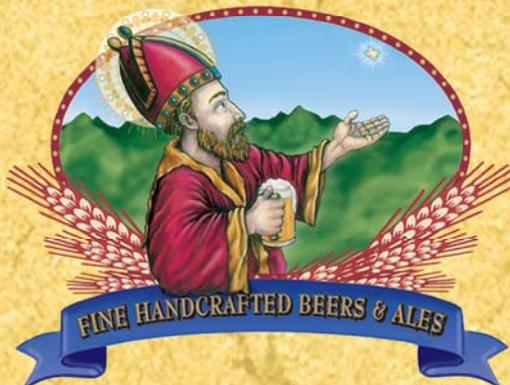
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that the "Fireman's 4" tap be changed out with their one year old. "Belgian Triple". I really needed to head back to Marble Falls, but I could not pass up on this opportunity. I had a great time talking to our host "Gabbe." She did make a claim to be somehow related to Bev Blackwell. Small world, isn't it?

The strangest part of the trip was when I meet two UT junior students right before the tour. Both were avid beer drinkers and claimed to visit the Ginger Man in Austin three times a week. In addition, they have done the Saint Arnold tour. Most impressively, they were in Boston the week

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From The Brewski Cellars

Jeff Scheerhorn — CommissarBrewski@TheKGB.org

Comrades, do not go lightly into the night and do not waiver from your destination. *That's my way of saying bring beer with you and don't make pit stops on your way to each KGB meeting.* Take heart and oblige in doing your part. *That's my way of saying "for God sakes share your beer".* Blessed are those who walk among us bestowing the blessings of the land. *That's how I give my appreciation for anyone who goes around pouring us samplings of their homebrew.* On March 15th, let's see what tongue of yore you wish to explore as Scottish and Irish Ales are served up ever more. I know I do much better with that sort of dialect when a certain "Mary" is there; I guess you might say she's my muse (for dialect purposes only).

So this month, it's the chili cook off over at my place and I really hope you'll make it. I'll pump up the jam, pour out the Scottish and Irish ales, and join you in chowing down on the chili. We will be fortunate enough to have two kegs on hand, a porter brewed by MOW Don and Ed and a Christmas ale brewed by our good friends at St. Arnold. Come play the bongos or some foosball and give your cares a day's break.

For those who attended the February meeting at Ed and Merry Condon's place, I enjoyed your company if not your beer. Our heartfelt thanks to the hosts and to everyone who helped make it such a good time.

Your faithful KGB server/servant,

CB Jeff



War Room Briefing

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before to attend the Extreme Beer Fest. They also talked about their visit this summer to Dog Fish Brewery. We exchanged many stories and I was impressed with their knowledge of beer and home brewing. Very refreshing, not your typical college students at all! From my memory most college students are more focused on drinking the mega swill beer at the cheapest prices. This pair must have a few bucks to spare.

As I headed back to Houston I would need to make a stop in Austin at Whip In. My eyes could not believe what I saw in one of the coolers. 8 – 8.4 oz. bottles of one of my favorite beers of all time, Scaldis Noel. I have never seen Scaldis Noel in Texas. I always purchased this up in Buffalo and smuggled as much as I could back to Houston. Well today, I was 8 bottles richer.

Comrades, remember to get those Weizenbocks ready as the KGB defends its "Heavy Hitters Award" for "Big Batch Brew Bash 13" May 18th at Saint Arnold.

So much beer to drink, so little time.

MOW Don Sajda



"This evening has been so very nice." "I'll hold your hands. They're just like ice." Two **Commissar Brewskis** — one current (**Jeff**, left), one a has-been (**Jonathan**) — brought down the house with a tear jerking rendition of *Baby, It's Cold Outside*.

Just Blow Me!

Mark Rogerson — MinisterOfTabloid@TheKGB.org

It never fails. You're brewing a batch and, just when you turn to look at the clock, or perhaps get a fresh brew to slake your ravaging thirst, or maybe that nice looking lady who lives down the street jogs by in her short shorts...or whatever. You know the deal, you look away for a fleeting moment and the next thing you know, you're listening the sound of wort sizzling as it boils over and burns in the flame.

Well, no more, comrades. During a recent KGB brewing event, comrade David O'Donnell whipped out a little fan that he said would keep his wort from boiling over. You know what? The damned thing worked.

Impressed, I plunked down my \$10 at Wallyworld and tried it for myself while making a batch of Ghetto Booty Malt Liquor (it's big, it's full-bodied, it's fan(ny)tastic!). Clamped to the keg in the handle hole, it worked like a charm.

So hover over the boiler no longer, comrade. Go ahead and pour yourself that next homebrew. Check out the babes who jog by in their tiny pants; oh, and those long, form fitting kind that look like they're painted on. Yeah...

Wait, this started out a homebrew story. Some hedonists are easily distracted. To sum up: Be happy. Get blown.



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KGB Calendar

(Updated 4-Mar-2008)

Event	Date <small>(Article due date)</small>	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
March Meeting Chili Cook Off	Sat Mar 15 6PM	Jeff Scheerhorn 5919 Bayonne Drive	Scottish and Irish Ales	Robust Porter Don Sajda & Herb Baker Christmas Ale (St. Arnold)
April Meeting Crawfish Festival	Sat Apr 19 7PM <small>(Apr 4)</small>	Carl Scott's?	Bitters and English Pale Ales	American Hybrid (Cream Ale, Blonde Ale or Kolsch) Need Volunteer!
Big Batch Brew Bash	Sun May 18 <small>(May 2)</small>	St Arnold Brewery 2522 Fairway Park Dr.	Weizenbock!	
June Meeting Steak-Out	Sat June 21 <small>(Jun 6)</small>	Jaime Knapick 17227 Modbury	Brown Ales, Amber Ales, and American Pale Ales	TBA Phillip Kaufman
July Meeting Pizza Party	Sat July 19 <small>(Jul 4)</small>	Jonathan Goudy 21706 Leonard	Dark Lager (Munich Dunkel and Schwartzbeer)	Maibock Jonathan Goudy
August Meeting Salsa Party	Sat Aug 16 <small>(Aug 1)</small>	Chris Landis 3807 Cypresswood	Beers from South of the Border	Vienna Lager Need Volunteer!
September Meeting Belgian Blow Out	Sat Sep 13 <small>(Aug 29)</small>	Stuart and Sandy West 17402 Apache Hills Dr.	Everything Belgian	Something Belgian Need Volunteer!

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