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Big Batch
Brew Bash
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Edicts From The Czar

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It was a fantastic KGB Crawlfeast at Carl Scott's house. Everyone had enough crawfish, sausage, chicken, veggies and even a little Imperial Duck. Thanks to Carl for hosting the annual event and the weather cooperated. Special thanks the Rocky and Chris for cooking the crawfish and veggies which were very tasty. Carl and I cooked up the chicken, sausage and Imperial Duck. We had a great turnout and great guests from other clubs.

The BOM was great at the Crawlfeast and the keg of Bières de Chimay was a real treat. Special thanks to Mark for landing and tapping the keg. Jeff and Stewart had a great selection of good Ales for us to consume. I did see the Grand Waz- Scott eating the little mudbugs and enjoying the BOM.

The BBBB is coming up soon so contact MOW Don about helping and judging. We need all the help we can get! The weekend of May 18th should be on everyone's calendars. Remember to print some BBBB flyers and give to friends since this is an open to public

event. Remember raffle and good fooodood (Beer Sausage, Imperial Kraut, Susan A's great Chili, Cheese and fixings plus chips).

Remember to look at the KGB

website and get the front page update of other club meetings and the First Sunday outings. I know this is May but the Lunar Rendezbrew

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When you're a Jet, you're a Jet all the way, from your first cigarette, to your last dying day.

Ruble Collector's Report

Phillip Kaufman — RubleCollector@TheKGB.org

Comrades: Crawfish. OMG!!! They were the best I ever had! Thanks Rocky! I must say it was great turnout, and the weather was great!! Great turnout; great food; great friends. Marvelous! Good turnout and several renewing members.

I just can't wait until the BBBB; what does it mean....Big Brew Bash ...brew Bash

Renewing Members

Ed and Merry Condon—Renew
Mike McFalls—Renew
Ed Howell—Renew
Chris Jerez—Renew
Dean Shaw—Renew

Big....ok I got it...Big Batch Brew Bash. BIG.... YOU GOT IT! What's the style you may ask? Weizenbock, and yours truly brewed one. Now I won't be so arrogant to say that I have the winning brew, but I do like it! And I will be judging as well. No not a ringer, I am fair and honest! See ya May 18th



Selling raffle tickets makes **RC Phillip** a very happy man (Chimay Tripel doesn't hurt, either).

at St. Arnold. Come by and see if ya won!

So far this year the coffers are still in good shape and I plan to keep it that a way. Yes, Crawlfeast took a chunk out of the funds, but well worth it. And if you didn't make it we had a surprise keg of the month (KOM)

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Edicts From The Czar

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is coming soon on July 25. It is a great event in Seabrook. Several members run down to judge and we make hotel reservations for the main event.

Jamie will host the Steakout next month and showed me pictures of her new landscaped backyard. She will do the fixings and you bring your steak...or chicken...or shrimp...or fish...or sausage... Whatever you want to put on the grill!

Hope to see everyone at the BBBB and bring a friend to buy raffle tickets from our great RC Phil. He has informed me that the coffers are full due to the raffles and memberships. MOW Don has things well oiled for this year's BBBB. Remember we are thinking of next year's style so give your ideas to Don.



Our hostess for the April meeting, **Pat**. Stirring, isn't she?

Ruble Collector's Report

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CHIMAY. Yes you read right, a keg of Chimay was purchased. Very nice compliments to the crawfish...one to go down in the memoirs!

See ya Sunday, God willing, May 18th at St. Arnold. Bring friends, money for the raffle and food! And remember Raaaaaffllllle.

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

RC Phillip



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

Tell Us About It!

Do you have a homebrewing tip that everyone should know? Have you turned an old bait bucket into the perfect mash tun? Did you document the planning and construction of a computer-controlled brewery complete with high-temperature pumps, steam jacketed vessels and motorized stirrers? Send your story to The KGB Files and share your knowledge. Email to MinisterOfTabloid@TheKGB.org and include hi-res photos if you have them.

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War Room Briefing

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Comrades, believe it or not I have written over 70 newsletter articles and as I type I am finding myself with what is commonly called writer's block. Here I have a deadline of today and I can't think about a damn thing to write about. Well maybe I drink a few beers to loosen me up. Sadly I'm a work 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 Wednesdays is to visit the Molly's Pub on Kuykendahl and partake in "Big Ass Beer". Yes for a small price of \$3.50 you can get a 23 oz. glass of one of my favorites, Spaten Optimator. Just the thought of lasting 3 more hours of work is killing me, but I guess I will survive.

OK now for a serious matter. Yes the 13th Annual Big Batch Brew Bash is right around the corner. Find those homebrewed weizenbocks that you have hidden deep in your closets



Everybody waits for **MOW Don's** critique of the MOT's homebrewed Ghetto Booty Malt Liquor. He loved it, of course!

ets 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 or Brew It Yourself before the close of business Friday, May 9th, or take them to Saint Arnold's Saturday May 10 from noon to 2:30 pm. MOT Mark and RC Phil will be registering the entries. If you want to do the Saint Arnold's tour it will cost you \$5.

Since this is the largest single style contest in the world, we need your help with judging, stewarding, cleaning up afterwards, 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 18th to help and make sure you buy plenty of **Raffle Tickets!!!!**

With the summer 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.

That's all for this month. 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.

MOW Donald Sajda



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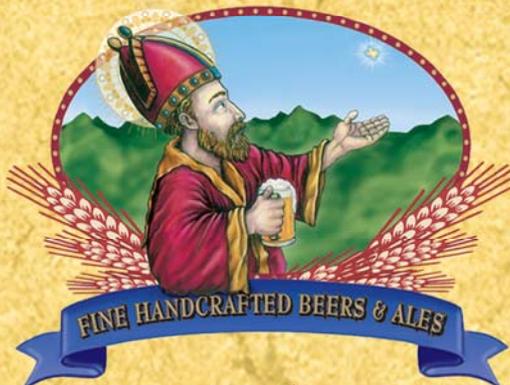
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The Lunatic is in My Head

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Who is me. Ever since the Roger Waters concert last Sunday night, I can't think of anything but pigs and politics. I love pork with a passion that can only be equaled by the level of hatred I have for politics, so when, during *Sheep*, a giant pig, adorned in all manner of anti-establishment graffiti flew out over the audience, I was pretty darn happy, I tell you what! Add to that a perfect rendition of the only rock song I know of that's in 7/8 time, and I'm telling you, comrades, I was in heaven.

Oh yeah, beer, beer, beer. This is a KGB article, right? Okay. Beer. Beer...

Okay, I got nothing. How about a diatribe?

It's too damned late for you to get off your lazy ass and brew a Weizenbock for the Big Batch Brew Bash. Did anybody mention in this rag that the Big Batch is coming up on the 18th of May? Well, now you know! Yeah, it's not like it hasn't been drummed into your head for months now. Get over it, already.

Back in the pre-perestroika days, we used to say that if you repeated something enough, it became the truth. Nowadays, we just say, "Inculcate the dumb masses." Those ripe for it don't hear the homophone. Such is the subtlety...

But enough digression!

Listen, comrades, don't let your lackadaisical attitudes get in the way of your showing up at the Saint Arnold brewery for all of the free beer you can quaff. I know you're lazy and cheap, but you can surely afford the bus fare there and back, and since you're riding the bus, you won't have to bail yourself out of jail after getting busted for driving home drunk. That frees up all manner of cold hard American cash that you

can use to buy raffle tickets and more raffle tickets.

Say, did anybody mention there'll be a raffle at the Big Batch? No kidding, comrades, a real live raffle with prizes and everything. In the past, we've even had short-short wearing **Hooters Girls** there to **titillate** while ticket taking. Will they be there again this year? I'm sworn to secrecy, but I'll tell you since you're such a good comrade, okay? I have no idea! Show up and learn along with me.

You've been to Saint Arnold before, right? I mean, you know you can't take your own beer into the brewery, right? And you also know that any beer you get inside the brewery must stay inside the brewery, right? It's like that Las Vegas slogan, only for beer in the brewery.

This has further implications that should be brought out into the light of day and examined for the benefit of all. For instance, if you get all sotted and admit your love for Zima, there's no need to worry about being forever ridiculed. What happens in St. Arnold stays in St. Arnold! For our purposes, the boundary extends to the porta-potties outside, so if you make it all the way out there before heaving your lunch into the cloaca, no one ever need know that you nearly threw up your socks. What happens in St. Arnold stays in St. Arnold!

Buy hey, if you hook up with one of the Hooters Girls behind the giant bags of malt, rest assured that the web cam footage will be on YouTube faster than you can say, "premature ejaculation."

Shine on, you crazy diamond!



Suds Barrett is the *nom de guerre* of a homebrewer who is also a rabid Pink Floyd fan. His true identity is withheld for obvious reasons.

From the Brewski Cellars

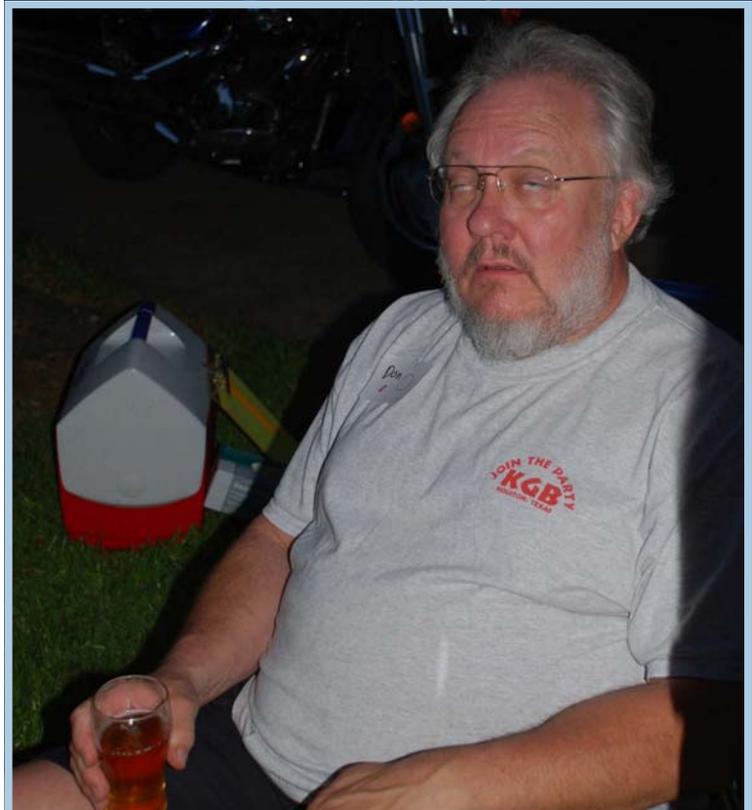
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Comrades, I just want to thank you... thank you for being a friend. Hey, I got an idea.... let's get together and have some beer - St. Arnold's beer, along with homebrewed Weizenbock, to be exact. That's the ticket - the Big Batch Brew Batch at St. Arnolds on Sunday, May 18th! I get to take a hiatus from serving up beer and what not so I'll probably focus more of my time on y'all. After all, I miss being your shadow and awkwardly injecting myself into any and all conversations and trips to the bathroom. I have limited entertaining stories and jokes but I sure as hell try hard at whatever it is I'm doing - what I mean is, I really don't know what I'm doing. I think that's all part of the American dream, really - people pursuing their dreams, however fuzzy, and not taking no for an answer until the prize is in hand. All I know is, I do better with quality beer in my hand and the people who like to drink it.

Now then.....

Why can't we be friends.... why can't we be friends.... why can't we be friends....

Yours truly,
CB Jeff



It's a caption contest! Make your own caption and win!

KGB Calendar

(Updated 9-May-2008)

Event	Date <small>(Article due date)</small>	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
Big Batch Brew Bash	Sun May 18	St Arnold Brewery 2522 Fairway Park Dr.	Weizenbock!	Open taps after judging is completed!
June Meeting Steak-Out	Sat June 21 (Jun 6)	Jaime Knapick 17227 Modbury	Brown Ale, Amber Ale, and American Pale Ale	American Pale Ale Phillip Kaufman
July Meeting Pizza Party	Sat July 19 (Jul 4)	Jonathan Goudy 21706 Leonard	Dark Lager (Munich Dunkel and Schwartzbeer)	Maibock Jonathan Goudy
August Meeting Salsa Party	Sat Aug 16 (Aug 1)	Chris Landis 3807 Cypresswood	Beers from South of the Border	Vienna Lager
September Meeting Belgian Blow Out	Sat Sep 13 (Aug 29)	Stuart and Sandy West 17402 Apache Hills Dr.	Everything Belgian	Something Belgian
October Dixie Cup	TBA (Oct 3)	TBA	All	Hodgepodge
November Smörgåsbeerd	Sat Nov 15 (Oct 31)	Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr	Good ol' Bigguns	Oktoberfest Need Volunteer!

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