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Edicts From The Czar

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Well it has been a really hot month and the Summer Beers have been flowing. Chris Landis and I racked over 10 gallons of Barleywine and put in a keg 5 gallons of Amber second runnings. This is to chill and drink by the pool, keeping cool. Chris also brewed 10 gallons of Scottish Ale. He has already bottled a case for next year's BBBB and will have some on tap for the Salsa Party this month.

I have been on an adventure to Asia, drinking the local brews-Tiger, Anchor, Carlsberg, something called Royal Stout. The brew masters are from Europe and Malaysia has strong ties to the old style beers. A case of beer is 30.00USD (remember this is a country that respects all kinds of money in large bills). The cheapest wine in 10 USD and has a kangaroo on the bottle. What a place to start home brewing. I do think the local police would not like it to cut into their large profits. A pint of beer in a pub or tavern is 6.00 USD. Well, Don there goes your big beer day at Molly's and Optimator specials. I did have a cold Tiger beer in Chinatown for \$2.00 but it was hot in one block of walking. So I put down the second fast so it would not get warm.....

I now have had beer on all continents except Antarctica. Well let's get a pub crawl

going down under. Maybe they have some Red Seal on Tap.

We need to get thinking about the fall. Salsa Party (August), Belgium (September) and Dixie Cup (October) then the Great Smörgåsbeerd (November), then the Christmas Party (this must be December). It really does make a good beer year really go fast!

I am going make a Malaysian Salsa that I ate in the country. They do have some really good food. The next beer adventure I will be taking is to Sarawak and Indonesia so the beer will all be lagers. I hear that hops can be grown in other parts of the world than Oregon. The hops shortage has made many countries really think about starting growing some. Australia, New Zealand and others are standing in line to start to end the shortage. In Oregon they are moving fast to plant another 600,000 acres to not let the other countries get started. Hopefully Cascades and Fuggles will be in abundance next year so we can make good beer with lots of good taste. This year has been hard on my mouth feel and palette.

It has been rumored that I am moving to Southeast Asia and a coup was occurring. Let me put this to rest! I have been called upon to do diplomatic relation for the US

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Ruble Collector's Report

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Comrades: It's August and hot. Therefore this article will be short while I hit the AC.....As I type, just got back from Istanbul, Turkey...can ya say "no beer?" Actually they (Turkey) have one beer ya can drink and it's called Efes, pronounced Ef-es. It's a lager and not too bad. Made in Turkey and probably subsidized by the government, at least protected from other imported beer. Really, beer is very limited and very expensive. I had six beers with Rhonda and it cost \$48. Yes 48 bucks for 6 beers [that's \$8/beer for the calculatorless—MOT]; and they were pints. No wonder they don't drink! Oh and there were bombings while Rhonda and I were in Turkey....no wonder they are made. \$8 per beer! I'd be mad too,

my Comrades! Ask me more at August meeting.

Now I missed the last meeting and I assume Herb did a great job replacing me... what? No one can replace me, what are ya saying? Now we can replace the current Czar. I hear there was a takeover of the Czar-ship... that'll teach him for being out of the country during the meeting!

I will see ya at next meeting on August 16. Summer my comrades is coming to a close, kiddies back to school, and traffic to increase, traffic jams, and as gas prices continue to decrease. Remember though it is cheaper to drink than drive.

My Comrades: It is late, I got jetlag and my glass is empty...time for bed....



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From the Brewski Cellars

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Comrades! Here comes the always saucy Mexican Fiesta and Salsa Contest on August 16th. Salsa, in this case refers to the spicy dip that drapes tortilla chips and not the dance style that feature hip movement that is both alluring and muy difficult; I'll keep working on it though, and maybe pull a routine together in time for the meeting.

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 it or not and relish 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!!!

This month's BOM will be lagers from south of the border so besides some quality Mexican examples, you bone up on some fine South American brews as well. Sure you can travel the globe to experience fantastic beers from lands far and wide or you can simply make the most of your KGB membership by showing up at the meetings and let the sweet nectar come to you.

As for this month's KOM, you'll find great satisfaction with a Bohemian pilsner crafted by the well-respected George (a.k.a. Storge/Stuart) West. Yum, yum, can't wait to have some!

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 amigos!

- CB Jeff Scheerhorn



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since our Secretary of State (someone in Washington) does not drink beer (As reported by BBC). It has been rumored that the Secretary has visited 70 countries while in office and has not drank one beer. To establish better foreign relation I have taken it upon myself while on business trip to serve our country in a small way. I now drink one for the secretary of state to bring back the real tradition of America as a global leader in good beer tasting. The KGB, Texas is recognized as a global envoy of beer harmony. This is helping reestablish America as quality beer consumers to all nations. The Secretary has done little to foster this great American Tradition and needs our help. This fall I will continue to spread our KGB doctrines on "quality" beers (Saint Arnold and Southern Star) around the globe.

While in Malaysia I even had a Buddhist Monk bless me and wish me and my Royal Stout beer a safe journey.



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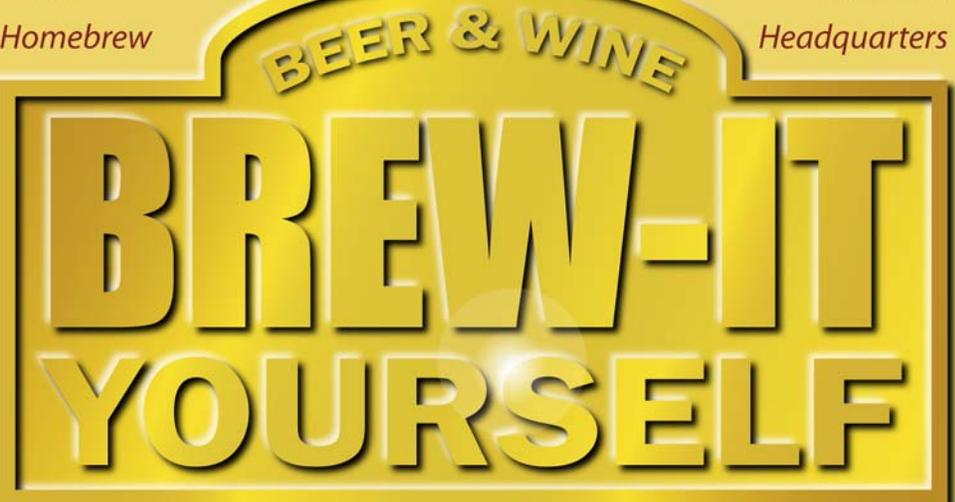
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HBCB Jonathan supervises the arrival of the pizzas as his (pregnant!) wife Nadine takes care of the heavy lifting.



Considering the fact that the meeting was held in south Dallas, we had a surprisingly heavy turnout in August.



In classic HBCB form, **Jonathan** explains how he made three batches of beer where the only difference among them was their mash. Then he gave us all samples of his handiwork, the nice fellow.

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Event	Date <small>(Article due date)</small>	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
August Meeting Salsa Party	Sat Aug 16 <small>(Aug 1)</small>	Chris Landis 3807 Cypresswood	Beers from South of the Border	The Storge's Bohemian Pilsener
September Meeting Belgian Blow Out	Sat Sep 13 <small>(Aug 29)</small>	Stuart and Sandy West 17402 Apache Hills Dr.	Everything Belgian	Something Belgian
October Dixie Cup	TBA <small>(Oct 3)</small>	TBA	All	Hodgepodge
November Smörgåsbeerd	Sat Nov 15 <small>(Oct 31)</small>	Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr	Good ol' Bigguns	Oktoberfest Need Volunteer!
December Meeting Christmas Party	TBA	St Arnold Brewery 2522 Fairway Park Dr.		
Below begins our tentative, work in progress, 2009 calendar.				
January Meeting Spudfest	Sat Jan 17 Noon	Southern Star Brewery Conroe, TX	TBA	TBA

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