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Belgian Blowout



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Edicts From The Czar

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This has been a hectic month! Chris and I just finished bottling the Barleywine to age for submittal in the Big Batch Brew Bash (BBBB) in 2010. There is also a case of Strong Scottish Ale set back in bottles ready for the 2009 May event.

The Salsa Party was great with lots of South of the Border Beers found by CB Jeff. The Fajitas and all the fixings were great. Thanks to GS Chris and Susan for hosting the annual event.

The Dixie Cup is coming up and we need to look at our calendars carefully to put in the judging dates to help the Foam Rangers. MOW Don will put the dates on the website and forward upcoming e-mails. Remember September is a fast month for the KGB with the Belgian Blowout and the Dixie Cup in October.

During the September meeting, there will be a call to the membership for new officers for 2009. The voting is during the Smörgåsbeerd meeting in November at MOW Don's house. Don has also informed us that the Samichlaus beer event will held on December 6th at the Minister of War's home (more details at the Smörgåsbeerd in November) So make your plans to bring the brewing setups and gear. GC Chris and I will be there with his huge mash tun.....

Looking forward to the Dixie Cup and all the fun with all the KGB Comrades and seeing other brewers from all over the area. Let us remember how fortunate our brewing friends in Louisiana were with not getting hit really hard by Gustav.



Ruble Collector's Report

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Comrades: I feel that the summer is passing me by yet another year has gone by. The days are shortening and the birds are starting to fatten for the winter....time for a Christmas beer. Now that the days are cooling and the new Barley crop is about to hit the stands, time to BREW. And Brew YOU WILL! Brew like you have never brewed before...and share with the RC. Ahhh the sweet smell of wort.

And don't forget that the election of officers are in the air.....I do smell a new office in place... Wait a minute is it Barack or John? Makes you want to wonder what Stalin had in mind LOL. Comrades Time for a beer. Many beers to choose from my cellar. So if you like to run for office, time to start campaigning! Think of the benefits.....that's right there are none.

ENOUGH about politics. Time for another pale ale! Now to business. We are all busy. I challenge anyone to keep up with me. If I can be an officer anyone can...and I really appreciate the compliments I get for doing the raffle. Donations are always welcome, as you know I donate frequently.

13. Ya'll wanna know about finances. Beer will flow freely (of course this will cost some money) and as Ruble Collector, the normal cost of the Belgium Blow out is \$25. This my dear comrade is a bargain. Where can you get this selection of beer for just \$25? If you have never some to the BBO, ya gotta make this one! I have worked hard getting the finances up! Guys and Gals this is a bargain. Think about what you will be getting for tasting some of the greatest beers in the world without going to Belgium! AND as an added surprise the RC (that's me) will **SHARE some select beers I brought back from Belgium. Yes I was there Dec 2007.** In fact you can only buy some of these beers in Belgium, no export at all!!! See ya Saturday Sept 13 at 5 PM. Bring a swimsuit too. See me for a free sample of my Belgian beer. Ya gotta ask for it!this way I know you read my article. Otherwise I'll drink it myself! So come early!

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

RC Phillip



BELGIAN BLOWOUT (BBO): Sept

Comrades, here's a ditty for you.....

You're the kind of person
You meet at certain dismal dull affairs.
Center of a crowd, talking much too loud
Running up and down the stairs.
Well, it seems to me that you have seen too much in
too few years.
And though you've tried you just can't hide
Your eyes are edged with tears.
You better stop, look around
Here it comes, here it comes, here it comes, here it
comes
Here comes your Belgian-beer nervous breakdown!

I choose song as my medium so it might stick with you a bit easier. The Belgian Blowout on September 13th is something of a double-edged sword; if you miss it and miss out on all of the delectable Belgian beer and food, you might have a nervous breakdown. Alternately, if you attend and fail to pace yourself, you might have a nervous breakdown.

Make no mistake, Belgian beers are like the Hope Diamond to some of us; they're worth the extra planning to get close to and not much else quite compares to their brilliance. The Belgian Blowout trend of recent years is to go with quality and dynamite food pairings versus the record setting bottles of yesteryear. Last year was really well done and the whole affair was a true taste explosion.

Together we stand and divided we fall. From a beer sampling standpoint, there is no way any one of us can pull together the amazing assortment of Belgian beers that will be afforded us on the 13th; yet, we can pool together and love

one after the other Belgian beers right now.

Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one after the other right now
Come on you people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one after the other right now

Let's do this thing!
CB Jeff Scheerhorn



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



Comrade **Kendall Pickett** was really serious about winning some of the raffle items at the August meeting.



Comrade **Kay Pickett** weans little Maddie from her pacifier the (tried and true) KGB way.



Winners from the salsa competition. Who came in first? I have no idea. All I know is that, from left to right, they go by **Kevin** (aka George), **MOW Don**, **Czar Bill** and comrade **Susan**.

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KGB Calendar

(Updated 3-Sep-2008)

Event	Date <small>(Article due date)</small>	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
September Meeting Belgian Blowout	Sat Sep 13	Stuart and Sandy West 17402 Apache Hills Dr.	Everything Belgian	Something Belgian
October Dixie Cup XXV	Oct 17-18 <small>(Oct 3)</small>	Crown Plaza Brookhollow US 290 @ Pinemont	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.		

It's the KGB's 2009 calendar!
It means nothing! New officers will be in charge! Anything can change!

January Meeting Spudfest	Sat Jan 17 Noon <small>(Jan 2)</small>	Southern Star Brewery Conroe, TX	TBA	TBA
February Meeting Fish Fry	Sat Feb 21 7PM <small>(Feb 6)</small>	Ed Condon 1718 Camille	TBA	TBA

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