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Crawfish Festival



Tie back your hair
and suck the head!

Next Meeting:
Saturday, April 18—5 pm

Carl Scott's
16423 Dover Mills Drive
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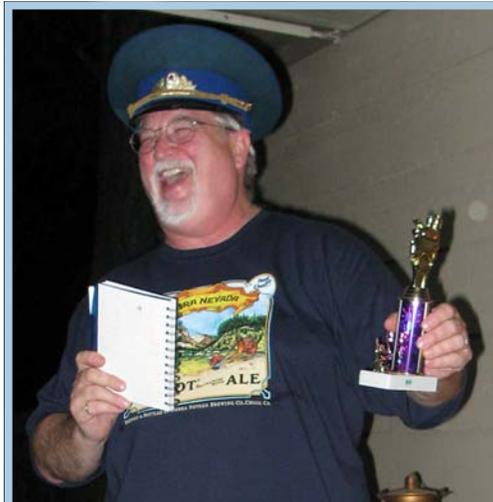
Edicts From The Czar

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Greetings Comrades, oh, it was a hot time in the old H-town for our Chili Cook-Off Meeting, which was held at HBCB Jeff's house. There we were greeted by 18 chili entries along with Part II of the Barleywine assault, orchestrated by CB Don. Everyone moseyed along the chili line as they tasted the various chilies and placed their vote for their favorite one.

As for the winners, here they are:

Traditional	1	Czar Herb
	2	CB Don
	3	Ed Condon
Non-Traditional	1	Rosario Scheerhorn
	2	Rosario Scheerhorn
	3	Dean Doba
Exotic	1	Don Sajda
	2	Susan Ayling
	3	Czar Herb



Ever the exhibitionist, **Czar Herb** enjoys a little autoerotic chilitrophyfication.

A good time was had by all, at least those of us who can remember after all the barleywines. Thanks to all for the Chili entries. I was told by an old timer, who will remain nameless, that this was the

most entries that they could remember.

On the next Friday, March 27, the KGB showed up in force for Southern Star's 1st Anniversary Party. Plenty of good beer, food, and music was had. We may have even picked up a

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Ruble Collector's Report

Phillip Kaufman — RubleCollector@TheKGB.org

Comrades: April 15th is tax deadline. Don't forget to pay your fair share and help the stimulus bill....Ouch!

Another month and yet another article. And as always I have absolutely nothing to say...but this has never stopped the real power of the KGB.

I missed the last meeting and hoped it went well. Rhonda's brother got married I and attended the wedding and reception. Very nice.

Been extremely busy with work, and now that spring has officially occurred (that would be March 21), yard work has started. But this is not excuse to brew, and I have brewed. My motorcycle wimpers in my gayrage calling me to ride him...I mean ride her. But why digress?

My article is late and I have been working all day, yes it is Saturday. Economy is in the dumps, lay offs are everywhere and no one is immune. Not even me. So if anyone is hiring, let the members know. And to save money, brew more!

No new members to report, but that doesn't mean no one signed up at the March 21 meeting...no one tells me anything.

Crawfish! Haven't missed this one in years. It is the best deal on crawfish and they have plenty of spice. Don't know the exact cost but it will be reasonable...that I can tell ya. This is the time of year where it isn't too hot nor too cold. Just like Goldielocks.

Next month I will have more to report.

Comrades, my glass is empty and time to get back to work and pay my taxes.....ouch.

RC Phillip



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new member or two while we were there.

Now, on to April and crawfish. The Crawfish meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009 starting at 5:00pm at Carl Scott's new residence. Bring your own bib! See you there!

And one last item of note. With the BBBB approaching, we are still rounding up raffle items. So, if you have anything that you would like to donate to our raffle, please bring it to the April meeting. If anyone reads this and sends me an e-mail, I will give you 2 raffle tickets to the Big Bash, but you have to be there to get them.

Well, that's all for now. And it's time for a beer, but since I'm composing this from work, I guess I have to wait.

Czar Herb



Far too emotional to thank all of the little people who made it possible, **Rosario Scheerhorn** leaves the stage with her trophies for non-traditional chili while her many fans convulsed in spasmodic sobs of sympathy (off camera).

Commissar Brewski's World

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Guess that it's for now. Time to finish my packing and head up north for the Homebrewers Camping Trip. See you when I get back.

CB/MOW Don



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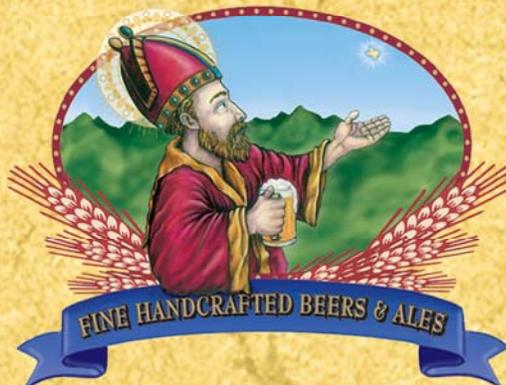
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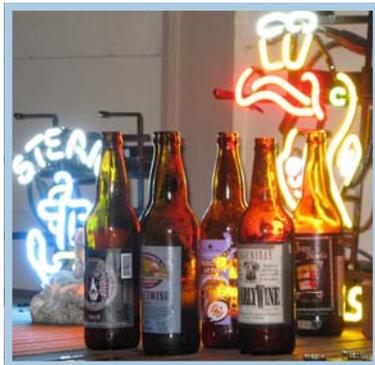
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Here I am getting my camping equipment ready for this weekend's Homebrewer Campout, held in some remote location an hour north of here. But wait, I



can't leave until I get my newsletter article written. OK better stop packing and start a-typing. Mmmmm... I'd rather be packing. The thought of many homebrewers gathering from across the state in an uncivilized wilderness 6 miles north of Carlos, Texas (?????) just gets my juices flowing. I can't

wait till I partake in the activities planned for Saturday. How about the Drink-A-Lympics, Salsa Competition, Pot Luck Dinner and of course plenty of beer drinking? Well if I'm not attacked by a bear, oops I meant a bear I'll report on this in next month's newsletter.

It's no secret that April is a perfect time of the year for crawfish, and as Commissar Brewski I decree that the best beverage



From 1998-2009; twelve feet; four yards; a dodecafoot.

to wash down these mud puppies well be stouts. Yes, I'm talking Imperial, Oatmeal, Oak Barrel, and Dry. Once again, the BOM will be memorable, full of many exotic and hard to find stouts. At this point in time we have 25!!!! Yes!!! For the KOM we have a batch of dry stout brewed by MOT Mark Rogerson (provided he hasn't drank the whole keg himself [*It could happen!*—MOT]). This has always been one of the premier meetings of the year and I know that this tradition will continue at the home of Carl Scott.

Southern Star Brewery celebrated their 1st Anniversary, Friday, March 26th, and the KGB came out to join in the festivities. There was a considerable amount of free beer being poured that evening. Our congratulations go to Dave and Brian and we all wish them continued success with the brewery. A new acquisition to the brewery that was clearly noticeable was a zillion blue 12oz. cans stacked up and ready to be filled with their Blonde Bombshell. It should arrive soon in



As you can see, **CB Don** makes some devilishly good chili. Or maybe he's just horny.

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RSF Dry Irish Stout

Mark Rogerson

Batch size:	11 gallons	Boil time:	75 minutes
Original Grav:	1.056	Final Grav:	1.015
IBUs:	38.1	Alc. by volume:	5.4%

Grain

14.00 lb	Pale Malt (2 Row) UK (3.0 SRM)
4.00 lb	Barley, Flaked (1.7 SRM)
2.00 lb	Roasted Barley (300.0 SRM)
0.50 lb	Acid Malt (3.0 SRM)
2.00 lb	Rice Hulls (0.0 SRM)

Hops

4.00 oz	Mt. Hood [5.00 %] (75 min) (First Wort Hop)
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Yeast

Irish Ale (Wyeast #1084) — 1-liter starter

Mash

150°F — 40 minutes
168°F — 10 minutes
Recirculate until clear, then collect 13.5 gallons.

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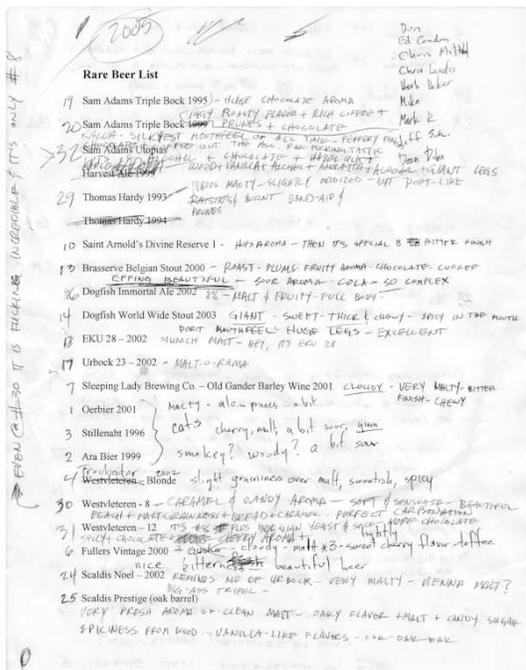
YOURSELF

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the stores.

On Saturday, May 27 the 10 hardcore members of the KGB came together and enjoyed the "Rare Beer Tasting." As some of you know, I travel the world and look high and low for beer—not just beer but great beer. I then stockpile it and use it for our BOMs and other activities. Well, sometimes I find really special beers that I save for an occasion like this. It was time. We had over 27 world class tastings. I will only mention a few in this article. These may have won the people's choice award for that day. Does Westvleteren 12, Sam Adams Utopias 2004, Thomas Hardy 1993 and Dogfish Head World Wide Stout 2003 move you? It moved us. We had a blast, and I am planning a Rare Beer Tasting 2 for sometime in January.

Despite the fact that Mark Rogerson and I may have been a bit toasted that night [may have?—MOT], we managed to



One comrade took a few notes during the Rare Beer Tasting. Here is page 1 of 3.

team up the following morning and were mashed in by 7:00 am. Yes, the 2010 Big Batch Brew Bash's 1st Place English Barley Wine was brewed that morning. We managed to hit a respectable gravity of 1.096. Only time will tell, but we both felt that it was a perfect brew day.

WOW!!! What a beer weekend that was!!!

Don't forget to have your Strong Scotch Ale entries ready for BBBB 14. The entry deadline is Saturday May 9th at Saint Arnold, or you can drop them off at DeFalco's or Brew It Yourself by Friday, May 8th. We also need to have you the membership come out and help with the judging Sunday, May 17th. Help the KGB defend its "Heavy Hitters Award" title.

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KGB Calendar

(Updated 8-Apr-2009)

Event	Date <small>(Article due date)</small>	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
April Meeting Crawfish Festival	Sat Apr 18 5PM	Carl Scott 16423 Dover Mills Dr	Stouts	Dry Irish Stout Mark Rogerson
Big Batch Brew Bash	Sun May 17 <small>(May 1)</small>	St Arnold Brewery 2522 Fairway Park Dr	NA	NA
June Meeting Steak-Out	Sat June 20 <small>(Jun 5)</small>	Jaime Knapick 17227 Modbury	Browns & Porters	Imperial Porter HBC Ed Condon
July Meeting Pizza Party	Sat July 18 <small>(tentative)</small> <small>(Jul 3)</small>	Brew It Yourself 25770 IH 45 N	Pilsners	Pilsner Jonathan Goudy
August Meeting Salsa Party	Sat Aug 15 <small>(Jul 31)</small>	Chris Landis 3807 Cypresswood	Bocks	Did someone say <i>Celebrator?</i>
September Meeting	Sat Sep 19 <small>(Sep 4)</small>	Brew It Yourself 25770 IH 45 N	IPAs & APAs	IPA Chris Landis
Belgian Blow Out	Sat Oct 3	Mark Rogerson 17706 Garnercrest Dr	Belgiany Goodness	NA

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