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Big Batch Brew Bash 14

Sunday
May 17
1 PM

Saint Arnold
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2252 Fairway Park

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Strong Scotch
Ale

Edicts From The Czar

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Comrades, greetings again from your Czar! The April Crawfish meeting, hosted by Carl Scott, was a tremendous success that almost didn't happen. Mother Nature provided us with several inches of much needed rain, but stopped just in time for our meeting. So what if it was a little mushy? I hope Carl's lawn survived. As usual, Rocky cooked up several delicious batches of crawfish with corn, potatoes, sausage, and other delectable treats, each batch more spicy than the previous.

Thanks, Rocky for all your hard work! And thanks for giving a break to our hard working GS Chris.

Along with the crawfish CB Don provided us with Imperial Stouts as our BOM. He had several comrades shaking their heads over the Southern Tier Crème Brule Stout. What a beer! We are already trying to find out how to get more.

Last, but not least, the entertainment was provided by RC Phil and homeowner Carl as they assembled and tested the ceiling fan on the patio. We sat back and drank fine beer while we waited to see who would be electrocuted first. Luckily for our membership, but sadly for our planned entry in the World's Funniest Video, everyone survived the ordeal.

With the BBBB approaching, we are still rounding up raffle items. So, if you have anything that you would like to donate, please bring it to the brewery on May 17th. So clean out that closet or garage and bring some stuff!

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That's our **Czar Herb** teaching those crawfish who's the *real* power of the KGB.

Ruble Collector's Report

Phillip Kaufman — RubleCollector@TheKGB.org

Comrades! After a dreaded downpour and flooding and then enough is enough. The beer GODS said enough already. The rain stopped at 4:30 PM, the fire was lit and the crawfish succumbed to the boiling pot of Rocky. OK if you haven't guessed it, I am talking about the crawfish boil. The weather was horrible, the officers e-mailed each other and the command was made, LET THE BOIL BE ON! And if you weren't there shame on you. A good turnout, sunglasses were worn and it indeed got a little warm. Or was it just the beer. What a good turn out!

And we had a number of renewing members...some I haven't seen for a while. In fact we had a cameo appearance by the **former Ruble Collector Tim White**. I started the rumor that he wanted to regain his rightful perch atop the Real Power Throne as Ruble Collector. Once the rumor reached his ears, he was gone.....darn.

Oh, renewing and new members as I have written it down (see chart on next page). Congrats. And as part of your membership you can use the equipment at Brew It Yourself (BIY). Very nice setup indeed. And a 10% discount at BIY..need I say

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Can you say *manic*? Try not to be around for the flip-side, comrades. ...not so pretty...

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And, one last note, we still need some VOLUNTEERS to help with judging and clean up after the BBBB, so plan on being there.

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



Commissar Brewski's World

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more.

Please do not forget about the BBBB (Big Batch Brew Bash). We need judges, and stewards. If you have never done it, it's a blast and you learn something as well.

Thanks again to Carl and Rocky for their hospitality and cooking efforts. Well done sirs!

And we had great weather at Brew It Yourself where Don and I brewed I am sure award winning beers. Yes I have a witness that I indeed have brewed a beer, and completed the task right before closing at 5 PM. Mind you plenty of beer was had during the process and brats were eaten as well. Ahhhhhh...

Comrades, my glass is empty and time to for bed.....

RC Phillip



That's has-been Ruble Collector **Tim White** with a crawfish-orange chin.

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Perennial hosts of our April meetings, **Carl Scott** and his better half, **Pat**, pause for some laughs during "The April Gorge."



We know, you're thinking this picture is just so 2006—but *no!* **Lori Guettermann** (left) and **Brande Montgomery Smalley** are back and they've got lots of catching up to do, so watch out!

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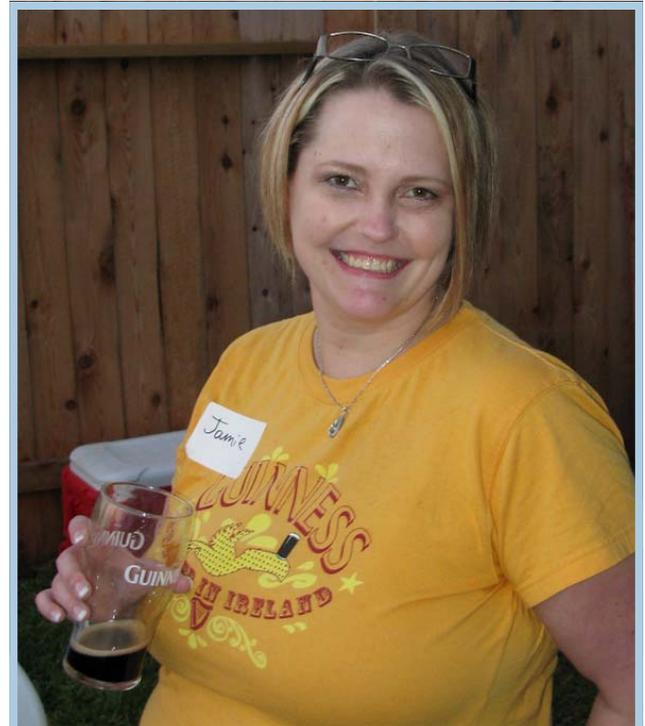
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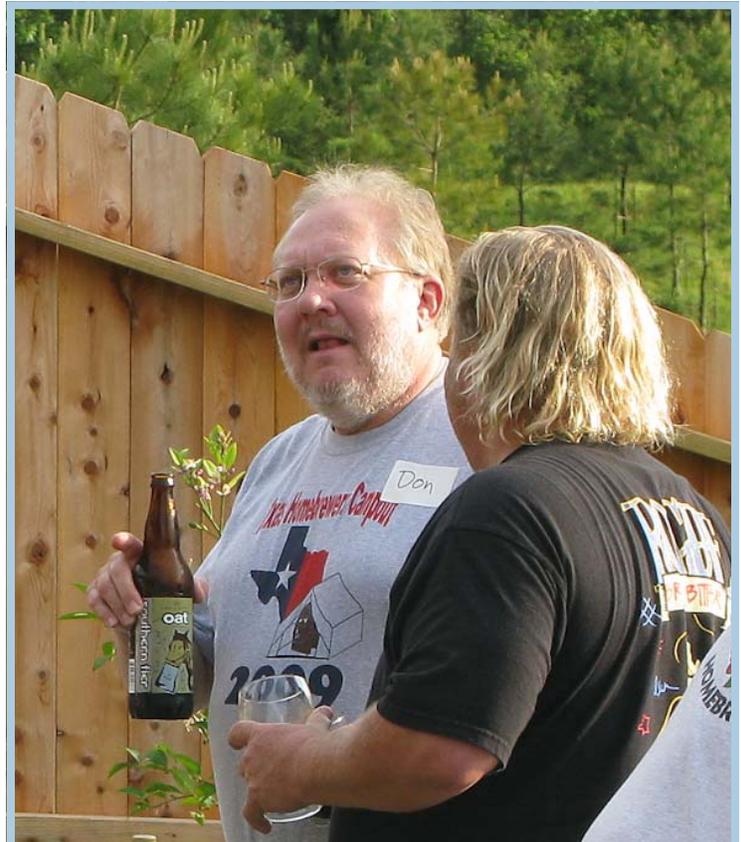
It looks like has-been Czar **Ed Condon** (right) has bitten off more than he can chew with **RC Phil** (left), **Brande Montgomery Smalley** and **Stuart Greene** showing him the error of his ways.



Comrade **Jamie Knapick** told The KGB Files to inform y'all about food for the June meeting, which will be held at her house. Something to do with a brisket and all the trimmings, and something else, too, but we must've had a beer or two that night because the rest of it escapes us, now. Maybe she'll remind us before the next newsletter comes out and it's too late to ask the attendees to bring side dishes and desserts.



Former Czarina **Kim King** proves that mucking around in a pile of crawfish doesn't have to be detrimental to a manicure.



MOW **Donald Sajda** looks to the beer gods for inspiration as he considers how he'll throw the new guy off of getting another taste of that Southern Tier brew he's supposedly sharing.

KGB Calendar

(Updated 11-May-2009)

Event	Date <small>(Article due date)</small>	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
Big Batch Brew Bash	Sun May 17	St Arnold Brewery 2522 Fairway Park Dr	NA	NA
June Meeting Steak-Out	Sat June 20 <small>(Jun 5)</small>	Jamie 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
Dixie Cup <small>www.crunchyfrog.net/dixiecup</small>	Oct 16-17 <small>(Oct 2)</small>	Crown Plaza Hotel Northwest-Brookhollow	Frankenbier	Show up and see!

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