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## DIXIE CUP XXVI



## OCTOBER 16-17

### Edicts From The Czar

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**G**reetings Comrades. A lot has transpired since our August meeting. We had our September meeting at Ray's on September 19, had the GABF on September 24-26, and, last, but not least, our Belgian Blow Out on October 3.

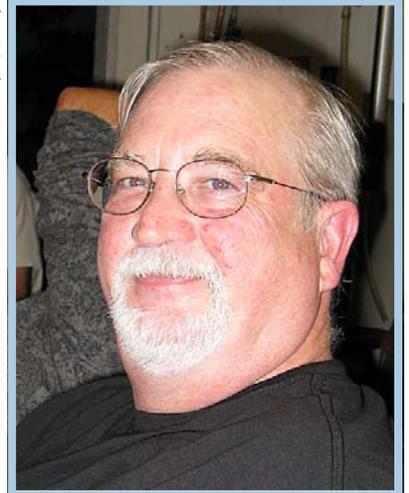
And we are preparing for our part in the Dixie Cup, coming later this month. More on that later.

Our September meeting at Ray's included a few Barley Coherents. We want to thank them, as we always enjoy the company of fellow brewers and beer geeks. And we had plenty of beer, as RC Phil shared some of his award winning Scotch Ale. Also want to thank Ray for hosting us.

Right after our September meeting, several of us traveled to Denver to attend the Great American Beer Festival. Ah, what a trip it was! Beer was plentiful, we visited the Mountain Sun Brew Pub in Boulder, Avery, Twisted Pine, Redstone Meadery, Left Hand, and Oscar Blues. And that was only on Friday! Since I drove, all the beer and/or mead that we bought came back in my back seat or trunk. And after stopping at Kokoman's, north of Santa Fe, there was not an empty space in the whole car that didn't have a beer in it.

But right after I got back in town, we had the Belgian Blow Out hosted by MOT Mark and Karen Rogerson. And, contrary to Karen's concerns, the comrades were very well behaved. I think most of that was due to the fine food and great Belgian Beers that kept their attention for

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### Ruble Collector's Report

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**C**omrades, the most important news: Membership. Congrats, to new and renewing members, 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 Brew It Yourself...need I say more.

Here's what's in the works for the rest of the 2009 year.

**Oct 16-18:** Annual Dixie Cup. KGB is serving the food on Friday Oct 16 so come and help.

For more info: Never mind website still down. Google foam rangers and Dixie Cup. (<http://www.crunchyfrog.net/dixiecup>)

**November 14** Election of Officers at Don and Roberta Sajda's House. If you're not there you may get elected. Be forewarned. Also a rrraaaaffllllleeee!!!!

**Dec 6?** annual Samichlaus brew in. Get there early to enjoy the experience. You wanted to learn about all-grain brewing now is the time. Oh there WILL be beer there.

Hey! Did we ever drink the keg of beer from Saint Arnolds from the Heavy Hitter's award for the BBBB?

Must have been good 'cause I forgot about it. *[Not yet, RC—MOT]*

Thanks to Ray of Brew It Yourself for hosting again. Several of us went to Southern Star Brewery in Conroe prior to the meeting, and had a great time. Then went to Ray's to extend our drinking of delicious beer. Unfortunately the Ruble Collector had to leave early to host the

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#### Renewing Comrades

Joe Neal

Lynn Gamblin

#### New Comrades

Bob Walworth



The RC ain't sharing...

...and neither is Rhonda, nya!

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## Ruble Collector's Report

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Home Owners Association at my house. I think the meeting went well. Don't really remember a lot. At least I didn't get any nasty letters.

Remember to brew your English Barley wine for the 2010 BBBB. I have made three batches already. Competition will again be fierce, so perfect your recipe. This big beer needs time to age!

Belgian Blowout was held at Mark and Karen Rogerson's house. Many thanks. This year was potluck and ALL the food was great. Not only can we brew, we can cook as well. Many thanks to all who cooked and those who showed up. Cheaper than flying to Belgium.

GABF- Great American Beer Festival, as promised, sold out at least a month ahead of time. The Czar, Ruble Collector, and Commissar Brewski arrived and drank our share. Also there although I did not witness but did see him on the plane, Pierre Morow. So we had a few members there.

This was my first time and would STRONGLY suggest going. Get your tickets early though.

Rhonda and I arrived Thursday, Sept. 24, and went directly to Great Divide, where the crowd was huge for 1 PM. There was all the free beer you wanted. Excellent. Then off to the festival where more beer was had. Friday, Rhonda and I met up with Ed Moore, former Czar, and traveled to Boulder, CO for more beer. Saturday was the announcement of the winners of the competition. Unfortunately my Divine Reserve 8 did not win; there were 72 entries this year, up 25% over last. Maybe next year. What won was an IPA. Ask us about the trip at the next meeting. Or at the Dixie Cup.

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

RC Phillip



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**C**an you say GABF? Well I can and I will add that yours truly has experienced the ultimate beer festival. If there is beer tasting in heaven it can't get any better than this. September 24 -27, 2009 was a historical weekend in this CB's lifetime. During this timeframe I had the opportunity to sample more beers than I could keep track of. Yes, I was very picky, my choices consisted of Imperial Stouts, Oak or barrel aged, Imperial IPA's and Barley wines.



Two smiling comrades, two-fisted drinking, two fingers.

During the two four hour tasting sessions I attended I don't believe I even put a dent in the over 2000 beers available at the Denver Convention Center. When we weren't at the Convention Center we toured the country side and toured many a brewery and brewpub. Great Divide, Avery, Twisted Pine, Breckenridge, Midnight Sun, Oskar Blues, Left Hand and Redstone Meadary are just a few worth mentioning.....ah.....life couldn't get much better. This trip was intense to say the least. This experience may be compared with the ultimate BOM

The Dixie Cup is just around the corner. The actual event will take place October 16-17. Judging will take place Sunday October 11 and Tuesday October 13 at Saint Arnold's and of course both October 16 and 17 at the hotel. This is a great event sponsored by our brothers inside the loop, The Foam

Rangers. Come out and enjoy the numerous festivities.

Due to the Dixie Cup there will be no KGB meeting in October. So instead get ready for the November meeting at my place Saturday, November ~~10th~~ 14<sup>th</sup>. This is our annual KGB election and Smörgåsbeerd meeting. This is one of our largest meetings of the year. If you don't show up you may get elected as an Officer for next year!



## KGB Membership Benefits

- **Tomball Welding**—Show your KGB ID and exchanging your CO2 tanks for a price of \$7.00 for a 5 lb. bottle. (tax included) Located on Hwy 249 across from Hughes Propane.
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- **BJ's at Willowbrook**—Show your KGB ID and get Happy Hour Prices on all of BJ's Brewhouse beers any time of the day or night.

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

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the entire evening. And the truffles, ah, to die for! And the chocolate cheesecake. And Belgian Beers. Need I say more?

Now, on to the Dixie Cup, which is being held October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. The KGB is assisting in the Garrett Tasting, formerly the Fred Tasting, which will be held Friday night, October 16. We have volunteers to prepare the 8 courses that comprise the menu. But, we could still use some additional volunteers to help serve, clean, and keep us company. Not to mention to drink beer.

Well, that was long winded and I'm thirsty so I'm going to say Cheers and see you at the Dixie Cup.

Czar Herb



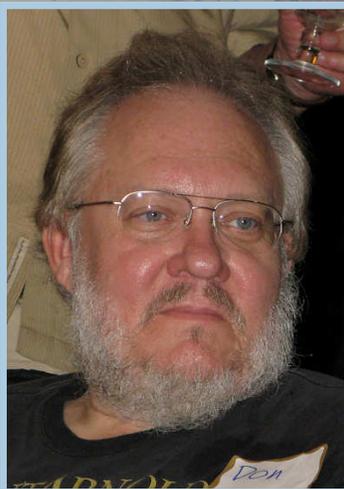
A large advertisement for Saint Arnold Brewery. At the top, the name 'SAINT ARNOLD' is written in large, red, serif letters. Below this is a circular illustration of a bearded man in a red and gold robe, wearing a mitre and holding a beer mug. The background of the illustration shows a landscape with green hills and a blue sky. Below the illustration is a blue banner with the text 'FINE HANDCRAFTED BEERS &amp; ALES'. To the left of the illustration, the text reads 'Tour &amp; Tasting Every Saturday At 1:00pm'. To the right, it says 'Brewed in Texas Since 1994'. At the bottom, it states 'TEXAS' OLDEST CRAFT BREWERY' and provides the website 'WWW.SAINTARNOLD.COM' and location 'HOUSTON, TEXAS'.

## Belgian Blow Out 7

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**O**n September 28, 2003, the KGB culminated their BJCP study group with a fitting coup de grâce. They forced themselves to suffer through a special tasting of “63 different Belgian Dubbels, Tripels, Strong Golden, Strong Dark and Specialty Beers,” as reported by then-Czar Donald Sajda in the October 2003 issue of The KGB Files. In that same report, he dubbed the tasting *The Belgian Blow Out* and we’ve been simultaneously celebrating and torturing ourselves with this tradition ever since.

This year was no different, and somewhere around 20 people got together to hide from the rain in my garage and sam-



Though slightly under the weather, CB **Donald Sajda** kept up with us for most of the evening, before giving in to illness.

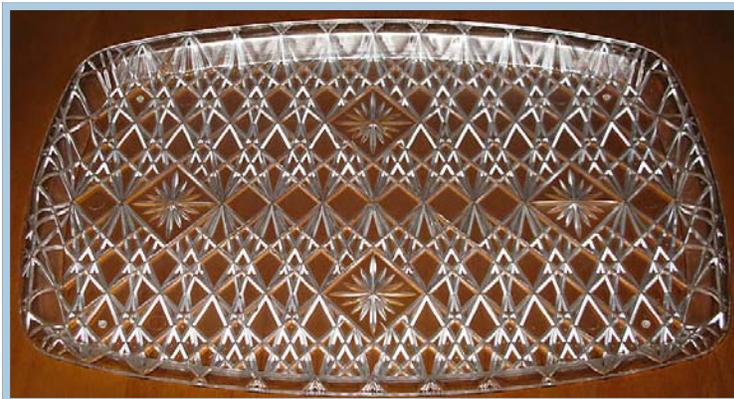


General Secretary **Chris Landis** can mug with the best of them.

ple an uncounted number of Belgian beery goodness. We had a pot luck dinner for (I believe) the first time at a BBO, and the food was exceptional. From Belgian stew to The Truffles from Brussels (chocolate truffles made with a Chimay Grande Reserve reduction) and everything in between, the food and beer were an experience not to be



**The Final Four:** Karen Rogerson (left), **Pepper Millican** and **David Millican** keep the party going into the wee hours. The fourth of the final four (your MOT) is *behind* the camera, genius.



The tray and towel were left behind at the Belgian Blow Out. The owners can contact an officer to claim their property, or show up for the November Smörgåsbeerd at CB Don’s house, where they will almost certainly become part of the rrrraaaaffllllleeee!



Clockwise from upper-right, **Joe Neal**, **Ed Condon**, **John** (last name unknown) and **Ed Howell** are seen enjoying one of the many Belgian beers tasted during the evening.

missed. The leftovers were lovingly devoured by myself for several days afterwards.

There’s a little incentive for the rest of you. Hosting a KGB function can sometimes keep you in fine comestibles for several days after the festivities have finished.



# KGB Calendar

(Updated 7-Oct-2009)

Event	Date (Article due date)	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
<b>Dixie Cup</b> www.crunchyfrog.net/dixiecup	Oct 16-17 (Oct 2)	Crown Plaza Hotel Northwest-Brookhollow	Frankenbier	Show up and see!
<b>November Meeting</b> Smörgåsbeerd	Sat Nov 14 (Oct 30)	Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr.	Best of 2009	2007 Oak Aged Samich- laus on Nitrogen Donald Sajda
<b>Samichlaus Day</b>	Sun Dec 6	Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr.	NA	NA
<b>December Meeting</b> Christmas Party	Samichlaus Day? (Nov 20)	St Arnold Brewery The new place?	Holiday Beers Duh	Saint Arnold Everything

...all very tentative, folks...

## The KGB in 2010

...it's grain of salt time...

<b>January Meeting</b> Spudfest	Sun Jan 17 Noon-4 (Jan 1)	Southern Star Brewery Conroe, TX	TBA	TBA
<b>February Meeting</b> Fish Fry	Sun Feb 20 1PM (Feb 5)	Phillip Kaufman's 15435 Dobbin Dr Conroe, TX 77384	TBA	TBA

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