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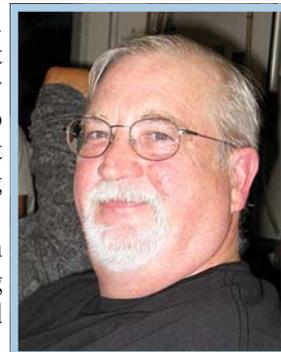
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For a map of this location, see
<http://www.thekgb.org/Events.aspx>

Edicts From The Czar

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Creetings Comrades. Damn, I nearly forgot this month's article. Czar must be getting a little fuzzy, maybe it's all this excitement over winning a couple of medals. I entered the Ska Brewery Pro-AM homebrew contest this past month. The best of show gets to brew their beer at Ska, so I thought, why the hell not! Alas, it was not to be; however, I did win a 1st for Oktoberfest and a 2nd for Strong Scotch Ale. This gets me giddy! Look out, Brokeback.



Okay, enough bragging. We had our January meeting at Southern Star Brewery and we had a beautiful day and lots of good beer, along with a few spuds. Brian gave us a tour of their expanded facility and the comrades were impressed.

Our February meeting will be held at Comrade Robert Chan's house. Check the calendar for the address. I will say that this meeting is real close to the MOP's and Czar's houses, for once. Hail, Comrade Chan, who will also be roasting a lamb for our enjoyment. This is one meeting you don't want to miss.

The KGB Kookers participated in the 3rd Annual One Pot Cook-Off sponsored by Saint Arnold on January 31. Our recipe, Cheese Stout Soup, was worthy, but alas, it was not selected by the esteemed judges. I believe that CB Don will be posting the recipe. We had fun, but it was *cold* that morning!

Just an early note, Saint Arnold is hosting the annual AHA rally on February 28. We will be manning a table to promote the KGB and hopefully, RC Phil can sign up some new members. NOTE: Any KGB member that shows up at the AHA rally wearing the colors will get one beer, on the club, at the Petrol Station after the rally. Don't say you weren't notified.

Well, that's all for now, see you in a couple of weeks.
Cheers.



Ruble Collector's Report

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Comrades: If you missed the meeting at Southern Star you missed a good one. Thanks to David and Brian for opening their place and their taps. A lot of good beer flowed that day. And the weather cooperated.



Please support your local brewery! Here's what they make, and go to Specs and get yourself some! American Pale Ale called **Pine Belt Pale**, a blonde style called **Bombshell Blonde** and a delicious foreign export-style **Buried Hatchet Stout**. Their **Pine Belt Pale** is in 16 ounce cans and their **Bombshell Blonde** and **Buried Hatchet Stout** are in 12 ounce cans.

For up to date info about the brewery go to the website: <http://www.southernstar-brewery.com/SSBNews.asp>

Start brewing! Southern Star Brewing is having a best of show competition (without the actual show). The winning recipe will be brewed here with the winner and be released as the 2010 Addition to the Southern Star Pro-Am line. The beer will also be entered into the 2010 GABF Pro-Am competition.

As always, there are a few rules:

- Great American Beer Festival rules dictate that to be eligible for the Pro-Am, the home brewer MUST be an American Home brewer Association member, both at the time the beer is judged by us, and at the time it is judged at the GABF.
- Entries Must be greater than 5% ABV. Our license does not allow us to make weak beer.

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Ruble Collector's Report

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- Entries must be ready to drink within 2 months after brewing. If you brew a giant, it must mellow fast.
- Entry must be able to be replicated on our system (i.e. no decoction or weird ingredient prep). We are capable of step infusion. Single step infusion preferred.
- Entries cannot be from blended batches. See above rule.
- There is no entry fee. Enter as many beers as you want. Style is open. Judges are invited to enter.
- You must submit at least 4 bottles of each entry along with the recipe (we will keep the recipe private unless you state otherwise).
- Entry deadline is April 17th.
- Homebrewers cannot be employed at a professional brewery.

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Entries will be judged on a 2 round basis that may extend to three rounds by Houston area Homebrew illumination (or as many of them as we can round up/convince to do this).

Keep in mind our existing beer styles (see above), as we are looking to diversify. Good luck and we look forward to drinking...err, judging your entries!"

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Other activities are upon us. Feb 28, KGB will have a booth at Saint Arnold's for the annual American Homebrewers Association (AHA) Rally. Not to be missed. Plenty of beer, and raffle items. Here's the press release from St. Arnold's:

COME JOIN THE AHA AT OUR ANNUAL AHA RALLY ON FEBRUARY 28 Do you or have you ever wanted to homebrew? If the answer to either of these questions is "Yes", then you should become a member of the American Homebrewers Association, a great homebrewing resource as well as a community of beer enthusiasts. The fun will include:

- A walking tour of our new brewery.
- Entry forms for the 2010 BBBB homebrew competition (this year's style is English Barleywine) and perhaps your recipe could be produced as a Divine Reserve! (also available at <http://www.thekgb.org/>)
- Meet local homebrew shop representatives.
- Meet local homebrew club representatives
- Yummy refreshments.

The only cost for admission to this great event is membership in the AHA.

When: Sunday, February 28

Time: 1 PM - 3 PM

Where: Saint Arnold Brewing Co.

Cost of admission: An annual membership in the AHA. Usually this costs \$38, but this one day only it will be \$33!!

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Ruble Collector's Report

What a deal! (You may bring a spouse/significant other). Additional savings on 2 year memberships (regularly \$68, special at \$58) and 3 year memberships (regularly \$97, special at \$87)

Benefits of AHA membership:

- Zymurgy magazine subscription for a year (6 issues full of beer info and homebrewing tips)
- Pub discount program lets AHA members receive discounts at participating pubs
- Book and special event discounts (like the Great American Beer Festival)
- AHA TechTalk forum

More info on the AHA at <http://www.homebrewers-association.org/pages/membership/renew-or-join>

Please RSVP to Ann (ann@saintarnold.com or 713-686-9494)

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Next meeting will be hosted by Robert Chan. See website for more information. Yes he is a virgin. His first meeting held at his place. Please try not to destroy it like we did the last place....

And since you'll be at the meeting, I have decided to collect all the entries for the Blue Bonnet Competition in Dallas For more info: <http://www.bluebonnetbrewoff.com/> And drive those winners up there in time for the February 25 deadline. If you never been ya need to go. I plan on entering, winning, and going!

If you would like to have your beer entered in the Bluebonnet Brew-off, deliver your beer along with all entry forms and fees to either Brew-It-Yourself by noon on February 20, or bring to the KGB meeting at Robert Chan's house by 3pm Feb. 20.

I have made several membership cards for those who requested. I will hand them out Feb. 20th meeting. What does the card get cha you ask. Here ya go:

- **Use Our All Grain Brewery** - KGB members can brew 10-gallon batches using the club's 3-tiered brewery, which includes the stand, sparge liquor tank, mash/lauter tun and brew kettle. All you supply is propane and the ingredients for your batch of beer. The brewery is conveniently stored at Brew-It-Yourself, and can be used during normal business hours, simply by calling Ray and reserving it.
- **Brew-It-Yourself** - 10% discount on all ingredients; 5% discount on all equipment
- **DeFalco's Home Wine and Beer Supplies** - 10% discount on all ingredients; 5% discount on all equipment
- **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.
- **Hughes Propane** - Show your KGB ID and pay per gallon price not per tank. (Hughes Propane in Decker Prairie only)

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So who do we have as new members this month?

Remember to brew your English Barley wine for 2010 BBBB May 16. I have made five batches already. *[Brew all you want, you can only enter two times—MOP]* Competition will again be fierce, so perfect your recipe. This big beer needs time to age.

The most important date is the Crawfish Boil at my house April 17. Aaaaaiieeeee. Laissez les bons temps rouler, cher. And there will be a rrrraaaaaffffell. I do accept raffle items.

Comrades, my glass is empty and time to for bed..... AND be careful out there.

Renewing Comrades

Mark Rogerson

Alex & Tracy Terronez

New Comrades

John Miller

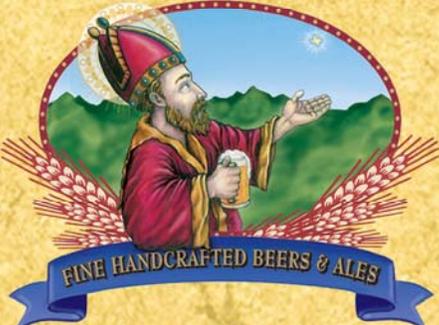
Carol Robertson

Jim & Dawn Bolf

Richard & Susan Nelson

Tell Us About It!

Do you have a homebrewing tip that everyone should know? Have you turned an old bait bucket into the perfect mash tun? Did you document the planning and construction of a computer-controlled brewery complete with high-temperature pumps, steam jacketed vessels and motorized stirrers? Send your story to The KGB Files and share your knowledge. Email to MinisterOfTabloid@TheKGB.org and include hi-res photos if you have them.



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As Commissar Brewski, I plan to enjoy the Holidays year round, so with that in mind I have decreed that the February BOM will once again be Holiday Beers!! Personally, I really enjoy Holiday Beers. These beers are typically big and have some very unique characteristics. Spices, honey, maple syrup and a host of other tasty ingredients are added to these beers in an effort to make them demonstrate a festive flair and for your pleasure I have put together a nice assortment for the membership to enjoy at the February 20th meeting at Robert Chan's. I will guarantee that these beers will complement the roasted goat that Robert will prepare.

The KGB stepped up to prove to the world that besides being excellent brewers we can also cook. On January 24th Saint Arnold's Brewery hosted their 3rd Annual One Pot Cook-Off. The KGB was well represented with the team of Czar Herb, HBC Ed Condon, Comrade Alex Terronez and me, CB/MOW Don. Once again we set the bar high by creating our Cheese Stout Soup. It was cheesy and you could really taste the Saint Arnold Winter Stout in it. As you can tell from the recipe below, the soup was both hardy and complex (5 different types of cheese). As the crowds tasted it, our soup brought smiles to all faces in attendance. Sadly, the judges must not have felt the same and our team was not announced as one of the three winners for this year. But we will be back, and we'll return next year for the Fourth Annual One Pot Cook Off. And this time we plan to bring home the gold!

With the month of February, we find the start of the Lone Star Circuit contest brewing season. The first contest in the Lone Star Circuit will be the Bluebonnet Brew Off. Over the past few years this contest has been the largest single site contest in the world. To place in this contest brings forth some

real bragging rights. See www.LoneStarCircuit.com for more details.

I've been collecting some extremely rare beers and this year I've decided it's time to indulge. So on April 10th I will be hosting the 2nd Rare Beer Tasting. Since most beer comes in 8oz, 12oz, 16oz, or 24 oz bottles I figured it would work out best to limit it to the first twelve members to cough up some bucks. Just to tempt you, how does 1993 Thomas Hardy sound? Ever seen a bottle of 2003 Samuel Adams 26% ABV Utopias? This beer retails at \$200 a bottle. Of course, you can't find it anywhere but EBAY, and the price starts at \$270 a bottle there. I'll have the list at the next meeting and the true beer connoisseur will be impressed. Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime tasting, because when they're gone they are gone. *[At press time, one spot was still available.—MOP]*

Once again we have so much beer to drink and you can't drink all day if you don't start early. See you at Robert Chan's Saturday, February 20th at 3:00 PM.



The KGB's new stealth campaign is in full swing. This billboard (along US 290 near Jersey Village) is sure to send both the curious and the outraged to our web site.

Stout Cheese Soup

The KGB One Pot Cook-off Team

Ingredients:

- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1 large sweet onion
- 1 bottle Saint Arnold's Stout
- 1 bottle Saint Arnold's Stout reduced to 3 oz
- 2 bags O'Brian Potatoes
- 2 cans chicken broth
- 2.5 cups whole milk
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1.5 cups sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup Mexican 4 cheese blend

Instructions:

Heat oil and cook onions till soft 6-8 minutes. Add 1 bottle Saint Arnold Stout, bring to boil then simmer 10 minutes. Add potatoes and broth, bring to boil then simmer 15-20 minutes

Whisk milk and flour together then add to soup. Heat until thickened 6-8 minutes. Slowly add the reduced stout to your desired taste.

Add both cheeses, remove from heat and enjoy.

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KGB Calendar

(Updated 3-Feb-2010)

Event	Date <small>(Article due date)</small>	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
February Meeting Spit-roasted Lamb	Sat Feb 20 3PM-7 (Feb 5)	Robert Chan 9714 Overmead Dr	Holiday/Exotic	Something Big
March Meeting Chili Cook Off	Sat Mar 13 6PM (Feb 26)	Jeff Scheerhorn 5919 Bayonne Drive	Barley Wines	TBA
Rare Beer Tasting <small>Limited to 12 members Enroll on web site Only one spot left!</small>	Sat Apr 10 4PM	Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr.	Rareness	NA
April Meeting Crawfish Festival Raffle!	Sat Apr 17 5PM (Apr 2)	Phillip Kaufman 15435 Dobbin Dr Conroe, TX 77384	Stouts	<i>Bock?</i> Phillip Kaufman
Big Batch Brew Bash	Sun May 16 (Apr 30)	St Arnold Brewery 2000 Lyons Ave	English Barley Wine	Belly up to the St. Arnold bar
June Meeting Steak-Out	Sat June 19 6PM (Jun 4)	David Millican 8002 Oak Moss Dr	Oak Aged	Optimizer or Devil's Backbone
July Meeting Pizza Party	Sat July 17 4PM-8 (Jul 2)	Brew It Yourself 25770 IH 45 N	Pilsner	Jonathan Goudy's German Pils

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