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Saturday, August 21  
6 PM

Chris Landis'  
3807 Cypresswood

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## Edicts From The Czar

Herb Baker — [Czar@TheKGB.org](mailto:Czar@TheKGB.org)

**G**reetings, comrades! Well, it's August and it's FREAKING HOT out there!!

Our July meeting, at Ray's Brew It Yourself, was a big hit. I don't know if it was because RC Phil and yours truly were the only officers in attendance, or if it was all the beer the Czar, subbing for CB Don, was serving up. But, whatever the reason, we had about 30 people attend and everyone had a good time. We want to thank Ray for hosting us.

On Saturday, July 31, the Bay Area Mashtronauts hosted their annual Lunar Rendezbrew. Several KGBers were in attendance, with Marc Barnard and Wesley Powell winning medals for their beers and Donald Sajda winning for his port and wine. Make sure you bring some to Chris's house so we can taste them.

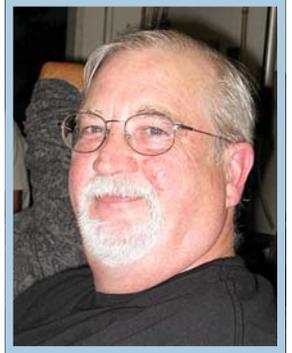
Next up is our August meeting on Saturday, August 21, at 6pm. Meeting will be at Chris Landis house, and this is our Salsa contest. Everyone bring a salsa in one of three categories, traditional, non-traditional, and hot, and we'll see if it is any good.

Also, for those of you who participated in the Southern Star National Homebrewer's Day, I have heard that we are meeting at their brewery on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> to taste everyone's finished product. Hope to see you there.

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

Cheers.

Czar Herb



## Ruble Collector's Report

Phillip Kaufman — [RubleCollector@TheKGB.org](mailto:RubleCollector@TheKGB.org)

**C**omrades! Thanks to everyone who came to Brew It Yourself and partook in Rhonda's and my third place winning Extra Special Bitter of the Uncle Billy's Brew and BBQ event in Austin. Many very well appreciated comments were made by those who sample this fine brew. Thanks. And thanks to Jonathon Goudy's Imperial IPA. Very nice and refreshing and alcoholic too! There were about 25-30 people with plenty of pizza and beer. And thanks to Ray for opening his business to us!

Next meeting will be at Chris Landis' house and I am sure he will give us a sample of his award winning English Barley wine that won St Arnold's Big Batch Brew Bash and that will be entered in the Great American Beer Festival in Denver. Get your tickets. This event sells out quickly. My understanding it will be entered in 2011. So come to Chris's house August 21, make some salsa for the competition, and bring your swimsuit. And beer.

Rhonda and I made it to Gulf Brew In July 24 in Lafayette, LA and had a great time. If you ever get a chance next year around July, I would strongly suggest you go. And you never know who you may meet there. In fact we had a Tim White sighting! Ask me more at the meeting.

I have many KGB cards that have been requested. So come to a meeting and make sure I remember to give you your card. These cards are valuable; they give you a 5% discount at Brew It Yourself and a 10% discount on food at BJ Brewery. Yes ladies you requested the

## Membership Update

### Renewing Comrades

Michelle McFalls

Michael Crumley

Elmore Brown

Ray Moore

Joe and Lori Perjak

### New Comrades

Gregg Caraway

Gentry Baswell

Wesley Higginbothan



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**G**reetings Comrades. As all of you are aware, your Commissar Brewski, me, failed to deliver an article for you in the past newsletter. But there is nothing to worry about now, since I am at the tail end of my visit to the much cooler grounds of my vacation cabin in Cloudcroft, NM.

To begin my tale, there is a radio station up here, 101.5, The Kidd, based out of Ruidoso that plays pure kick-ass rock and roll. Very rarely do they repeat songs; material I haven't listened to since I cranked up my LPs many, many years ago. Too bad we don't have a station like this in the Houston market. What does this have to do with brewing you might ask? Well, I will say I drank many a high gravity brew this summer listening to this station and do recommend it if any of you are driving in southern New Mexico. *[Through the magic of the internet, you can listen to this station. Go here: [http://radiotime.com/station/s\\_33099/KIDX\\_1015.aspx](http://radiotime.com/station/s_33099/KIDX_1015.aspx). —MOP]*

Congrats goes to KGB members Marc Bernard for earning a second place for his strong ale and Wes Powell a third place for his Belgian strong ale. Yours truly entered a few wines and received a second and third place in the dessert wine category in this year's Lunar Rendezbrew. Our next big push will be to make an impressive showing in this year's Dixie Cup. Next to the BBBB, this local event, run by the Foam Rangers, is my favorite beer event to attend.

When I return, I plan to team up with my old brewing buddy, Mark Rogerson, to brew our entry for next year's Big Batch Brew Bash. This of course will be a Strong Ale. Comrades, make sure you get yours brewed soon so that the KGB will again dominate our contest.

During my stay in the cabin, a vision came to me from the Brewing gods (I was sober at the time). The gods helped me formulate a recipe for the Southern Star Pro Am Contest that will be held next April. Now, I am not at liberty to say what style we will be brewing. Only my brewing partner, Czar

Herb, knows for sure. All I can say is that I think we have a winning recipe supplied by the Beer gods. The word is out as deer and elk found their way to our cabin grazing with their nose to the wind hoping to catch a whiff of the promised brew.

After spending the summer tasting award winning salsas in the land of chiles, I am looking forward to the August KGB meeting to be held at Chris Landis's home. This has been a long time tradition with swimming, plenty of beer, fajitas and of course the salsa contest. I dare say that you shouldn't bother to enter because I will have the winner. My thanks goes to Chris beforehand for being such a great host and opening his home to us.

Even though I have been enjoying seven weeks of cool weather (high 72 low 50) I do miss my old brewing buddies and have the desire to sweat my ass off and get back to brewing some fine homebrew. See you at the August KGB meeting.

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## Ruble Collector's Report

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BLING and I have some. Women's KGB shirts. Be the first to show your colors. I have large and extra large. I haven't decided on a price yet so come to the August meeting for your new shirts.

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

Ruble Collector For Life Phillip



A link to **Taplister** recently turned up in the KGB Files inbox. At the moment, it has bar listings for four Houston bars, including; The Flying Saucer; Hearsay Gastro Lounge; The Ginger Man; and The Petrol Station. Trouble is, it only shows beers for The Petrol Station.

<http://houston.taplister.com/bar/show/1942-the-petrol-station>

## Palm IPA

Robert Chan

Batch size: 5 gallons

### Grain

17 lbs 2 row  
1 lbs Medium Crystal  
0.75 lbs cara-pils  
0.13 lbs Special B  
6 oz Melissa's Piloncillo Brown Sugar (unrefined)  
2 lbs Pure Coconut Palm Sugar

### Yeast

California Ale

### Priming Sugar

½ cup table sugar / 5 gallons

### Hops

2 oz Chinook (60 min)  
1 oz Centennial (40 min)  
1 oz Centennial (15 min)  
1 oz Galena (2nd fermenter)

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As you know, good beer will bring them out of the woodwork and this is definitive proof. I thought he died in 1992, but here's comrade **Rhonda Davis** at the Gulf Brew In with legendary SF author, **Isaac Asimov**. The KGB Files staff is *infinitely jealous!*

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Ruble Collector **Phillip Kaufman** is a man of many hats (and yes, they're all too small).

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

# KGB Calendar

(Updated 10-Aug-2010)

Event	Date <small>(Article due date)</small>	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
<b>August Meeting</b> Salsa Party	Sat Aug 21 6PM	Chris Landis 3807 Cypresswood	Bocks	Robert Chan Palm IPA
<b>September Meeting</b>	Sat Sep 18 4PM-8 <small>(Sep 3)</small>	Brew It Yourself 25770 IH 45 N	Browns & Porters	Baltic Porter Mark Rogerson & Marc Bernard
<b>Belgian Blow Out</b>	Sat Oct 2 5PM	Mark Rogerson 17706 Garnercrest Dr	Belgium...HELLO!	Please oh please oh please oh please...
<b>Dixie Cup</b>	Oct 14-17 <small>(Oct 1)</small>	Crown Plaza Hotel, Northwest-Brookhollow 12801 NW Freeway	NA	NA
<b>November Meeting</b> Smörgåsbeerd	Sat Nov 13 5PM <small>(Oct 29)</small>	Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr.	Best of 2010	St. Arnold Christmas Ale
<b>Samichlaus Day</b>	Mon Dec 6	Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr.	Super-bocks	Samichlaus! <small>(clone, of course)</small>
<b>December Meeting</b> Christmas Party	Sun Dec 5 <small>(Nov 19)</small>	St Arnold Brewery 2000 Lyons Ave	Holiday Beers Duh	Saint Arnold Everything

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