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## This Month's Meeting

### Date/Time

Saturday, September 21st  
11 am - 2pm

### Location

Lone Pint Brewery  
507 Commerce  
Magnolia, Texas 77355

## Membership Update

### Renewals

Mike Johnson  
Bill King  
Wes Powell

### Newals

Michael Turner

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## Edicts from the Czar

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**HERE** we are in September, and the weather is getting ready to cool off. It's the start of a new brewing season! Our August meeting was once again most excellent thanks to the always excellent hosts, the Landis'. A big thanks to them for the brews, the pool, and of course the excellent weather!

Has-been GS Peter Rosales once again proved himself Fajita-Master by grilling up some most-excellent Chicken and Beef fajitas. Talk about good eats! Other successes included the salsa contest (that Ghost chili salsa had a nice chocolate mole like flavor but burned like hell!), Jeff Scheerhorn's dominance of the raffle, and the TShirt contest. We had a lot of excellent entries, but Katie Murphy's design managed to edge out the competition. Look for the new design at a meeting in the near future!

Our next meeting is coming up on September 21st. We'll meet up at Lone Pint Brewing Co. in Magnolia to enjoy their delicious offerings. Timing will be a bit early as we're at their mercy (though worth the trade for the beer!) starting at 11am. They're a great local brewer putting out some fantastic ales, so hope to see a lot of you there!

Also coming up, in October is the Dixie Cup. Word on the streets is that early registration is open until Sept. 21, with late registration continuing until the 28th. Good luck to our entrants! Also on the docket, start preparing now if you plan to brew up some Samichlaus this year. White Labs has released the Zurich Lager strain this month thru

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## Ruble Collector's Report

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**COMRADES,** I have a riddle for everyone: How do you get the best value out of your KGB membership? The answer is simple, you show up at meetings! We had a strong showing at last month's meeting with nearly 40 members making an appearance. For those didn't attend, you missed out on delicious food and great beer (a heck of a steal for only \$5), as well as t-shirt and salsa contests and the excitement of a RAAAAFFLE!!! Many thanks to all the members who donated items for the raffle, and the same to those of you who supported the club with your ticket purchases. We all know that a home brewer never has enough pint glasses.

Do you know when your membership expires? Meetings make for great opportunities to renew your membership, and three of our members took advantage of the convenience at last month's meeting. In addition to the renewals we also welcomed a new member last month. Perhaps you have a friend who enjoys beer and has always been interested in homebrewing but doesn't know where to start? Perhaps you should bring them to a meeting and let them see what its like to join the party, er... I mean club.

And now for some words of advice: When in doubt, use a blowoff tube. I've heard its not very fun to be woken up at 4am when your fermenter blows its lid and coats your fermentation cooler with English Barleywine.

**HELLO**<sup>KGB,</sup>

It has been a long time since I have put anything on paper for the club or beer in general. It has been a real crazy summer for sure. Between work travel and product schedules, new grandkids, moving kids, and the "fun" things life brings there has not been much time for KGB meetings, brewing and friends. I really hope this madness changes in the fall. I look forward to pulling out the brew system a making something big for the oak barrels. also look forward to seeing everyone at Lone Pint, meeting the Lone Pint folks and of course drinking their beer. What I have tried so far has been good. The KGB BOM this month will be Imperial Red Ales supplemented with a few different styles to keep it interesting.

Although I haven't been to a meeting in awhile, I am constantly hunting beer for the KGB BOM. The good thing about work travel is ability to find beer not available in Houston. The hard part is to not buy too many beers. Luggage only holds so many beers and the airline weight limits puts a real bind on that number. I have been thinking about purchasing a few heavy beer shipping boxes to aid with the airline or ship separately. It's all about the beer. October brings a Netherlands/Belgium trip so this is an urgent issue to solve.

The August Saint Arnold pub crawl in Galveston took us to a little bar called Brews Brothers (BB). It is not the first time Mary and I have been there but it was the first time visit since James Cunningham, formerly long time Saint Arnold salesman, became a partner. The real truth is Mary had another bum foot so we didn't participate in the Pub Crawl. However this was a good reason to go the bar and just hang out. We had a great time. James and Justin were great hosts.

BB has a respectable craft beer tap selection and a video screen to show what's on tap. Due to the pub crawl James had ~11 SA beers on tap and as many taps for other breweries to boot. I had no trouble in finding something good to drink. Unfortunately for me I chose Endeavor most of the evening, not a good session drinking choice at 9% but obviously smooth enough to do so. The food menu consists mostly of hamburgers but there are other tasty choices as well. I tried the "Mission from God" and it was outstanding, ½ lb Angus burger topped with crispy bacon, goat cheese, beer sautéed onions and mushrooms, dressed with mayo and house beer mustard served with a side of

## 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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- **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.
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**HELLOOOOO** Comrades, I hope you all had a good summer as it comes to an end. As we prepare for the fall weather, there are going to be lots of outdoor activities and events. Also, if you ever get the chance to take time off, you might want to take a trip to the hop farms where it's time to harvest. You might get the opportunity to bring back some wet hops to brew.

So again, the last meeting was a success thanks to Chris Landis & Susan for hosting with Pete the taco chef grilling away for members. I think with all the members, we chowed down more than 10 lbs of beef and chicken. It was definitely delicious with all the fixin's to pack in a taco. Wheat beer & taco was a reasonably good beer and food pairing considering it's summer.

Next meeting will be at the Lone Pint Brewery and the beer of the month will be Imperial Red Ales. It's a big style beer including huge malt and hop profile. It is almost like taking an Irish red and double or triple its recipe which results in a high ABV. I'm not sure what specifically the food pairing is but all I know it's going to be a hearty meal to fill those bellies. I am thinking of something deep fried but if you have any suggestions, let me know.

About 2 weeks ago, Sofia and I made a short trip to the hill country. We took a short break driving around and visited a brewpub and a restaurant in Dripping Springs. A restaurant called Creek Road Café served some very delicious entrees and we were lucky enough to have one of their specials..... Deep fried Branzino served with mixed organic garden vegetables and mushroom risotto. We also saw a table that ordered a 3 lbs deep fried red snapper with the head on. Ahaaa, my favorite but unfortunately, it was too big for us.



KGB Invasion at Mellow Mushroom

So, after dinner, we headed down to The Barber Shop. It used to be a ..... yep you guess it, a barber shop but now it's turned to be a brewpub. They carry Texas craft beers and they brew their own specials. Dripping Springs is quite a neat town to visit and a pleasant one to relax. We also wanted to hit another brewery called Solid Rock Brewery in Spicewood, TX but they expect to open in October. On our way back to Houston, we decided to stop at the Pint House Pizza in Austin. Awesome brewpub with good pizzas. Last weekend, I decided to hit some beer joints in Houston and to my surprise, there are some new developments. First off, it's the Incubator Brewery, where "members" can brew, ferment and serve on location. It is a neat concept if you want to see what it takes to step into the business. Currently, 75% of the sales go to the brewer. You can follow them on Facebook to see what the latest is. I also hit 8th Wonder Brewery while I was downtown. So, if you have some spare time and curious about what these places have to offer, make a trip and try some of the craft beers, you might want to have more, and more, and more, and more ..... or not!



# GREETINGS COMRADES,

I've been in the middle of the National Forest these past three weeks and will continue to be out here for about another six weeks. Eat your hearts out, a hot day out here is about 72. I have very limited Internet access but luckily for you I'm using my wife's iPhone five and attempting to dictate this newsletter article. The first bit of good news I would like to send out is that Has Been-minister of propaganda Mark Rogerson is quickly recovering from his recent illness. I've been out with Mark a number of times with our new club called the retired guys lunch club. We have downed a number of beers at BRC and Rockwell Tavern. If the weather is cool for the September meeting Mark said he might attend but as we know there's a good chance that it will still be hot. Mark does promise to attend the November meeting at my place. Congratulations go to three KGB members for placing in various pro am breweries contests. First off Ed Condon pulled a 2Peat by once again winning at the Southern Star Pro-Am brewing contest. Ed brewed a Rye type beer. Comrade Mark Barnard won with a stout beer brewed in the Pro-Am contest in Albuquerque. Finally has-been Czar Ed "Emo" Moore won with the double Bock that he brewed at one of the Denver breweries. Congratulations to these excellent brewers.



One of the largest brewing contests will be happening in Houston soon, entries for the Dixie cup will be due at Brew It Yourself September 27. Comrade John Miller and myself teamed up to brew one of the specialty beers for the contest. This beer will be named as the "Big O". The actual dates for the Dixie cup will be October 18 and 19th.

Time for me to get back to mother nature, will see you sometime late October. Take care Comrades.

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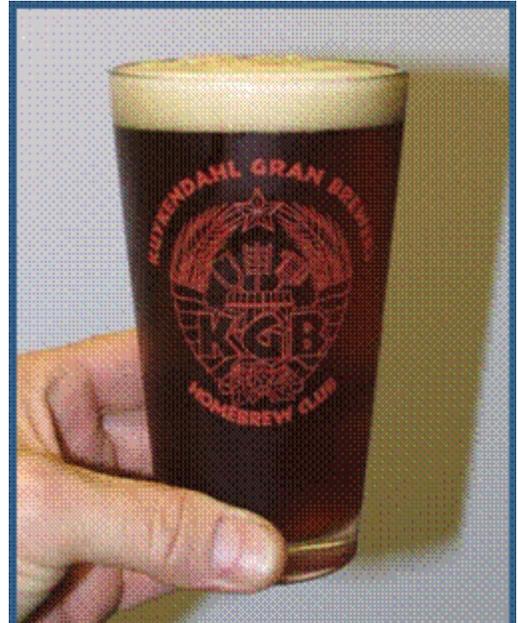
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October so be sure to let Ray know. It's an excellent beer to brew and a lot of fun. Hopefully soon I can have a high-gravity brewing article ready to give some good pointers.

Happy Brewing!

## Commissar Brewski's World

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hand cut chips freshly fried. James brought out several creative R&D culinary masterpieces from the kitchen while we were there and allowed us to try them - very impressive. As such the menu is growing steadily. The prices are fair considering the quality of food and beer. This is a place after my own heart.

Around the bar room walls sit a number of brewing and fermenting tanks waiting to be installed. The brewery is slowly coming together but no date as to when it will be functional. Breweries take time and money. So go down to Galveston and support them when you can. I have a feeling James knows a little something about beer. The bar is located 2404 Strand, Galveston, TX 77550. It was recently voted "the best bar to visit on Galveston Island".

See everyone at the meeting. Hoppy Trails!!

CB Jon



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Pictures from the August Meeting...



Drawing for the raffle!



Reading the Winners!



Pringles? What a prize!!



It's so hard to choose!



Salsa Winners!



General Secretary "discussion"...



There was an imposter Czar there for a minute...



You can never have too many Pringles!!

## KGB Calendar

Event	Date	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
September Meeting	Saturday 9/21	Lone Pint Brewery 507 Commerce Magnolia 77355	Red Ales	Lone Pint
Dixie Cup XXX (No October Meeting)	10/17-19	Crown Plaza NW	N/A	N/A
November Meeting Smorgasbeerd	Saturday 11/16	Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr.	Big Beers	St. Arnold's Christmas Ale
December Meeting Samichlaus Day	Friday 12/6	Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr.	Samichlaus	Samichlaus
Homebrewer's Christmas Party	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
January Meeting	TBD	Southern Star	Stouts	TBD

**Southern Star's Oktoberfest is 9/28 from 6-10 pm. Tickets are \$30 and include 5 tokens. See you there!**

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