



Kuykendahl Gran Brewers

Monthly Meeting

Date & Location

SUNDAY
May 18, 2014
1 pm

St Arnold's
 2000 Lyons
 Houston, Texas 77020

Style of the Month

Texas Brown Ale

Meeting Cost

\$10??

Special Event

BBBB

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EDICTS FROM THE CZAR

Comrades,

Our April crawfish meeting was held at RC Phil's house.... again, so thanks to the RC for hosting another great event and he did a great job not burning the chicken.



Thanks to Rocky for helping with the cooking and GS Jake giving orders to her lovely Husband Tim Frost to do all the cooking & cleaning. We had a fabulous turnout with about 50 to 55 people or more... I think. We went through about 200 pounds of those mudbugs and it was just the right amount. We did not float the KOM so I have to "force" myself to take it back. Well somebody had to sacrifice, right! There were a few comrades who brought their homebrew and most had their Texas Brown Ale done pretty well. I must say, it's going to be a stiff competition at the BBBB.

Our Big Batch Brew Bash (BBBB) is coming up May 18th, 2014. By the time you read this article, we should be close to the event. So if you have not got your entries in by now, wait for next year's style!

Well, that's all for now, see you in a about a week. Cheers.

Czar Robert

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RUBLE COLLECTOR'S REPORT

I'm sure Tyler has something interesting to say... but we can't seem to find him... or the new members... or the renewal members... or the money... maybe we should start looking for Tyler..

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A rectangular advertisement for Saint Arnold Brewery. At the top, "SAINT ARNOLD" is written in large, red, serif letters. Below this, on the left, is the text "Tour & Tasting Every Saturday At 1:00pm". In the center is a circular logo of a saint in a red and gold robe holding a chalice, with wheat stalks on either side. Below the logo is a blue banner with the text "FINE HANDCRAFTED BEERS & ALES". On the right side, it says "Brewed in Texas Since 1994". At the bottom, it reads "TEXAS' OLDEST CRAFT BREWERY" and "www.saintarnold.com • HOUSTON, TEXAS".

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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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- **Defalco's** - 5% off ingredients and equipment
- **Backyard Homebrewer's (Humble)** - 5% off ingredients and equipment

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

SEE THE NEW MEMBERSHIP
SECTION ON PAGE 6... OR
CHECK BACK NEXT MONTH
FOR AN UPDATE!

COMMISSAR BREWSKI'S WORLD

Greetings Comrades,

The cold weather is now gone and like it or not we will now get back to being Houston again. One sure sign was the annual Crawfish Boil and IPA Fest at Phil's house. I'm sorry I missed it, but I heard everyone had a great time. Thanks again to Sam Mitchiner for taking over as CB for the day. I hope you were nice to him as he was giving you beer.



May means the Big Batch Brew Bash! I hope your entries do well as we want to keep the Heavy Hitters Award at its proper place in the KGB. MOW Don has his two entries ready to go and is very confident in their ability to wow the judges. Nothing like throwing down the gauntlet, eh? I will also have two entries and am hoping for the best. Please come out to Saint Arnold's on the 18th and help if you can. This is a great event but it cannot go on without club members making sure everything is taken care of. We will have many great raffle items and of course beer. The taps open at 1 p.m. Bring your friends and amaze them with your knowledge of everything beer. With Texas Brown being the category this year the judging should be interesting and fun. If you have never worked a contest before you can be a steward or help with set-up and other things. You still get to enjoy the beer without the pressure of judging. Contact the Czar and he will give you your marching orders.

The June meeting will be here on Saturday, June 14th at Comrade Craig Gentry's house. It is guaranteed to be a great time. MOP Mark has given your CB a hard time about the BOM, but he will be relieved to know that the menu will be outstanding. We will have some leftovers from the BBBB from both this year and the past, but since we cannot guarantee the finest quality of these entries I have dug deep into the BOM vault and pulled some gems. The KGB has been very good this year so we will have a Smorgasbeer in June celebration. No need to wait until November for such a great occasion. I have been searching the four corners of the globe gathering beers worthy of the highly refined and advanced palates of the KGB. Just wait until RC Tyler gets my travel receipts. Honestly, Tyler, I had to fly first class.

Hopefully everyone's homebrew equipment has awakened from a long winter's nap and you are busy brewing. Don't be shy about bringing samples to the meetings. We are, of course a homebrew club and even though we serve some of the finest commercial beers around at our meetings, the focus should be on homebrew. If you have a recipe that you are especially proud of and want to share it with the club, just let me know and I will have it posted on the webpage. We also welcome anyone who wants to donate a keg for the KOM. I try to find commercial kegs and have been in contact with several of the new local craft breweries, but good homebrew on tap is better and we would love to serve it. Email or call me and we'll set it up.

See you at the BBBB and Happy Mashing,
Happy brewing!
Mike's Johnson

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NOTES FROM GENERAL SECRETARY

The crawfish boil went off without a catch thanks to Rocky and Phil.
We wiped out 200lbs of crawfish in nothing flat.
Moving on to the BBBB get your tasters ready for all those entry samples,
see you there.
Hope all you Mom's had a great Mothers Day.



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DECLARATIONS OF WAR

OK Comrades,

It's our time to shine. This Sunday, May 18th, the 19th Annual "Big Batch Brew Bash" will take place. This is the worlds largest single style contest and we the KGB have been running it for 19 years. To make this a success we need your help. Rumor has it that we have around 90 "Texas Brown Ales" to judge. So it's time for all of us to step up to the plate. These beers aren't going to judge themselves. Judging starts at 9:00 that Sunday. Our club has a number of BJCP judges and we need you! For those that are novices we will team you up with an experienced judge. We only need you for one round or approximately 90 minutes. We could also use stewards to help pour the beers for judging. In addition we could use your help sorting score sheets and doing some general paper work.



The awards ceremony takes place at Saint Arnold's from 1:00 - 4:00. If nothing else get up here and purchase some raffle tickets for some great items. We make a good deal of cash on the raffle and this helps differ the costs of our meetings.

My article was short and sweet. Be there Sunday to help and to make this the greatest BBBB ever.

Cheers

MOW Don

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PHOTOS!
APRIL MEETING AT PHIL'S
CRAWFISH!!



KGB Calendar

Event	Date	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
May Meeting Raffle!	Sunday 5/18	Big Batch Brew Bash Houston, Texas	Beer	TBD
June Meeting Raffle!	Saturday 6/14	Craig Gentry's Spring, Texas	Leftovers from BBB	TBD
July Meeting	Saturday 7/19	Ray's (Brew it Yourself) Spring, Texas	Pilsners	TBD
August Meeting	Saturday 8/16	Chris Landis' Spring, Texas	Barley Wines	TBD
September Meeting	Saturday 9/20	Ryan Gray's Spring, Texas	Bochs	TBD
October Meeting	Friday 10/17- Saturday 10/18	Crown Plaza Brookhollow Houston, Texas	Dixie Cup	TBD

You'll notice there are few TBDs... at least you know they are coming!

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