



Kuykendahl Gran Brewers



EDICTS FROM THE CZAR

Goosh, it's already a year as Czar. How time flies for a lot of us. First off, I would like wish everyone a Happy New Year. I do believe there have been some changes to the club activities but there's more to be done for members. Please put in your ideas, I'd love to hear it at our meetings.

Officer election was done last November, so new officers are now on duty. Positions for GS and RC will have assistants to help them out. MOW Don has stepped down but he will still be on my speed dial. We thank him for his long contribution to the club. Please come to our next meeting to check out the new appointed and elected officers.

As with every year, beginning of the first quarter will be filled with awesome activities such as St Arnolds One Pot Brew. In addition, lots of competition will be around for you to send in your homebrew. So if you have not brewed, you better get going. And, our own Homebrew competition, BBBB 2015 in May will be American Barleywine Style. Big beer, more time..... brew now. See you all soon.

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Monthly Meeting

Date & Location

SUNDAY
January 18, 2015
1-4 pm

Southern Star Brewery
1207 N. FM 3083 Rd. E.
Conroe, Texas

Style of the Month

Stouts

Meeting Cost

TBA

Special Event

Southern Star Brewery

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RUBLE COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Happy New Year's Comrades! It is 2015 and the start of a whole new brew year! I hope everyone is getting their American Barleywine brewed up for the club's Big Batch Brew Bash Competition in May this year. This is the time to be brewing and the cold temperatures lately to be brewing in makes chilling your wort go faster! **This year's BBBB entries are due by May 1st!** So get your brewing systems out and get brewing NOW if you haven't done so already and intend on entering!



Comrade Phil Kaufman is coordinating the BBBB competition this year, and so far has been doing one heck of a job! We can, I'm sure, use all the club members help with acquiring and picking up donation item for the BBBB RAAAAAAAAAFLE from merchants willing to help out our club! See Phil for more details if your able and willing to help assist!

Next meeting KGB meeting is at Southern Star Brewery in Conroe on Jan 18th (yes, that's a Sunday) from 1pm - 4pm. Southern Star has always been very gracious hosts to the KGB having our January meetings at the brewery, so be sure to thank Dave and the crew for having us there if you see him.

Hope to see you there, and be safe! Southern Star's beers have a tendency to sneak up on you, and it can be a somewhat long ride home for some of us Comrades!
-RC Tyler

Another Christmas has come and gone. Santa brought me some new home brewing supplies; I hope you were as lucky. The temperature has dropped into its typical January low digits and brewing at the Dawson house is on hiatus until it warms up a bit. Even huddling by a roaring propane burner isn't enough to ward off the chilly rain we are projected to have this weekend.

The Houston Chronicle ran another article about new breweries opening in the area on January 3rd in the Business Section. They discussed numerous breweries under construction as well as expansions at Southern Star and Karbach. However, they missed the one going up closest to us. 11 Below is a new brewery that is in a warehouse park a little south of Willowbrook Mall, near the Beltway and 249. I stopped by and talked to Bryce Baker, one of the owners and Keenan Zarling, the head brewer a few days ago. They are getting close to starting production and are enthusiastic about having the club visit their facility. I'm excited about the prospect of another new brewery so close to home. They can be found at 11belowbrewing.com as well as the usual social media outlets. It is a heady time for the craft beer industry and I am looking forward to more beers to sample and attempt at home.

KGB Membership Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 - 5% off ingredients and equipment. Spend >\$250 in 6 months and get 10% off for the next 6 months.• Cypress Grape and Grain - 5% off equipment, 10% off everything else• Defalco's - 5% off ingredients and equipment• Backyard Homebrewer's (Humble) - 5% off ingredients and equipment• Hop Scholar - \$2.00 off your bill <p>Note: To receive a membership card, see the Ruble Collector at any meeting or event.</p>

I am happy to be helping Tyler out, please bear with me as I learn the ruble collecting ropes as well as this newsletter authoring gig. Neither prose nor accounting is my strong suit as you have probably determined already.

-Co-RC John

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COMMISSAR BREWSKI'S WORLD

Happy New Year, Comrades!

In my job as a public school teacher, I look forward to my two weeks of unpaid leave during the Christmas season. It gives me time to reflect on many things; beer included. During one of those times of reflection (with a great craft beer of course) I began thinking about how much the beer landscape has changed in and around the Houston area. I remember a conversation with a visitor from up North and he was astonished at the turnout for the Saturday tour at Saint Arnold's. I told him that it did not seem that long ago when I would visit the old Saint Arnold brewery and if there were a dozen people on the tour, Brock and Kevin thought it was a good week. Oh my, how things have changed.



Just a little over 20 years ago we had one brewery in town at the intersection of Loop 610 and Interstate 10 that still makes yellow, fizzy beer. Fast forward to 2015 and our city has made tremendous strides in terms of quantity and quality of beer. I decided to make a list of craft breweries that are now in our area. We now have a pretty decent selection to choose from. You may like some more than others, but you don't have to go far now to have really good local beer choices. Here is what I came up with in no particular order.

1. Saint Arnold Brewing Company – without Saint Arnold's, we might not be where we are now.
2. Southern Star Brewing Company – our neighbors to the North and the host each year for our January meeting.
3. Karbach Brewing Company – one of the fastest growing craft breweries in the country.
4. The Lone Pint Brewery – that little gem in Magnolia that makes Yellow Rose IPA as well as several other very fine beers.
5. Cycler's Brewing – another great small brewery in Montgomery and a friend of the KGB.
6. B-52 Brewing Company – another Conroe brewery that is a great place to go on a nice day and enjoy good beer in a nice setting.
7. Copperhead Brewery – can you believe there are now 3 breweries in Conroe? This one just opened and I can't wait to try their beers.
8. Buffalo Bayou Brewing Company – More good beer from a small brewery just off I10 and T.C. Jester.
9. No Label Brewing Company – this one is just to the west in Katy. Open for tours every Saturday from 12 to 3.
10. Texian Brewing Company – on the southwest side of town in Richmond.
11. Texas Beer Refinery – near Galveston Bay in Dickinson.
12. 8th Wonder Brewery – just a short corner kick from the BBVA Compass futbol stadium near downtown.
13. Fort Bend Brewing Company – this one is in Missouri City.
14. Whole Foods Market Brewing Company – Can you believe someone had the guts to put a brewery in a grocery store?
15. 11 Below Brewing – Near Willowbrook Mall. I just learned about this one. From what I understand they are not open yet but soon will be.

As your CB, I will try to foster relationships with as many of the local breweries that I can. Sure, you can get great beer in California, Colorado and Oregon etc. but you can also get great beer here. Many of these local breweries are owned by homebrewers gone mad and will share recipes for you to try at home. We live in a great time for good beer and it all started with the homebrewers. I hope to see you on the 18th at Southern Star for the meeting and feel free to tell me about any breweries I might have missed.

Cheers!

Mike's Johnson

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NOTES FROM GENERAL SECRETARY

Another year has passed and happily we greet the year 2015 with hopes of a future filled with big beers and great food. Thank you for an amazing 2014 Jake and Tim as GS. Jake only you, a real chef, could follow Robert and Sophia's time as General Secretary.



2015 brings you an odd couple handling the General Secretary spot. Jeff Scheerhorn and Sam Mitchiner will fill the role of General Secretary. Brothers from a different mother. You can tell which one is on duty as GS because he'll be the one wearing the white hat. You might be thinking, odd couple? How are Jeff and Sam any odder than Jake and Tim or Robert and Sofia? Come to the meetings to see.

First up is the January meeting which will be held at Southern Star brewery in Conroe Sunday, yes SUNDAY January 18th from 1-4. We'll have baked potatoes and all the fixings. As always please bring anything you would like to share including some of your homebrew. We are blessed to have some BCJP judges and very knowledgeable beer enthusiasts who give very solid feedback on brews.

The following weekend (Sunday, January 25th 1-4 pm) your favorite odd couple will be at Saint Arnold's for their One Pot Showdown cooking competition. Come join us there and enjoy the fantastic food.... pot style? The GS and SG are preparing a recipe so secret that not even they know what it is. We could tell you but then we would have to....

We'll do our best to intrigue your taste buds with food pairing that will be gastronomical treat to accompany your Craft beer and homebrewing experience. Who's up for some breakfast for dinner?

Your general Secretariessssssssss

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A rectangular advertisement for Saint Arnold Brewery. At the top, the name "SAINT ARNOLD" is written in large, red, serif letters. Below the name is a circular illustration of a bearded man in a red and gold robe, wearing a crown and holding a chalice. To the left of the illustration, the text reads "Tour & Tasting Every Saturday At 1:00pm". To the right, it says "Brewed in Texas Since 1994". Below the illustration is a blue banner with the text "FINE HANDCRAFTED BEERS & ALES". At the bottom, it says "TEXAS' OLDEST CRAFT BREWERY" and "WWW.SAINTARNOLD.COM • HOUSTON, TEXAS".

A rectangular advertisement for DeFalco's Home Wine & Beer Supplies. The ad has a decorative, jagged black border. At the top, it says "Serving homebrewers since 1971!". In the center is a logo for "DeFalco's HOME WINE & BEER SUPPLIES" featuring a banner, a wine glass, and a beer mug. To the right of the logo, the address "8715 Stella Link Houston, TX" and phone number "(713) 688-9440" are listed. At the bottom, it says "For all of your homebrewing needs KGB members receive a 5% discount on all purchases!".

DECLARATIONS OF WAR

Comrades,

Happy New Years to all. I hope you all made a brew-resolution to brew early and often this year. The cold wet weather has not been kind to the plans of this fair weather brewer. I had great designs on brewing my American Barleywine for the BBBB last week but the weather forced me to stay inside and drink a Prairie Artisan Bomb! Stout. What a delicious imperial stout and I highly recommend to try it if you can come across some.... provided just the warmth I needed. Enough rambling, on to this month's competition news.



Mark Lurton, Minister of War

The Lone Star Circuit is a series of competitions across the state that begins next month in Irving with the Bluebonnet Brew-Off. It one of the largest competitions around with over 1000 entries annually. Entries are due by Feb. 19th with the event and awards ceremony on March 20-21st. You can find more details on this competition and all the upcoming events around Texas at www.lonestarcircuit.com.



Last month, I also mentioned about becoming a certified judge and as luck would have it, Bev Blackwood of the Foam Rangers is starting another preparation class on Jan 11th that includes lots of tasting and practice filling out score sheets. I took his class a few years and it really helped improve my palate and my judging. Let me know if you want the details. Lastly, our own Big Batch Brew Bash is just around the corner with entries due by May 1st. Phil and his volunteer crew are putting together a great event this year.

Happy Brewing,
MOW Mark

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DONATIONS FOR BBBB NEEDED!

PLEASE START THINKING ABOUT POSSIBLE DONATIONS FOR THE RAFFLE FOR BIG BATCH BREW BATCH COMING THIS MAY. WE ARE LOOKING FOR ITEMS THAT ARE FOOD OR BEER RELATED. FORMER RC PHIL KAUFMAN IS HEADING UP THE BBBB COMMITTEE SO PLEASE CONTACT HIM FOR DETAILS.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER.

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KGB Calendar

Event	Date	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
January Meeting	Sunday 1/18	Southern Star Brewery Conroe, Texas	Stouts	TBD
One Pot	Sunday 1/25	St. Arnold's Houston, Texas	-cooking event-	N/A
February Meeting	Saturday 2/21	Jake Frost's Spring, Texas	Barleywine	TBD
AHA Rally	Sunday 2/22	St. Arnold's Houston, Texas	-homebrew event-	N/A
March Meeting	Saturday 3/21	Jeff Scheerhorn's Spring, Texas	Porters	TBD
April Meeting	Saturday 4/18	Phil Kaufman's Conroe, Texas	IPA	TBD
May Meeting	Sunday 5/17	BBBB St. Arnold's Houston, Texas	Barleywine	TBD

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Payable in cash or personal check (made payable to KGB). Give completed form to a club officer along with your dues. Paid membership entitles you to full club benefits, including a monthly newsletter, discounts on equipment and supplies at the local homebrew shops, as well as other local establishments, and much more.

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