



This Month's Meeting

April 9th
3 pm - 7 pm

Phil Kaufman's
15435 Dobbin Lane
Conroe, Texas 77384

Meeting Cost
TBA

EDICTS FROM THE CZAR

Comrades – April 9th at 3 PM is the famous crawfish boil at my house. See www.thekgb.org for more details. Not to be missed. There will be plenty of mud bugs, and in case you don't eat crawfish, I will smoke four whole chickens. My only request is that first servings go to those who do not eat crawfish. After they have their fill, then and only then, will the chicken be fair game. And of course I will break out some of my special beer, etc. There will be other gifts to those who come early to help set up. Rain or shine, we will have the boil. I have two garages so we should have plenty of space. I also bought two canopies and tables and chairs. But you should bring your own chair and table if you have one. Bring a tasting glass as well.



We had a great time at the Schultz Family Barn. Many thanks to them for hosting again this year. We had great beer, food and of course more beer.

In case you didn't see my announcement about the Lone Star Circuit: The KGB homebrewer that wins the most points will get a free 5 year membership to the KGB. That's right. Just by entering into competitions in Texas otherwise known as the Lone Star Circuit (LSC), and gaining awards and points, you will be eligible to win 5 year free membership to the KGB. And we will start a plaque with your name being the first engraved. Next year's winner will then be added. To find out more about the LCS, please go to: www.lonestarcircuit.com.

A repeat from last month's newsletter: National Homebrew Day will be held May 7 nationwide and The KGB will hold a brew in. Location will be at Brew It Yourself starting at 10 am when the shop opens. Water will be supplied. Please bring your own brewing equipment OR reserve the brewing system at Brew It Yourself. Since there is only one system, the first person(s) gets it. If for some reason the first person reneges, then the second person will take advantage. Grain and hops and other additives can be bought at the store. Ray would appreciate it that you order the ingredients preferably by e-mail at least one day before so they are ready when the doors open. Ray's phone number, shop location, email address and more info can be found at www.brew-it-yourself.com.

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Again: To repeat myself, **entry deadline for the 21st Annual Big Batch Brew Bash is May 13 at 5 PM** at your local homebrew shop or mail it to Brew it Yourself. Address on the website. The style this year is American Stout, and 2015 style guidelines can be found at www.bjcp.org. Although this style is not a big beer and can be brewed probably within a month of the competition, you may want to brew a batch, let it age, and taste it. Then change the recipe to make a beer better. Remember you can only enter two different beers though. Entry fee is free! All you have to give up is three bottles of each beer. Maximum of 6 bottles (2 times 3).

Comrades, it will be a busy year and hope to see you Saturday. My glass is empty and time for bed.

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RUBLE COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Greetings again Comrades! Happy April, and that means my FAVORITE KGB club meeting month is upon us already! CRAWFISH BOIL BONANZA at Czar Phil's house! Man, I have been waiting all year for this month to come, and I could definitely use some crawfish and IPA to wash it all down! Bring it on, Bring it on I say!



Last month's meeting was a pretty good meeting, however unfortunately a low turnout members. We had our annual Chili competition and had about 5 entries I believe, including the RC's (both John and I) had entries! All the chilis were fantastic as well as the homemade tortilla chips and salsa that was brought! Unfortunately I did not win any award for my awesome chili (a travesty I say!), but RC John won awards for his chili that was made with beer added as one of his ingredient. That must have been his secret weapon to win!

Thanks need to go out as well to the Schultz family that hosted the meeting for us with the use of their "Barn". I can't really tell you it's a barn. It's more like a detached from the house party room, man cave on steroids. Awesome is the word for it I will say.

BBBB 21 is quickly approaching, so hopefully you have your American Stouts ready or almost ready for entry into the competition. Deadline again for entries is May 13th. So be sure to get them in or dropped off at one of the collection sites! All the double agent challenge teams that brewed together need to get their entries in too! Also, donations for the raffle after the awards ceremony are gladly accepted from our members as well. If you have any brewing related equipment in new/like new condition, clean like new glassware, stickers, etc. and can help out, please contact either John Dawson or myself (via rublecollector@thekgb.org).

Also, May 7th is national Homebrew Day. Not sure if the next newsletter that goes out will be sent out in time to remind people of this. But we will be brewing at Brew It Yourself (I believe) from the time the brew shop opens until done. Mark your calendars to come help out.

In closing, again, CRAWFISH boil is Saturday April 9th at Czar Phil's. Meeting starts at 3pm and goes until the crawfish is gone or Phil kicks us out. Bring a chair and crawfish trays for yourself, and extras if you have them to share. Be safe, and drink RESPONSIBLY at the meeting as the beers served (IPA) are somewhat high in alcohol, and it can be a long drive home from Conroe for some people.

Hope to see you all there, April 9th. See www.thekgb.org/Events for details/directions.
Cheers!

-RC Tyler

PS: I am working on getting new club merchandise done such as shirts (t-shirts and Dickies work shirts), glassware, etc. Will keep all posted as soon as I have more info.

RubleCollector@thekgb.org

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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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COMMISSAR BREWSKI'S WORLD

Comrades,

April is here and that can only mean one thing. It's KGB Crawfish Boil time! On April 9th, we will descend upon Czar Phil's house and devour hundreds of pounds of delicious mud bugs and drink some great IPA's. It certainly is one of the most anticipated meetings of the year. Please don't forget your GS team of Jeff and Sam at this meeting. They work tirelessly, and please remember to keep their beers fresh as they work hard to keep your bellies full. They will also welcome any help if you can volunteer some time and muscle. For those of you who cannot or do not like crawfish, there will be chicken served as well.



The great folks at Lone Pint have once again agreed to donate a keg of Yellow Rose for this meeting. Please thank them by buying lots of their beer when you see it on tap or at the store. You might also send them a short email thanking them for their continued support of the KGB. Your Commissar Brewski has been very busy and I have scoured the globe searching for different IPA's that hopefully you will enjoy and might not have had before. What can be better than great food and great beer?

The BBBB is fast approaching and the April meeting is a great time to show off a sample of your contest entry. It's fun to compare the different American Stouts in side by side tastings and to discuss the techniques and thought processes behind each beer. The Double Agent teams have brewed and we are expecting great results a fantastic time next month when the awards are given out at Saint Arnolds. Did you know that KGB members have brewed the last three winners of the Big Batch Brew Bash? We hope to keep the streak alive.

Thank you to the Schultz family for allowing us to use the party barn again for the March meeting. It was a great day with lots of good beer and the chili contest was a hit. We thank the folks at Karbach for donating the keg of Hopadillo IPA. It is another fantastic beer and it worked well with the different versions of chili. There were also a few outstanding homebrews passed around and some people brought special beers from their personal collections to share.

As a reminder, we are going to feature a homebrewed keg each month starting in June. We are not discontinuing the commercial beers, but we want to highlight the great brewers here in the KGB. John Dawson will be the first featured brewer and we look forward to his beer. If you would like to brew a beer for a meeting, email me and I'll put you on the schedule. You can brag about your beer and your recipe and a brief description will be published in the newsletter unless it is a closely guarded family secret. The club will reimburse you the cost of the ingredients for a five gallon batch. The styles for the remainder of the year are:

June – Summer beers

July – Lagers and Pilsners

August – Wheat beers

September – Bock beers

October – no meeting due to Dixie Cup

November – something high gravity and decadent

December – Winter ales to enjoy at the Christmas party

Our goal is for homebrewed beer to be predominant at the meetings. The commercial beers served are there to show you the different varieties in each style so you can incorporate them into your homebrews.

See you at Phil's house,

Mike Johnson

CommissarBrewski@thekgb.org

NOTES FROM GENERAL SECRETARY



The March meeting was a great success. The rain cleared and we had great weather for the chili cook-off. No sloshing through puddles this year.

The Shultz family's "Party barn" was a great space for the meeting and the always appreciates good folks that support us and join in on the fun we always together. The turnout was good and the chili cook-off was fun as always. We had some really tasty chilis this year. The prizes were great if I do say so myself. The commemorative engraved pint glass trophies went to the 1st place winners in each category.

Here are our 2016 winners:

People's Choice Chili: Rosario Scheerhorn's chicken and cashew chili

Judges Choice chili: Sam Mitchiner's Divine Reserve 16 beef short rib chili

Non-Chili: 1st place Jo Ann's homemade ships and salsa

Best Use of Beer in a Recipe: John Dawson

After the chili judging we had Frito pies with the chili.

The BOM was dark beers (stouts, porters, and other dark beer) so our Commissar Brewski Michael Johnson poured some great samplers for us.

Many thanks to the Schultz and Scheerhorn families for hosting and for Karch for donating the keg of Hopadillo.

The April meeting our annual crawfish boil is next Saturday April 9th at Phil and Agnes's home located at 15435 Dobbin Drive, Conroe, TX. Come get some mudbugs and some world class IPAs. This is a great meeting. We're cooking about 7 sacks of crawfish so we can feed an army. For the non-crawfish crowd we'll have more veggies than we've ever had at the April meeting, sausage and, of course, Phil is cooking chickens. If you would like to help cook crawfish or otherwise volunteer your time for the April meeting please call or text Sam at [713-876-7890](tel:713-876-7890); we could use your help.

See you at Agnes and Phil's.

Your comrade-faithful GS & SG,

Sam & Jeff

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MARCHMEETING





May 22nd, 2016

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KGB Calendar

Event	Date	Location	Time	Style or Region of the Month
April Meeting	Saturday, 4/9	Czar Phil's	3 pm	IPAs
National Homebrew Day	Saturday, 5/7	Brew-it-Yourself	10 am	
May Meeting	Sunday, 5/22	St. Arnold's	BBBB	
June Meeting	Saturday, 6/11	Craig & Katie's	5 pm	BBBB Leftovers
July Meeting	Saturday, 7/9	Brew it Yourself	6 pm	
More to Come! Stay Tuned!!				

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