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If Charlie Said It, It Must Be True!

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AHA Declares June 24th "Take Your Brewery to Work" Day!

By "Titanic" Bob Daugherty

BALTIMORE, MD (AP) Charlie Papazian, President of the American Homebrewers Association based in Boulder, Colorado, announced Tuesday that Friday June 24, 2005 will be "Take Your Brewery To Work Day." At the National Homebrewers Conference held here this weekend, Papazian went on to describe the idea and its genesis: "Many of those of you who have to work for a living have told me that your friends do not understand or appreciate your homebrewing hobby. Many of your colleagues believe it is somehow illegal to brew your own beer. Others imagine that your whole garage, a room, or even the backyard of your house is completely filled (Continued on Page 9)



Bev Blackwood conducts a brewing demonstration with his "big rig" in his cubicle

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**June
Meeting:
Friday,
June 17
8:00 p.m.
at DeFalco's**

Out (of) The Wazoo



By Ed
Moore,
Grand Wazoo

The Sunshine Challenge proved to be more difficult than expected. We did finish second to the Florida Club. We sent over 125 entries to the Sunshine Challenge. The KGB BBBB was Sunday June 5th and the Foam Rangers had a poor showing of only 10 entries out of a total of 70 or so entries. At least we got one ribbon, but we need to support our sister clubs in their competitions. The Mashtronauts have the Lunar Rendezbrew is July 24th at the Seabrook Community Center. Entries can be dropped off at DeFalco's by July 9th. It is a good way to get

back feedback on your beers for the Dixie Cup. Dixie Cup will soon be upon us and it is not too late to keep brewing beer to retain the Dixie Cup. Florida and North Texas will be gunning to take our precious cup away from us. We need to keep on brewing and have enough entries to keep the cup next to the phallic symbol from the Bluebonnet. Dixie Cup meetings will be every month and we need volunteers to help out with all the details and ideas that make the Dixie Cup what it is today – the largest single site homebrew competition in the world (I know that Bluebonnet had more than us last year, but wait until next October and we can pass them again). Colby and T-Bob will run the meeting this June since I will be in Baltimore drumming up support for the Dixie Cup. Please at least try to look interested while he is making the announcements. The meeting will be at DeFalco's for June 15th. I know there have (Continued on Page 11)

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 credit is given to both the author
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 of really good homebrew is sent
 in tribute.

I'd like to thank everyone for being
 prompt this month. I was running
 short on time due to the National
 Homebrew Conference and every-
 one came through in time to get
 this done.

Sorry I didn't have room for more
 photos and captions... I even had
 a cute one of Cathy at Sunshine
 Challenge. (Actually, several...)
 If you've picked this up at the
 National Homebrew Conference,
 come enter the Dixie Cup, October
 19 - 21, 2005 in Houston, Texas.
 We're on a quest to again be the
 galaxy's largest single site compe-
 tition, with over 1000 entries.

Bock Meeting Scrapes Bottom of Beer Barrel Before Running Dry



By
Bob "Titanic-Bob"
Daugherty

The Bock meeting was very well attended. Unfortunately not enough commercial bocks were available and with many of our officers gone (and their secret beer stashes)

the result was that we had the worst of all beer occurrences—premature meeting dismissal!

THESE AREN'T THE BOCKS WE WERE LOOKING FOR

"Flowbee" Sheridan, "Princess Stephanie" Kolacny and your long suffering scrivener were the only officers present for the Bock meeting. Secondary Rob Kolacny, Editor Bev Blackwood, and Competition Coordinator and Was Waz Mike Heniff were all attending the Sunshine Challenge in Orlando, Florida. The Grand Wazoo Ed Moore was "working" in Brazil. I offered to cover Rob as Secondary. Rob had already bought several beers so I went to the downtown Spec's to see what else I could acquire. Unfortunately there are precious few bocks, doppelbocks and weizenbocks available. I had to even stoop so low as to buy some Shiner Not-a-Bock and its attempted clone—Ziegen "only- available-in Texas-and-why-do-deserve-it" Bock. These were the first brews I offered up (to much derision I might add) at the meeting. To make matters worse the next beer offered was an infected BJ's Seasonal Bock. I had made a special trip to Clear Lake for it that very afternoon to get a growler. When I had it at the brewery two weeks before, it had been decent. Unfortunately it had gone south since then and tasted like it had come out on the short end of a battle of with lactobacillus. BJ's has a new brewer (Scott from Phoenix) but he did not make this beer and had no information on it except that it had been brewed at St. Arnold's. I doubt that the infection came from there but more likely from BJ's equipment. Despite Steve Moore's Woodstockian pleas of "Don't drink the brown bock" it was nevertheless

consumed. That speaks volumes about the two Texas bocks we had just had! Fortunately Scott DeWalt brought a gallon or two of his excellent robust porter and Joe Lindsey had a right on Steam... er, California Common, beer and an English Mild to cleanse the pallet of the "American Dark Lagers."

BUT HELP ARRIVES...

So... I was 0 for 3 thus far. The natives were getting restless. Fortunately two really great maibocks followed: St. Arnold's Spring Bock and Hofbrauhaus's Maibock. Next on the list was the Penn Brewery St. Niklaus Bock. I had looked forward to this beer contributed by "Storge" West. Unfortunately Bev was not able to get it to DeFalco's before leaving for Florida so we will have to save it for the July Pool Party meetin'.

CLUB BIDNESS

Before plunging into one of my favourite beer styles, doppelbocks, we had to get club bidness out of the way. Acting Wazoo Flowbee climbed atop a cooler and made the announcements which you can read in E Mo's "Out (of) the Wazoo" on the first page...

The traditional effort to impeach absent officers did not get very far when treasurer o' the past three months Stephanie Kolacny said she would quit if her absent husband Rob was impeached. The coup then immediately fizzled.

MARK MUCKLEROY TOASTED

We concluded announcements with a very special moment. Longtime Ranger Mark Muckleroy passed away unexpectedly in April following complications from a fall. Mark was a great guy and an excellent cook. He shared much of that cooking at many club get togethers over the years. In his honour, a large bottle of Sam Adams Chocolate Bock was opened. Invoking St. Arnold of Metz, I successfully managed to pour enough into every member's glass for a toast to his memory. For once at a meeting you could have heard a pin drop as we paused for a moment of silence for Mark! We will miss him.

IT'S DOPPELBOCK TIME!

We began doppelbocks with the one that originated the style: Paulaner Salvator. This lager has a special place in my heart as it was the first non-North American beer I ever

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A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away...

BREW WARS

-REDD KNECK VERSION

By Rob Kolacny, Secondary Fermenter

Episode XVIII: AB Strikes Back

IT IS A DARK
TIME FOR THE
FOAM RANGERS.
ALTHOUGH THE DEATH
TUN HAS BEEN DESTROYED,
UNKNOWN TO THE FOAM RANGERS,
THE EVIL EMPIRE OF AB HAS MADE A NEW
ALLIANCE. THIS TIME WITH THE CENTRAL
FLORIDA HOMEBREWERS. ONCE AGAIN, AB
HAS TURNED THEIR RESOURCES OVER TO A
HOMEBREW CLUB IN THE HOPES
OF DESTROYING THE HOMEBREW
REBELLION...

Red Kneck Skywalker, Admiral Heniff and the brew droids, BDB-3PYO and Carboy-D-2 arrive at the space port at Orlando in the Florida System. They must leave their damaged cruiser for repairs, so they hop a transport shuttle to the Sunshine Challenge.

"I don't know about this place," said Adm. Heniff. "Something just doesn't seem right."

"I agree," said RK. "I felt a tremor in the Force back at the space port and I felt it again when we walked through the door. Like a thousand batches of homebrew being dumped all at once..."

They both shake off the cold shiver and proceed to registration.

"My sensors don't detect any unusual levels of esters in the atmosphere," reported 3PYO. "How about you Carboy-D-2?"

The little droid responds with his usual beeps, burps and whistles and then makes his way over to a data port and plugs in. Before he can establish a network connection, Lando Minion, the administrator of the facility enters the lobby and greets the Foam Rangers.

"Why, you slimy, double-crossing, no-good swindlers," said Lando Minion to the Foam Rangers, who aren't quite sure what to make of his greeting. "How the hell have you been? And what have you done with my brewsletters?"

"We're fine," replied Adm. Heniff. "We had some troubles with our cruiser so we left it at the space port and had to hop a transport here. 3PYO has your brewsletters."

"I'll get my people right on your cruiser problems," said Lando Minion. "They will retrieve it and complete the repairs here."

How is my old buddy, Obi Won Stairway?"

"My master is well," replied RK. "He sends his regrets that he cannot be here. He is needed on other matters concerning the Homebrew Rebellion."

"Ah the Homebrew Rebellion," said Lando Minion. "We heard that you guys dealt the AB Empire a huge blow by destroying the Death Tun and are at the top of their grudge list. You are also on top of the Gulf Galaxy Circuit with your win at the Bluebonnet. Congratulations!"

"Thank you," said Adm. Heniff. "It was quite the joint effort by a lot of Foam Rangers. Yet, I still don't trust the AB Empire. They are very powerful and have a long reach."

"I don't have to worry about the AB Empire here," responded Lando Minion. "I just secured a deal that will guarantee they leave my homebrew operation alone for a very long time."

As the Foam Rangers walk and talk with Lando Minion, a registration droid joins them and signs them up to judge weizen bier.

"Well, I'll leave you to judge your weizens," said Lando Minion. "Have fun."

"I hate weizens," said Adm. Heniff under his breath. "I'd rather wrestle Sean Lamb again, then judge this flight..."

"Yes," said RK. "But my Master says that a good BJCP judge will judge all the styles. Not just his favorites."

"Agreed," said Adm. Heniff. "3PYO, Carboy D-2 will steward for us. Go see if you can find any barleywine to wash down these weizens."

"Yes, Admiral Heniff," replied 3PYO. "I won't let you down."

"While Carboy D-2 makes the table ready, go ahead and study the BJCP style guidelines and any other reference you may have," commands Adm. Heniff.

"Yes Sir," snaps RK.

RK flips through the section

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Beer of the Month Calendar

★
January 20th, 2006

Porter & Stout
★

February 17th, 2006

Barleywine & Holiday
★

March 10th, 2006

Belgian & Fruit Beers
★

April 21st, 2006

Brown, Old & Scotch
★

May 19th, 2006

Bock
★

June 17th

Wheat Beers
★

July 15th

Pilsner & Kolsch
★

August 19th

Pale Ale & Bitter
★

September 16th

Oktoberfest / Marzen
★

October 20th - 22nd

Dixie Cup XXII
★

November 18th

India Pale Ale
★

December 11th

Homebrewer's Xmas Party

Foam Ranger Events**June**

June 16-18
AHA Nationals
Baltimore, MD

June 17
June Meeting
DeFalco's

July

July 9
Lunar Rendezbrew
Entries Due
DeFalco's

July 9
Work Saint Arnold Tour
Saint Arnold

July 9
Brew-in by a Volunteer
(Maybe *you?*)
DeFalco's

July 10
DC/Officer's Mtg (3:00)
First Sunday (4:00)
BJ's South

July 15
July Meeting &
Pool Party
Colby Sheridan's Pool

July 16
Lunar Rendezbrew
First Round Judging
The Outpost

July 23
Lunar Rendezbrew Sec-
ond Round Judging
Bay View Duck

July 24
Lunar Rendezbrew XII
Seabrook Comm. Ctr.



By Mike Heniff,
Competition
Coordinator

Competitions:
Well, the Sunshine
Challenge is over.
The Foam Rangers
did a very good job
finishing second
as a club but we

weren't able to hold off the Central Florida
Homebrewers. As a club we had 42 points
with 19 medals spread over 9 brewers.

Sunshine Challenge

Michael Heniff
Amber Hybrid Beer 2nd
Belgian Strong ale 2nd
Porter 2nd
Strong Ale 3rd
Strong Stout 1st

Jeff Reilly
English Pale Ale 1st
Smoke & Wood 2nd
Sour Ale 1st

Bev Blackwood
Belgian & French Ale 2nd
Scottish & Irish Ale 2nd
Strong Stout 3rd

Bob Daugherty
Bock 3rd
Spice/Herb/Vegetable 1st

Ed Moore
European Amber Lager 2nd
Traditional Mead 2nd

Joe Lindsey
Dark Lager 1st

Rob Kolacny
Dark Lager 2nd

Stuart Strack
Standard Cider & Perry 2nd

Scott Dewalt
Belgian & French Ale 3rd

Spirit of Free Beer
Rob Kolacny
Amber Hybrid Beer 3rd
American Ale 1st

Austin Zealots Homebrew Inquisition
Scott Dewalt
Strong Beers 2nd

Aurora Brewing Challenge
Bev Blackwood
Munich Helles 3rd

Competition Corner

Belgian Strong Golden 2nd
English Barleywine 3rd

Celtic Brew-off

Rob Kolacny
Scottish Ale 2nd
British Export 1st

Upcoming Competitions

Competition
Pack and Ship Club Paid Shipping

Lunar Rendezbrew
7/9/05 Local drop-off at DeFalco's
<http://www.geocities.com/mashtonauts/>

Cactus Challenge
Early September No
www.ale-iansociety.org

MCAB VII (qualifiers only)
Early September Yes
<http://hbd.org/mcab/>

Gulf Coast Circuit

The next Gulf Coast Circuit competition is
our Dixie Cup. We must do all we can to
keep our beloved Cup. With winning the
Dixie Cup, we would be a lock for the Gulf
Coast Homebrew Club of the year for the 4th
year in a row! Right now, Central Florida is
the closest club with 68 points to our 89.

MCAB (aka Master Championship of Amateur Brewing)

For those that have qualified for MCAB
VII during 2004, it has been scheduled for
September 17 in Pennsylvania. The 1999
style guidelines will be used. You each will
be contacted individually by the coordinator,
Dave Houseman. Please let me know if you
don't make contact in the next few weeks
(but certainly have the below style ready to
ship in August!).

Here is what I had tracked for our clubs
qualifiers during 2004:

Rob Kolacny: 4, 6, 7, 13
Bev Blackwood 7, 8, 9, 12
Michael Heniff 6, 7, 12, 18, 19
Ed Moore 7

Joe Lindsey 16

Jeff Reilly 17

J. Paige/J. Reilly 8

Colby Sheridan 3;

A. Sheridan/J. Paige 2

Milton Pyron 8

Best of luck to all competitors!



This Month in Foam Ranger History

By Sean Lamb, Club
Historian (Sorta)

15 Years Ago:

In the Brewsletter:

A reprint of an article from the Chronicle by Jim Barlow on the brewpub situation in Texas highlights this issue. Grand Wazoo Chris Todd rants about the Dixie Cup and raves about brew-ins.

At the Meeting:

Held at the house of Tim and Donna Case on the afternoon of Sunday the 24th. The Beer of the Month was bock. Shiner, Franziskus Heller Bock, Eku 28, Paulaner Salvator and draft Mai bock were served.

Other Events:

Foam Rangers placing in the AHA National Homebrew Competition: Tom Cooper 1st place Classic Pale Ale, Buck Wyckoff 2nd Place Mead, Steve Daniel 2nd Place Alt.

10 Years Ago:

In the Brewsletter:

Grand Wazoo Autumn Woodsy-Moore whines about taking a pie at Jennings, even though the Foam Rangers won the contests. Jim Harper contributed his list of 12 songs to brew by. Steve Roberts contributes a so-long letter for himself and Bonnie – they anticipated being scarce due to the effort required to open the Galveston Brewery.

At the Meeting:

Held at the Oddfellows lodge in the Heights. Secondary LeRoy Gibbins took charge in Autumn's absence. Scott and Laurie Littlewood announced the opening of the Bank Draft. Belgian ales were the Beer of the Month. Corsendonk Pale, Chimay Grand Reserver, Cinq Cents and Premiere, Duvel, Celis Grand Cru, Raspberry and White, Leffe Blonde, Gouden Carolus, Belle Vue Geuze, Kirek & Frambois, Liefman's Frambozen

and Gouden Band, Dentergems Wit, Hoegaarden Original White Ale, Timmerman's Kriek and Frambois were poured.

Other Events:

Todd Kellenbenz kicked butt at the Sunshine challenge, taking 1st place in American Ale, German Ale, Herb beer, Vienna/Ofest/Marzen and 2nd place in American lagers. LeRoy Gibbins took 2nd and 3rd place in Fruit Mead. Steve Toberts took 2nd in English Pale Ale and Larry Mayhew 3rd place in Smoked Beer. The Jennings thing happened.

5 Years Ago:

In the Brewsletter:

Grand Wazoo David Cato berates the club for entering only 8 APA's into the Big Batch Brew Bash. Craig Della Corte recounts a trip to Chicago and the Goose Island Brewery and Brewpub. Bruce Ross informed the readership of the basics of cider making.

At the Meeting:

Held at DeFalco's on Robinhood. Beer of the Month was Wheat Beers, but a list of offerings was not recorded

Other events:

The Jennings thing was held on the 3rd. Jim Youngmeyer won an Honorable Mention at the Big Batch Brew Bash. At the Sunshine Challenge Jeff Reilly won 1st for English PA, 3rd for Experimental and 3rd for Smoke, Bev Blackwood took 3rd for APA, 2nd for Strong Ale and 3rd for Imperial Stout, Jimmy Paige took 1st for American Brown Ale and Craig Della Corte and Troy Winterspoon took 1st for their proter.

Editor's note:

If anyone can help Sean with old (15-20 year old) editions of the Brewsletter, please let him know! He has one of the best collections in the club, but could use some help filling in gaps. He just needs to copy them, not keep them! Also, for those of you wondering what this "Jennings" thing is... It was a get-together with the New Orleans club at Jennings, Louisiana. Crawfish was eaten, beer was drunk and by the end of the day, so were we! A fun time for all concerned.

Brewers Assistance Program

Need help brewing?

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713.432.1248 (H)
713.927.4832 (C)
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281.630.6711 (C)
Before 9:00 p.m.

Rob Kolacny
979.532.8056 (H)
979.532.1932 (W)
979.533.1173 (C)
Before 10:00 p.m.

Joe Lindsey
409.925.4664 (H)
409.763.2366 (W)
Joe Never Sleeps

Jimmy Paige
281.894.0307 (H)
832.576.6191 (C)
Before 10:00 p.m.

Ron Solis
281.799.8427 (C)
Before 9:30 p.m.

Please respect their stated time preferences when calling!

DeFalco's
713.668.9440
Business Hours only



Night of the Grinning Bennie



Scott finds yet another beer goddess to worship.



Wise men NEVER tease Sean about his choice of straw.

**Photos by Emil Campos
Scott Dewalt and
Jim Youngmeyer**

It's just not the same without the Fez...



Kari, ignoring the advice of Children's Protective Services, gets "Ale-vis" into the party spirit.



You think this ID is going to get you beer? Think again Mister!



FOAM RANGER

The new Beer-Baby workout: 15 reps, 15 Bocks. Repeat.



Viagra cap, Celebrator "earring," Tiny sheep, Evil grin... Not going to touch that...



One last glass raised to the memory of Mark.

MEANWHILE IN ORLANDO



Bev and Rob sample Florida's microbrews.



Zombie Brewer plots how to get the yeast he wants.



I don't know either...



Marilyn and Jason prove that "beer goggles" can work both ways.



Val Bee joins the Rangers for a beer on the crawl

FOTO PAGES



Happiness is a big umbrella... I guess.

"But I don't see where the cap goes. It's hollow down the middle..."



And Mike (as always) wins a bundle!

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had. Steve Moore introduced me to it just after the Gingerman opened. My life, liver, and belly have not been the same since! Some believe Salvador's recipe has been modified in the last few years but it still tastes very good. My favorite doppelbock, Ayinger Celebrator followed. Not only is it a great malty beer but it comes with a prize—a little plastic goat (bock is "goat" in German—get it?) on a red string around each bottle's neck. Needless to say nine of these were soon swinging from the ears, noses, etc... of attendees.

I next offered three bottles of my Lange and Vannater Interrogator beer (named after the cops who "interrogated" O.J. Simpson—I name my beers after whatever books I am reading at recipe formulation time). I followed it up with the last three bottles of my Howard Hughes Aviator (named before the movie came out, I promise!) Attendees liked this maltier version of my Interrogator even more. I had initially been afraid to bring my beer but was glad I did when I discovered the bock drought! Members were very kind in their comments and I got some constructive advice from others as well... so please bring your homebrewed beer to meetings especially if it corresponds with the style of the month!

Jason "He works at Spec's!" Hildebrand contributed a six pack of Sam Adams Double Bock. It did have some of the maple syrup character I was expecting but not as much as the "you love or you really hate it" Sam Adams Triple Bock (which we did NOT have that night but whose memory stays with me like an old war wound)

RAFFLE

The raffle followed. Kehn Bacon was present and donated some great joke items including fake beer, fart cushions and a really cool hummingbird feeder made from a beer bottle. I think the most interesting, however, was won by Scott DeWalt. It was a beer opener on a ring—and it worked! For a moment Joe Lindsey thought someone had horked his tickets. Though the Sly Bastards were not present we accused them of the theft anyway, only to find the missing tix under some papers! Considerable

Viagra® items were offered including some "do rags" which Joe "what happened to your beard Papa Hemingway?" Lindsey promptly won and wore. We all concluded that the Do Rag was definitely a chick magnet! Two really nice beer umbrellas were also given away.

Kar-el had brought some old, and he claimed oxidized, 1998 Bigfoot. We certified this beer as a West Coast Dobbelbock and served it as Hopinator and Enibriator. (How will he be able to make it wheat beer next month?) Wisconsin's Leinenkugel's Big Butt Doppelbock followed. I enjoy many of Leine's products when I'm up north but American six row barley is included in this dobbelbock and that's just wrong! I then discovered some Spaten Optimator that I forgotten to serve. I think of the three German doppelbocks we served at the meeting this was the least impressive.

My last remaining bottle of Andygator from Louisiana's Abita Brewing was sacrificed next. It was a only a nip bottle and went so fast I did not even get any. The beer was named for longtime Foam Ranger Andy Thomas after he won a Louisiana competition similar to the Big Batch. Apparently after brewing his recipe on the brewery's big system it fermented down much more than it had for Andy. The result was what Steve Moore termed "rocket fuel." I think it is still available at Abita's brewpub but not anywhere else these days. Maybe Andy can hook us up with more next year...

The last doppelbock offered was Schlenkerla "If It's Notta Ur Bock It Musta Be-a Maibock" Urbock. Made with some smoked malts, some did not care for this beer (I heard someone call it "Smokey the Beer") but I enjoyed it.

JOE WON'T TOUCH THESE!

Weizenbocks were next. Joe Lindsey, who had kindly helped me pour beers earlier, reused to help with any of these wheat products! The first served was the classic originator of the style: Aventinus. If I could ever brew a beer that tasted like this, I'd never stop! I next offered three bottles of my homebrewed weizenbock, St. Aloysius (named after the teddy bear from *Brideshead Revisted* as

well as the famous monk in case you are wondering) It was, alas, not as malty and did not have enough wheat characteristics as Aventinus but club members were again kind in their comments and compliments. Grand Wazoo Ed Moore donated a six pack of his award winning weizenbock that was much enjoyed when served afterwards. Erdinger's Weissbier Pikantus was next. It just did not seem to be malty enough for the style.

EIS, EIS BABY

Eisbocks were the last beers of the night. Though I have never brewed one of these intentionally my Spocktoberfest did freeze once when lagering—thought about racking it then but... Representing the style was Urbock 23 from Austria's Castle Brewery. At 23 degrees Plato, this is a strong beer. Missing, however, was the rare EKV 28. I hope by next year we can find some of it! We concluded with the wonderful but rare Samichlaus. Jimmy Paige was kind enough to donate his last bottle. It went fast and St. Arnold did not help me this time.

WHAT!? NO BEER MO' BEER!

Here it was 10:45 PM and we were out of beer! We even had shared the Great Divide Yeti and Oak Aged Yeti that Sean brought for "the
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**Homebrewer
Bob Daugherty and
His Brewing Equipment
Await Their Fate**

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by your brewery and its products. Of course, thanks to President Jimmy Carter homebrewing is legal and with a few exceptions, most home breweries are relatively small and easily transportable. Bringing your brewery to work will help to destroy these misconceptions. First women brought their daughters to work! Then fathers brought their sons! Now we will take our breweries to work! We just had to get in on this before 'Take Your Pet To Work Day' or something equally stupid was promulgated! It's simply amazing what great ideas I come up with after two or three barleywines!"

"Now...many of your working colleagues think Zymurgy [the science of beer] is some sort of alchemistic science. You know... where you take grain, pixie dust and BLAM you

Teacher Suspended for Bringing Home Brewery to School

Houston (AP) J. Frank Dobie High school history teacher "Titanic Bob" Daugherty was suspended Friday for allegedly bringing a home brewery to his high school and teaching students to make their own beer. In addition, the veteran teacher is charged with offering samples of homebrew (including potent "barleywine style ales") to his underage students. His future teaching career depends on the result of an investigation to be held later this month. Until that time is on leave with pay and we assume brewing at home.

Daugherty, who has taught nineteen years, offered the following reason for his curious behavior: "Last week, Charlie Papazian, [president of the Boulder, Colorado based American Homebrewers Association] proclaimed 'Take Your Brewery To Work Day.' I am a member of the AHA. I work at a school. I did what he said. All I wanted was my colleagues to understand my hobby and maybe join my homebrew club, the Houston Foam Rangers. They hear me talking about it all the time. What's a fellow to do?" "As a teacher I wanted to educate my students about good beer. All they ever drink is swill. Many get turned off to beer. They don't ever get to find out there is great beer out there. That's what happened to me. If my friend

get beer. By taking your brewery to work and brewing an extract batch during, say, lunch you show your colleagues how simple homebrewing really is. Now let me address myself to those all-grain sadomasochists out there. Don't start 'em off on all-grain. You can't possibly get it done during lunch unless you're the Foam Rangers' Jimmy Paige. All-grain will only confuse 'em and wreck what we are trying to do. Do as I suggest and before long every one of your fellow cube workers will be talking about beer! They'll be bringing their homebrew in brown paper bags or in their briefcases for you to taste and evaluate. You won't be considered an alcoholic, a weirdo or too cheap to buy your own beer anymore! No! They will know that you were instead a pioneer, a trailblazer and that homebrew actually is more expensive than buying

Steve [Moore], had not introduced me to Salvator Doppelbock, I would never have known that there were such a thing as great beers. Especially barleywines.

"I wanted students and colleagues to appreciate what goes into making beer, even bad beer. Remember today's students are tomorrow's homebrewers. I didn't get into homebrewing until my forties. I don't want my students to make that mistake!"

While several colleagues expressed shock at Daugherty's suspension, others were not surprised. Cheryl Park, Dobie's Social Studies department head, explained, "Of course I did not expect Bob to be so stupid and actually bring a brewery to school and serve beer to students but it kind of makes sense now. I remember seeing him bringing all those beer books to class. They were always scattered all over his desk. I also remember now finding all sorts of things from something called 'ProMash' printed on our department networked laser printer. And I had heard he always spent a lot of time in history discussing Prohibition and the Temperance Movement. He claimed the Pilgrims had landed at Plymouth Rock only because they had run out of beer! He even made some sillier

your own beer. I'd imagine that your co-workers or even your bosses, will be coming to you for brewing advice! "We selected Friday because I have been told that for many companies it is "casual day." In other words you and your work buddies will not have to get those precious suits and ties dirty. You can wash almost anything out of Dockers© and Levi's©. Besides no one ever does any real work on a Friday anyway do they? It's perfect for brewing!"

When asked by a reporter if bringing your brewery to work might endanger some people's jobs in an already perilous economy, perhaps giving a boss a needed excuse to lay off a worker, Papazian explained, "Naw. Surely no one would be so stupid as to take their brewery to, say, a public school."

claim about the Sumerians inventing civilization so they could grow more barley to make beer! Imagine that! So it all makes sense now." Park would not comment if she or any of other Dobie colleagues had ever imbibed any of Daugherty's beers. Daugherty, by telephone, tried to defend his actions: "Homebrewing encompasses so many subjects. Math is required for calculating the grain bill, the SRM and the bitterness of the beer. And obviously there is a great deal of chemistry involved! I can't think of any Language Arts, but there's plenty of history involved in making beer. Beer has been central to the development of civilization. Just ask Gregg Smith [author of Beer and Beer in America]! Let me teach homebrewing and I'll guarantee that state mandated assessment test scores will increase across the board." It does not appear Daugherty will get that chance—at least not anytime soon. District spokesmen have stated that he will remain suspended pending an investigation. Pasadena Independent School District spokesperson Matt Black concluded, "Daugherty's actions were reckless. He does not need to be around young impressionable minds. Did he forget the word 'home' in homebrew? What the hell was he thinking?"

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of weizen biers and then removes a small device that holds recorded lessons created by Stairway as a study guide for him. Stairway appears before him in a recorded hologram and starts the lecture:

"Wheat beers are divided into Weizen/Weissbier, Dunkelweizen, Weizenbock, American Wheat (found in the Light Hybrid category), and Berliner Weisse (found in the Sour Ale category). For those who have tried wheat beers and have not appreciated their flavor, you must try again. I know it took me awhile to learn to enjoy their vanilla and clove phenols and fruity banana esters. Try an Aventinus, a nice weizenbock. You will not be disappointed. Weizen literally means wheat, but is commonly a word for wheat beer or Weissbier. Weissbier means white, but these beers are more golden in color, although much paler than dark beers popular in Bavaria in early times. Hefe Weissbier or Hefe Weizen refers to any Weissbier that has yeast in it or is bottle conditioned. Kristall Weizen is any wheat beer that is filtered. Berliner Weisse, by German law can only be labeled as such if it was brewed in Berlin. Berliner Weisse is a much lower gravity and lactic sour wheat beer, a German version of a lambic of sorts. Beware the dark (dunkel) side. Dunkleweizen is common

in Bavaria and is made with dark barley or dark wheat malts. Weizenbock is a wheat beer that is brewed to bock strength, at least 1.064 OG. It is usually dark, but pale versions are found. American wheat beers do not have the German wheat beer cloviness and banana aroma. They may be more highly hopped and tend to use American ingredients and yeasts. Credit for present day wheat beers must be given to Georg Schneider, originator of Schneider-Weisse. His pioneering efforts saved wheat beers from near extinction in Germany in 1855. He eventually negotiated the rights to brew Weissbier from the royal court in 1872, after an 250 year reign by the royals over wheat beers. German wheat beers derive their unique phenolic estery fruity aroma and flavor mostly from their special yeast strains. These wheat beers are very carbonated, usually one and a half to two and a half times that of German pilsners."

Meanwhile, 3PYO, in his quest for barleywine, came up COMPLETELY DRY! He found 30 to 40 taps outside at the beer trailers, but NO BARLEYWINE! What would the Foam Rangers drink for breakfast in the land of the Barleywine festival? Hefeweizen?

3PYO makes his way back empty handed to the judging room and finds an open door that was previously

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locked. He decides to inspect the room. Maybe they keep the barleywine locked away.

"Oh, hello," said 3PYO. "Oh my. What are AB lab techs doing at a homebrew competition? Oh no, no, please, don't..." (Why is it that Commander Data could not use contractions, but 3PO could?)

Back at the Judging room, the Foam Rangers are about to start the flight before them when the doors to the room fly open and a group of AB troopers burst in. They are followed by Lando Minion and Dark Brew. The Rangers are grabbed up by the AB goons.

"Hey," cried RK. "What is this?"

"Minion!" commanded Dark Brew. "Take the prisoners to my ship."

"You said they'd be left at Sunshine under my supervision," replied Lando Minion. "This was never a condition of our agreement."

"I am altering the deal," said Dark Brew. "Pray I don't alter it any further."

"This deal is getting worse all the time," mumbled Lando Minion.

"Yeah," said Adm. Heniff. "It really sucks for us too, you A-hole!"

"I had no choice," replied Lando Minion. "They arrived right before you did. I am sorry."

The Rangers are lead away towards the landing bays. Lando Minion, in all his guilt, decides he can't let AB get their hands on them and throws a rescue plan together. Several of his men ambush the AB goons and free the prisoners. Lando Minion joins and leads them to their cruiser. He too is now a wanted man and must escape to become a Foam Ranger.

The Foam Ranger cruiser narrowly slips away and returns home. The Rangers later hear that the Central Florida Homebrewers score yet another victory at Sunshine. They also learn that the Sith Brewer, Darth Williams, now stands alone, on top, in the race for Gulf Galaxy Homebrewer of the Year. He earned 36 points, most of them in light colored lagers – just the way AB wanted it...



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been threats of impeachment but they could not find anyone stupi... I mean anyone to replace me. Please remember to pay your dues and volunteer to help YOUR Dixie Cup. The Brewsletter will not be sent to non dues paying members. The great selection of beer (Thanks Colby, T Bob and assorted brewers) and food (Thanks Milton) are there for your enjoyment. The beer and food are complementary, so be sure to pay your dues and for the many that have paid, thank you for supporting your club. Keep on brewing and be sure to make the Dixie Cup meetings to give your input into the Dixie Cup planning.

K.G.B.'S BIG BATCH BREW BASH!



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meeting after the meeting." Scott DeWalt cleverly bought some time by scratching off parts of the Shiner and ZeigenBud, er Ziegenbock, labels and pouring them as E Mo's homebrew (E Mo frequently leaves labels or parts of them on his homebrews). Members were not fooled for long. By 11:00 PM, when it was clear that no more beer was to be had, DeFalco's cleared out pretty quickly. I hated that the beers had gone so quickly but think we can solve this problem next year. Bock night could be combined with the Dark Lager category (we kind of did that anyway with the Shineroids) but we category would also include the dunkels and the "trust in the" Schwarz "black" beers. This would get us several more beers for the meeting. I also want to thank my wonderful wife Nannette for helping bring beer to those too proud or busy conversing to come to the bar to be served. Thanks for attending and driving me to and from the meeting safely! Next month is wheat beers. If you have commercial examples or especially homebrewed versions you are willing to share, please contact me at Bob.Daugherty@gmail.com (Rob will be attending the National AHA Competition in Baltimore) so we can include you and THANK YOU on the serving list. See ya June 17th at 8 PM at DeFalco's!





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