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Out (of) The Wazoo

Robert Brown, Grand Wazoo

First off, I would like to brag about how awesome the meeting was last month. It was arguably the most fun meeting I've attended as a Foam Ranger.



Paul brought a nice selection of beers for sampling as usual. And Jeff Reilly brought his "A" game with the food and led to us trying out the idea of a new "Food God" for each meeting. It'll be a different person each month kind of like how the monthly brew-ins are, so we'll see how that goes. For this month, your Brewsletter Editor himself Matt Crnkovich will be stepping up to the plate.

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Brewsletter Editor Tries Alternate Career

That's right, I'm Food God tonight!

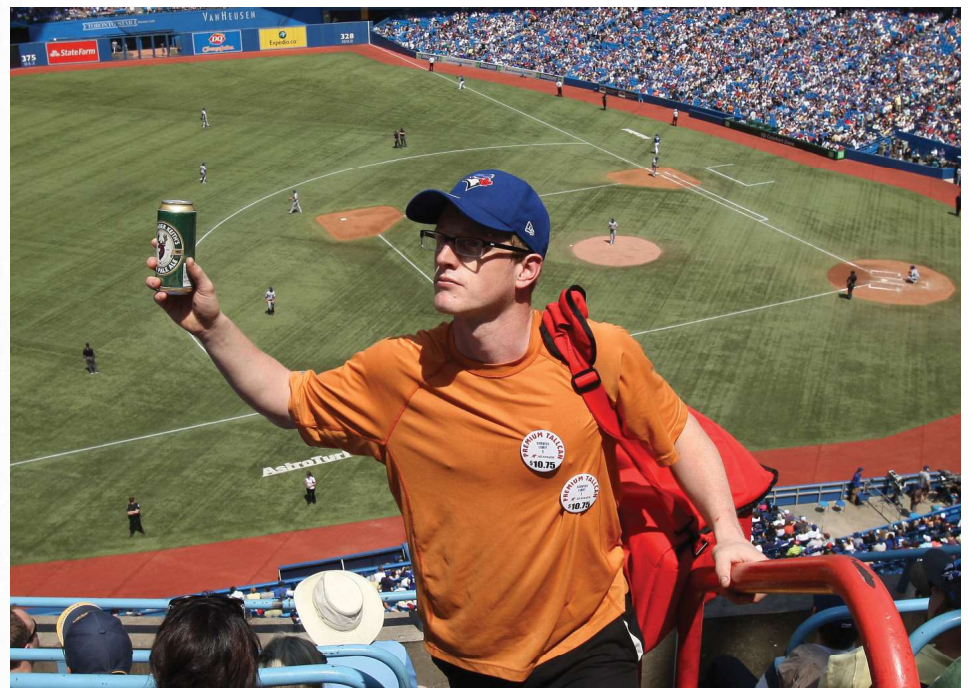
HOT DOGS! Get your **HOT DOGS!**

COLD BEER! Oh wait, that's Paul's line for tonight!

HOT DOGS!

But really, enjoy the food! Pick your "home team" city and try out some classics from across the country.

OH SNAP! Yeah, the photos don't line up. I have snap issues today.



Upcoming events

June 25th - Brewery Crawl

July 9th - Brew-in

July 10th - Officer's Meeting

July 15th - Pool Party!

Hank Keller's House

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Speaking of “fun”, I just returned from the AHA National Homebrewers Conference in Baltimore, MD. It was my first time to attend. It was pretty interesting checking out the seminars and chatting with the vendors in the exhibition hall (free swag!). I saw a few Foam Rangers (or former Foam Rangers), but ended up hanging out quite a bit with the Zealots out of Austin, TX. Despite all the horrible, awful things I’ve always heard about them, they actually weren’t a half bad bunch to consume copious amounts of beer and mead with.

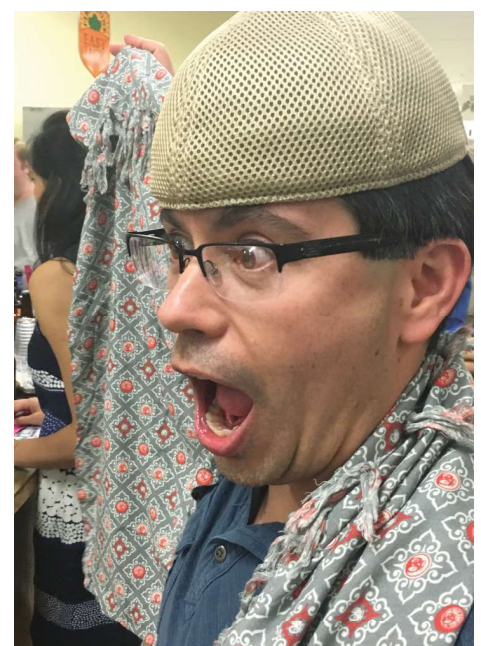
Alright, in the “not so fun” department, the club is still in dire need of someone to be the Head Judge for Dixie Cup. This is a very important position and should be filled as soon as humanly possible. It’s coming down to the wire. Please get the word out to anyone that you know might be a good fit.

There are still seats available for the brewery crawl on the 25th. As of the evening of Wednesday, June 15th, the bus is right at about half capacity. Get your seats now if you want in. Once the tickets are gone, they gone (like the wind.....).

Reminder: The meeting next month is the pool party! It will be the same date (3rd Friday or July 15th). The host, Hank Keller will be the “Food God”. Details will be sent out soon.

Lastly, a quick word about Lone Star Circuit competitions. I realize that it’s not some people’s “thing” to enter competitions anymore, but check this out. The Foam Rangers are currently one of the top clubs (still awaiting a standings update with ACCF results) with almost half of the competitions in the books for 2016. I personally think it would be cool as shit to be 2016 Club Winner (no?). So bottle up some of your brews and enter those bad boys!

Saúde!



Competitions

Erol Bura, Competition Coordinator

Alamo City Cerveza Fest

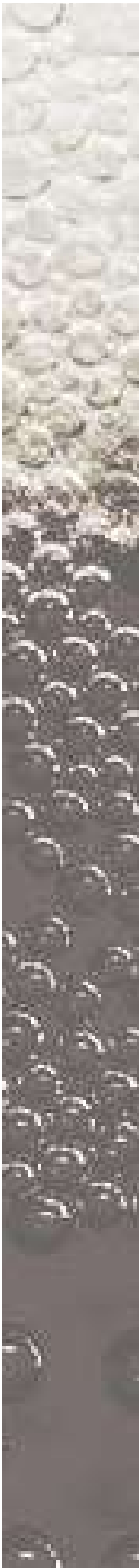
- Standard American Beer: 2nd – Robert Brown Jr. – Cream Ale
- Standard American Beer: 3rd – Robert Brown Jr. – Experimental Beer
- Dark Lagers: 2nd – Benson Ledbetter – Munich Dunkel
- Pale Bitter European Beer: 2nd – Robert Brown Jr. – Kolsch
- Amber-Colored, Evenly to Bitter Balanced Beers of Euro:
2nd – Benson Ledbetter – Altbier
- German Wheat & Rye: 2nd – Eric Heinz & Kyle Autry – Weissbier
- Irish & Scottish Beer: 3rd – Benson Ledbetter – Scottish Export
- Secular Belgian Ales: 1st – Benson Ledbetter – Golden Strong Ale
- Trappist Ale: 3rd – Benson Ledbetter – Belgian Tripel

Big Bash Brew Bash

Note: This competition was for a Single Style 20B American Stout
2nd Place – Hank Keller

Austin Zealots

Entry Period (deadline): June 25 - July 7
Drop-Off Deadline: July 7 for Austin
Drop off deadline for Houston: TBA. Robert Brown will probably be driving entries over during 4th of July weekend.



Foam Ranger Officer Meeting June 5, 2016

Denise Whitney, Scrivener



In attendance: Robert, Matt, Rich ... [ed note, girlfriends, and that's all]? (Not me, I was in California again. No more absences/audio recording dictated notes from now on, I swear...)

Next "First" Sunday meeting: First Sunday of July falls on Fourth of July weekend. Wazoo proposed moved to July 9, the

second Sunday. All voting members in attendance were in favor. Meeting will be held at 2 pm at City Acre Brewing.

Dixie Cup: Robert passing a note along to Matt to register Dixie Cup with AHA. We're working on getting the hotel code and start pushing people to book rooms ASAP – the sooner the better. Matt is working to set up a DC planning meeting between now and July; going forward, DC planning will take place in conjunction with First Sunday meetings.

Financials:

Rich spoke with Ryan in the sales office at the hotel on Friday June 3 - he will email contract to Rich so we can place deposit – Rich will follow up.

As an FYI, storage unit monthly rate increased by \$10. No action is needed, it's an auto pay account. Side note: we should we visit/purge storage unit – it's a mess.

Robert made deposit to checking account on May 27 for \$260: 2 member sign ups + raffle money. May 11 Robert took cash and checks out of cash box at De Falco's and made deposit. \$300.24. Rich has another \$50 or so to deposit.

Per Rich's suggestion, we need to be more careful about buying Dixie Cup shirts and glasses. Matt said

that we sell the same # of shirts/glasses every year, but people often overbuy because of quantity price breaks. Need to be attentive to what we project to sell, what overage we're comfortable sitting on for raffles, and only buy those.

North Houston Brewery Crawl: Only sold 15-16 tickets of 45 – maybe over estimated interest? Who's

NOT interested? Get a seat!

Robert, at the beginning of year, made goal to attend other area homebrew clubs once per month. Has attended CIA, Sugar Land Imperialists, and then not much since then. Has on his radar to visit a monthly meeting of the Bay Area Mastronauts, the Pro Brewers club in Humble, and Brewers in the Hood. KGB is always on the Saturday of our brew in, so visiting them isn't an option, but he is trying to reach out with the KGB Czar to see if they want to do another combined holiday party.

Speaking of the holiday party, Robert wants to coordinate to see who normally does (or should) book the Oddfellows lounge. Matt confirmed it's usually us, but Robert mentioned that we had a falling out last year because they believed that we didn't clean up or lock up, which we're confident we did. May have to look into other venues – TBD. Would like the Foam Ranger/KGB holiday connection to happen if possible though.

With the North Houston Brew Crawl, we're hoping to meet with at least a KGB person if not more.
(Please be our friends?)

Feedback from May monthly meeting: The meeting was a blast, food was good, the beer was great, the crowd was big, it was a blast. We should keep that up. Right?

Food God: Matt Crnkovich will be food god for June, July is the annual pool party, and we have a volunteer lined up for August - There are a lot of up sides of making this a rotating position, different takes on and a main-tained a level of enthusiasm around the role.

The End.



Wheat ales and Gose, plus Mead

Paul Porter, Secondary Fermenter



After months of being abated by cold fronts and the accompanying flood precipitating precipitation, summer has finally hit Houston in full force. Those of you that baked with us at the Pros vs Joes brew-in (with Matt Stephens and the gents from Eureka Heights Brewing Company) can attest to summers arrival. Those who missed the brew-in missed several crowlers of test batches from Eureka. I'll be hoping they produce two beers: a "coffee stout" which was actually a brown with a lot of similarity to Surley's Coffee Bender and an ESB which was clean sessionable and thus perfect for the heat. Eureka is not quite open yet, but look forward to this venue as early as August. In celebration of Aestas's return, I will proffer sacrifices of liquid wheat and honey to the membership.

I'll be serving the standard fare of wheat ale, hefeweizens, and Berliner Weissbier, but will be highlighting Gose—so it gose. Gose is an ale with a grain bill that is supposed to be at least half malted wheat, and much like it's cousin the Berliner Weiss, it should fermented at some point with lactobacillus—so it gose. The style originated in Goslar, Germany where it derives it's name. The flavors should include; lemon, herbaceous (coriander is typical), and salt. Also like Berliner Weiss, Gose is frequently mixed with fruity syrups and other tinctures prior to being served—so it gose. Given the low alcohol content (4 to 5% ABV) and salt, Gose is akin to Gatorade and as such a perfect summer brew—so it gose.

Gose appear to be the newest trend beer—so it gose. It seems to be following a resurgence in much the same way Berliner Weiss did a year ago. Gose was pretty much a forgotten style with versions being produced in Leipzig where it remained a local style until recently—so it gose. In our market we first saw the mass market of Gose from Real Ale in the form of the 18th anniversary ale in 2014—so it gose. The brew was so popular they revived it as summer seasonal, and as you will see at the meeting, we now have several Gose available—so it gose.

In addition to the wheat ales, I picked up a little commercial mead; two from our friends at Moonlight Meadery and one from Enchanted Manor in Magnolia. You may remember Michael Fairbrother from Moonlight from his presentation at last year's Chixie Cup.

By the way if the "—so it gose" running gag bugged you, do not read "Slaughter House Five"—so it goes.







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