



LIVIN' THE BREWS



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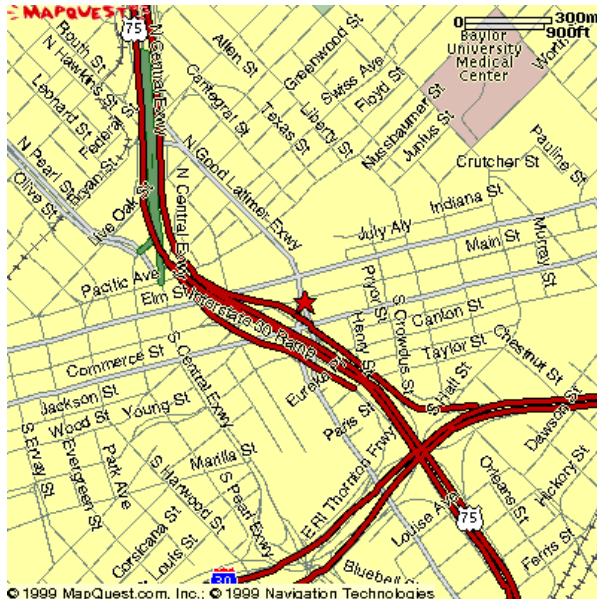
July, 2000

July Meeting

TUESDAY, July 11, 2000 - 7:00 PM

Location: **The Coppertank**
2600 Main St.
Dallas, TX 75226

We cannot bring homebrew to this meeting - But that's OK, John Sims has brewed some really great beers for us !!



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Writers Wanted

Homebrew HQ is looking for fellow homebrewers to write articles for the web site. These articles do not need to be long and can be as detailed as the author would like to make them.

Topics include the following.

- Beginner's First Steps
- Intermediate Brewing
- All grain brewing (Overview & step-by-step)
- Properties of hops (growing & using)
- Properties of Grain (Malting, different types, uses)
- Properties of Yeast (General, Care and feeding, Making a starter)

Some club members have already volunteered to write some articles. In fact, some are already on the web site. However, more than one article on a topic is appreciated. If an author has a web site and would like a link back to their site, please let me know and I'll provide it. Send completed articles to rwoodman@home.com.

Thanks,
Randall Woodman
Webmaster for Homebrew Headquarters

Visit the site at
www.homebrewhq.com

Lettrz from the Prez

Ah, summer time. Hot as blazes out there. It's a tough time to brew but a great time for a road trip. Where to? Austin! Your club officers have been working the details and now we're ready to lay the plan out.

We'll tour the Celis brewery and visit the best brewpubs and multi-tap bars in Austin. Places we'll be visiting include Waterloo Brewing Company, Live Oak Brewing Company, Draught Horse, Lovejoy's, and The Bitter End. Lynne O'Connor has promised to have something good on tap when we stop at St. Patrick's.

We'll travel in air-conditioned comfort in a decked-out 15 passenger van. Maybe two, depending on how many folks come along. We'll leave Dallas at 9:00 am Saturday, August 19 and return Sunday afternoon. I have volunteered to be your designated driver.

Your transportation cost will be exactly your share of the expense. The club won't be making or losing a dime here. Based on the quoted van rental rates and some reasonable assumptions for miles driven, miles per gallon, and fuel price, we estimate that transportation will range between \$59 (for six people, one van) to

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**Brewer's
Scoresheets**

Most of our club members that entered their brews in this years competitions have picked up their entry scoresheets at a recent club meeting. A few sheets still have not been claimed.

The following people can pickup their scoresheets at our July club meeting.

Bluebonnet 2000

- Ray Dupuy
- Charlie Gottenkieny
- David Hines (also 2 glasses and one T-shirt)
- Steve Holle
- John Kessel
- Jeff Nolte
- Joe Scivicque
- Steve Wall

Sunshine Challenge XI

- Bill Dubas

Crescent City

- Doug Nett
- Gene Parejko
- Joe Scivicque

If you are unable to attend the July club meeting and would like to have your scoresheets, please contact Pat Layton via email >blutick@juno.com< or phone. *Scoresheets that are not spoken for by the July meeting will be considered unwanted.*

LOGO PINT GLASSES --

I collect logo pint glasses and would like to buy or trade, or simply talk with other people who have this interest. I also collect coasters/pub mats.

Anyone interested in trading or selling items like this or simply showing off YOUR collection, please contact me.

- Bill Ahlman
- billahlman@juno.com
- (972) 745-6823

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\$24 (15 people, one van) to \$44 (16 people, two vans) to \$24 (30 people, two vans). We are asking for a deposit of \$45, paid in advance. As soon as we get back to Dallas we'll add up the expenses and either collect the difference or refund the surplus. \$45 dollars should be more than enough unless the turnout is under 8. Heck, if its 6 or less I'll take my Expedition.

We've also been checking into hotel rates. So far, the best deal we have found is at the Ramada Airport North, about 4 miles from downtown Austin. They have a group rate of \$45 for a room with two full beds. In order to qualify for this group rate we need to book at least ten rooms with one call. They also have a special rate right now of \$50 for the same room without the group requirement but that offer is subject to change at any time. The regular price is \$75 without the discounts. I'm asking for your help in getting firm commitments (paid transportation deposits and room count) by August 8 so that we know in advance of the trip if we can get the group rate. August 8 is a club meeting night, and that is the deadline.

Yes, there are a few details left to work out. I'll have more details, such as an hour-by-hour schedule and the address of our Dallas departure point in the next newsletter. Make your plans now.

This is gonna be some fun!

HOMEBREW DAY at ROCK CREEK BAR-B-Q

by Russ Bee

It wasn't so hard to predict. The combination of hand crafted beers and the best bar-b-q this side of the Mason Dixon made for one hell of a feast. The beers started showing up about 11 a.m., American Premium lager, Cream Ales, Vienna Lagers, Amber Ales, something to please everyones palates. By noon the beer lines were open at the Budweiser tap but it was a very short line compared to normal, seems them Rock Creek boys are beginning to get hooked on beer with flavor, much to Ben E. Keith's dismay. Hell, there was even nostalgic conversation among the Rock Creekers about the oatmeal stout that Steve Hacker brought the month before! Representing the N.T.H.B.A. was myself, Steve Hacker, Tom Garner, Robert White, Jim Bob Layton, Rodney Smith, Kyle Newman and Richard Wincorn. Those of us who brought beer to share stood by our brews and explained about the particulars as each Rock Creeker gazed into his mug and said "Hey, this is pretty good!"

About 1 p.m. the food lines opened up


and plates were piled high with everything from chicken to ribs to brisket with all the trimmings. I'm here to tell you, it doesn't get much better than that. Here's an idea... let's do it again next year!

A planning meeting for the 15th Annual Bluebonnet Brew-Off will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday, July 15th at the GingerMan in Dallas.

Sign-Up for the Austin Road Trip

Here is your chance to make a trip to Austin, shop at St Patrick's brewers supply, tour a brewery or two and visit several renowned bars. You can travel with your brewing friends and you don't even have to drive! See the form below and Lettrz article on page 1 for more info.



Sign-up Sheet for the 2000 Austin Road Trip		August 19-20
Name(s)	Number of Seats (\$45 deposit per)	Daytime Phone
How many hotel rooms? If sharing a room, please make sure that roommates are listed in the block above. (You will pay for hotel upon arrival.)	Evening Phone	
Send deposits (checks, please) to Jim Layton 567 Celtic Rd. Howe, TX 75459p		
Deposits will be refunded if requested by Aug. 8, 2000		

Brewers Calendar

July

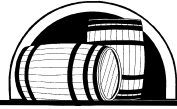
11 July Club Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Location: Coppertank
 2600 Main Street
 Dallas, TX 75226
 Please do not bring homebrew to this meeting.

August

8 August Club Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Location: The Flying Saucer
 14999 Montfort Dr.
 Dallas, TX 75240
 Contest: **AHA Category, Pale Ale**
19-20 Club Bus Trip to Austin
 See sign-up form in this newsletter for details

September

12 Sept. Club Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Location: Bavarian Grill
 Contest Style: **Oktoberfest**
30 Club Oktoberfest Party



The Brewing Equipment Trading Post

If you are in need of stainless steel work, we have fellow club members that can provide the service.

Stainless Welding and Cutting
 Kegs modified.
 Top cut and nipple weld - \$30.00
 Call Tom or Mike at 972 412-1972

Homebrew Headquarters is looking for a knowledgeable homebrewer that would like to work part time. If you are interested in working 4 to 30 hours per week with a very flexible schedule, contact Kelly Harris at 972 234-4411

To list your equipment, include the following information -

- 1 - Description of item(s)
- 2 - Whether it is "For Sale", "Will Trade For _?_" or "Free, Come & Get It"
- 3 - Your name
- 4 - How and when to contact you about your item(s).

You can give the information to Steve Hacker at a club meeting or email it to steve4beer@aol.com.

Your item(s) will be listed in the next issue of the newsletter. There is **no charge** for this service if you are a club member. Non club members may post here for a modest fee.

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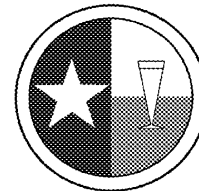
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Club Brewmeisters

Club "Brewmeisters" are members who are experienced brewers and have volunteered to help other brewers, both new and old, who are having problems. Give them a call with your questions! Just don't call too late or too early or during Cowboy games!

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The North Texas Home Brewers Association is a group with an interest in beer in general and home brewing in particular.

We meet once a month on the second Tuesday at various locations in the area. Visitors are welcome! "Livin' the Brews" is our newsletter and is published about once a month. We do accept advertising, although the NTHBA, its officers, assignees and editors are not liable for losses or damages resulting from mistakes or misprints, or any other consequences of advertising in this or any other publication. Ads are \$30 for a 1/3 page and \$50 for a full page, subject to change without notice. Readers are encouraged to submit articles. Deadlines for ads and articles are the last Monday of each month for publication the following month.

Visit the NTHBA WEB Site at <http://hbd.org/nthba>



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AUGUST 12, 2000

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1981 N. CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY, (972)644-4000

RICHARDSON, TEXAS

Saturday Trade Show!

9:00 am -3:00 pm (\$1.00 Admission)

For Registration or Show Table Information

Call (972) 578-8278



Activities August 10th – 12th
Thursday - Hospitality Room opens at 3:00pm featuring Texas & Louisiana beers.
Friday – Brewpub Tour 11:00am – 3:00pm Lunch & beer at local brewpub with stops at 2 other brewpubs
 \$20 – includes lunch & 1st beer and transportation
 Hospitality Room opens at 3:00pm
Saturday – Public Show 9:00am – 3:00pm





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