

HEART OF THE VALLEY HOMEBREWERS



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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The Heart of the Valley Homebrew Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month, alternating between Corvallis and Albany. September's meeting will be held on September 15 at Howie's home in Albany. Directions to the meeting will come out over the HOTV email list.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 11 – Weizelwizen Release Party. 1:00-3:30, Corvallis Brewing Supply.

Sept. 15 – HOTV Monthly Meeting. 7 pm at Howie's in Albany.

Sept. 25 – Septemberfest. [more info](#)

Sept. 26 – Brew Day. At Rogue Hop Farms in Independence. More info will be coming out via email from Will.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 11 – Brewfest & Art Festival at Gold Beach. Gold Beach, OR. [more info](#)

Sept. 11 – Mid-Valley Brewfest. Eugene, OR. [more info](#)

Oct. 2 – Hood River Hops Festival. Hood River, OR. [more info](#)

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Howdy all,

It's been awhile. My summer has been long and busy. Even throughout the warm weather I still got some brewing done. I hope that was the case for everyone. Right now I have an Oktoberfest lagering, a Schwartzbier fermenting, and a disaster sitting in two carboys.

Let me explain. I brewed up a rye beer (Roggenbier), with just about 40% rye in the grain bill. The last time I brewed this there was no difficulty in the sparge. In fact I sparged too quickly causing a low starting gravity. This time

was different, during the 105F degree rest for the rye, it turned into a gluey mess. I thought that once in the mash this goo would break up, but no! It just stuck to the bottom grate slowing any wort coming out into a trickle. A few hours later I had about 12 gallons of wort at a boil. Good times! I think I will make some adjustments to my next batch.

Septemberfest is coming up shortly and we need all hands on deck. It will be a fun time and I will actually be in attendance this year. Party time! Lets all wear those new club shirts with pride.

Good beers for all,
Howie

JULY'S MEETING

by Bill Baxter

Howie started the meeting greeting the new members. We have two new dues paying members! Marshall Guthrie - Western Oregon University, new to Oregon 1 year from New York. He won a brew kit from Joel that got him started brewing. Dave Sunby - Western Oregon University, new to Oregon 1 year from Southern California, grew up in Washington.

Mort stated the day for brewing with Ninkasi was August 14th at the Ninkasi brewery. Ninkasi will be brewing the beer for the Septemberfest and distribute it in the PNW. It is the Anchor beer of Septemberfest - Weizelwizen is the name. Howie would like a good turnout from the club for the brew day.

John Foyston will come to Septemberfest and will write about it in the Oregonian.

Club needs a PO Box for a mailing address that is permanent. Problems arose with the litter pickup needing a renewal of the contract and the PDOT had no response. We also need one for all club related business. John Sterner will be asked to set one up.

It was proposed that at each meeting a BJCP style is chosen (for the next meeting) and members could bring commercial or home brew examples of the style and learn about the style guidelines. Similar to a mini BJCP class. Christiane was mentioned as the person to coordinate this and Patrick stated that he would

assist. This could be done in conjunction with the AHA club only competitions.

The HOTV litter patrol is back! Mr. Bill here, an update on our section: the HOTV Adopt-a-Highway signs were taken down a while back because our contract expired (they are renewed every several years). The renewal was sent to some old previous Litter Czar address out in space, so we never received anything indicating we needed to renew, thus they took the signs down. But fear not!! It is still our section. After several phone calls, our ODOT contact is sending me the renewal form and we'll be back in business officially. Plus, they'll replace the old signs with brand spankin' new ones to boot!! That's all the trash talkin' I have for now. Please let me know if you can help, and if so, please give me your phone number so I can talk with you directly.

501(C)3 update. We received a letter that we need to be registered with the Oregon Department of Justice. Bill finalized the application and still needs to send in a copy of our new bylaws. Ron Seymour agreed to get the draft proposal of the bylaws done in the next 2 weeks. We should have the draft to peruse at a special club meeting for those interested. Contact Bill Baxter for details.

Louis mentioned that Charley had lots of hops and wondered on the status of the program. Jeremiah has the list and need to get it updated. Would be nice to get it on the website. Excess hop could be donated to the hop exchange.

Roots brewing in Portland company went out of business. Salute to our fallen comrades.

Patrick's beer was on tap at Block 15. Patrick won the Alchemist brew competition with his "Rye-tious" and brewed his beer at Block 15. It comes out at whopping 9% ABV. August meeting will be held at the Picnic. September meeting will be at Howie's house before the festival. October meeting will be at the Brew Station (in Corvallis).

Upcoming Brew days, possible fresh hop brew day at the Rogue hop farm on September 26th. Will (John) Oberst will be coordinating.

Hop Madness is not cancelled! It is August 28th & 29th. You can brew and bring "commercial" beers. the "Best Damn Hoppy Beer" competition is cancelled. See <http://www.hopmadness.com/> for details

Patrick would like to coordinate a brew day combined with a OSU football day. Patrick lives next to campus and could be a great

(convoluted) fun! Patrick will set a date and get back to the club.

SEPTEMBERFEST

by Irene Schoppy



Septemberfest, The Northwest Beer Lover's Brewfest, is on September 25 at the Benton County Fairgrounds. The festival will feature local breweries, as well as some from as far away as Germany! A list of participating breweries can be found on the [HOTV Septemberfest website](#). Entertainment this year includes a polka band, Wild Hog in the Woods, and EIKabong Orchestra. Proceeds from the festival benefit Linn Benton Food Share and the OSU Fermentation Sciences program. Plan to come out and enjoy a day of microbrew deliciousness! The Best of Show beer from the HOTV Homebrew Festival, Weizelwizen, will be the featured beer of Septemberfest. This beer was originally brewed by HOTV members Mort and Sue Piripi, and is being released by Ninkasi. To preview this beer before the festival, visit Corvallis Brewing Supply on Saturday, September 11 from 1:00-3:30. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out. We still need a few volunteers for late night cleanup on Saturday, and perhaps a few extra helping hands on Friday during the day for set-up. Contact [Irene](#) if you are interested.

HOTV PICNIC

by Dave Benson

August 21st was the date of our annual homebrew picnic. We met in Monteith park and enjoyed cornies of beer from Flat Tail (for all the OLCC monitors I kept the receipt to prove it was commercial beer and not homebrew). We had the Stout, Pale, and ESB brewed at Flat Tail and also the Rye from Calapooia. All were especially tasty on the warm summer day. Mr. Oberst-Cairns also brought a keg of the Belgium Sour Stout (Porter?) from Oregon Trail. Turnout was good for adults, but the only kids were ours so they had the kids table all to themselves. We did recruit a new member from off the street who had a little girl that was able to play with them. The I ♥ Homebrew shirts were also on sale and many members took advantage of fitting in and looking stylish. I

think with Irene, my kids, and the new little girl, all the smalls were purchased. Patrick barbecued up a plethora of meaty items on the grills for all to eat.

The Olympics were very fun with each event being rewarded instead of cumulative. The eggs were especially hard shelled and bounced many, many times before finally breaking. Also included was the hop exchange relay, keg roll race, and keg toss. Thanks to the Han's for organizing this.

To finish the picnic off, Bill and Christiane ran the beer raffle. Everyone was able to participate as we had more beer than adults to take them. I think it was rigged because I reached in to the foil for my prize and was rewarded with a bottle of leftover competition beer (OLCC please don't pay attention to the last sentence, it was transported back to my house before consumption). When I did open it at home several days later I was treated to a cup of foam and an extremely phenolic beer:(Thanks to everyone for all their help and look forward to next year's picnic.



Dave getting ready to toss a keg

OR TRAIL CELEBRATES CRAFT BEER MONTH

by Irene Schoppy

Dave Wills (owner of Oregon Trail Brewery) celebrated Oregon Craft Beer Month (OCBM) on July 31 by hosting a blind tasting of 12 Oregon beers. All the beers were brewed by commercial Oregon breweries. Dave supplied a list of the 12 styles represented, with the 12 beers cleverly hiding in numbered brown bags. Participants tasted the beers, starting with number 1, and wrote down what style beer they thought they were drinking. Re-tastes at the

end were allowed, and there was frantic scribbling, erasing, and some muttering heard between tastes. The results were self-graded, and there was some moaning as we looked over what we had guessed with what the beer styles actually were. Armand did really good, guessing 9 out of 12 correctly. I was lagging behind with 6 right, and some fellow tasters had 4 right. The valedictorian of the hour was "Little Dave", with all 12 styles correct, and 6 of the actual breweries/beers correct (that wasn't part of the contest, Dave was showing off). This was a fun and educational event, which Dave Wills holds every year. The date changes, so if you want to attend next year, look up OR Trail Brewery on Facebook and become their friend to hear about this and other events at OR Trail! This July was the 5th annual Oregon Craft Beer Month, with many events and festivals held throughout Oregon, aka Beervana.

Have a festival, brewery, or beer review you'd like to do for the newsletter? Write it up and send it to Irene, along with a picture.

UPCOMING HOMEBREW COMPETITION INFO

by Mort Piripi

Hi all, it's been a busy, beery month. I thoroughly enjoyed the picnic, rampant cheating notwithstanding, particularly the incredible unbreakable eggs. The brew day at Ninkasi of course was one of my all-time highlights, I'd never served beer from a 180 barrel brite tank before! Thanks to everyone who came along to support us and enjoy some good food & beer. If you're interested, I'm usurping Joel from his weekly column in the alchemist with a writeup of the event and a bit about our brewing. Check it out soon at <http://alchemistweekly.com/>



Jamie Floyd & Mort next to the brew kettle at Ninkasi

There's no club-only tasting this month, the next tasting will be at the October meeting, so bring your strong ales along then.

Local Competitions

Competition	Date
Jackson County Harvest Fair	09/09/2010
Fresh Hop Ale Festival Home Brew Competition	09/25/2010
The Washington Mead & Cider Cup	10/16/2010
Novembeerfest	11/06/2010

AHA Club Only Competitions

Club Mtg	Style	BJCP Style #
Oct 10	Strong Ale	19
Nov 10	English Pale Ale	8
Mar 11	Bock	5

During the club meeting before entries are due, HOTV members can bring in their beers for consideration into the AHA Club Only competitions. Beers will be judged side-by-side by BJCP certified club members (and anyone else who wants to try them). We'll select one beer to enter to represent our club and the club will pay the shipping (ground only) and entry fee. The winner is responsible for the packaging and getting the entry down to Joel's shop in time to make it by the deadline.

MEET HOTV!

by Irene Schoppy



This month, I cornered our featured HOTV'er at the picnic. This is a warning that you should always be on guard if I walk up to you with a smile and a clipboard! Will (formerly John) Oberst-Cairns is one of the younger members of HOTV, bringing

youthful energy and drinking ability to the club. He was born in Dallas, Oregon and raised nearby in Independence. He spent some time in Eugene while attending the University of Oregon, studying marketing and philosophy. He is now enrolled in OSU's Fermentation Science program, living in a 2-story garage in Independence. The first story is his brewing area, the second story his beer library. There is a bed in there somewhere! If you don't like beer, he says you will find him boring. But, I'd say this native-born Oregonian is anything but!

What is your favorite beer style to brew/drink? My favorite style to both brew and drink is whatever I haven't heard of. I like to try and brew new and interesting beers; recently I made an IPA without hops, and a Baltic Porter with bacon. I particularly enjoy the new, innovative brewery out of Salem, Gilgamesh.

When did you start brewing and what was the 1st beer you brewed? I started in December of 2008 with a Mr. Beer Kit, which used plastic bottles for the bottling. It was terrible and should have been called "Pissvasa".

Do you brew all-grain or extract? All-grain, with occasional extract tendencies (for Burning Man I will be brewing an extract beer on the playa).

How long have you been a member of HOTV and what is your favorite part of HOTV? I've been a member since December of 2009, and my favorite part of HOTV is the women.

Tell me about your blog. I am now doing 2 blogs. My original blog, [Beer or Die](#), is an Oregon craft beer blog. I hope to visit every brewery in Oregon and interview the brewer. I am also a blogger for [Mutineer Magazine](#), a magazine devoted to introducing fine beverages to the millennial generation. My reward for slaving over the keyboard - free samples, how else could I blog about the product?

What would be your ultimate beer-related vacation? I would like to visit a microbrewery in every state, especially those in the Eastern US (Dogfish Head, Brooklyn Brewery, etc). I'd also like to do a Real Ale tour of England.

Tell me something about yourself that most HOTV'ers don't know. I'm great at getting the ladies.

HOTV CLUB EQUIPMENT

by Joel Rea

Our club has brew gear that is available for members to use. All of the items reside at Corvallis Brewing Supply. If you check out a piece of club equipment, please clean and return it to Corvallis Brewing Supply as soon as possible for other members to use. There is a one week check out limit unless pre-arranged with the equipment dude...that would be me.

- RIMS (Recirculating Infusion Mash System) Due to the tenacity of this piece of equipment I would strongly suggest that you have a training brew session with someone who has experience in using it.
- Motorized Grain Mill
- CO₂ kit - Includes CO₂ bottle, regulator and tool box full of draft parts
- Oxygen Bottle and Infusion Stone
- Counter Pressure Bottle Filler
- Low-Pressure Burner with tank
- 12 gallon Stainless Steel Liquor Tank
- 15 gallon Stainless Steel Mashtun / Lautertun
- Bench Capper
- 10 gallon Cornelious Keg
- AHA Style Guidelines Books 1-8

If you have a piece of equipment that is collecting dust and you would like to donate it to the club please let me know. –Joel

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