

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. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 20, at 7:00 p.m., at the Oregon Trader Brewery. Don't forget that this meeting falls on a "Once-Again-Wednesday" meaning that Gene's pints are only \$2. A real deal for such fine brew. Business at the meeting may include such intriguing topic as upcoming elections, for HOTV officers, that is; a big brew day and Xmas party beer and arrangements.

Directions: The Oregon Trader Brewery is located at 140 Hill Street, in Albany, at the corner of Hill and Water Streets. From Corvallis via Highway 20, cross the bridge into Albany and turn left on 2nd Street. Proceed until you cross a set of railroad tracks. Go to the second cross street (Hill) and turn left. Go two blocks and you will see the brewery on your left. Park on the street or diagonally across from the brewery in an open lot. DO NOT park across the street from the brewery as this is private parking and the owner is hostile. From Albany, head toward the bridge on Lyons, turn right on 2nd Street and proceed as above.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Michael Villiardos welcomed everyone to his new house with plenty of food and a selection of homebrews. We were treated to a tour of his backyard and garden too. Business discussed included brewing a big batch at OSU's Pilot Plant with the help of Brewing Scientist Jeff Clawson.

FALL LITTER PICK-UP

Seven members came out to pick up litter on Hwy 20 on what turned out to be not such a bad day after all. Sarah and Derek Whiteside, Joel Rea, Frank Spirek, Michael Villiardos and Doug and Mare Goeger pinched 29 bags of trash and celebrated afterwards with some snacks and a party

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Scott Caul

Seems like last week we were celebrating the arrival of summer. What happened? Must've been all that lawnmower beer! Oh well, on to autumn. Time for Octoberfest beer and sausage. MMMM... beer and sausage...

Anyway, its time to start brewing up your strong winter ales. The X-Mas party this year will feature "Snow Plow" once again, but we will also be looking for the next generation of Plow. So brew 'em up and get it in a couple bottles. We'll judge any entries at the party to see who gets the honor of coming up with the next version of "Snow Plow". Is a new name in order, too? We'll see.

Officer elections are just around the corner as well. I'm sure some of the incumbents will be returning to their posts and some will not. Most important of all is our festival chairperson(s). A lot of work in a relatively short time can be expected, but you'll get all the glory and fame that goes with it. Usually its split between a Competition Chair and a Big Party Chair, providing we decide to do the "Mondo-Fest" again. If you have the guts, consider giving it a shot.

Last spring I tried to get together a group to participate in a Learn-n-Brew session at OSU, courtesy of Jeff Clawson. The offer still stands. I spoke with Jeff last week and he's game for a Sunday session some time either the last Sunday of October or early November. If you are interested, please email me at tela94@comcast.net with your preferred Sunday and any thoughts on what you'd like to brew. I'm thinking something BIG! Should we do our Snow Plow? A barleywine? An Imperial Stout? A Keystone Light clone? Or maybe Zima! Well, let me know as soon as you read this so I can make the arrangements with Jeff.

That's all I have, hope you all are brewing good beers. See ya at the meeting!



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Many thanks to Dave Wills for his generous donation and to the litter picker-uppers who volunteered a few hours of their Sunday to make the road look pretty darn nice.

CALENDAR

Newport Microbrew Festival, Newport, OR, October 8 & 9.

HOTV Holiday Party, TBA some Saturday evening in December.

AHA CLUB-ONLY COMPETITIONS

Here is the latest list for AHA Club-only competitions. Dave Benson will be coordinating mailings of HOTV's top beer to these categories. Bring your entries to the club meeting indicated, and our top-notch judges will choose the best entry for sending in. We've done pretty well in the past, let's keep up the good work.

Nov/Dec '04 IPA Bring to October meeting

Jan '05 Irish Red Ale Bring to December Xmas party

Mar/April '05 Sour beers No details yet

May '05 Extract (extract must make up greater than 50% of fermentables)

No details yet