

HEART OF THE VALLEY HOME BREWERS

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The Heart of the Valley Homebrew Club usually meets on the third Wednesday of each month, alternating between Corvallis and Albany.

This month's meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 15, at 7:00pm at the Corvallis Brewing Supply in Corvallis, hosted by Joel Rea. We will be making plans for the upcoming Holiday party, conducting club elections, and discussing the holiday train pub crawl. Directions are as follows:

In downtown Corvallis, go 1/2 block south of Monroe and 4th Street on the left side of 4th Street. Call 758-1674 if you get lost.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Last month's meeting was hosted by Mark Martin and the Calapooia Brewing Company. Mark has a dozen or so excellent beers on tap, including Fresh Hop Rye, River Dog ESB, Caber Toss Scotch Ale, and of course Chili Beer. After President Jerry beat the bushes to get a few club officer candidates, Mark took us on a tour of the new and improved workings of the brewery. The warehouse has been vastly cleared out and cleaned up (you wouldn't recognize the place!), and Mark has big plans for expanding the brewery. It is currently running near capacity, and Mark is looking to expand in several phases. Thanks for hosting Mark, and best of luck with the new brewery!

ASK NOT WHAT YOUR HOMEBREW CLUB CAN DO FOR YOU...PART 2

Nominations for club officers took place at the October meeting, and elections will take place at the November meeting. So far, all nominees are currently running un-opposed, but that doesn't mean it is too late to throw your hat in the ring or speak your piece—just look at our recent Benton County Sherriff's election. Come to the November meeting and make sure your voice is heard and your vote is counted. Thanks to the following nominees for stepping forward to help our club:

President--Royal Willard
Vice President--Bill Baxter
Festival Czar--Scott Caul
Treasurer--Mike Gallagher
Newsletter Editor--Dan Crall
Litter Czar--Kristen Taylor

HOLIDAY PARTY DATE SET

This year's HOTV holiday party will take place on SATURDAY, December 16, at the home of Michael Hoppe in North Albany. This is one of the special events of the year, so don't miss the feasting, Name that Beer competition, beer

PORTLAND HOLIDAY ALE FESTIVAL AND TRAIN PUB CRAWL

Many club members make the annual trek to Portland for the Holiday Ale Festival in Pioneer Square. On past trips, we have also made detours to local microbreweries such as Bridgeport, Tugboat, the New Old Lompoc, Lucky Lab, Laurelwood, and Rock Bottom, all within walking distance or on the streetcar line. Other featured spots include Henry's Tavern, Kells, Higgins, and Shanghai Tunnel. This is an easy event to coordinate, because all that is needed is an Amtrak ticket, which you can purchase online (<http://www.amtrak.com>) or in person at the station in Albany. At press time, the tickets cost \$30 RT, or even less with a AAA card. The correct train to choose is:

Cascades #504, departing Albany at 9:43 am, arriving Portland at 11:35am
Cascades #509, departing Portland at 9:05pm, arriving Albany at 10:41pm

Here are some of the more interesting beers on the lineup for this year's festival, and the brewery's own interesting introductions:

Lagunitas Brewing, Petaluma CA
www.lagunitas.com
Cappuccino Stout
Stout

Coffee is my shepherd; I shall not doze. It maketh me wake in green pastures. It leadeth me beyond the sleeping masses. It restoreth my brain, and leadeth me in the paths of consciousness for its namesake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of sleep, I will fear no artificial sweetener for thou art with me: thy cream & thy sugar, they comfort me. Surely richness & flavor shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of Cappuccino forever.
ABV 7.9

Walking Man Brewing, Stevenson WA
Perambulator

Bavarian Doppelweizenbock
This Doppelweizenbock (ala Aventinus from Germany) is a beautiful clear garnet color. It is made with imported German malts, and the proper Bavarian yeast strain that produces the signature aromas of banana and clove.
ABV 9.2

Laurelwood Public House & Brewery, Portland OR

www.laurelwoodbrewpub.com

Polska Porter
Baltic Porter

Polska Porter is the perfect remedy for a cold Warsaw winter night. A rich beer, this Baltic Porter uses a blend of four malts to achieve a unique and complex flavor. The whiskey and toasted character are a testament to the beer's time in oak barrels.

ABV 8.0

Widmer Bros Brewing Co, Portland OR

www.widmer.com
Lumpa Coal Stout
Stout

Lumpa Coal is certainly not to be reserved for the naughty, and is a welcome addition to anyone's Holiday experience. Sweet roasted

ring toss, beer and chocolate tasting, and other fine festivities. This is a busy time of year, so mark your calendar now and keep that date open!

coffee and dark chocolate aromatics and flavors unwrap into yeasty red fruit esters and an unexpected Cascade dry hop presence. Santa's not drinkin' milk this year...
ABV 6.5

Off the Rail Brewing, Forest Grove OR
Blizzard of Ozz
Belgian Specialty
Blizzard of Ozz enters with a dense, snow white head, cascading Belgian lace into a dark yellow beer. The aroma arrives on the nose with wheat, orange citrus, plum, a hint of coriander and hop spiciness, leading to a multilayered palate of tropical fruits, sweet malt, yeast and suggestions of spice. This is one smooth and warming beer.
ABV 8.2



2007 AHA NATIONAL HOMEBREWERS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

From: Jim Homer jimhomer@att.net

Sent: Tue 11/7/2006 7:54 PM

Subject: 2007 AHA National Homebrewers Conference

The 2007 AHA National Homebrewers Conference "Homebrewing With Altitude" will be June 21 to June 23 at the Four Points by Sheraton Denver Southeast in Denver, Colorado. Come to Denver to share homebrew with hundreds of enthusiastic homebrewers and learn the latest in homebrewing techniques.

The conference will begin Thursday, June 21 and run through the Grand Banquet Saturday evening. The pro-brewers night will be Thursday evening, Club Night will be Friday. There will be pre-conference events Wednesday evening and Thursday. If there is enough interest we will have brewery tours on Wednesday. Second round judging of the National Homebrew Competition will be Thursday, June 21. Conference talks that run during the judging will be repeated Friday or Saturday.

The Four Points by Sheraton Denver Southeast is in walking distance to an RTD Light Rail stop, providing access to the brewpubs of South Denver and downtown Denver. Details of the conference and competition will be at www.beertown.org/events/hbc/index.html.

We have a large committee working together to put on a great conference. Details will be posted on the web site as they emerge. We look forward to having a homebrew with all of you in Denver.

Cheers,

Jim Homer

Bob Kauffman

Conference Co-chairs

2007 AHA National Homebrewers Conference

Homebrewing With Altitude

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. 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. Scott Caul has in the past been gracious to hold open house brewing sessions with this fine□ piece (of equipment) usually several times of the year.

- 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.

HOTV CALENDAR

- 11/15/06 November HOTV Meeting at Corvallis Brewing Supply, Corvallis
- 12/02/06 Portland Holiday Ale Festival and Train Pub Crawl
- 12/16/06 December HOTV Meeting and Holiday Party at Michael Hoppe's
- 06/21/07 AHA National Homebrewers Convention begins, Denver