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Last Month

The June meeting was held at Lee and Helen Smith's hilltop home. We all participated in a contest of "how many people can we manage to squeeze on the deck?" and braved the fried nutria tail (you had to be there...). And there was plenty of crawfish etouffé, garlic bread, beer, cider, mead and other goodies to enjoy.

Lee announced that we have 32 new members of the AHA. As of today, the total is now 33; see below for more information on the just-concluded AHA membership drive.

We also had several new HOTV members join us at the meeting. They each introduced themselves and said a bit about their backgrounds and brewing experience. Welcome to the club to our newest members, **John Barber, Don Binder, John Crosswhite, Mark Kowalski, and Matt Novak.**

Other news of note: HOTV member Kendall Staggs will have a booth on Oregon Beer History at the Oregon Brewer's Festival in Portland later this month. If you're at the festival, stop by, say hi, and take a look at the work he's doing.

This Month

HOTV meetings are held at 7 pm on the third Wednesday of each month, usually at a member's house. Please contact Cliff if you are interested in hosting a meeting in October or later. This month we'll be meeting at Frank Bretl's house in Corvallis. The address is **6450 NW Kestral Hill Lane**; the phone # is **752-2211**. Want a map? Try [this](#) one.

From downtown Corvallis:

- From Corvallis, take Harrison out of town to the West, continue across 53rd street and Harrison is now named Oak Creek. You can also approach this intersection from the north on Walnut, or from the south on 53rd. This is the place where all the roads get new names.
- Proceed West on Oak Creek either ~0.9 miles or ~1.7 miles and turn right onto the Grand View Loop (the first option is longer and windier than the second). Go up the Grand View loop and turn onto Kestrel Hill Lane (~1.5 miles and turn right if you took the first Grandview, ~0.5 miles and turn left if you took the second). Go about 100 feet down Kestrel Hill and park along side the road. Come up the trail THROUGH THE WOODS (I've decommissioned the steep slope trail that some of you may remember, or wish to forget, from a couple years back, there is now a very nice, gentle, groomed trail that goes up through the woods to the right of the barren slope). I'll mark the trailhead with a carboy, or some other brewing apparatus. The short trail will take you up to the house, and Frank's femtobrewery in the shop next door. The meeting will take place in the brewery.

From Albany or elsewhere:

- Get to Corvallis and follow the above directions.

Come early if you wish (6ish), stay late if you'd like, bring a bag/pillow and sleep under the stars if that's your kind of fun!

Club-only Competition NEWS

Bring your best wheat beer to the July 15 meeting for a taste-off to decide the HOTV entrant in the *Weiss is Nice* club-only competition.

Each AHA sanctioned club is allowed a single entry to each of the Club-Only Competitions. HOTV has received free entries for the remaining competitions in 1998 because of the large number of club members who have joined AHA during their membership campaign.

The *Weiss is Nice* competition covers AHA category 19, German-Style Wheat Beer (substyles (a) Berliner-Style Weisse, (b) German-Style Hefeweizen/Hefeweissbier, (c) Dunkelweizen, and (d) German-Style Weizenbock).

1998 AHA Club-Only Competition Schedule	
<i>Competition (AHA Category)</i>	<i>Entries Due</i>
1998 Weiss is Nice (19 a - d)	August 1998 (HOTV taste-off on July 15)
1998 Best of Fest (17 a & b)	October 1998
1998 If It's Not Scottish... (8 a, b & c; 10b)	December 1998

AHA National Conference

The AHA National Conference comes to Portland later this month, and HOTV will be there! Lys Buck and Lee Smith have reserved hotel rooms near the conference, so if you are interested in sharing a room, contact either of them.

Also, we will have a booth/table at the conference, welcoming visitors to Oregon and giving them a taste of the kinds of beer we brew here. We will probably have a nice banner at the table as well:

HEART OF THE VALLEY HOMEBREWERS WELCOME YOU TO OREGON

"THE CRADLE OF BEEROCRACY"

For more information, contact Lee or Lys.

AHA Membership Campaign Info

As you all know, HOTV has been actively encouraging members to join the American Homebrewers Association in conjunction with the national AHA member recruitment drive. Our club has already received several nice prizes for the large number of HOTV members who have recently joined AHA. The AHA drive concluded at the end of June, and we are apparently in the running for even more prizes. The following is an excerpt from a letter Lee Smith wrote to the AHA reporting our results. Thanks to all the members who have joined AHA, and to Lee for coordinating the effort.

"Heart of the Valley Homebrew Club has completed its recruitment campaign for new AHA members. I would like to report the following:

At the inception of the Member-Get-A-Member program, our club had 13 members who jointly held AHA membership. Total membership at that time was about 35. Our roster has grown to 54 and we now have 46 AHA participants.

I am happy to report that we have enlisted 33 new AHA members as a direct result of the MGAM campaign. ... We have worked hard to accomplish this goal and, naturally, hope to win the custom brewing system. However, if we do not we will still take considerable satisfaction in having boosted overall AHA membership to some degree."

Upcoming HOTV And Related events

July

11 - Oregon State Fair homebrew competition (too late to enter, but judges are probably still needed)

15 - HOTV Meeting (Frank Bretl)

22, 23, 24 - AHA National Homebrew Conference (Portland)

27 - Benton County Fair homebrew competition. Entries due 7/26.

August

19 - HOTV Meeting (Cliff Rhodes)

September

12 - HOTV Litter Pickup

16 - HOTV Meeting (Herky Gottfried)

19 - HOTV Picnic

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