

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. This month's meeting will be at Karen, Zoe and Louis Hans house 09/17/08 at 7:00pm (1900 hours).

The address is 2520 N.E. Hwy 20 about 2 1/2 miles east of downtown Corvallis on Hwy 20, just past HP and Circle Blvd directly across (left) from the Texaco-Pacific Pride gas station. From Albany go west on Hwy 20 and my driveway is 8 miles from when you start across the Willamette bridge. Past Conifer Blvd., there is a white mailbox on the right hand side of the road with 2520 on it. Turn on in and our place is up the driveway 500 feet. Park in the field but not in the pond.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Howdy all, The weather sure has changed and way too soon, but the good news is that I am thinking about my winter brews. I have a good stock of summer and early fall lagers to ponder what I can come up with for those cold winter evenings. One of these may find its way to the Septembeerfest for the HOTV homebrew tasting. If you have a homebrew ready to go for the fest, let us know! Now back to the winter brews. The Holiday Hoopla Homebrew Competition will be here soon so pull out those brew pots, dark malts, and hops to make your finest. I think an old ale may make its way into some of my storage containers in the near future.

Septembeerfest is just around the corner so remember to volunteer for the good of the club. The spots are filling up fast and you could miss out on getting the best volunteer t-shirt ever! Just because this is a big event we shouldn't forget about the HOTV monthly brew day. Charlie has set up another brewing event at the Albany Saturday market on Septembeer 13th. It will be fun! I would like to thank all of the members that made it to the HOTV summer picnic and golf expedition. We had a great turnout and a fun time. I have some interesting pictures of the keg toss to prove it if anyone is interested? Let's also thank Dave Wills for Hop Madness. It sounds like everyone who went had a brewing good time.

We need good membership at this month's meeting. It includes a vote on looking into the 501C3 for the club. Also on the vote list, is to split the Septembeerfest chair and the Oregon Homebrew Competition Chair. The bylaws state these as being one position and needs to be updated. Also both of these positions will be nominated and voted on just like the other club officials.

Good beers for all, Howie

September agenda addition - from Mike Gallagher

It would also be nice to have an events calendar/list on our website, detailing our scheduled activities, and the addresses of these activities (e.g. address of a member's house where we are having a monthly meeting). Is this possible? Can we add this to the agenda for the next meeting?

Hop Madness - by Louis Hans

There were ten folks from Heart of the Valley who showed up for the hop festivities. We took a tour of a local hop farm, both field and factory...they were in high gear! Dave Wills said it was the largest tour he had ever given. There were lots of folks and socializing with other homebrewers was really fun. We set up our tents, brewed up a Peach IPA and Karen made a great campfire. Christiana made some "smores" and if you were lucky enough to get one past Tom Parker it was a definite taste treat. There were some fun games: a keg roll relay race and a hop put (trying to Shot put a hop as far as possible) and a hop sack race. People tasted the Hoppy beers (only about 5 or 6) and did a ballot type vote. Folks from other clubs joined in the fire circle and things went on way too late into the night It was a great event and I will definitely be going again next year. Check out the event- www.hopmadness.com Louis.

THE ANNUAL PICNIC by Scott Bruslind

Many, many thanks to Mare and Doug for coordinating this year's picnic and to Jerry and Barbara Malloy for planning and preparing the kids' activities. The annual HOTV Summer Picnic was held Sunday, August 17 at North Albany Park, beginning about noon. The club provided sausages, hot dogs and plenty of beer and soda. The rest of the goodies were pot-luck. Thanks for buying the raffle awards. Mike Gallagher did a terrific job organizing a 9-hole round of pre-picnic golf.

Upcoming Beer Events - by Scott Bruslind

I understand that Bob Saathoff relies on this newsletter to plan his beer outings, this month; there can be ONLY ONE-

SEPTEMBERFEST

Heart of the Valley Septembeerfest is the northwest beer lover's brewfest. The best of the Valley's craft beer will be featured Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008 from noon to 9 p.m. at the Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis, OR. Entry is \$10 and includes a glass and two samples. Coordinated by the Heart of the Valley Homebrewers, the event was formerly known as the Oregon Homebrew and Microbrew Festival. After 25 years, the club has decided to split the competition and festival. The competition will remain in May, while Septembeerfest makes its debut in September. Heart of the Valley Septembeerfest The Northwest Beer Lover's Brewfest Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008 Noon - 9 p.m. Benton County Fairgrounds 110 SW 53rd St. Corvallis, OR Entry is \$10 and includes a glass and 2 samples

For more information go to www.hotv.org or email Howie at vonhowie@msn.com Septembeerfest Chair: Eric "Howie" Howard Steering Committee: Armand & Irene Schoppa, Co-Chairs - Logistics Joel Rea, Co-Chair - Beer Procurement Bobby Richards, Co-Chair - Beer Procurement Nick Arzner, Chair - Food & Entertainment Scott Bruslind, Co-Chair - Marketing Jamie Howard, Co-Chair - Marketing <http://www.hotv.org/septfest/>

From The AHA September/October 2008
Imperial Anything

The imperialization of the beer (ABV, IBU, etc.) must be stated on the entry form.

For more information, contact Fred Bonjour at homebrew@wideopenwest.com.

November/December 2008
Celebration of the Hop (IPA)

This competition runs from 10:00 AM October 14 to 1:00 PM October 15, 2008.

Septemberfest Sponsor Campaign by MIKE Gallagner

Hi All, I need the help of a couple of dedicated volunteers to help raise some \$\$\$ for Septemberfest in return for tap handle sponsorship. If anyone is interested please reply to me (only). It would be great if we can cover Albany and Corvallis. If you have any ideas for potential sponsors please rely to me also. Thx Mike

Brew Day at the Albany Farmer's Market - by Charley Renn

The event is from 9am to 1pm (Saturday, September 13, 2008.) We setup by 8:30 to clear the area of vehicles. I'll have the necessary equipment (including the immersion chiller this time) and the recipe components. We're doing an extract brew, due to time constraints. We plan to have a few Malted barleys available for tasting. And, we're keeping it casual, so just Drop by and help out when you can. Louis and Mike have indicated they will definitely be there. Pete and others have said they will try. I can get it done with the volunteers I have, but more help is always more fun. We'll find a use for anyone who chooses to show up. I'll try to get some photos.

This competition covers BJCP Category 14 styles. For more information, contact Frank Barickman at fbarickm@columbus.rr.com.

Hops Rhizome Exchange by Mare Goeger

The inaugural Hops Share List is started. Since this list will be ever-changing, you may request an update by emailing me. Contributors, please do the same as you add/delete vines. New contributors are always welcome.



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HOTV CLUB EQUIPMENT

by Joel Rea, revised by Peter Petryszak

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