

Heart of the Valley Homebrewers

Corvallis/Albany and surrounding Willamette Valley, Oregon

<http://hotv.org/>



Upcoming HOTV Events

September 15

Septembeerfest!

September 7

HOTV Social (TBD)

September 19

HOTV Monthly Mtg (TBD)

October 5

HOTV Social (TBD)

September 15

Septembeerfest! (It's kind of a big deal!)



President's Corner

Great to see everyone at the picnic last Saturday! It has been a busy summer for the club with brew days and of course the AHA conference in Portland. As the summer is winding down, we are gearing up for Septembeerfest on September 15. As I have mentioned before, it takes a large group effort to pull off the festival successfully. We will soon be sending out volunteer signups for the festival and hope that everyone that is available can help out. This is the main reason we are able to have things like the club brew system and are able to subsidize educational opportunities such as the AHA conference. Happy brewing!--Dan Rickli



Secretary's Corner

Greetings HOTV,

Here is the second Brewsletter of 2018! Will all the great events the club holds and attends, I get a little too caught up in the fun and forget to put them in a newsletter! As Dan mentioned above, Septembeerfest is upon us and we can use the help of all HOTV members. There are no shortage of opportunities to get involved, both the before and the day of the event, so just let one of the folks listed on [pg. 7](#), or any other Board member, know that you're interested! Let's make this the best one yet, and then get to enjoy some great events in 2019 as a reward for the hard work!--Matt Bahm

In case you haven't heard, Septembeerfest is coming up, and we need volunteers!

Catching You Up on HOTV Happenings!

Lots of Brewing!

Mike Brant hosted HOTV member Maia Kazaks and her friends, Alden and Otis Gray, for a personal brew day on July 4th. The Hefeweizen was mashed overnight to allow for more time for holiday celebrations. Otis, 3 years old, was very helpful in rinsing equipment with the garden hose.

Brewing on OSU's New System

On August 5, a group of HOTVers got the privilege to brew a beer on the new brew system at OSU. As usual our gracious host, Jeff, gave everyone a great tutorial about the new system and guided us through our Irish Stout. Some lucky folks took home a carboy of wort, but for those of us that couldn't make it, this beer will be on tap at Septemberfest.



Mike Brandt running wort into a carboy with a captive audience (looks like a future homebrewer!).



HOTV members get a tutorial on the new OSU brew system.

HOTV Summer Social



A group of happy HOTV campers at Barry and Beth's for the summer social and brew day.

We had a very enjoyable summer social at the home of Barry Cooper and Beth Valentine in Sweet Home the weekend of July 21-22. There was plenty of food including the delicious pulled pork provided by Jon and bacon and scrambled eggs on Sunday morning for those who stayed over. A certain amount of beer was consumed also. The die hards sat around the fire pit

Other Important Dates

September 29

[Rocktoberfest](#)

AHA/BJCP—Entries Due 9/15/18

October 6

[Hob Knob Brewhouse](#)

AHA/BJCP Comp--Entries Due 10/1/18

October 13

[Captial Brewers Harvest](#)

[Classic 2018](#) — AHA/BJCP Comp--Entries Due 9/21/18

until about 1:30 am. On Sunday we brewed a brown ale on Barry's electric system. Some of that is now in an 8 gal rye whiskey/maple syrup cask undergoing secondary fermentation.

Another Successful Oregon Homebrew Festival

On May 18-19 (with an initial judging event on May 16 as well), we held the 36th annual Oregon Homebrew Festival at 2 Towns Ciderhouse. There were **276** entries judged and **113** registered participants, judges, and stewards. The Best in Show award went to Jake Freshour with his Ob-Session semi-sweet mead. Our very own Ron Hall took runner up in Best of Show with his Beavanator doppelbock.

We want to thank everyone that helped make this year's event a success!



It takes a lot of volunteer effort to pull off the competition.



Chris and Patrick ensuring that things are in order!



Ron and Karen checking in entries.



Me taking a picture of Joel taking a picture of the Best in Show entries and judging.

Homebrew Con!

From June 28-30, 27 HOTVers descended upon Portland to conclude our reign as the Radegast Award winners. It was 3 days full of great information, wonderful comradery, and of course lots of beer! There were over 60 educational sessions to learn and gain a better understanding of homebrewing beer, mead and cider. It was overwhelming how much was going on during the 3-day event, but AHA has posted some photos to help give you a sense of [Homebrew Con 2018](#).

In addition to all of the educational sessions attended by HOTVers, we also hosted a Social Hour and Club Night during the conference. The HOTV booth and club brews were well received by all in attendance.



HOTVers got to take in 3 days packed full of information and beer!



Evelyn smiling in front of the very popular HOTV booth at Homebrew Con.



AHA attendees anxiously await HOTV brews during Social Club at AHA. Club members were wearing their new HOTV Brew Club shirts at the event!



AHA attendees waiting in line for our delicious offerings at the HOTV booth during Club Night.



Ron E. taking a break from the tough job of attending Homebrew Con!

Meeting Notes

June Meeting

Matt Bahm hosted. Mike Bennett asked for volunteers for the Sasquatch beer festival. Dan discussed the upcoming summer schedule and reminded attendees of the importance of all club members helping out with Septemberfest. We sampled some of the high and low scoring beers remaining from the competition. Then everyone drank beer, took home some competition beer, and enjoyed each other's company, but many left a bit early to catch the end of the Beaver's game.



Custom tap handles made by our very own Mike Hilt.

July Meeting

Held at the Gorman Chateau. Dan reiterated how important it is to have all members contribute to Septemberfest, and Dan and Patrick gave out custom tap handles to members for helping out with Homebrew Con. The custom tap handles were made by Mike Hilt, who unfortunately also made this his last HOTV meeting before moving to WA. We wish Mike the best, and hope he makes it back to visit!

HOTV Summer Picnic

On August 11, HOTV members gathered at Avery Park for our annual summer picnic. Despite what Armand says, it was a fun event that went smoothly! We did have to brave some yellow jackets, but thanks to Dan Mulera for bringing the traps! We had plenty of games, including a keg toss, cornhole, and fishing.

Brews News

[Rough summer in Europe could raise beer prices](#)

[The Wild West Brewfest named top beer festival](#)

[The Haze Craze takes over GABF](#)

[Beer pairings for those summer recipes](#)



Evelyn showing the prize for her fishing skills at the HOTV summer picnic.

2018 Club Contacts

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Suggestions for Brewsletter Content

If you have comments, suggestions, or submissions for the Brewsletter, please reach out to me at bahm.matt@gmail.com.

All of the board and officer positions are volunteer, and we all appreciate any assistance HOTV members are able to provide. We have a great club because of the quality of our membership, so get involved today!

Heart Of The Valley Homebrewers 11th Annual

SEPTEMBERFEST[®]



CORVALLIS, OR



Enjoy Willamette Valley's best craft beer, cider, & mead among the trees of Avery Park with live music, food and friends at the Heart of the Valley Homebrewers' 11th Annual Septemberfest!

Benefiting Linn Benton Food Share

Saturday, Sept 15th

1:00pm – 7:00pm
Avery Park, Corvallis

\$20

Glass + 8 Beer Tokens

Additional tokens 4 for \$5

- Most beers 1 token = 4 oz sample •
- 60+ beers, ciders & meads from 26 breweries •
- Featuring only Independent Craft Brewers! •
- Live music with Brutal Bridges Band, Blues & Sunshine & Parish Gap •
- Why drive when you can walk, bike, ride CTS or use our free shuttle? •
- Under 21 & designated drivers are free with paid adult admission •
- Sorry, no furry friends •

More information, volunteer signup & shuttle map at Septemberfest.org

