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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*By Bonni Katona*

### Happy Fe-brew-ary!

Our next meeting will be Monday, **February 21**, at the **Bogey Inn** on Glick Road in Dublin. The meeting begins at **7:00 P.M.**, and our guest speaker will be **Ron Wilson of Premium Beverage**. He supplies the craft beers to the Bogey Inn, and his topic will be:

**"The State of Craft Beer Distributing."**

To show our support for the Bogey Inn, I hope many of you will eat dinner there. The food is good and very reasonably priced. You might want to arrive a little early (around 6:00-6:30 P.M.) to allow time to order and eat before the meeting. However, if you can't make it until 7:00 P.M., they will still gladly serve you.

We have been given the green light to bring in our homebrews, but please be discreet about it - no kegs - and conceal your beer in a bag. We will be in a private meeting room. Given the ever-increasing size of our meetings (which is a good thing!), plan to bring a few bottles of your beer for others to sample.

SODZ members have been involved in a lot of activities since the beginning of the year. Last month's meeting at Brew's Café was well attended, and we thank Wes Raynor for his inspirational and informative talk last month.

We also appreciated his generous invitation to continue the meeting at his

house afterward. Wes and Pam, his wife, provided a wonderful spread of food, and we got to sample some of his high-gravity beer. It's nice to see that Wes is brewing again!

The Hoppus Maximus Challenge at Thirsty Dog scheduled for January 22 was postponed one week due to threat of inclement weather. Congratulations to the team of Mike Heilman and Don Croucher for winning Best of Show with their Oatmeal Stout! Frank Barickman shook off the "Susan Lucci syndrome" by winning his flight with his Irish Red Ale.

The next day a number of us went to the World Tour of Beers party at the Winking Lizard. The celebration honored those who finished the 2004 tour. One patron received a special prize from the Winking Lizard for completing seven tours. We understand he's scheduled for a liver transplant in the near future.

So far, I am aware of three SODZ members who are in the 2005 tour. If you go to the Winking Lizard, please credit your beer purchases to one of our members. So far, we have Kris Huckaby (#46), Bonni Katona (#47), and Gayle DeShone (#298). If others sign up, let us know so that we can add you to the list.

On Tuesday, February 8, a dozen of us went on an extensive tour of the Anheuser Busch brewery. George Haddad and Tom

were our tour guides, and they walked us around various buildings where we visited floor after floor of this massive brewery, which produces 10 million barrels of beer a year.

Everything is done on a grand scale. Mash and lauter tuns, etc., were all so enormous that we figured if we got every homebrew club in the state together to brew a batch of beer that we still couldn't afford to fill even one of their tanks with ingredients. The giant aging tanks were all neatly lined up and went on as far as the eyes could see.

We watched in amazement as multiple 20-lb. bags of gypsum were added to treat the water. AJ noted that he usually adds a quarter of a teaspoon to his brew pot! We were mesmerized by the hops room. The aroma was heavenly, and we never saw so many hops in one place. They were in pellet and whole-leaf forms—some in large plastic containers and others in huge compressed blocks.

While the brewery is mammoth in size, we encountered few employees. So much of the operation is automated that they have only about 100 staff involved in the brewing process. The other 900 employees are mostly involved with the packaging end.

Thanks to Rick DeShone for arranging the tour! Some of us went to the Winking Lizard afterward and met some other SODZ. When Bob and Brea showed up from Yellow Springs, he was surprised to find a birthday cake waiting for him!

Congratulations to Jay Wince! His Imperial Stout won a gold medal and took Best of Show honors at the 2005 Upper Mississippi Mash Out. There were 512

beers entered, and this competition is a qualifying event for the Midwest Homebrewer of the Year. In addition, Jay also has an article that appears in the current issue of *Brew Your Own* magazine.

Frank Barickman and the committee have been hard at work planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SODZ British Beerfest, which is Saturday, April 9, at the Leatherlips Yacht Club. Many of the details are falling into place, but we still need help. Go to the SODZ web site to sign up to work at the competition as a judge or steward.

There is a real need for people to solicit sponsors. We have drafted a letter and need to know who has a good working relationship with any businesses who may be a sponsor. Frank will address this issue at our upcoming meeting.

Another way to help out is to enter your beers! We have set a goal of at least 100 beers at this year's comp. It has been advertised extensively in a number of publications and internet sites/discussion boards. There's still time to brew another batch or two of beer!

Finally, this month we will nominate officers for the next year. All officer positions will change since all board members have either reached their two-year time limit in their current positions or will not re-run for office. Elections take place in March, and the new officers will begin their duties in April.

I hope to see many of you at the Bogey Inn on Monday the 21st!



### ***Beermeister system* needs a good home & TLC!**

- Tap into your homebrew! Simplify your bottling process!
- This unit has been idle for 15 years and needs some repair.
- Complete with fittings and several stainless steel 5 gallon cornelius kegs.

**Contact David Carroll**

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## HOPPUS MAXIMUS CHALLENGE

Our Hops - Your recipe - Your Brew

Brought to you by

Thirsty Dog Brewing Company & SODZ Homebrew Club



**Congratulations to Mike Heilman and Don Croucher (pictured) who brewed the Best of Show winner: an Oatmeal Stout!** They were awarded a custom handmade maple mash paddle. Ribbons were awarded to the other flight winners: Frank Barickman (SODZ), Gordon Strong (DRAFT), and Eric Beer of CA.

The beers were arranged into 4 flights and were judged by 10 BJCP judges from the Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati area. 75% of the entries were beers that typically would not use these high Alpha Acid hops. All of the judges were very impressed with the quality of the entries.

Great Job Brewers!

The competition was a success and it looks like we will be trying to put it together next year. Stay tuned for details and what new "twists" the competition may bring.

Results may be viewed on the SODZ website in the "What's New" section. If you did not pickup your scoresheets at the event, they will be mailed to you (or some of your club members may have picked them up).





## STUFF

By Don Croucher

I was warned. Everybody said it would happen. I didn't listen. But, how was I to know? When I started brewing, I had a bucket, a carboy, some tubes and lines, and a hydrometer I didn't know how to read. I was warned that once I got started, I would start accumulating brewing equipment like a person shopping at a garage sale. It didn't register, at first. I didn't know enough to start getting too much stuff, right? HA! I discovered pretty quickly that you don't have to know anything at all to start collecting brewing stuff. Right out of the gate I found someone who was going out of business, a lethal situation for me. I bought stuff. I ran into some incredible bargains, and I bought stuff. I visited beer supply stores, and I bought stuff. I read magazines about more stuff, which I thought would be good to have, if I could only figure out what it was and how to use it. Is there no end to all this stuff?

I recently read an article about a refractometer. I've read the article three times now. I'm still not quite sure what it really does, but I want one. (I am determined to wait.) I have accumulated, at incredibly great prices, all the pieces to start kegging. All I need is the chest freezer, a temperature regulator and some place to put it, and I'm in the business of kegging. I think the divorce lawyer may not be too far behind.

I recently got a catalog from Beer, Beer, and More Beer. It was like getting the J.C. Penny Christmas catalog when I was a kid. I carried the catalog everywhere for a few days, until I noticed people staring at me at Best Buy. They were whispering and pointing. Maybe it was someone behind me, I hope. Even now, I spend a lot of time in my basement, thinking about where I could fit in something else, if I could only come across a great bargain. I have visited the homes of other brewers, and have enjoyed seeing what their systems look like. They always seem to have something in their system that would be great to have. Jealousy and envy are not good things when trying to control acquisition of stuff.

I have accumulated enough empty bottles to start a bottling company. They are stacked everywhere. I also have been collecting and aging exotic beers for several years, and I think I may have to start drinking some of it, just to make more room for more vintage beers. Not a bad problem, really.

The good news is, I have been forced into a sort of mental moratorium, based mostly on the fact that I have simply run out of room for more stuff, at least until I get rid of other stuff not associated with brewing. This is like a disease, which can only be cured by getting more of the stuff that created the problem in the first place. Is this a great hobby, or what?



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## GRAVITY HEAD 2005

*Contributed By Pat Russell-Campbell*

"Hey Kids, What Time Is It???" For those of you who are around my age you might say "It's Howdy Doody Time, " but in this case the correct answer is:

"Time To Make Plans For Gravity Head."

We will be going on MARCH 12. Rich O's is located in New Albany, Indiana which is right across the river from Louisville, takes about 3 hours from Dayton.

We stay at a Holiday Inn Express in New Albany, Indiana. I have secured a block of rooms at the rate of \$69.95 plus tax. They will hold this block at this price until February 12 and at that time the price will go up to \$79.95. Sometimes folks have gotten a cheaper deal on the internet, however they charge your card when you make that reservation so if something comes up at the last minute (heaven forbid) you're still paying for that room. The phone number for the hotel is 812-945-2771. For the group rate you must ask for the "G. H. Group." We usually stop in at Brownings Brewery in Louisville (to see Brewster Ale-Leen) for lunch and a couple of beers, then get to the hotel around 3 p.m. and then go to Rich O's.

I don't have a list of beers yet, BUT I do know that we will be drinking a very wonderful beer by the name of J. W. Lee's Harvest Ale in a Lagulivin scotch cask. Roger who owns/runs Rich O's got the cask in too late for last year's Gravity Head and he saved it. He and I have communicated, and we will be drinking it the night of March 12.

For any of you who have never gone to Gravity Head (what the hell is wrong with you,) we always have between 20-30 of us from Dayton, Columbus and Cincinnati and of course we all have met wonderful folks from the F.O.S.S.I.L.S. and the LAGERS Homebrew Clubs that we hang out with.

I will be lining up our driver from last year who will pick us up at the hotel, take us to Rich O's and at the end of the night you call him up and he makes the return trip. He is a very responsible teenager whose parents are in the Homebrew Club. We pay him \$5.00 a person for there and another \$5.00 for back to the hotel. This is less than a cab ride, and the cabs take forever, the kid makes some money and you can enjoy high alcohol beers without fear of DWI.

I think I have covered everything. If you have any questions just e-mail me, Pat Russell-Campbell, [prussell1@woh.rr.com](mailto:prussell1@woh.rr.com). I will send out directions and a list of beers when I get them. So if you plan on attending this ONCE A YEAR VERY SPECIAL BEER EVENT please let me know so I can keep you updated on directions/plans/list of beers.



"35 High Gravity Beers on Tap starting March 12 until the kegs are empty."  
Check Rich O's website for a list of beers, directions and other details.





## SODZ 2nd Annual British Beer Fest Competition

aka: The Irwin Memorial (yes, he's doing fine)

Location:

**Leatherlips Yacht Club**

9230 Shawnee Trail

Powell, OH 43065

**10 A.M. Saturday, April 9, 2005**

**Scope:** The scope of this competition is limited to the traditional British BJCP styles including Mead and Cider.

**Eligibility:** The competition is open to all non-commercial, home-produced beers and meads. Enter as many categories and as often as you wish. Competition organizers, sponsors, judges, and stewards may enter the competition but may not judge or steward any category that they are entered in.

**Categories:** The SODZ British Beerfest will accept entries from the following categories as defined by the 2004 BJCP Style Guidelines:

8.	English Pale Ale (all subcategories)
9.	Scottish and Irish Ales (all subcategories)
11.	English Brown Ale (all subcategories)
12.	Porter (all subcategories)
13.	Stout (all subcategories except 13E. American Stout)
14.	India Pale Ale (14A English IPA only)
19.	Strong Ale (19A. Old Ale and 19B. English Barley Wine only)
24.	Traditional Mead
25.	Melomel (Fruit Mead)
26.	Other Mead
27.	Standard Cider and Perry (all subcategories except 27C. French)
28.	Specialty Cider and Perry (all subcategories except 28A. New England))

All entries must indicate both a category number and a sub-category letter in addition to a written description of the style. All entries will be judged according to the appropriate sub-category style guidelines. However, categories may be combined with related categories for the purpose of awarding prizes. Multiple entries per style are allowed.

**Entry Fees:** \$6 for first entry, \$4 per additional entry.

**Registration:** All entries must be pre-registered by Friday, March 25, 2005. Pre-register online at [www.sodz.org](http://www.sodz.org). Please print out the completed entry sheet, fold so your name appears on the front, and attach it to the beer bottles with a rubber band. Include entry fee (fold within label if you like). Flights will be fixed prior to event, so no late entries will be accepted. Two bottles per entry are required; bottles from 10 to 24 oz. may be used (judges will be served beer in the pitcher). Promash competition forms will also be accepted.

**Mailing Instructions:** Entries are due between the dates of 3/21/05 – 4/1/05, unless they are pre-registered and hand carried by a judge and/or a steward. Please ship entries to:

Thirsty Dog Brewing Company  
C/O Eric Asebrook / SODZ Competition Entry  
45 W. Alex-Bell Road  
Centerville, Ohio 45459

**Call for Judges and Stewards:** Judges/Stewards are invited and encouraged (OK begged) to join us. The competition is BJCP-sanctioned, and BJCP points will be awarded. If you are interested, please sign up at [www.sodz.org](http://www.sodz.org).

**Awards:** Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place for each category (to be determined based on the numbers of entries in each style, etc.). In addition, there will individual awards given to the "Best British Beer" (BOS). Meads and Ciders will be not be eligible for "Best British Beer", however a separate award will be designated for the best Mead and/or Cider. "Best British Beer" will be awarded a traditional English "Yard Glass." Flight winners will win a smaller "yard-style glass," and second and third place will be awarded ribbons.

**Additional Information:** For more information, please feel free to contact Frank Barickman by email: [fbarickm@columbus.rr.com](mailto:fbarickm@columbus.rr.com) or by phone (614) 354-8750.

**Location Directions:** Directions to Leatherlips Yacht Club will be posted at a later date at [www.sodz.org](http://www.sodz.org).



## AHA CLUB-ONLY COMPETITIONS

Start brewing now for the AHA Club-Only Competitions! We will judge members' entries at the meeting closest to the entry due date to select the club's entry. All competitions follow the new BJCP 2004 Style Guidelines available at [www.bjcp.org](http://www.bjcp.org).

<u>Competition Month</u>	<u>Style (BJCP #)</u>	<u>Entry Due Date</u>	<u>Judging Date</u>
• March / April "In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lambic"	Sour Beers (17)	March 4	March 13
• May	Extract Beers (1-23) *Extracts must make up more than 50% of fermentables.	April 4-26	May 7
• August	Belgian & French Ales (16)	TBA	TBA
• September / October	European Amber Lager (3) *Hosted by SAAZ of Akron	TBA	TBA
• November / December	Baltic Porter (12C)	November 4	November 12

For more details, see <http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/schedule.html>.



## AHA LALLEMAND SCHOLARSHIP FOR SIEBEL INSTITUTE'S 2-WEEK BREWING COURSE

***Lallemand**, the makers of **Danstar** dry yeast and **Servomyces** yeast nutrient, is once again proud to sponsor the Sixth Annual Lallemand Scholarship for the Siebel Institute's two week concise course.*

The famous two-week [WBA Concise Course](#) in Brewing Technology will provide students with a comprehensive knowledge of the brewing process, the dynamics of brewery operations, and socioeconomic issues affecting the industry.

This two-week course (valued at \$ 2,900) is provided at the [Siebel Institute of Technology](#) campus in Chicago, America's oldest and most recognized brewing school. The winner also receives \$1,000 towards any expenses while in Chicago, one of America's most exciting and vibrant cities.

AHA members may enter the contest by filling out the online form before June 16, 2005:  
<http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/scholarship.html>

The winner must have a current AHA membership at the time of the drawing to be eligible.

The drawing for the Lallemand Scholarship will take place at the AHA National Homebrewers Conference in Baltimore, MD during the Grand Banquet on June 18, 2005.





## NEARBY HOMEBREW NEWS & EVENTS

### **BLOATS \* Bloatarian Brewing League**

[hbd.org/bloat/](http://hbd.org/bloat/)

Next Club Meeting: Friday, February 18: Mecklenberg's Name That Beer  
Bockfest 2005, February 25. Meet at Arnolds 5:00 P.M., Parade at 6:00 P.M.  
March 18, Listermann's "March Beer Madness"

### **CMI \* The Cincinnati Malt Infusers**

[www.maltinfusers.org](http://www.maltinfusers.org)

Next Club Meeting: Thursday, March 10: Show & Tell Favorite Homebrew Gadgets  
Bockfest Parade, February 25. Meet at Arnolds on 8th Street around 5:00P.M.

### **DRAFT \* Dayton Regional Amateur Fermentation Technologists**

[hdb.org/draft/](http://hdb.org/draft/)

Next Club Meeting: Friday, March 11 at The Columbian Hall, Dayton, OH

### **FOSSILS \* Fermentors of Special Southern Indiana Libations Society**

[www.fossils.org](http://www.fossils.org)

Travel 2005: Beer Highlights of Belgium and the Netherlands, and the Hop Festival in Poperinge  
(tentatively Sept. 12 – 24, 2005). Contact Roger at [potable@fossils.org](mailto:potable@fossils.org) if you are interested.

### **LAGERS \* Louisville Area Grain and Extract Research Society**

[www.lagersclub.com](http://www.lagersclub.com)

Next Club Meeting: Monday, February 21 at Spring St Meeting House

### **RT82 HBA \* Route 82 Homebrewers Association**

[www.leeners.com/rt82hba.html/](http://www.leeners.com/rt82hba.html/)

Next Club Meeting: March 17 in Northfield, OH

### **SAAZ \* Society of Akron Area Zymurgists**

[hbd.org/saaz/](http://hbd.org/saaz/)

Next Club Meeting: at Grape and Granary  
First Round East Region National Homebrew Competition entries due April 7  
(co-hosted with SNOBS) see AHA website for entry details <http://www.beertown.org>

### **SHIT \* Salacious Homebrewers in Toledo**

[www.geocities.com/salacioushomebrew/](http://www.geocities.com/salacioushomebrew/)

### **SNOBS \* Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers**

[babstech.com/snob/](http://babstech.com/snob/)

Next Club Meeting: Monday, March 7 at Great Lakes Brewing Company: Baltic Porter  
Beer and No Sweat, Saturday, April 2: pub crawl & homebrew festival – keg-only competition  
First Round East Region National Homebrew Competition entries due April 7  
(co-hosted with SAAZ) see AHA website for entry details <http://www.beertown.org>

### **TRASH \* Three Rivers Alliance of Serious Homebrewers**

[trashhomebrewers.org](http://trashhomebrewers.org)

Next Club Meeting: Sunday, February 20 at Sharp Edge Beer Emporium, East Liberty, PA  
TRASH XV Homebrew Competition, April 2 (tentative), Pittsburg, PA



## 2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these meetings and future beer events!

◇ February 19	8 <sup>th</sup> Annual CMI Pub Crawl, Cincinnati
◇ February 21	SODZ Meeting @ The Bogey Inn, Dublin (7:00 PM)
◇ February 25	Bockfest, Cincinnati, OH
◇ February 26 – Mar 1	Real Ale Fest, Chicago, IL
◇ March 4	AHA Club-Only Competition: Sour Beers - Entries Due
◇ March 10	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Kona Brewers Fest Homebrew Competition, HI
◇ March 12	Gravity Head @ Rich O's Public House, New Albany, IN
◇ March 25	Pre-Registration Deadline for SODZ British BeerFest
◇ March 21 - April 1	Shipped Entry Deadline for SODZ British BeerFest
◇ March TBA	SODZ Meeting, Location TBD
◇ April	SODZ 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
◇ April 2	TRASH XV Competition, Pittsburg, PA
◇ April 2	Beer & No Sweat, Brookpark, OH – hosted by SNOBS
◇ April 4-15	AHA National Homebrew Competition Entries Due
◇ April 4-26	AHA Club-Only Competition: Extract Beers – Entries Due
◇ April 9	SODZ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual British Beer-Fest Competition
◇ @ Leatherlips Yacht Club (10:00 AM)	
◇ April 22 - May 1	AHA National Homebrew Competition Judging
◇ May TBA	SODZ Meeting, Location TBD
◇ May 7	AHA National Homebrew Day
◇ June 16-18	AHA National Homebrew Conference, Baltimore
◇ July TBA	SODZ Club Brew
◇ July	AHA American Beer Month
◇ July 16	Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition
◇ August TBA	SODZ Club Picnic
◇ August 6	AHA Mead Day
◇ August 20	Beer & Sweat, Cincinnati, OH – hosted by BLOATS
◇ September TBA	SODZ Meeting
◇ Sept 29- Oct 1	Great American Beer Festival, Denver, CO
◇ October TBA	SODZ Meeting
◇ November TBA	SODZ Meeting
◇ November 5	AHA Teach a Friend to Homebrew Day
◇ December TBA	SODZ Holiday Party

Looking for more competitions? Check out these links:

[www.bjcp.org](http://www.bjcp.org)  
[www.beertown.org](http://www.beertown.org)  
[www.brew-monkey.com](http://www.brew-monkey.com)  
[www.creamycitysuds.com](http://www.creamycitysuds.com)



# **SODZ February Meeting**

**Presentation by Ron Wilson of Premium Beverage  
“The State of Craft Beer Distributing”**

**2005 Officer Nominations  
All positions will change!**

**Monday, February 21, 2005, 7:00 PM  
Bogey Inn  
6013 Glick Rd, Dublin, OH  
[www.bogeyinn.com](http://www.bogeyinn.com)**

**Remember:**

**RSVP to Bonni Katona, [bkatona@columbus.rr.com](mailto:bkatona@columbus.rr.com), so we can give the Bogey Inn staff a head count and they can plan accordingly.**

**Arrive around 6:00 - 6:30 P.M. to order and eat dinner before the meeting. You will still be able to order dinner if you arrive later.**

**Bring your Sour Beer entry for judging. We'll choose one to represent SODZ in the March 2005 AHA Club-only competition.**

**We will be sharing homebrews; please be discreet and carry your beer in bags - no kegs please.**



## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**Fellow members: Please remember to keep your SODZ membership current!**

Dues are \$15 per year per family. For this small fee, your dues allows SODZ to host a 'first class' homebrew competition, supply ingredients for the annual club brew, purchase food entrées for the annual club picnic and Christmas party, provide commercial and 'doctored' beer samples for tasting at select meetings, and miscellaneous other things.

If you are not sure if your membership is current, please check with SODZ Membership Director Frank Barickman. Email: [fbarickm@columbus.rr.com](mailto:fbarickm@columbus.rr.com)



## ABOUT SODZ

The Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists, Inc. (SODZ) will resume regular meetings in September. Reminders for club events and outings will be posted via email and on the SODZ website. If you are not currently on the SODZ mailing list and would like to be added, please send your contact information to the Membership Director, Frank Barickman.

Membership dues are \$15 per year and are renewable during the member's anniversary month of joining SODZ. Dues may be mailed to:

Frank Barickman, Membership Director  
133 Miners Court, Delaware, OH 43015

Members receive *The Grain Mill*, the club's monthly newsletter. Articles submitted for the newsletter should be received no later than the end of the month prior to issue and may be submitted by e-mail, preferably in MS Word, to Betty Fisher: [bjfish7@rrohio.com](mailto:bjfish7@rrohio.com).

Information for [www.sodz.org](http://www.sodz.org) website can be e-mailed to Rick DeShone: [rdeshone@ctcodeworks.com](mailto:rdeshone@ctcodeworks.com).

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