#### The Grain Mill

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members and made contacts with dozens more. There seemed to be a lot of interest in home brewing this year and I'm hoping to get these people involved in the hobby of home brewing. The entire beer scene in Columbus seems to be thriving and the success of the microbrew fest is proof we have options when it comes to local beer.

display. We signed up several new

Learn to homebrew day is November 6<sup>th</sup> and will start at 9:00am. I encourage all SODZ members who could make it to bring a friend and brew. Bring everything you need to brew including ingredients and equipment and spend the morning and afternoon on the Gordon Biersch Patio. This is always a good event to talk to new brewers and experienced brewers and ask questions

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I would like to start out by thanking Jay and Lori for hosting us again for our October fest Meeting. I would also like to thank Bill and Jay for filling in and running the meeting. I tasted a lot of good beer at the meeting like Bill's American brown ale and Amanda's pumpkin stout just to name a few. The food was awesome (thanks for cooking Dan) and the sides were very authentic. I like the way this meeting has become a tradition and more of a social event rather then a formal meeting, I hope to continue this tradition into the future.

The Columbus Microbrew Fest was a huge success and I would like to thank all that helped at the SODZ booth. I would also like to thank The Wine Maker shop for providing the paper handouts, ingredients and extract kits for the

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about other peoples brewing equipment. There will be folks brewing with extract and others doing all grain and everything in between so bring your gear and your questions because this is an event to learn new ideas and procedures. The Buckeyes have a bye week on the 6<sup>th</sup> so if you need something to do stop by and brew or just hang out...

#### **Brew Pub Update**

Gordon Beirsch	Weasel Boy	<u>CBC</u>	Barleys #1	Barleys #2	<u>Elevator</u>
Gold Export	Ornery Otter	Ohio Honey	Raspberry Wheat	Ali Ali Ale	Fraoch with Honey
-	Blonde	Wheat			Ale
Hefeweizen	White Weasel	A	Rye IPA	Bombshell Blonde	Over & Back IIPA
Crack Lagar	Wheat	Apricot Ale	Ol' Ron's Surly	Pint O Joe	Over & Back III A
Czech Lager	River Mink Mild	Pale Ale	Oatmeal Stout	Alexander's Russian	Icebox Eisbock
Märzen	Brown		MacLenny's	Imperial Stout	McCrackin's
	Plaid Ferret	90 Shilling	Scottish Åle	-	Dunkel
Schwarzbier	Scottish	1859 Porter	Pale Ale	Centennial IPA	Heiferweizen
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Seasonal	Dancing Ferret IPA	Columbus IPA	Centennial IPA	Scottish Ale	Flying Hydrant Light
Fest Bier		Super Fresh		Pale Ale	
	Das Frettchen Oktoberfest	H-O-P			Elevator Xtra
	Oktoberiest				Mogabi
	Blackfooted				Bear Ass Pale Ale
	Porter				Deal Ass Fale Ale
					Three Frogs IPA
					Bleeding Buckeye
					Red Ale
					Dirty Dick's Nut
					Brown Ale
					Doub House Loss
					Dark Horse Lager
					Procrastinator
					Doppelbock

#### Meeting agenda

#### **Meeting Location**

The October Meeting

Weasel Boy Brewing Company Zanesville, OH

You were prob'ly there Good beer, friends, and special stout The editor weeps



### Oct-Nov 2010

#### Sun Mon Wed Thu Fri Sat Tue 19 21 17 18 20 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 1 2 3 5 6 **LTHD** 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 SODZ

#### **Schedule of Events**

- 11/6 Learn To Homebrew Day at Gordon Biersch
- 11/15 SODZ Meeting at Gordon Biersch

## The Bieres of Paris

#### By Phil Siewert

In September I had the distinct pleasure of making a business trip to Paris, France. I had never been to Paris and was pretty excited even though there would not be much down time (again, the premise is that I was there for work). Now Paris, or France, for that matter is not really known for beer. However, there is a country just North of there that is. Belgium. Thus I made it my quest to find Belgian beer in Paris.

So the fist beer in Paris violated my Belgian quest. The group I was with stopped by the Eiffel Tour and from there took a boat tour of the Seine. At the dock for the boat I grabbed the Bud of France, a Kronenburg (40% market share – it is everywhere). I had been advised to stay away from this particular beer by a certain all grain brewer who will remain nameless. But to be honest, on a warm day, by the river, paid for by someone else, it was not the worst beer I've ever had.



From the Seine, we went to the Champs-Elysees and stopped to soak up the atmosphere and a couple rounds of Grimbergen. According to Wilkipedia:



"Grimbergen is a group of Belgian abbey beers first brewed in 1128 at the abbey that Saint Norbert of Xanten built for the Premonstratensian (Norbertine) canons regular in Grimbergen. They became famous for providing hospitality and their home-brewed beer to visitors, and handed down the recipe over the centuries. The beers are now brewed by Alken Maes brewery group. The varieties are: Blond, Dubbel (brown), Tripel (blond), Optimo Bruno (brown), Cuvée de l'Ermitage (brown) Grimbergen and the latest innovation Grimbergen Gold (blond)."

As you can see, I had the blond. It was classic to the style (at least in how I interpret the BJCP guide)...light honey like malty sweetness, moderate hop, just a bit spicy. By the way, the "red beer" in the upper left in the picture above was some kind of beer/lemonade. I took a sip, got "wine cooler" flavor, and immediately ordered another Grimbergen.

The next day was all work. That evening after getting the customer we were working with (I'm in sales for a logistics services company) to the airport, I jump on a bus and went back into Paris to continue my Belgian quest. Before heading to France I had looked on the Beer Advocate website for recommendations in Paris. One of the recommended establishments with good reviews and a convenient address was *Au Trappist*. Au Trappist is just east of the Louvre, and one block off of the Seine; in other words, a great location.

As you can see from the sign, they are about mussels and beer. I had found my Belgian Beer





source in Paris. Here are the draft and bottle selections from the menu (yes, the crowd quickly identified me as an ugly American tourist thanks to the pics I was taking).





I of course had to order a plate of mussels and fries. The first beer I tried to go along with my meal was the Carolous Triple. The BJCP flavor profile of this beer is ...marriage of spicy (I got clove and pepper), fruity (orange/lemon), and malty...dry finish with a moderately bitter aftertaste.





To follow up on the Carolous, I went for the Pecheresse Lambic. I had never had this beer and was sadly, a bit disappointed. It a pear flavored lambic – which I did not know until tasting it, then confirming it with an internet search. It is also a very light beer at 2.5% AVB. To be clear, it

was not bad. In fact it was quite drinkable. I was just hoping for a face puckering lambic of the ilk that I could not find at home. I've had more interesting lambic from "From the Vine". Regardless, the ambiance and the generally good mood I was in only motivated me to continue my quest.

The final beer of the evening, and of my quest, was a Rochefort 10 quadruple (dark strong). I've seen Rochefot in the US but not the "10". I figured it was the perfect night cap. At 11% AVB and a complexity of flavors, it was. Carmelized brown sugar, roasted malt, alchohol, a bit of spice...possibly the most complex beer I have tried.



So now that I'm home, and brewing season is in full swing, I'm planning to try brewing a round of Belgian beers. I'm thinking of starting with a dark strong.

I found the clone recipe below for the Rochefort 10. If any one else make this recipe or has a dark strong on hand, let me know. Maybe we can exchange samples at an upcoming meeting.

(Recipe on next page)

**Rochefort 10** Hops Amount Name Form Alpha IBU Boil Time 18-E Belgian Strong Ale, Belgian Dark Strong Ale 1.00 oz. Goldings - E.K. Whole 6.00 16.5 First WH Min OG: 1.075 Max OG: 1.132 1.00 oz. Styrian Goldings Pellet 3.50 10.5 50 min. Min IBU: 15 Max IBU: 35 0.50 oz. Fuggle Pellet 4.00 4.8 30 min. Min Clr: 14 Max Clr: 20 Color in SRM, 1.00 oz. Hersbrucker Pellet 3.80 4.3 10 min. Lovibond **Recipe Specifics Extras** Amount Name Type Time Batch Size (Gal): 5.00 Wort Size (Gal): 5.00 Total Grain (Lbs): 15.44 Anticipated OG: 1.092 Plato: 22.03 0.20 Oz Coriander Seed Spice 5 Min.(boil) Anticipated SRM: 39.5 0.25 gm Grains of Paradise Spice 5 Min.(boil) Anticipated IBU: 36.2 Brewhouse Efficiency: 71 % Yeast Wort Boil Time: 90 Minutes WYeast 1762 Belgian Abbey II Grain/Extract/Sugar % Amount Name Origin Potential SRM Primary Fermentation (# of Days & Temp): 10 Days @ 68-70f 32.4 5.00 lbs. Gleneagle's Maris Otter Pale Great Brit- Secondary Fermentation (# of Days & Temp): 45 Days @ 68f, 14 days @ 36f ain 1.038 5 32.4 5.00 lbs. Pilsener Belgium 1.037 2 8.1 1.25 lbs. Honey Pennsylvania 1.042 0 6.5 1.00 lbs. Candi Sugar (clear) Generic 1.046 1 6.5 1.00 lbs. Candi Sugar (dark) Generic 1.046 275 9.7 1.50 lbs. CaraMunich Malt Belgium 1.033 75 3.2 0.50 lbs. Special B Malt Belgian 1.030 120 1.2 0.19 lbs. Carafa Special Germany 1.030 600 Potential represented as SG per pound per gallon.

# **Hop Trellis**

#### By Ben Siefker

In late summer of 2008, Vic asked me if I was interested in a hop rhizome from one of his Centennial plants. I said, "Sure!" but I didn't really know what I was going to do with it. We had just moved a few months earlier, and the only garden I had was a little 4' x 4' patch by the garage. The only thing I knew about growing hops was that they get very big; I'd need something for them to grow on.

For those of you who haven't been there, Vic has hops growing all over his house, and he has them growing a few different ways: some were growing up strings to the eaves of his garage, some were growing up strings tied to a pole... I got some good ideas just going over to his place to pick up the rhizome. I looked around on the internet that night for ideas and to try to figure out a little more about growing them. Between Vic and the internets, it seemed that I didn't really need to worry about this thing taking over my back yard just yet; the first year they apparently didn't do much. I kept looking for trellis ideas anyway, since

I'd need something sooner or later, and how I would accomplish that would affect where I could plant it.

I ended up with a combination of a few different setups I saw. I liked the idea of using an existing structure – it's simple and appeals to my laziness – but I didn't really have anywhere in direct sunlight that was as high as I wanted. The best spot to plant them was on the south end of my garage, and I decided to get the height I wanted by attaching something to my eaves.

I wanted something relatively simple that looked good year-round. Since the hops would be dormant the majority of the year, I didn't want a big permanent structure. If I was going to be setting it up and taking it down every year, it had to be simple. I decided to extend the exposed rafters under my eaves and to mount a pole to that. I would run a string from the hops up to the top of the pole, and take the whole thing down in the fall.



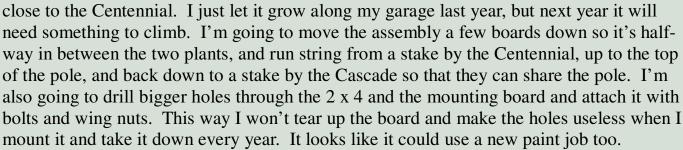
I used materials left in my garage by the previous owner: there were a few 2 x 4s and about a 4' length of 1" dowel. I cut two 2-foot lengths of 2 x 4s and screwed them together. Next

I tacked them to the eaves and drew a vertical line on them where I wanted the pole. I made a plywood jig to hold the 2 x 4 assembly at that same angle and drilled the hole for the dowel by hand. With no drill press, it would be a bit tricky to get the hole right just jumping in with a 1 inch hole bit, so I started small – maybe 1/8" at first – and worked my way up. I drilled the hole all the way through the 2 x 4s for maximum contact with the dowel. I didn't want this thing to come off in the wind. I drilled 1/4" hole through the dowel where I wanted it to stop on the 2 x 4 and glued a 2" long,



1/4" dowel through it. I could have permanently attached the pole to the 2 x 4, but it would have made it more awkward to store, and I have very limited storage space. I painted the 2 x 4 assembly with a can of spray paint closely resembling the color of my garage, and put it all together after it dried. I used two 3 1/2" screws to attach the 2 x 4s to my rafter.

It works great, but I do plan on modifying it slightly for next year. This past spring, I planted a second rhizome (Cascade)



Maybe my design will give you some ideas for training your own hops, or maybe you'll decide to grow some in the first place. If nothing else, it shows that, just like with home brewing equipment, there are many different ways to get the job done.

I wrote this article today on my lunch break. I missed out on some quality Bubble Bobble time, but I still got to eat my lunch. I took a few pictures when I got home and I ended up with an article. Some of the articles people submit really take a lot of time — and it shows! — but not all of them have to. If you have something to share, please do; I think people want to read about it while they're eating their own lunch and they can't get Bubble Bobble to start.

#### Sodz Info

The Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists, Inc. (SODZ) meets on the third Monday of the month at various locations in Central Ohio.

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Membership dues are \$15 per year and are renewable during the member's anniversary month of joining SODZ.

Members receive *The Grain Mill*, the club's monthly newsletter. Articles submitted for the newsletter should be received no later than 10 days prior to the next meeting date.

Articles should be submitted by email, preferably in MS Word with graphics in jpg format to ben.siefker@gmail.com

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SODZ Membership Application

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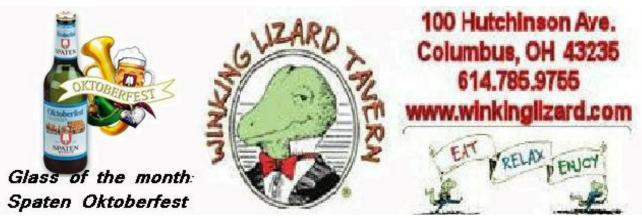
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- □ NOV-Winter Warmer 601
  □ DEC-Vic's Barleywine #5 612

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