



BOSMOPOLITAN

Bloatarian Open 2009

Terraqua Club . May 16 . 10am

The Bloatarian Open is rapidly approaching this SATURDAY, MAY 16!!!

Instructions:

1. Arrive between **10-10:30AM** to register
2. Bring your beer in 2 bottles, 1 two-liter, 1 Growler, or 1 keg at **10AM to Terraqua Club on SATURDAY.**
3. Pay your registration fee. If your membership is not up to date you will also need to pay that.
4. You will receive your registration envelope that contains entry stickers for your beers. The sticker has the category/sub-category, and name of the beer your entered. You are responsible for accurately labeling your beers.
5. After you have put the entry stickers on all your entries, deliver them to the cellar master who will sort them into their appropriate flights. Make sure your entries are clearly marked as to category/subcategory so that we can get them registered properly.
6. RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION ENVELOPE to the Cellar Master. No Envelope, no scores, no awards, no soup for you!
7. If you can, **please bring a side dish to share** as we will be grilling and partying after the awards ceremony.

See you Saturday
Darryl
darryl@rottiron.com
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JA-EEP!!

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Bosmopolitan is the official newsletter of the Bloatarian Brewing League (BBL), the original homebrew club of the Greater Cincinnati area. Annual dues are \$24 (or \$2/month pro-rated), and include an electronic subscription to this newsletter.

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Meeting Policy

All members and guests are required to abide by the following rules at all club meetings and events: Learn something new, teach something you know, bring something good to share (bring more than you drink), taste small samples, give other brewers lots of comments (good or bad) on their beers, and don't drive if you feel even slightly affected.

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BBL Membership Application

Yes, I want to become the best homebrewer I can be, learn more about the art and science of brewing, and especially participate in the secret Bloatarian ceremonies!

I certify that I am of legal age to consume alcoholic beverages, with a sincere interest in homebrewing, and am willing to abide by the club bylaws and other reasonable decisions of the club officers. I promise to behave responsibly around alcoholic beverages. By joining and/or attending BBL activities, I agree to take full responsibility for my own actions and waive any and all claims against the club, club officers, members, or their designates.

I also have \$24 (or \$2/month pro-rated) to spare, so sign me up!

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Signature (required)

Return this form along with check
(payable to the Bloatarian Brewing League) to:

Mike Carver
998 Mistflower Lane Florence, KY 41042

Upcoming Competitions

06/13/2009

SODZ British Beer Fest

<http://www.sodz.org/>

Columbus, OH

Contact: kristen.huckaby@gmail.com

Phone: (614) 288-3286

Entry Fee: \$7 - first entry; \$5 - each entry thereafter

Entry Deadline: 06/08/2009

07/11/2009

Ohio Brew Week Homebrew Competition

<http://www.ohiobrewweek.com/homebrew.html>

Athens, OH

Contact: kleinjc40@hotmail.com

Phone: (765) 404-7446

Entry Fee: \$7 first entry, \$5 every additional entry

Entry Deadline: 06/18/2009

07/18/2009

TRASH XIX

<http://trashhomebrewers.org/TRASHXIX>

Pittsburgh, PA

Contact: peter_kozlowski@fastmail.fm

Phone: (412) 952-9474

Entry Fee: \$6 per Entry

Entry Deadline: 07/11/2009

07/18/2009

Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition

<http://ohiostatefair.com/>

Columbus, OH

Contact: b.chance@expo.state.oh.us

Phone: (614) 644-4126

Entry Fee: \$5

Entry Deadline: 06/20/2009

Board meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at varying locations noted within the calendar and elsewhere in the newsletter. Meetings begin at 7:30 with a toast to cenosilicaphobia. All members are welcomed to attend. It's a good forum to discuss club business, new topics, not to mention a good excuse to get out of the house and enjoy a few good beers!

Grand Opening Happy Hour Celebrates Over-the-Rhine Biergarten at Findlay Market

Friday, May 8, a Grand Opening Happy Hour Celebration spotlighted the long-awaited arrival of the seasonal Biergarten at Findlay Market. The public was invited to attend a Happy Hour event that includes an opening ceremony at 4:00pm, featuring Don Heinrich Tolzmann, President of the German-American Citizens Leagues, who made brief remarks on the Biergartens of Over-the-Rhine in the 1800's. Greg Hardman, President and CEO of Christian Moerlein Brewing tapped the first Biergarten keg. Visitors enjoyed music as well as beer, grilled sausages from Kroeger & Sons Meats, and more.

The Biergarten is being operated through a partnership between Findlay Market, the Over-the-Rhine Foundation, and the Brewery District CURDC.


The Biergarten will be open every weekend through Labor Day Weekend.

Saturday hours: 11:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday hours: noon – 4:00pm.

Biergarten will serve the Moerlein Lagers and Ales, Hudepohl, and Burger Beer brands.

Proceeds benefit the Over-the-Rhine Foundation and the Brewery District Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation. Presenting sponsor is Christian Moerlein Brewing Company.



**There is no
strong beer.
Only weak men.**

Beer & Deer 09

The Westendorf's

The 10th annual Westendorf Spring Party, christened "Beer and Deer," will be held Saturday, May 23rd. Originally part of the Bloatarian Group Brew calendar, the party has grown so big that we no longer have the time to squeeze in a brew session on the same day! I'll just have to plan for it being a day for reducing my inventory, instead of increasing it.

Beer and Deer is our celebration of the coming of summer. We'll fire up the smoker, the grill, and the deep fryer, all at the same time. While the menu is not yet firm, it will definitely include Roxanne's famous juniper berry smoked brisket, grilled polenta, and a special new deep fried dessert! Oh, and there might be a homebrew or two available. You don't need to bring anything, but side dishes and kegs are welcome (bottles too.) The party gets underway at 2:00, with the main portion of the food planned for 4:00. We hope to see you there!

Directions: From I-275 take exit 33, Colerain Avenue (on the northwest side of Cincinnati). Go north on Colerain 1/4 mile, to left on Dry Ridge Rd (it looks like you are turning into Lowe's). Bear right at the stop sign to stay on Dry Ridge, and go approximately 1/3 mile to right on Deerhollow. We're in the right corner of the cul-de-sac, at 10296 Deerhollow. If you get lost or have questions, feel free to call at 245-1224.

Christian Moerlein Keg Tapping

Rob Westendorf

May 15th: Christian Moerlein Keg Tapping, a benefit for the German American Citizens League. This event kicks off the German "Maifest" season, and also celebrates the opening of the German Heritage Museum for the summer. Moerlein's new recipe for "Lager House", their Munich Helles, will be the featured beer, and all other Moerlein beers will also be available. This event will be hosted by the Germania Society, located in Colerain Township, at 3529 West Kemper Rd. Hours are from 5:00 until midnight. Tapping @ 7pm.

August 15th: Christian Moerlein Keg Tapping, a benefit for the German American Citizens League. This time we celebrate the beginning of Oktoberfest season! The featured keg will be, surprise!, Moerlein's Oktoberfest. All of the various Moerlein beers will also be available. The event will be hosted by the Germania Society, located in Springfield Township at 10235 Mill Rd. Hours are from 5:00 until midnight. The primary raffle prize will once again be a Rookwood Moerlein stein.

In addition, Roxanne and I are in charge of raffle ticket sales for the May event, and we could use a little help. We only need a couple of 30 minute shifts from people, so, if they're coming anyway, please give us a hand.

Here's a brief description from Moerlein concerning their reason for changing the Lager House recipe:

"Last year when we launched the Moerlein Lager House to replace the Christian Moerlein Select Lager, there was a malt and hop shortage worldwide. If you didn't read about it, it was really bad causing some brewers to not even be able to brew beer. We had a good supply of Malt, but we had to use 2-Row Malt instead of German Pils Malt in the recipe as the German Pils Malt was not available at any price. This caused us to not have as much of a robust lager than we wanted. This keg tapping is to celebrate the launch of the Moerlein Lager House Original Golden Helles using 100% German Pils Malt in the beer, making it one of the greatest Munich-Helles Style beers in the world."



German Day 2009

Rob Westendorf

German Day is June 7th, again at the Hofbrauhaus. I will again be **collecting donations of bottles of commercial beer**, assembled into gift baskets, as the Bloatarian donation for the German Day raffle. Bottles can be brought to the May meeting, Board and regular meetings, or dropped at Listermann's no later than May 22nd.

German Day Weekend Keg Tapping

Date: Wednesday, May 27 2009

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Hofbräuhaus Newport

German Day Kickoff Parade

Date: Saturday, June 6 2009

Time: 11 a.m.

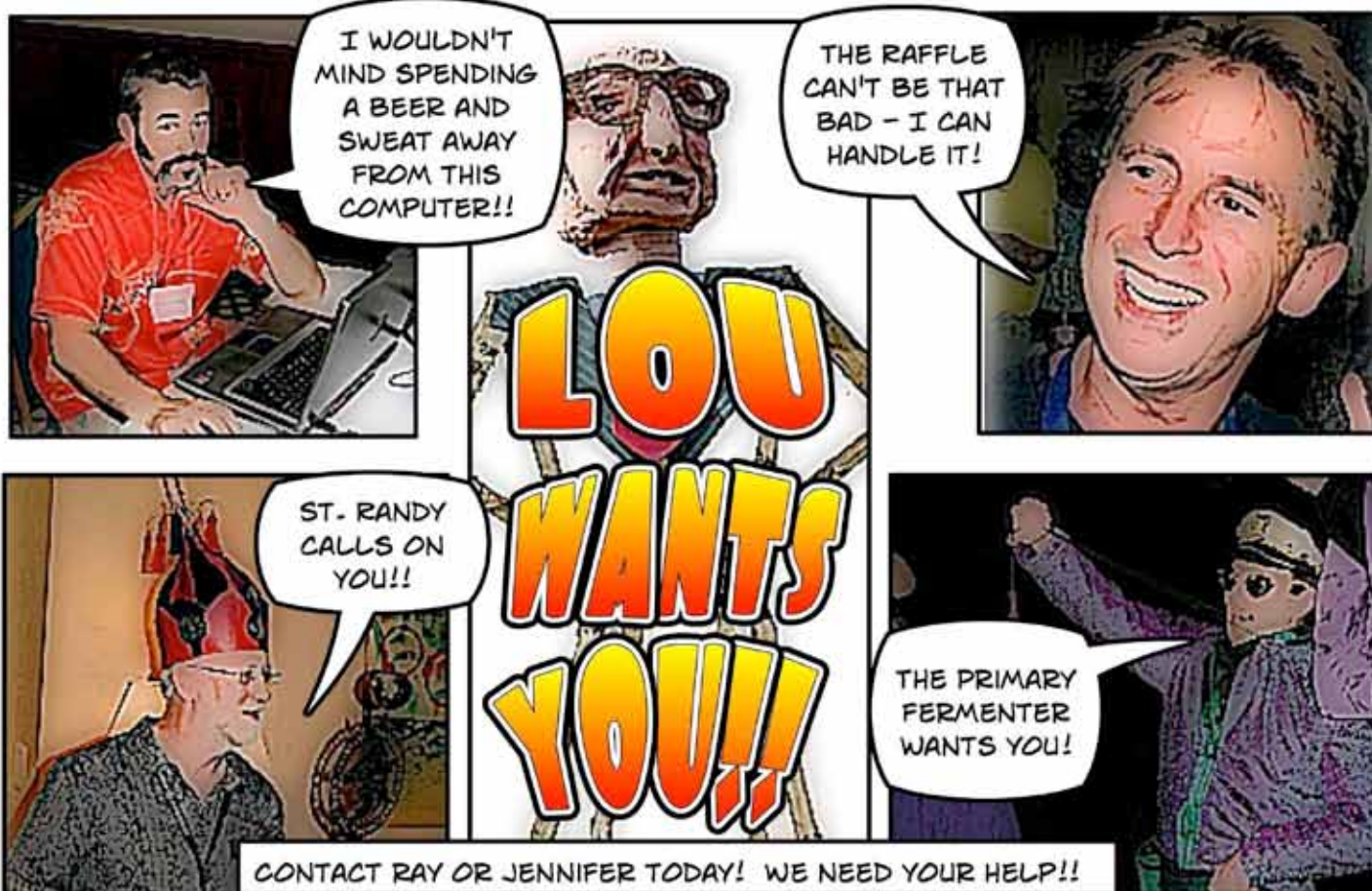
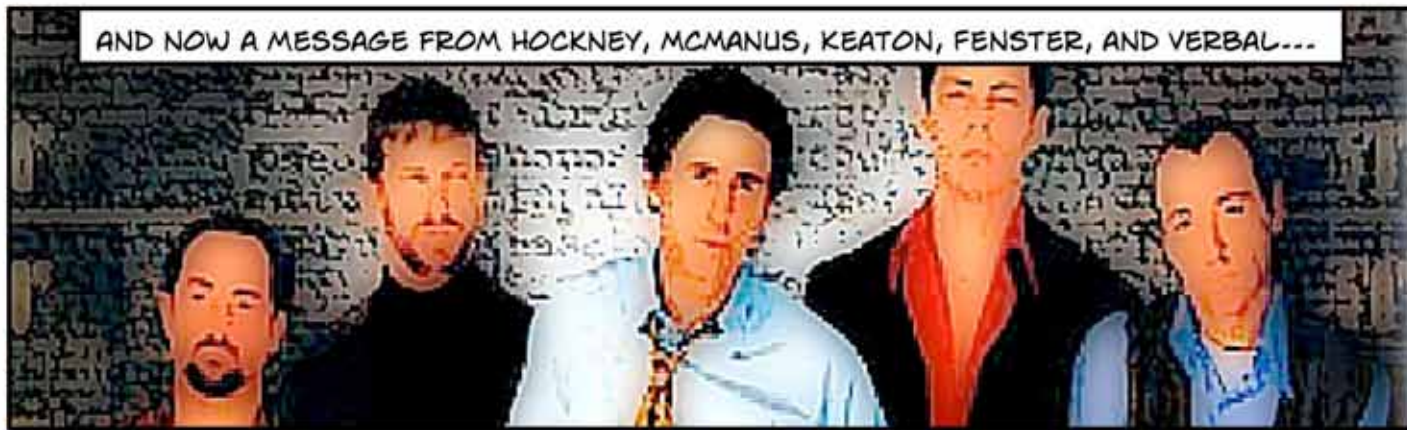
Place: Findlay Market

German Day Celebration

Date: Sunday, June 7 2009

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Place: Hofbräuhaus Newport



Beer & Sweat 2009

Jennifer Hermann

So it seems that a few of our friends were hitting the homebrews early on April 1st since they fell for Beer & Sweat being cancelled. (Mahiques forgot that it was April Fool's Day.) **Beer & Sweat will happen as usual!** The world's largest (by volume) keg only homebrew competition has happened the third Saturday in August for the past 23 years. This year will be no different in that respect. What needs to be different is the administration that will run it. The current administration will not be making plans to run the competition in the future. NOW is the time for YOU to step up and learn what it takes to help run a fantastic event! NOW is the best time for you to be involved, while you still have the current administration available to shadow!

The major responsibilities are highlighted below. Please contact us for more details! We want to help the next administration be as successful as we have been!

Event Director – currently, Jennifer Hermann

Most of your tasks happen before the event so that you are free to trouble shoot and put out fires during the event. Major tasks include negotiations with the hotel, ordering medals and glassware, sending announcements, organizing “booth sitters” for registration and raffle, looking pretty and smiling a lot.

Competition Organizer – currently, Ray Snyder

Your primary responsibility is running the competition portion of the event. You need not BJCP certified, but should have a strong interest and knowledge of the style guidelines. You will work with the current BBL President to present the awards at the award ceremony. You need not know Bosmo personally; you will be formally introduced at the appropriate time.

Beer & Sweat 09 continued

Tabulation Specialist – currently Darryl Dieckman

Your primary responsibility is tabulating judge's scores and points for other awards and assisting the Head Steward. You need not be sober the entire day.

Raffle Coordinator – currently John Zeller

Most of the work needs to be done well in advance of the competition. You'll solicit sponsors through letters, emails, phone calls for items that we can raffle at Beer&Sweat. We have a standard list, with a few being added as the years go by, so this is in no way a cold calling session! Most of your work is done well before the day of the event. Heavy procrastinators need not apply. You'll only stress yourself out. Right John?!

This list is not an exhaustive of every detail. But these are the 4 main positions that need to be filled ASAP. Contact Jennifer for further details.

Instructors Needed for Beer Class

Bryan Evenson

The Bloatarians have been invited to lead a one day class on Basic Beer Making by the Civic Garden Center of Cincinnati. We are looking for some volunteers to help with the presentation. We are looking for anywhere from two to four people to help out. The class is tentatively scheduled for September 12th from 9 AM to 12 PM, depending on whether we can find volunteers to present.

What is in the presentation and how it is run will be entirely up to you! They are open to the idea of a demonstration; there is enough time to show an extract batch, but we'll need to check out the facilities to see if a demo would be a good idea. This is a great opportunity for beer education and possibly getting some new members. If you're interested in helping with the presentation or leading the effort, please contact me at secretary@bloatarian.org.

Ten Things I Learned on Big Brew Day

Bryan Evenson

1. Do not use a new mash tun/false bottom without a backup plan.
2. Your fellow homebrewers are willing to help out when they see you are having problems.
3. Your fellow homebrewers are also willing to give you a well deserved hard time when you have problems.
4. Don't poke fun at Zeller when he's brewing, it'll come back to haunt you.
5. DO NOT use a new mash tun/false bottom without a backup plan.
6. You never know when you may end up on Kentucky cable access.
7. I have yet to see two homebrewers that have the same brewing setup.
8. When going to a brewout, be sure to setup next to the guy who brings an in-line filtration system; you never know what the source water is going to taste like.
9. Leinenkugel's Sunset Wheat does taste like liquid Fruity Pebbles.
10. Zeller is the most humble homebrewer in the club. Just ask him.

May Board Meeting Minutes

5-4-09 . D&J Manor

In attendance: Bob S., Dick M., Mike F., Rob and Roxanne W., Jennifer H., Mike C., John Z., Dave H., Swanky, Andy M., Ray S., Darryl D.

Meeting started at 7:50 PM

Alltech Group Brew: In Lexington on Saturday (9th). Mike Carver planned to go to represent Bloats. May or may not brew.

Brew Review: Kevin Hardman wants to hosts a homebrew tasting and review panel on First Thursday's of every month at Garagemahal. Concept is to bring your latest (or any) brew for sampling and feedback from the group. Starts in June.

Beer & Propane: Ray S is going out to the site to do some cleanup work and maintenance the weekend of May 23-24. Contact him if you'd like to go and help.

Beer & Deer: May 23 (sat) is Beer & Deer @ Westendorf's. Tenth annual party. (see article on page 3)

June Board Meeting: At Dan Listermann's campout

June Meeting: Suggested that it be Swap Meet/Gadget Night. Seconded and approved.

Club Only Competiton: When is next COC? Not till August. Topic is Amber Hybrids. We will choose during the July Meeting.

Mead Day: First Sat in August (Aug 1) Roxanne will do a mead but also proposes a new concept brew to fill the day. This ExBEERiment will use a light lager as brewing water. Two "teams" will brew a competition beer with a given set of rules. To be discussed further.

Beer & Sweat: First planning meeting to be held last week of May. May 26 was proposed. To be discussed.

Mt. Brewer Open: Topic is "alternate fermentables" for this Greater Huntington WV competition.

May 27: Brian B is giving a talk on beer as part of a multicultural series at NKY Library

May 29: Stone beer tasting at Jungle Jim's. \$25

Membership: Darryl will be working on the list. He got drunk in April and was also too busy working on Bloat Open stuff.

Bloated Pigs?

I know of three Bloats who ran in the 2009 Flying Pig Marathon. Two official runners Kevin Spatz (4 person relay, sorry I don't have a pic or times) and Kevin Hardman (Half Marathon) ran as did myself, Andy Melchers. However I ran "bandit" (unofficial) for the second half of the marathon to support my brother Mike in his quest to do his first entire marathon. I have to say, the hardest part was running through Mariemont, passing Dilly Deli and knowing I wasn't going in for a beer! If you or someone close to the club ran please let me know

Here are a few pics with times:

Kevin Hardman



time: 1:47:51

pace: 8:14

Andy Melchers & Mike Melchers



Andy (unofficial half marathon): 2:20

Mike: time: 4:28:14

pace: 10:15

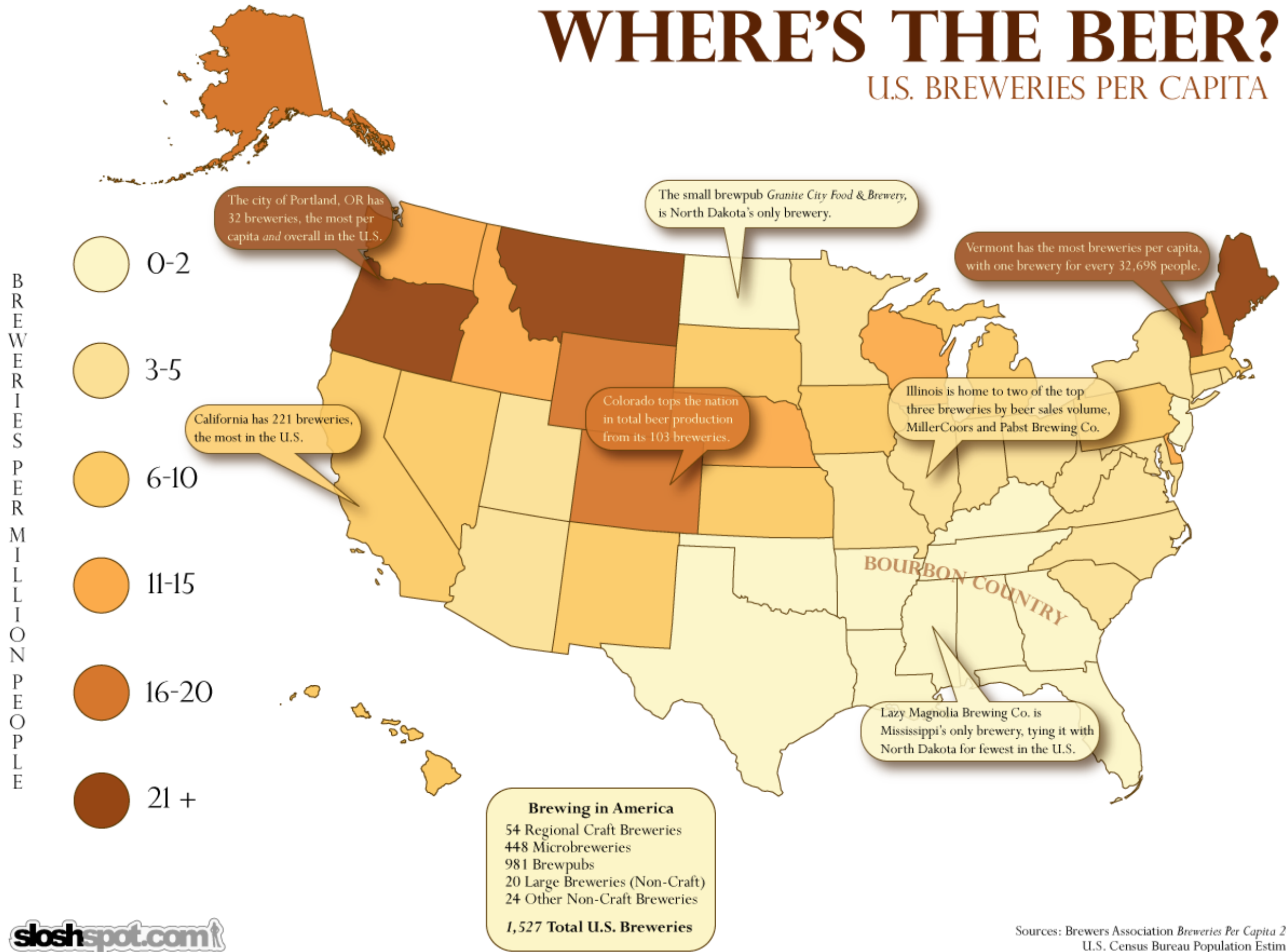


ACBW 2009

Go to www.AmericanCraftBeerWeek.org to check out events in your area. While you are there, you can click on the link to become a fan of American Craft Beer Week on Facebook. By becoming a fan you, essentially, are signing the "Declaration of Beer Independence" which is the theme of this year's ACBW, and before you leave be sure to leave a note on the wall of how you plan to celebrate American Craft Beer Week (May 11- 17).

WHERE'S THE BEER?

U.S. BREWERIES PER CAPITA



Sources: Brewers Association *Breweries Per Capita 2008*
U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates
Beertown.org *Craft Brewing Statistics*

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings for the year will be held at these dates and locations:

June 1 - Listerman Campout

I don't have an address yet, but when I get it I will email blast it out to everyone.

July 6 - Dave Harsh's Dorm

August 3 - John Zeller's Westside Patio

September 7 - BBL Minister's Bungalow

October 5 - TBD

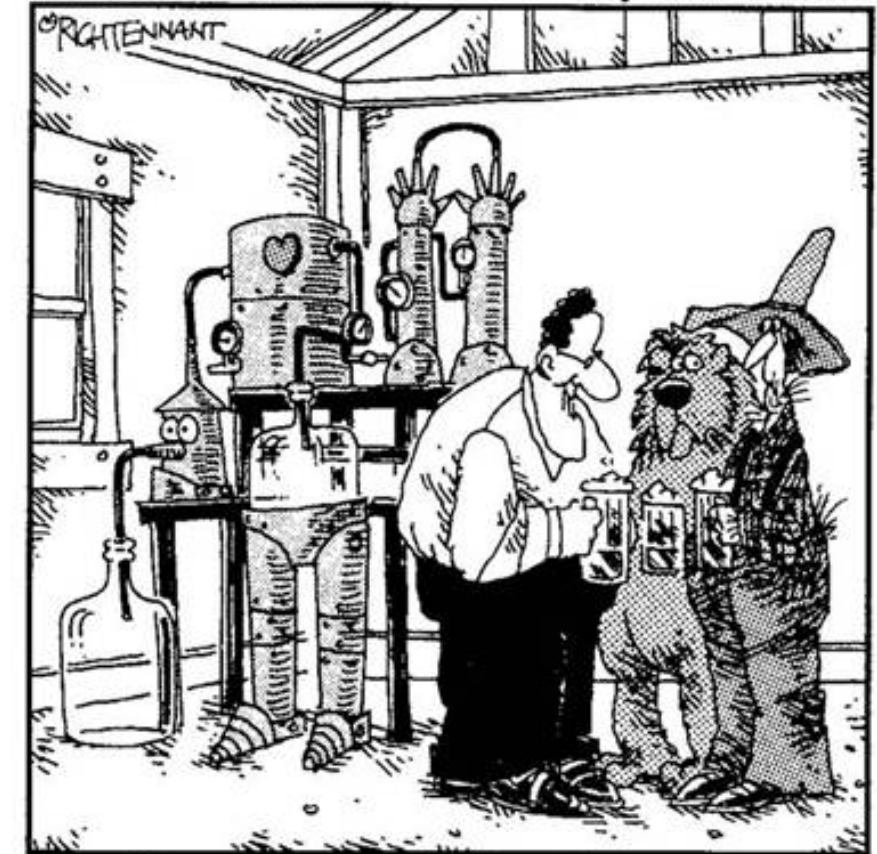
November 2 - TBD

December 7 - TBD



The 5th Wave

By Rich Tennant



"Great homebrew! By the way, whatever happened to that buddy of yours, the Tin Man?"