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REVIEW of the SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September 20 meeting of the Foam Rangers featured the testing (tasting) of several brews from the "Brown Beer" category. In truth, there were not too many brown brews available, but there was plenty of home brew in several categories. It was one of the more memorable meetings of the year, especially since (strangely enough) I was actually able to attend! It was wonderful tasting those fabulous home brewed beers!

Again, there was a significant turnout for this meeting, generally aided by the attendance of several new individuals. It looks like our numbers will continue to grow, now that these people have learned the advantages that home brewing has to offer.

The main business aspect of the September meeting was the continued discussion and planning for the upcoming "Dixie Cup" competition. Note that this is the last Newsletter you will get before this event, so you had better be getting ready, even as you read this. There is, of course, a great deal of information in this issue on that subject.

Another aspect of the September meeting was the arrangement of a "Foam Rangers' Brew-In", to produce several beers suitable for general consumption during the Dixie Cup. On Friday, September 28, about a dozen Foam Rangers met at DeFalco's to perform this vital function. They produced 25 gallons of beer, five gallons each of Continental Light Lager, "Novemberfest" Amber Lager, "Secondary Plasticbrau" Pale Ale, Nut Brown Ale, and "J.R." Dry Stout.

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PREVIEW of the OCTOBER MEETING

The theme beer for the October 18 meeting of the Foam Rangers will be "Wheat Beers". These are really strange brews which do not, of course, comply with the Reinheitsgebot, but I have no influence on the selection of the beer of the month. One good thing about wheat beers is that there are only three known commercial beers in this category - Spaten Club Weisse, EKU Hefeweizen Dunkel, and Hoegaarden White - although there is a rumor that Anchor Brewery is now making a wheat beer. This means that most of the beer brought to the meeting will be (you guessed it) HOME BREW!!! I suppose that there is no reason why you might bring some genuine Oktoberfest!

Another item of great importance at the October meeting will be the continuing of the processing of the 25 gallons made at the Brew-In. This beer will be placed into kegs at the October meeting. This beer is destined to be consumed at the Dixie Cup; the final planning for this event will, of course, be made at this time.

Guess what! This is getting to be a very old story by now, but I (naturally) will definitely not be able to attend. I am destined to spend the entire week within the northern wilderness of Boston. With luck, however, I will get to come to the Dixie Cup! SIGH!!!

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SNEAK PREVIEW of the NOVEMBER MEETING

The beer for the month for November will be Black Beers!!! The November meeting will be on the 15th. Mmmmmmmmm!!! Can you wait for this? Just think of all those delicious Porters, Dry Stouts, and Sweet Stouts! Since you will already be in a beer drinking mood (from the Dixie Cup, just the previous weekend), there is no reason to miss this meeting.

In all probability, the awards presentation for the Dixie Cup local winners will be made at this meeting. Own of town winners will get their ribbons by mail. This is a great time to catch up on all of the winners, and perhaps sample a few of the winning entries.

Just to get you ready, the December beer of the month will be Holiday Ales and Ciders. Oh, boy!!!

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NOT SO HOT FLASH!!

If you want to get a jump on the "Hot Flash" of the year (good grief), then you should take a look at a new offering from Avon Publishers by the title of The Complete Joy of Home Brewing, by (you guessed it) Charlie Papazian, released in late September, for \$8.95. Watch for a reviewed in this very (uh) "Newsletter" next month.

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REGIONAL COMPETITION

Plans for the "Dixie Cup", a regional home brew competition among home brewers from the States of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Tennessee are essentially complete.

The "Dixie Cup" competition and Home Brew appreciation festival will occur on November 10, starting at 2:00 p.m. at "The Orange Show" (2401 Munger) near Gulfgate Center (a map appears within this Newsletter); from what I hear, a visit to this establishment is worth the time, even without the regional competition and festival! It will definitely be a good idea to bring your cameras, so that you can record this event for posterity. You should bring a picnic lunch to the Dixie Cup, as the Orange Show is primarily outdoors, and has a lot of space.

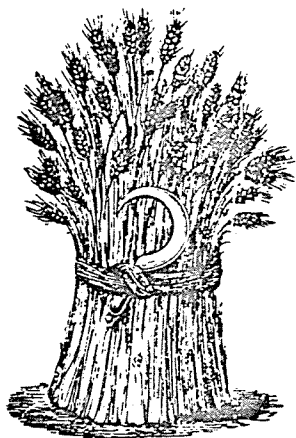
Scott is still recruiting judges, not only for the Dixie Cup, but for the National Home Brew Competition to occur in Houston on March 2 and 3. In addition, there may be a need for volunteers to provide accommodations for out of town contestants and participants. There will also be a need to borrow Igloo and/or Coleman coolers in which to keep the various entries cool for the competition.

Folk singers Steve Gillette and Linda Lowe will perform at the Orange Show immediately following the competition. Linda Lowe was the winner of this year's Kerrville Folk Festival. There will be an admission charge for all except festival participants, so come early and drink some of the sample brews.

There are still two significant items to be completed for the Dixie Cup. First of all, we still need to develop a logo for the Dixie Cup T-shirts, and for flyers. In addition, an alternate site must be determined in case of inclement weather, since the Orange Show is an outdoor facility. Both of these items will be completed at the October 18 meeting of the Foam Rangers.

Entries must be submitted to DeFalco's no later than 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 8. Entry forms are available at DeFalco's, and were also printed in the previous (September) issue of the Newsletter. Each entry must be made with 3 bottles, along with the recipe; the entry fee is \$3.00. Out of town entries should be mailed early to allow for settling.

The more entries we get, the more beer will be left over! This not only benefits the judges (who have the privilege of getting first call), but it benefits all of the participants, since someone has to consume all that beer, or carry it back to DeFalco's!



TYING OF HOPPEs TO THE POALES.

"When your hoppes are growne about one or two foot high, bynde up (with a ruthe or a grasse) such as decline from the poales, wynding them as often about the same poales a you can, and directing them always according to the cours of the sunne."



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RANTINGS and RAVINGS

Here are a few random tidbits from the infinite mind of Scott Birdwell! Not that there is any real significance to these, but they serve to fill up the page, at least, and since he is here watching me type this thing...

- (1) We need a "Recording Secretary" to write the one page "Review of Last Month's Meeting" for the now famous Foam Rangers' Newsletter. How about a volunteer?
- (2) We need a volunteer to bring munchies (cheese, chips, and so forth) to the monthly meeting; preferably, this will be someone who will attend regularly.
- (3) Ed Busch, a part-time Foam Ranger who lives in New Jersey sends news that their club (the Mid-Atlantic Sudsers and Hoppers) pick a different variety of malt extract for each month, and see who can produce the best brew from it. There are no holds barred with respect to grains, hops, yeast, and so forth.
- (4) Mike and Dorothy Bartol have recently returned from West Germany (Munich) where they attended the Oktoberfest celebration. They report that they drank one for each of us!
- (5) Jana Cezeaux, owner of the Home Winery in Bryan, reports that they held their second annual Oktoberfest celebration Saturday (October 13) in front of the shop. (We hope they did not get flooded, or at least learned to swim after consuming mass quantities!) She anticipates as many as 25 entries from Bryan, and there is talk of a bus/van load of MaltHoppers coming down for the Dixie Cup competition.
- (6) There is a new pub called the "TV Rovers" on highway 6, just north of Westheimer (in the "elbow" of a new L-shaped strip center). They feature over 170 domestic and imported beers, including Guinness, Heineken, and another on tap!!! In October, they had Paulaner Oktoberfest on tap; it is to be replaced by Spaten Light!!! The atmosphere is less than exciting, but the place has some definite potential.
- (7) Many people have expressed an interest in a Winter Pub Crawl! This is a great idea; all we need are people willing to do the organizing and work! How about a few volunteers!?!?!?

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From the Editor

Eight down and four to go!!! And this one is actually on time??? What is going on here?

There is a noticeable lack of submitted material for this issue of this Newsletter. What is happening out there? It really is a big help when someone submits an article for this publication. All you have to do is sit down with a piece of paper and a pencil in hand; you will surprise yourself with the gems of wisdom which will flow from your mind!

Relax! Don't worry! Have a Home Brew!



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