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"Women" Seen At Club Meetings

By Steve "Scoop" Moore

Houston, TX— Individuals calling themselves "women" have been found to be attending Foam Ranger club meetings in small but growing numbers. Some have even become members of the club. Members of this strange new group also describe themselves as female.

This new trend in the club membership has been accompanied by some controversy. Grand Wazoo Jimmy Page has embraced the new female membership. "I wish we had a lot more 'women' in the club. I like the way they're shaped and they smell better than men". For others the jury is still out. Competition Coordinator and Wazoo Emeritus Bev Blackwood stated, "I'm just not sure one way or the other about these 'women'. I've written to the American Homebrewers Association for guidance in this matter".

Researchers have determined that due to a small genetic difference, involving only one chromosome, "women" develop a unique bodily structure known as the reproductive system that is not present in regular people.



Some of the "women" that have been appearing at club meetings

"Women" are generally smaller in stature than men and frequently wear their hair in a longer style. The easiest way to identify "women", however, is that they possess something called breasts. The Merriam-Webster dictionary describes a breast as, "either of the pair of mammary glands extending from the front of the chest in pubescent and adult human females and some

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Out Of The Wazoo

By Jimmy Paige, Grand Wazoo



Wow, I can't believe it has been six months since I took over the wearing of the Fez. I am really amazed at the activity level of the club and the efforts of all members entering and winning homebrew contests.

We are doing tremendous work in that area. When I started as Wazoo I wanted to emphasize brewing and brew-ins. In my opinion, brewing as a pair or in a group is just more fun. Just look at the participation and good times had by all at National Homebrew day if you recall. Can you recall, or are those brain cells fried?

I have found out, after much zymurgic research, that I cannot be in two places at once. Family vacation plans to Portland, Maine will have me

missing the July meeting. Ah, let's see, that makes it a hat trick, missing three meetings now in a row, is that grounds for permanent impeachment? Sorry about this. I know Kuyler will handle the meeting expertly as usual. To quote a good guy we all know, "it's just beer".

Our August meeting on the 16th will be at the Lucketts' home in Sugar Land where there could be pool dunkings for the officers. Just make sure the Fez does not get wet.

I had a great time at the AHA National event last month in Irving. I know I had to miss the meeting but the Fez was promoting the club and Dixie Cup. Scott Birdwell was kind enough to drive in his new pick up truck. Scott broke out the real Grand Wazoo by Frank Zappa for the ride up. This was followed by my indoctrination into Mojo Nixon. I think I can recite *Are You Drinking With Me Jesus* by memory now. If there ever was an official club song, that is the

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**July Meeting
 Friday,
 the 19th
 8 P.M**

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Meeting Minutes



By Eric Wooten, Scrivener

Third Friday and alas still no Waz. No Was Waz either. May have been a Was Was Waz, but, hey, I wasn't around then, and, let's face it, I can't be bothered to find out. Turns out the power and the glory of our club have yet to make for Bolivia, instead taking the first in a long series of all-expenses-paid trips at the behest of the AHA and its Maximum President for Life, Charles Mubutu-SeSe Papazian. Charlie's newly minted middle name, which translates loosely to "he who walks in gypsum and is gypsum and shall destroy his enemies with gypsum and shall hear the lamentations of their women," was unveiled at the AHA nationals in Dallas as part of an organizational rebranding effort aimed at getting rid of "Professor Surfeit," a fictional character long considered too soft for today's marketing needs, as well as finally giving Charlie a much needed "cost of living" wage increase. The new answer-man for *Zymurgy* will be defined by his "take no prisoners" attitude and a "willingness to eat the hearts of his enemies." Managing editor Ray Daniels was unavailable for comment, but Louis Bonham, a Foam Ranger who was recently elected to a position on the AHA board noted "the AHA is hoping to frighten people into joining. I think it's great. The days of AHA boycott are now over...or else."

As part of the new "terror-rific!" AHA, all clubs are required to participate in club-only competitions. Steve Moore, fresh from a lengthy but informative stay at one of the AHA's conveniently located regional camps brought news of the newly compulsory event in between lengthy songs relating to the greatness of "The Leader," another of the new AHA approved names for Papazian. Our first joyfully compulsory voluntary submission will be in the Strong Belgian Ale style category. Rangers with examples should bring them to the meeting in September for judging, a couple of bottles will then be sent in tribute to He Who Walks in Gypsum. American Lagers is the current style, with an August deadline; if any Rangers have a good one ready we could use the help, otherwise Kuyler has to send Charles a finger of his choosing, not a pinky. Charlie also warned us to remember that Lunar Rendezbrew is fast approaching. Kegs

should be brought for entry to the next meeting.

Kuyler will likely be using all nine of his remaining fingers in putting together the BJCP training sessions (with a little help from Bev and Jimmy (live via satellite)). Anyone interested in taking part in the class should contact Kuyler. The plan is to meet on second Thursdays leading up to the Dixie Cup. The focus will be mostly on tasting issues (the rote memory stuff is up to you, the loyal AHA servant). There's a \$50 tribute to the BJCP for taking the test, which will be held in conjunction with the gala Dixie Cup Opening Ceremonies.

To better serve the AHA, we're actually planning in advance for the Dixie Cup this year, and to better assist us in the planning we conveniently schedule it close to no fewer than 50 taps. Timberwolf hosts the monthly event at 4pm on the Sunday after meetings, and in deference to the most powerful Cup in homebrewing they offer \$2 pints for the duration of the planning. We're down to the last few meetings, so to bolster interest attendance now helps your chances for redemption through Charlie; attendees receive small rags that Charlie has prayed over which they can use to glorify their everyday lives.

New fodder for the mill! The Rangers welcome Mitchell Peterson and Boyd Katzman to the service of the great Mubutu-SeSe Papazian.

The Blackwood power-grab conspiracy continues as The One True Waz will again be "traveling" (Paige and several of his close advisers are now presumed dead) and the meeting will face the same crazed scramble for power that has beset it over the past few months. While Joe Lindsey has managed to coalesce a hasty power-base sufficient to at least safeguard most of the beers from any bastardy interventions it is as yet unknown if he will align his considerable influence with the Doyle or Blackwood camp when the inevitable face-off at last arrives. While Doyle maintains the mighty chain of command and with it complete control over Foam Ranger ability to access beer, Blackwood is believed to have a Bishop's miter in waiting should the Fez suddenly "go missing." Unknown is how confused Rangers might react when faced with a powerful new novelty hat at a critical juncture. Weapons are, as always, optional at the upcoming meeting.

ERRATUM—In The June Brewsletter erroneously reported that Foam Ranger Karel Chaloupka is entering a Seminary to study for the Catholic Priesthood. The Brewsletter Staff regrets the error.

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Beer Of The Month



By *Kuyler Doyle*,
Secondary Fermenter

Summertime...and the livin' is easy. Sure it is. The Gershwins were obviously not living in Houston when they penned that one. We know that July has come along and brought in a string of days with numbers in the 90 plus range for both temperature and humidity. And when the evenings don't bring much respite, it's time to reach for a cold refreshing beverage. We will be tasting some mighty fine versions of these types of beers this month when we try several pilsners and kolsch-style beers.

Before the date of around 1842, all beers were either dark or cloudy. It was during this year that a brewery in Pilsen, Bohemia (now Czech Republic) used the already existing lagering method but produced a pale, golden, clear beer. It was around this time that technical advances allowed for better control of malting and fermentation but also in glass production. The advent of a clear drinking vessel made the consumption of a clear, golden beer more attractive than drinking a cloudy dark one. As we all know, this general style has since circled the globe to be easily the most brewed style of beer. However, along the way the style has been mutated to reflect local ingredients and tastes of the consumers so that most modern day pilsners are a far cry from the profile that we find in a good Bohemian pilsner. A true Bohemian pilsner starts with a nice rich malty aroma mixed with the spicy and floral bouquet from Saaz hops. The Saaz hops from Bohemia is one of the unique and defining characteristics of this style, and there is no shortage of them in a good example of the style. The flavor of the beer continues with a wonderful rich malty character which combined with a rounded bitterness and the flavor from the Saaz hops. There is a more rounded hop character than dry or sharp due to the extremely soft water found in the area

around Pilsen. The complex malt character of a Bohemian Pilsner is accomplished with the use of a decoction brewing which is necessary due to the use of undermodified malt from the region of Moravia in the Czech Republic as well as the use of a lager yeast strain that does not fully attenuate the beer. Overall, this beer is a complex and well rounded beer that is really good to drink at any time of year. As examples of this style, we will first try Pilsner Urquell (the original brewery for the style). From the Czech Republic, we will also sample Staropramen and Budweiser Budvar (Czechvar, not that other pretender). As other examples of this style from around the globe, we will sample St. Arnold's Summer Pils, Kirin from Japan, Bohemia from Mexico (a loose interpretation), and Day's Golden from Louisiana.

As I have discussed, the advent of the Bohemian Pils caught on in the rest of the world and morphed into its own style. Brewers in Northern Germany took the style and adapted it to their own conditions. The result is different than a Bohemian but a style worth sampling on its own. The aroma of this style is that of German noble hops with a slight grainy character. The flavor is one that is less malty than the Bohemian but with a slight grainy sweetness followed by a crisp, dry bitterness. The water in this region is high in sulfates unlike that around Pilsen which lends to this more dry character. The yeast used attenuates the beer more than that of the Bohemian pils which lends to a beer with a balance more towards the hop bitterness. As examples of this style, we will sample Bitburger, Warsteiner, and Paulaner Premium from Germany. From elsewhere, we will try North Coast's Scrimshaw, Heineken (Dutch version), Singha from Thailand, and Pyramid's Coastline.

While we're in Germany, let's discuss the origins of the kolsch-style beer. Yo Mr. Secondary, what's up wit dat kolsch "style" bidness instead of just saying "kolsch?" Good question from the audience. This is another

BOTM Calendar	
January	Porter and Stout
February	Barleywine and Holiday Beer
March	Belgian and Fruit Beer
April	Brown, Old, and Scotch Ale
May	Bock
June	Wheat Beer
July	Pilsner and Kolsch
August	Pale Ale and Bitter
September	Oktoberfest
October	Dixie Cup
November	Amber Ale and IPA
December	Homebrewers' X-mas Party

The Business Of Beer

Boston Beer Company Pleased With Sales of New Light Beer

BOSTON—The Boston Beer Company crowed over its sales of the new "Sam Adams Light" beer. Jim Koch, Chairman of The Boston Beer Company, said, "The first quarter 2002 was very exciting as it was the largest first quarter for deletions in Company history. We significantly increased brand support spending and were rewarded by high single digit growth, primarily driven by our Sam Adams Light(TM) initiatives. While this high investment level caused a decrease in financial earnings for the quarter, we believe that longer term the potential increased volumes should allow us to grow both earnings and brand support spending." while announcing the results for the company's first quarter. Those in attendance asked Mr. Koch to explain what he had just said in "Plain English" and to quit whining.

Foam Rangers
Calendar

July

- 7 1st Sunday Pub Visit
- 13 Brew-In at DeFalco's With Robert Orahood
- 19 Club Meeting
- 21 Lunar Rendezbrew sponsored by the Bay Area Mashtronauts, Seabrook TX

August

- 4 1st Sunday Pub Visit Brewery Tap
- 10 Brew-In at DeFalco's
- 16 Club Meeting At the Luckett's in Sugar Land!!!

September

- 1 1st Sunday Pub Visit Two Rows
- 14 Brew-In at DeFalco's
- 20 Club Meeting

October

- 6 1st Sunday Pub Visit Brenham Brewery
- 17-19 Dixie Cup

Please send items that you want listed on the Foam Rangers calendar to:

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Or the brewsletter office address!

Competition Corner



By *Bev Blackwood*

Got Beer?

We need to grid our collective loins and get ready to do battle with the spacemen down south! It's Lunar Rendezbrew time and if you're reading this the day before the meeting, it's too late to enter! However, they do throw a hell of a party and you should come down and make all kinds of noise for the keg competition. If we want to keep that spiffy Chimay-fueled shuttle we've so proudly displayed for the past year, we'll need some truly yummy suds to best the other area clubs.

The event is at the Seabrook Community center from Noon to 6 on Sunday, July 21st. The Mashtronauts always have lots of fun games, music and mayhem to make the day a lot of fun for Houston's homebrewing community.

Also mark your calendars for the Ale-ian's Cactus Challenge. This event in far-away Lubbock is a good testing ground for your Dixie Cup beers, giving you some timely feedback before the winning gets serious! They will be accepting entries on September 2nd through September 14th, With judging and awards taking place on September 28th. We will be holding the Pack & Ship for the Aleians on Thursday, September 5th.

Sean Lamb and Mike Heniff have suggested that since we're getting all cozy with the AHA we should be taking up the mantle of again being a feared force in the AHA brewing community. The way the Foam Rangers can do this is by kicking ass in the Club Only competitions held roughly every other month throughout the year. The first up is American Lager, so if you have one in bottles, we could compare it against any competing entries and ship it off for the August competition at this

month's meeting. Beers to look ahead to are: Strong Belgian Ales, Fruit and Herb, Spice, Vegetable Beers, English Pale and Bitter, Brown Ale, Old Ale and European Pale Lager. What's in it for us? Well, if we win enough points in these competitions, we get to be Homebrew Club of the year, and get a spiffy award at the National Homebrew Competition. This would no doubt throw the earth off its axis and we'd all die a fiery death when we smashed into the sun. Still, it'd be fun, right?

Did I mention yet that you should be brewing? If you're brewing the day after the meeting, you MAY have 4 more chances to brew for Dixie Cup. While I was in the sterile wasteland of lovely Las Colinas in Irving, the one undercurrent I heard from the North Texas brewers was how they were gearing up to come down here and take our precious Dixie Cup home with them. I do not take this threat lightly. Not only do they have the brewers to do it, they also have a lot more of them than we do. The numbers game alone is a daunting one. Add to that a fairly tight race for nearly every Gulf Coast category, and that means that the Dixie Cup is once again the battle ground for all the marbles! The early deadline for Dixie Cup entries is October 4th and the late deadline is October 11th!

I also would like to remind folks that there are two more MCAB Qualifying contests after Dixie Cup, The Novemberfest in Seattle and Happy Holiday Homebrew Competition in Saint Louis. So when you're prepping your Dixie Cup entries, go ahead and add a few bottles for these competitions. Speaking of MCAB, the Brewers United for Real Potables are hosting the next one (#5) and it's in late January in Northern Virginia, near Washington D.C. If you're a qualifier, be sure you have your entries prepped for a early to mid-January ship date!

Get Brewing!

Competition Calendar			
Event	Entry Deadline	Pack 'n' Ship Date	Info
Ale-ian's Cactus Challenge	Sept. 14	Thur. Sept. 5	http://cactuschallenge.tripod.com/
Dixie Cup	Oct. 4	Not Applicable	Ask Kuyler

Recipes from the 2001 Dixie Cup

1st Place Kolsch
 Recipe for 18 Gallons
 By Russ "King" Bee
 32 lbs German Pilsner
 3.2 lbs German Wheat
 3.2 oz Hallertauer (4.4) for 60 minutes
 1.9 oz Tettnanger (4.4) for 30 minutes
 1 oz Tettnanger (4.4) for 10 minutes
 Wyeast 1007
 1.046 OG, 1.008 FG

Recipes from the 2001 Dixie Cup

1st Place European Pale Lager (Bohemian Pilsner)
 Recipe for 5 Gallons
 By Russ "King" Bee
 4 lbs Pilsner Malt
 4 lbs 2 oz German Pilsner
 1 lb 2 oz Carapils
 Decoction Mash
 .5oz (4.1) Saaz and .3 oz (6.0) German Traditional for 75 minutes
 1.0 oz (4.1) Saaz and .25 oz (6.0) German Traditional for 60 minutes
 Wyeast 2007

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other mammals".

It will probably not be apparent because "women" tend to wear clothes, but incredibly, they have no penises. Perhaps due to their reproductive systems, that organ has been replaced with a different, more internal organ known as a vagina.

Ultimately Grand Wazoo Paige's message is one inclusion with respect to the appearance of the "women". He noted "Dave Cato (Foam Ranger emeritus and current member of the Oregon Brew Crew in Portland) was telling me that there's this guy in the Oregon Brew Crew whose skin is this very dark brown color. Maybe some day we could get some of those dark skinned people in the club".

This Month In Foam Ranger History



By Sean Lamb

10 Years Ago...

In The Brewsletter— Andy Thomas puts in the second installment of a trip report on his travels to Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Andy finishes his tales of the Vernon Valley Brewery and goes on to cover the Trenton BC in New Jersey, the Yuengling BC In Pottsville, PA, and The Cambridge BC In Cambridge, MA. Part-time secondary Tom Witaneck expounds on Wheat Beers.

The Club Meeting—Hosted by J. P. Rappenecker in the Heights. The beer of the month was Wheat beers, with Celis White, August Schell Weiss, Oberdorfer Weiss, Spaten Club Weisse, Tucher Hefe Weisen, and Tucher Hefe Weizen Dunkel served. Judging for the club entry for the AHA club-only "Weiss is Nice" competition was held, with John Maca winning out of 11 entries.

Other Events— Tom and Janet Witaneck celebrated the birth of their first - daughter Allison.

5 Years Ago...

In The Brewsletter— Grand Wazoo Steve Moore continues the "Starship Enterprise" series of the "Out of the Wazoo" columns...The Let's Sponsor "Little Jimmy" effort to sponsor Jim Johnson's membership in the KGB reaches \$13 of its \$20 goal. An article on "Guerilla Brewing" written by Eric McClary of the Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists is reprinted. The article advises using "the shotgun method", targeting "odd styles", "you can't be too strong" and warns against copying published award-winning recipes.

The Club Meeting—The meeting was held at the Oddfellow's Lodge in the Heights. The beer of the month was Wheat beers. A club Dunkel Weizen contest was held, with Karel Chaloupka taking 1st, Larry Mayhew taking 2nd and Wayne Smith taking 3rd place..

Other Events— Foam Ranger Phil Endacott begins brewing at the Bay Brewery in Seabrook. Grand Wazoo Steve Moore tutors a Wheat beer tasting at the Gingerman on July 21st.

Foam Ranger Picture Page



Come and listen to a story about a man named Jim...



Ok, y'all line up, and the first one to knock me off of here gets the brewery!



Fred, I'm only going to tell you one more time—it's not a skirt - it's a kilt!



Leroy learns to not turn his back after telling Jimmy his brewing technique sucks.



My name is Larry and my friend James has his own brewery!



Will the Foam Ranger 'knick knack" shelf lose one of its occupants? Go to the RendezBrew on the 21st to find out!

Foam Ranger Picture Page



Jimmy and Bev give Charlie Papazian a Foam Ranger pin in exchange for their free admission to the AHA NHC



Jimmy and Bev give a Foam Ranger pin to arch-villain "The Joker" because they like to reward evil



For my first act after declaring myself "Grand Wazoo For Life" I will burn that stupid Fez!



Ray—Stop grabbing my ass and saying "You want to see Bacchus' vine grow?"



Well, dear, you know how late these meetings run...Yes, I'll be home at the usual time...
Yep, between 2 and 3 AM...

Homebrew Fashion

Editor's note—In an effort to present material of interest to “women” the Brewsletter Urquell staff is experimenting with subject matter that has been suggested may be of interest to them.

San Francisco, CA—In the final day of the west coast men's season, upstart designer S. Mo' had a showing of his new

Spring/Summer 2003 collection. The self-styled “homebrewer's designer” debuted his collection of midriff-exposing crop tops emblazoned with the logos of defunct Texas breweries and brew-pubs. The tops were paired with both tight fitting spandex shorts and baggy cargo shorts.



Model “Sparkles” sports a Galveston Brewery crop top with spandex shorts

“I wanted to juxtapose the sadness and death-like motif of the closed brewery against the joy and happiness of the spring and summer!” declared S Mo.

It's unknown whether the line will catch on, but if the speed with which most attendees bolted from the site of the show is any indication, S. Mo had better not give up his day job.



Model “Sapphire” struts with a Magnolia Brewery top paired with cargo shorts

San Francisco, CA—The American Homebrewer's Association continued its expansion into new revenue streams by launching its official line of “fashion mashtuns”. The AHA has joined with several mashtun manufacturers to market their goods as “Official AHA Fashun Mashtuns”.



Model “Jimmy” shows off the always in

“We just wanted everyone to know that there are some very practical, affordable and, dare I say it, darn good looking alternatives available to the homebrewer when he or she is choosing a mashtun to wear on their head” declared AHA President Paul Gatza during the showing of the line.



Model “Beverley” is dashing in the new line from Italian manufacturer Lainox.

Beer of the Month (Continued from page 3)

version of “appellation controlee” where the actual name “kolsch” can only be used to designate a beer from the birthplace of the style, Cologne (Koln in German), Germany. This city has a long history of brewing and has a Brewers’ Guild that dates back to the late 1300’s. The beers in the town were brewed as ales and were largely served only in brewpubs until after World War I. The popularity of the pilsner style that was sweeping through Germany forced the brewers to refine their beer. Paler malts and cold temperature “lagering” of this ale were employed to make this beer a bit more pilsner-like in quality and took away some of its ale complexities. The beer these days is light in color and has a soft floral aroma from the noble hops and the ale yeast. The flavor is remarkably balanced with good soft malt character, enough hops to taste and to offset the sweetness, with just a hint of a fruity ale character. The hops tend to make the finish slightly dry but sweeter examples also exist. In some examples, a portion of wheat is used to add to the malt complexity. Overall, it’s a very drinkable

and refreshing style. Here in the U.S. breweries are catching on to what a refreshing beer style this is. Thus, the style is emerging in microbreweries across America. There is only one true kolsch imported to the U.S. – Reissdorf. Thanks to Cliff Peery who has contributed greatly to the tastings of the last few months from his recent trips to the West Coast, we will be trying this beer. As American versions of this style, we will also try Shiner’s Summer Stock, St. Arnold’s Fancy Lawnmower, Pete’s Helles (before you make any smartass remarks, this beer won gold last year in the kolsch-style ale so we’ll try it out!), Goose Island Summertime, and Alaskan’s Summer Ale.

For those of you who have yet to vacation this summer, this month we will certainly be taking an exciting trip around the beer world so you don’t want to miss it! Because of the more delicate flavors of the style, I will be serving the kolsch-style first – so don’t be late to sample these! Until then, stay cool!

New Technology Expands Beer Drinkers Footwear Options

Cambridge MA-New technology from the laboratories of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology may allow beer enthusiasts to return the one long-reject item of footwear to their wardrobes. Since their inception, moc-toed shoes and boots have been shunned by beer drinkers everywhere like wearing white before Memorial Day. The tendency for beer to pool in the toes of the shoe has been behind their lowly status (see the illustration at the upper right).

The breakthrough at the Laboratory for Applied Nuclear Fashion at MIT is in the form of miniature pumps that are added to the shoes. The pumps (seen at point 1 in the photograph at the lower right) move any beer that should pool in the toe of the shoe out over the stitching and over the shoe’s side (seen at point 2 in the photograph at the lower right). The pumps are powered by energy generated when the person wearing the shoes walks.

Stanley Blackbridge, director of MIT’s New Clothing Lab indicated that the micro pump were just in their prototype stage, and shouldn’t be expected to come to the retail shoe market in the near future. “Beer sloshers will just have to hang on to those dreams of the comfiness that only a moc toe can provide for a few years yet.”



Out Of The Wazoo (Continued from page 1)

one that gets my vote. Maybe Scott will play it at the meeting. There was lots of great homebrew and great people, and of course FRED! I had never been to the AHA Nationals but would go again and pay next time because it was worth it. Bev Blackwood had the unofficial After Hours Scotch and Beer Tasting Room. Could he have fit any more people in there? Evidently the neighboring hotel guests were disappointed they could not attend and called management to shut it all down. Riots broke out and several people, including the Marriott Hotel, are now filing bogus lawsuits against Bev for personal injuries and other damages. Bev should have elected to take the room crawl insurance when he checked into the hotel. Fate would have it that the Fez would win the big raffle prize, a custom keg serving stand, which will be kept at Defalcos. You have to see this "prize" in person. Bo Turton from the North Texas club made excellent use of Charlie Gottenkiyen's Beer Man cartoons. The Foam Rangers are featured prominently. It was only appropriate that a Foam Ranger should win that raffle item.

We had some Rangers, Bev, Mr. Excitement and Carolyn, Steve and Kim, able to make it out June 29th to the Real Ale Brewery for their anniversary party. Great food and Real Ale beer, all gratis of course. I heard from Steve and Kim that one guy had too much cheer and had to pass out in the bed of his pickup truck. Should make for good conversation next meeting.

As most of you know I love to brew on weekends or any day available for that matter. I just got a new shade canopy so the sun and heat will be less of a problem. I really want to test out the new beer tool. Let me know if you want to brew some time. Speaking of brewing, July 13th Bob Orahood braved the Houston heat by performing the club brew-in at Defalcos. Bill Widger's brew from June 8th, I think a Bohemian pils, should be ready to go at the July meeting. Thanks guys for sharing your excellent homebrew, my glass is raised to you.

Summer heat is here to stay so get your beers in the fermentation refrigerators or team up with a brew buddy to use their equipment. The Mashtronaut's Lunar Rendez-brew is on July 21st. Entry deadline is already passed on July 13th. This event is always one of my favorites and is a lot of fun so plan on attending from Noon to 6PM on Sunday the 21st at the Seabrook Community Center, see <http://www.mashtronauts.com> for more info. The other contest we should enter for judging feedback is the Aleians' Lubbock deal in September. Beermeister Blackwood will be providing us with the fine details on that one.

It is time to get entries made NOW for Dixie Cup. We will have a tough challenge this fall, especially from North Texas Homebrewers, the club seeking revenge who wants to take our trophy back to Dallas. To increase entries, consider making and splitting batches with brew partners or other club members. We will have at least

two brew-ins planned for August and September. If anyone wants to host more just speak up.

Are you a "full fledged" gun toting, badge wearing keg drinking Foam Ranger? No member is complete without their hardware so please get your badge at Defalcos for the low low cost of \$10 or two for \$20. Get them before they disappear. Buy several for your homebrew guzzling friends and get them to join our club. If you have any brewing buddies or significant others, invite them to one of our meetings or other events like the first Sunday pub visit. This month, oh shit, did I miss July 7th at Twolf pub? Well anyway August 4th we'll try the BREWERY TAP downtown. September we will go for Two Rows and October I'll see about getting with our good friend James Hudec for a cookout at Brenham Brewery.

As some know, June 15th James Hudec hosted a brew-in at the Brenham Brewery. We had 4 or 5 batches being made. Even Larry Mayhew got his big rig cleared of all mud daubers nests and actually made a beer for the first time in years. Bill Widger was busy brewing a double decoction while trying to recruit people for the club from the brewery tour. We had a lot of club members show up to drink James' excellent helles lager and hoppy pils as well as those delicious grilled Burton sausages. Yummy food and liquid bread.

For those who could not get enough Brenham beer, still more was quaffed in the free "unique" Brenham pint glasses on July 3rd at the Mucky Duck. Maybe they might be available at the brewery. Since the next day was our National Independence Day, homebrewers from the Foam Rangers and the Mashtronauts were out in force. Seems everyone later left the Duck and headed over to the Flying Saucer for the special Bill Clinton mug and free Redhook blondage ale and glass. I think Carolyn Sackett promises to keep us up to speed on what free glasses will be appearing weekly at the Timberwolf Pub, Mucky Duck, and Flying Saucer. When you buy the special beer of the night, the glass is free. Buy several in case you fall down and break one.

Dixie Cup will be held October 18-19th. Reserve your rooms NOW at the Courtyard Marriott by asking for the Dixie Cup room rate. The phone number is 713-961-1040. Reserve your rooms early to avoid the sellout like we had in years past.

If you missed last year's Dixie Cup tshirt, as designed by Bev Blackwood and featured in *Brew Your Own Magazine*, there are still a few reprints left over at Defalcos for \$15. These are one of kind design and have the true blue "corona" type styled emblem on the back. A hot beer collector's item you don't want to miss.

Have a great Summer Vacation and may all your beers be ribbon winners. JP

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