



# THE FOAM RANGERS

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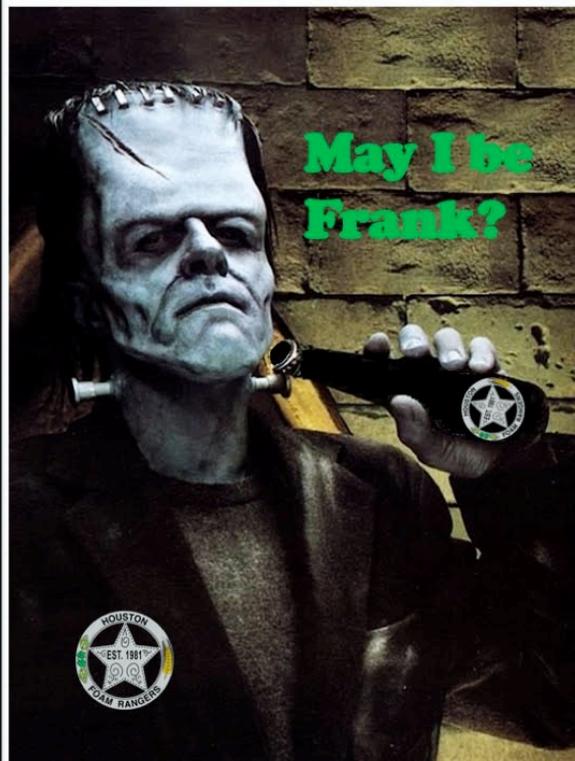
### BREAKING NEWS ABOUT YOUR FOAM RANGERS OFFICERS!!!!!!!

- WAZ to OFFICIALLY become WAS WAZ (eventually)
- SECONDARY CAUGHT SPENDING CLUB MONEY (on beer for club events)
- PURSER DOES in fact own a PURSE (more than one, in fact)
- SCRIVENER...is that even a real word? JURY is STILL OUT.
- AT LARGE MISSING another meeting!!! Sorry, false alarm. He's staying true to his title. Well played, sir.

### Upcoming Events

- July 2 or 9 / First Sunday & Officer Meeting @ Saloon Door Brewing (105 Magellan Circle, Webster)
- July 8 / Brew-in @ DeFalco's
- July 21 / Club Meeting @ Hank's Pool (Pilsners & Kolsch)

Seriously, you're still reading? Why? **IT'S THE BREWSLETTER, DAMNIT!!!**



### Brewing GOOD. Bottling GOOD.

Aware		Alamo City Cerveza Fest 12	Awards 24-June (Saturday)
Achtung!		Cane Island Ales Operation Fermentation 4	Entry period closes 21-June Drop off deadline 23-June (at De Falcos)
Atari!		Austin Zealots Homebrew Inquisition 14	Entry period opens 25-June Entry period closes 9-July Drop off deadline 9-July (at De Falcos)
Atari!		Limbo Challenge 12	Entry period opens 1-July Entry period closes 27-July Drop off deadline 28-July (at De Falcos)



## Out (of) The Wazoo

**Janine (J9) Weber, Grand Wazoo**

Hey all you Foamies! Hooray Hooray! It's summer again. I just LOVE brewing up a sweat when I brew in Houston in the summer! (grimace, frown). The last brew-in was pretty OK: Purser Denise brewed an IPA, Secondary Phil brewed a rauch urbock, and yer Wazoo brewed a Kölsch using the Grainfather. Some folks wandered past and hung out and a couple of new guys showed up. One new guy (also named Phil) even brought a short keg of some really tasty homebrew! THAT'S how to make friends!

I'm going to share an interesting thing that happened to me. The other night I had an amazing dream. It was one of those dreams you get once in a while that might be your brain playing a really fun game or it might be a real truth revealed to you while you're asleep. I found myself walking towards an old barn/workshop building set among some barley fields. It seemed to be in Belgium. Beside me walked a white-haired man wearing a faded denim shirt. He was going to show me how he made his beer.

My boots crunched in the fine gravel as we walked slightly uphill to the barn. The sun was bright but not terribly hot and it took a moment for my eyes to adjust to the dim light of the workshop when we stepped inside. The brewing rig looked ancient – cobbled-together and patched. Dusty but not dirty. He was talking to me in Flemish and I could understand most of it. We were going to brew a Farmhouse ale. He showed me the grain bill and waved at big pile of grain bags stacked against an interior wall on wide wooden shelves. I was looking for "Tarwe Mout" when I noticed a pair of fluffy little mice sitting on a bag in the corner. They weren't afraid. Their tiny eyes glinted as they watched me pull a bag of grain off the pile.

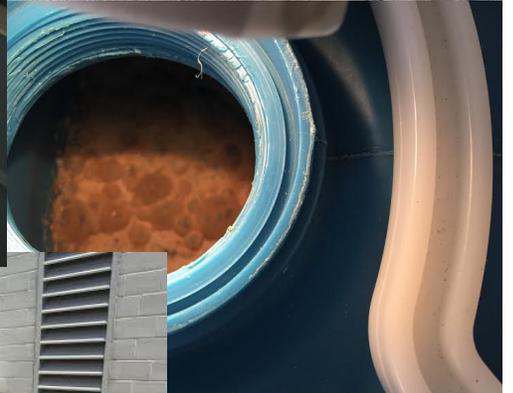
The brewer, Pieter? Pierre? plugged in an old grain mill and tested it briefly. It let out a massive rumbling chatter (yes, it worked), then it cycled down to silence when he flipped the switch. The mice were gone.

We piled the grain bags on a platform in preparation for milling. As we plopped each bag down, grain dust puffed up into the air, swirling in lazy eddies in the sunbeam that lanced down from a hole high on the side of the wall. ....

Ding dong! Ding dong! Ding dong! Ding dong! Oh crap! What's that??? My morning alarm! I groaned and lay back on the pillow. I wanted to be back there in the old brewery. It was so real, so detailed. I could smell the grain, watch the dust motes rise, hear the old man's voice. I let out a big sigh as I climbed out of bed and promised myself I would remember the dream.

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Preparations continue for the upcoming Dixie Cup. Artwork is being made and other stuff. What we need, as always, are volunteers to get involved. There are many things to do, none of which are terribly hard if you're not the only one doing them. So... volunteer with a buddy and have twice the fun! Start planning ahead to brew some amazing homebrew to share at the Dixie Cup which will be October 26, 27 and 28. We normally haul out the tap table and keep it well-supplied with Foam Ranger-provided homebrew. I'm working on getting some of the other clubs to contribute as well, but we need to have the most and best (of course).



# Foam Rangers Officer Meeting

Minutes by Mike Reed, Scrivener

June 4, 2017 @ Holler Brewing

In attendance: Janine Weber, Denise Whitney, Phil Verdieck, Luke Whitney

Holler Brewing: Great place, loved the music and the Mooyah Milk Stout with Nitro Coffee

- Meeting began with discussion of art work for the Dixie Cup shirts. First draft is very promising.
- Discussion around e-mail, how some are not getting it. Denise and Luke checking to ensure instructions to sign up for e-mails are on the web page. Janine will compare the member list to e-mail list. Update the registration form to help people sign up for e-mails. Luke will alter web sign up on Brewsletter and update registration sheet. Bottom line is to fix the e-mail process so everyone can stay in the loop about club events.
- Phil and Denise volunteered to do the brew-in
- Discussion around IT, Web site issues and needing someone to head IT. Officers consensus for Phil Verdieck to head IT and utilize Sean Lamb.
- We need to have a Waz book, Denise and Janine decided to take running notes on things we're doing and after the Dixie Cup decide what to incorporate in a Waz and Dixie Cup book.
- Meetings
  - Ring toss for June meeting
  - Still need scrounge for August and September meetings. Discussion around Brice and his ability to get scrounge. Janine to touch base with Brice.
  - Phil brought up doing a golf torment (or tournament) to raise money
- Dixie Cup
  - Discussion around deposit for hotel and contract. Denise is trying to get them to expedite drawing up the contract so we can pay the deposit.
  - Discussion around posters, awards and refrigeration truck. Janine to check to see if we have the refrigeration truck booked.
  - No response on e-mails sent out for speakers
  - Decided to increase entry fee to \$9.00 and \$10.00 for late entry.
- A number of Foam Rangers showed up after the meeting, great turn out. Thanks for the support!

Meeting adjourned an hour later. Had a great time!



Great selection! Bring your friends here. They'll still just be pretending to be your friends, but at least they'll enjoy the beer they're drinking while doing so. Holler has great ownership and makes great beers. Visit and support a great local craft brewery!

# Beer of the Month

By Phil Verdieck (Secondary)

This month's meeting covers meads, wheat beers and ciders.

I would like to focus on mead. As everyone knows, or should know by now, mead is the product of fermented honey. It is known as the world's oldest alcoholic drink. It is definitely not the world's lamest alcoholic drink, that would be American Light Lager.

As everyone knows Vikings invented mead. Vikings are generally known to have been a race of drunken Norsemen who plundered and pillaged through much of Northern, Central and Eastern Europe. That was when they could summon up enough motivation to vary from their daily routine of drinking, beating on thralls, drinking, feasting, drinking, constructing horned helmets, drinking, fornicating and drinking. Now obviously with this amount of drinking you need a lot of honey to produce mead. That is what led to the Viking becoming raiders. That and it paid more than constructing macrame cod pieces.



Authenticated portrait of Vikings who just ran out of mead

Scientists now believe the driving motivation behind Viking raids was to acquire more bees to increase honey production. Lets face it. Denmark, Norway and Sweden are kind of cold and nasty. And its much easier to let someone else do the hard work of beekeeping, then snag their hives.

This revolutionary theory was widely regarded as hogwash. However verification of this theory arrived from a most unlikely source. Actor Antonio Banderas traveled back in time and spent several months living with Vikings and engaged in several bee raids. When he returned he brought back a wealth of information on the Vikings, 3 scars, 2 cod pieces and one previously unknown social disease.

In conclusion I hope you have enjoyed having your horizons expanded on the history of mead.



Antonio Banderas and a party of Vikings waiting for mead shipment

# This Month in Foam Ranger History

Compiled by Bev Blackwood II



## Five years ago – June 2012

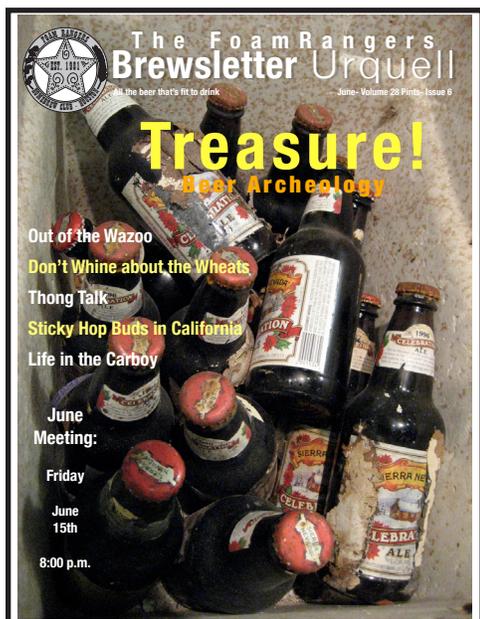
**In The Brewsletter:** Wazoo Jaime reminds us that the Dixie Cup needs volunteers (sounds familiar) and whines about how hot it is and notes that the Fez's tassel has become darker over the years, as have some of those who wear it. Secondary Bev complains about wheat being in wheat beer in a column that aimlessly wanders through the pages, two recipes are provided. Jaime (el otro) Ortiz recaps the May meeting and Competition Coordinator David Rogers changes the rules for the Club Competition and flogs Rendezbrew and the Homebrew Inquisition. For some reason there's a map to the July meeting on the back cover.

**At The Meeting:** The Wee Waz wore his Bock-ee's tee-shirt and a variety of wheat beers were served. There was homebrew too and an umbrella was added to Secondary Bev's beer cart. A

representative of the Bay Area Mashtronauts visited to promote the Lunar Rendezbrew (Which used to be held in July).

**Other Events:** Scott DeWalt hosted the June Brew-In, which was a sausage fest, according to the Wee Wazoo.

## Ten years ago – June 2007



**In The Brewsletter:** The cover has some very scary looking Sierra Nevada Celebration Ales on it... Lord only knows what they tasted like. Wazoo T-Bob reminds us to pay our F-ing dues and congratulates Beeriac for winning 1<sup>st</sup> AND 2<sup>nd</sup> at May's Big Batch Brew Bash. (Later brewed as Divine Reserve #5 and again as #15) among other plaudits and calls to actions. Secondary DeWalt talks Wheat beers while Scrivener Doak terrifies us with the prospect of Foam Ranger thongs actually being a thing. Storge gets a case of Lupulin Madness while in Southern California, driving us all into a jealous rage. Buck Wyckoff samples some motor oil, and the story behind the cover's 1996 Celebration ale is recounted. I (along with at least eight other Foam Rangers) graduate from Budweiser Beer School and become a "Certified Beer Judge". 10 reasons why Beer is better than Religion are given and In the Carboy's yeast are rising from the dead... and weird pictures on Page 15.

**At The Meeting:** There were Corndogs! (Doak really liked that) Ron, Rog, Roy, Roc, Rod and Izzy, (AKA: the Kolacny brothers) all made an appearance, but Rob was strangely absent. The raffle featured a maneki-neko, which I have little doubt was won by whoever the Sly Bastards chose to award it to.

**Other Events:** None noted

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Out Of The Wazoo</h2>			
<p><i>By Jimmy Paige, Grand Wazoo</i></p> <p>May was fun as several Rangers got to wear their mash tuns on their heads. However, lots of beer was made on Homebrew day so we should have quite a few beers to share at meetings and to enter in local homebrew contests, like the Mashtrout's Lunar Rendezbrew on July 21<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>On to June. June, June, the month of the "w's", weddings and wheat beers. Yes, this month we drink those banana, clovey and cloudy German beverages. You either love them or hate them. I'm sure someone will have a few brews with</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Continued on page 10)</i></p>	<p><i>By Special Correspondent Bev Blackwood</i></p> <p>Houston, CO— A local man (claiming to be a homebrewer) has formed a new national organization here in Houston. The Anti-American Homebrew Association, or AAHA, is chartered to "Obstruct the American Homebrew Association's efforts to brainwash homebrewers into following the teachings of their demi-god, Charlie Papazian"</p> <p>Founder Steve Moore predicts legions of disgruntled homebrewers will flock to his cause. "I'm the Anti-Charlie" He proudly commented. "I'm not hairy like he is, I don't make beer like he does and if I did, at least I'd know how much gypsum to condition my water with." Between sips of his beer, Moore related the club's</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Continued on page 10)</i></p>		

**In The Brewsletter:** The editors ruthlessly mock the AHA for having the National Homebrew Competition in Irving, predicting attendance levels in the low 10's. Steve Moore founds the Anti-American Homebrewers Association (AAHA) whose membership never exceeds 1. The new movie "Harry Palmer and the Goblet of Ale" is reviewed. (Whether noted homebrew author John Palmer was the inspiration for the boy brewer is never revealed). An actual press release for the World Beer Games is summarized. (They lasted all of a year, it seems). Grand Wazoo Jimmy rambles, Secondary Kuyler talks wheat beer, Scrivener Eric fantasizes and Competition Coordinator Bev urges you to brew more. Be sure to get your Samuel Adams Ultimate Unobtanium Ale before it's all gone...

**At The Meeting:** Secondary Kuyler Doyle presided in the absence of many (indeed most) of the officers who were at the AHA's in Irving. Style of the month was Wheat beers and a BJCP class was touted for anyone wanting to take the upcoming exam in October.

**Other Events:** Bill Widger brewed at the Brew-in, Bev, Jimmy and Scott all went to Irving for the AHA's National Homebrew Conference. The club's Brewsletters were a big hit and Jimmy won a custom tap table in a raffle, which the Foam Rangers used for many years until the new tap table was built. A brew-in was held at Brenham Brewery (where Brazos Valley Brewing is now...)

**Twenty years ago - June 1997 (Courtesy of Sean Lamb)**

**In The Brewsletter:** Grand Wazoo Steve Moore begins his "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 is begun.

**At The Meeting:** The meeting was held at Larry Mayhew's tin shed, The beer of the month was Pale Ales of all varieties, including incredibly skunked Samuel Smith's.

**Other Events:** Tom Irven won the second Big Batch Brew Bash. His English Bitter bested the other 40-odd entries.

**Twenty Five years ago - June 1992 (Courtesy of Sean Lamb)**

**In The Brewsletter:** Andy Thomas provides the first installment of a trip report on his travels to Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Andy visited 9 breweries, including Dock Street, Ed Stoudt's original brewery, Samuel Smith's The Lion and Vernon Valley. The fun at the Bayou Rendezvous in May was recorded for posterity. The tale of Six-fingered Norm Malone was sorted out.

**At The Meeting:** Hosted by Dean and Kelly Doba, the beer of the month was Vienna lagers, with Dos Equis, Dinkel-Acker, Dortmund Union Dark, Weinhard's Dark and Augustinerbrau Muenchen Dark being proffered by Secondary Fermenter Sean Markham.

**Other Events:** A full fledged Pub Crawl was held on June 20th. Two busses started at the Gingerman, followed by Le-vau's, Munchies, the Mucky Duck, The Boat Yard (featuring entertainment by house band People With Hands), and the Ale House.

### Thirty years ago – June 1987

**THE STATE OF UTAH BEER  
(or: LIFE IN THE LAND OF PEZ)**  
BY BOB CAPSHEW

Wandering in the deserts of Utah is a Foam Ranger. In this beer wasteland there are all types of 3.2% beer (barley water) available at your local Safeway, 7-Eleven, etc. Offering this to a real beer drinker is like offering salt water to someone adrift in the sea! The sea here happens to be a religion which I will leave nameless. Despite this sad state of affairs, you may (for a price) buy real beer in the state liquor stores. Imports start at \$1.10 per bottle (Anchor Steam is \$1.65). There may be as many as 12 different imports! There is, however, one oasis called the Wasatch Brewery, a microbrewery near Salt Lake City, which makes a lager and an ale. (Stay tuned for a future article once the author infiltrates the brewery.)

Do you remember when you were a kid and needed a quick sugar fix, there was the cute flip-top dispenser that ejected a chunk of flavored sugar called "Pez"? Pez is alive and well here in Utah. In fact the official drug of the dominant religion is sugar. Sugar is sold in 50 lb. sacks in all grocery stores, not to make moonshine, but to make sugary things to replace the moderation most people have with caffeine and alcohol. Just picture your neighborhood Safeway store with the 50 or 60 imported beers section replaced by 5 gallon bins of candy, drink mix, etc. Some of those sugar bins have corn sugar, but don't get any ideas - it's illegal to make beer or wine in Utah.

Pause next time you have an imported draft and reflect on how it beats the hell out of a package of Pezi!

Save Room for the Jello,  
Jack M. (a.k.a. Bob Capshew)




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**In The Brewsletter:** A glowing testimony to the genius of Anchor Brewing company is featured in the June meeting preview. German Hallertauer hops are hit by a fungus and American agribusiness rides to the rescue with disease resistant strains that also produce more hops! The first Bluebonnet Brewoff results are posted. They had a whopping 64 entries! Dixie Cup styles are also announced, along with a different award structure for clubs. Buck (in the role of Bozo Head of Special Events) talks about making the Dixie Cup an even grander event and having raffles (nobody could have foreseen that they'd suck) to raise money for the club. Dr. Strangebrew talks *Saccharomyces Diastaticus* (which, interestingly enough, was a topic at the 2017 Craft Brewers Conference as well!) which can over attenuate and over carbonate beers after packaging. There's another of the bizarre (but funny) quizzes. Fred Eckhardt is listed as a possible speaker at Dixie Cup. A recipe for Steam Beer is provided, along with a description of life in Utah, where good beer was very hard to find.

**At The Meeting:** Held at the Gingerman, about 30 people attended and the back porch was given over to the Foam

Rangers for the evening. There was a lot of Anchor Steam consumed along with even more Anchor Liberty Ale. There was a lot of discussion about fundraising through a brewer's garage sale and a pub crawl.

**Other Events:** None noted.

### Thirty five years ago – June 1982

The Pre-Brewsletter era...



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THE FOAM RANGERS HOMEBREW CLUB!**



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