



The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers
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<http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org>

Next Meeting
Wednesday July 11, 2007
7:30 P.M. at
Michaels

From The Prez

Hello folks,

Next meeting will be July 11 at Michael's Restaurant on highway 10

Due to the Fourth of July holiday we will be delaying the next Cloudy Town Brewers meeting one week and have it on July 11.

Hello Brewers
Since our last meeting I talked with the people from the Benton County Fair and we are again signed up for doing home brewing demonstrations. We will have our demos on Friday the third and Saturday the fourth. There will be all-grain brewing and malt extract brewing both days. We will need people to do malt extract brewing on those days. I would like to see at least two or three batches of extract beer each day. The club will pay a portion of the ingredients for up to

three batches each day. We will hold a home brew party in the fall to sample the results of the fair beers. Sign up to brew at the next meeting. So lets all head to the fair for a couple of days of brewing and socializing and people watching. Last year it was a good time hanging out and brewing so come on out again this year.

See you at the fair!

Cheers,

Bruce LeBlanc
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June's Minutes

- Thanks to Sal's for hosting the June meeting.
- Request to get Clarifier out a week earlier. Also put the location of the meeting on the website.
- If we do brewing demonstrations again at the Benton County Fair, the club will pay half on extract kits. We will also do one all grain. We would then share some of the beer at a social.
- The July meeting will be held on July 11th, a week later. We will be meeting at Michael's Restaurant on Highway 10.

Competitions

For a complete list of competitions visit the Events & Calendar on the AHA's web site at <http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/events.html>.

*****The following are accounts by actual home brewers of the Cloudy Town Brewers about the American Homebrewer's Conference in Denver Colorado. This newsletter neither encourages nor endorses the following statements. The author's are solely responsible for the content. Only the punctuation has been changed to protect the grammatically gifted.**

Denver by Joe

Can you imagine the world's biggest kegger? Just substitute the fizzy warm stuff with 350 kegs of the best home brew on earth and you will get an idea of what it was like at the national home brewers conference in Denver on June 21st thru the 23rd. Jerry, Mike and myself (Joe) arrived at the four points Sheraton southeast on the 21st at about 2 pm and drank our first beer for free in the hospitality suite a short time later-then we went to the liquor store! We then met up with Larry and Darren at the hotel and took the light rail to the Flying Dog Brewery in Lower Downtown Denver. Flying Dog hosted a buffet and beer supper that included a lot of free stuff. The highlight of the event was the tapping of a special (strange) brew made by the brewers for the event. We even got to travel back to the Sheraton in the Flying Dog motor home- just in time for pro-brewers' night and an ocean of free beer! I fell in love with a sour peach Belgian beer at the Avery booth and I may have proposed (can't remember) Anyway, it may be illegal to

marry beer in Colorado. I somehow got to bed by midnight and made the 9 am presentation by John Palmer on brewing water and ph. We were all served 4 experimental beers and then went to the hospitality suite for more. After attending 2 more talks and dinner at Breckenridge brewery and barbecue we headed for club night and the afore mentioned 350 kegs. Club night is hosted by home brew clubs from all over the nation- and what a friendly, giving bunch they are- They haul in their club bars and dress up in costumes and pour all of their beer you want. Mike may even be a member of the Matose Falcons now? Saturday found us dazed but resolute and included more talks, beer, a banquet and the presentation of the national home brew contest winners. Darren agreed to haul some beer back for Mike, Jerry, and I- he and Larry had driven in Darin's truck- thanks! Sunday we flew out of Denver after having one last beer at 10am at in the air port lounge. A good time was had by all 820 of us- Prosit!

THE DENVER NATIONALS BY: HONEST JERRY D.

The following events are all accurate to the best of the author's knowledge. Some extremely minor facts may have been left out to save embarrassment to the person writing this.

All views and opinions are those of the author and in no way represent those of others involved.

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Larry

THINGS I SAW, HEARD, THOUGHT,
AND SOMETIMES SMELLED IN
DENVER:

Joe and Mike having a beer in Rock Bottom at about 9:30 in the morning while I was still in coffee mode. I just couldn't do it.

Hearing Larry's story about the look on Mike's face once Larry introduced him to Charlie P.

Walking into the hospitality room upon arriving, seeing kegs of **FREE** Beer everywhere and grabbing a bier de garde and toasting my "good pal Larry" who wasn't even there at the time. Then came the surprise; I felt once I realized that the stuff was pretty good.

Going to the light rail station and watching Joe freak out in some sort of 60's acid flashback in the lighted, musical tunnel.

Getting on the train and watching Joe shamelessly throw himself into some fat ladies lap, and then watching her expression. I think he was still stuck in that 60's free love kind of mode or something. Sorry Joe, it really was funny even though it was an accident.

Getting more free beer and free food at Flying Dog Brewery and having the brewers and wyeast guys answer pretty much anything asked.

Stepping outside of Flying Dog for 10 minutes to call my wonderful wife and then walking back inside only to see everyone happy and smiling over the wonderful prizes that were handed out during those 10 minutes I was gone. For safeties sake, I'll state here that talking to my wonderful wife was the

best prize I could have gotten, but damn those were nice T shirts.

Getting a ride back to the hotel in the Flying Dog bus from one of the brewers at Flying Dog. Darrin and Mike found a cooler of beer in the back that was skunky, but drank some anyway.

Walking into the room on Pro Brewers night, seeing tap upon tap of free beer and thinking, I've died and gone to heaven.

Finally getting to taste Vinne of Russian River Brewing Co.'s "Pliney the Elder". While I thought it was pretty good, I don't think it's the best IPA I tasted during this time. I found the Damnation they tapped at the same booth to be more to my taste.

Watching the eager look of anticipation on Joe's face as he got a sour beer.

Watching Joe salivate as he waited in line for his second sour beer.

Later listening to Joe excitedly tell me that he found a booth with more sour beer and that he really likes sour beer as if I needed to be told.

Seeing and tasting more Belgians than I ever knew existed and having them all in one room. MMMMMM.... Belgians

Thinking it should be illegal to keep the hospitality room open after Pro Brewers night was over, but making my way over there anyway and getting into some Barleywines. MMMMM...Barleywine.

Going to bed only to be awakened in the middle of the night by Mike coming in the room and stating that he was 75 percent gone and had about 45 percent left before he promptly left again.

Watching Larry get a deli sandwich with meat piled 6 inches high and thinking there's no way he's gonna get his mouth around all that, and then watching with amazement, awe, and finally, a bit of respect as he not only did it with ease, but kept talking the whole damn time.

All the seminars, which are too many to list. I was able to learn something out of each one although I found the one on one contact at events with fellow brewers and pro's to be my main method of learning things. Joe went to the sour beer seminar and got some infected (inoculated) oak chips to bring home and make, yes you guessed it, SOUR BEER!

Talking about brewing and getting some great tips from guys from Denver, California, Ohio, Detroit, New Mexico along with many brewers and some media guys, one the best was Peter Bouchart from New Belgium thanks to Darrin who shagged him down for us.

Getting a chance to thank the Brewing Network guys for providing my Sunday night entertainment each week and also getting to pick Docs brain a bit on lagering and yeast.

Going to club night where they had 350 kegs and talking to a guy from Michigan with a big moustache and hair halfway down his back who was wearing nothing but some sort of skirt. A few minutes into the conversation, I realized he was as normal as me. (You can take this anyway you want to).

All the beers you can't get here at home. The ones that stuck out are splitting a bottle of La Follie in the room, sharing a big bottle of Laguantis IPA outside the hotel at night with Darrin and Mike, sharing another bottle a bit later with the brewer from Flying Dog, Vinnie's Damnation, getting some of Jamil's Utopia, Chocolate vanilla chili Porter from

New Mexico, Bourbon barrel aged Barleywine and yes, homemade bourbon from California.

Taking a picture of Darrin drinking sour wheat out of a tap mounted on a urinal.

Hearing some of the loudest, snoring ever known to man or beast, courtesy of Joe.

Seeing Darrin's truck loaded up to the brim with good beer to bring home.

That's about it, other than that, it was uneventful. I do thank my wife for letting me go and see and do all this stuff, but now that I'm back the payback will begin. In the coming months I will be attending many boring concerts, going to craft shows and art galleries, and who knows what else. The good thing about these events is that they aren't as cerebral as brewing related things, so if I get bored enough I can just close my eyes, lean back and think about some of those Belgians in Denver. MMMM... Belgians !!!

Cincinnati

June 19, 20, 21 2008

All interested contact conference coordination chairperson Mike Beuning

Tommy Z Generosity Award

Here are the point totals through June. Congratulations to Mike Beuning for winning the June people's choice with his Hefewizen.

Jerry Dusich	6 Points
Mike Beuning	4 Points
David Arnott	2 Points
Larry Nusbaum	2 Points
Tim Frakes	1 Point
Tim Fuerstenberg	1 Point
Joe Leuthner	1 Point
Charles Miller	1 Point
Tim Muntifering	1 Point
Erik Nelson	1 Point

Cloudy Town Brewers
Mugs & Shirts

have two CTB Polo shirts available for \$22 each, size XL. I will bring them to the meeting on July 11th.

Tim

See you all at the meeting! Bring a friend they'll thank you for it. (Bruce will buy you a beer!)