



***The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers***

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***Next Meeting***

**Wednesday September 6, 2006**

**7:30 P.M. at**

**Granite City Food & Brewery**

***From The Prez***

Hello folks,

Can you believe it? August is history and that means summer has also gone. The kids will be back in school and we will be dodging school buses on the way to work, it just doesn't seem right that things pass by so fast.

The Benton county fair was at the beginning of the month and CTB was there. We got a lot of exposure at the fair and brewed a total of 25 gallons of beer. It was fun brewing at the fair with all the people coming around to see what we were up to and the sights. We kept things a little low key this year and just kind of felt things out to see how it would go. Even though we did not sign anybody up as members we had a lot of people very interested talk to us, there is a lot of potential for next time around. Thank you to all of those people who showed up for your support. After the fair was over I talked to the people who put it on and they said about us that they had no complaints and we are welcome back next year. Next year I would

like to kick it up a notch. I would like to throw out some ideas for the club to discuss and see what people think. In order to get more people to participate and make it more of a party next time, let's brew more beer. Maybe we could have the club buy extract kits for someone to brew at different times each day 2 or 3 each day. So people could see all grain and also see beer kits being brewed too. The people who brew the kits would take them home and finish the beer. Reserving a twelve pack for a CTB fall celebration say like a "CTB Oktoberfest" where we could compare all the different brews that were made at the fair. With 4 to 6 kits brewed along with my 10 gallons a day that's should be enough for a grand CTB celebration. What do you think?

**Brew Tour**

Cloudy Town Brewers had another bus trip to the cities and checked out more brewpubs. It was a lot of fun from the people I talked to that went. They also stopped at Summit Brewing and Northern Brewers for supplies. I could not make the tour this year because of work conflicts. Which brings me to the subject of the next meeting, I cannot make that either because I have to work "hi Tom". But I will be back, buy me a pint and I will tell you about how my motor home was stolen, lived in, used for a meth lab, stripped then left in Wright County. Now it's a biohazard on

wheels and our camping days are over. I need a beer now I have to go, see you soon. Cheers, Bruce

*In Fairbanks Alaska, it is illegal to give beer to a Moose.*

## Competitions

### *Beer Factoid:*

*The "Hinged-Lid" on beer steins first came into existence because of the Bubonic Plague. Drinkers used the steins to prevent flies or other insects that might be carrying the disease from infecting their beer.*

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

## Tommy Z Generosity Award

Here are the point totals through August. Congratulations to Barry Reicher for winning the July people's choice for his Irish Red. Congratulations to Scott Campbell for winning the August people's choice for his Pils.

## July's Minutes

- Thanks to O'Hara for hosting the July meeting.
- We discussed the Gluek homebrew competition that they are planning as a part of the Cold Spring anniversary celebration in October. Bruce Leblanc has provided suggestions to them such as categories to accept, getting judges and judging itself.
- The bus tour will be Saturday, August 26. The 47 passenger coach bus with bathroom is chartered from Above All out of Rice. It is \$550 plus \$150 deposit for the bus from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. We will be at Summit at for their Saturday tour and a stop at Northern Brewer. The rest is up to us at this point.

Scott Campell	7 Points
Cody Winter	6 Points
Charles Miller	4 Points
Larry Nusbaum	4 Points
Chris Schleicher	4 Points
Erik Nelson	2 Points
Thomas Zupanc	2 Points
David Arnott	1 Point
Mike Beuning	1 Point
Darin Dorholt	1 Point
Bruce LeBlanc	1 Point
Joe Leuthner	1 Point
Tim Frakes	1 Point
Barry Reicher	1 Point

## August's Minutes

- Thanks to Benton County Fair for hosting the August meeting.
- We will be brewing at the fair, outside by the Heritage building. There is a water source there. Bruce Leblanc will be there Friday and Saturday. Tome Zupanc will be there on Friday. Anyone interested in brewing on Sunday can.
- There is bus trip sign up. Contact James Michael to sign up.
- The state fair home brew competition entries are due on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Cloudy Town Brewers Mugs & Shirts

The Cloudy Town Brewer mugs are still available. They are available to club members for \$10 and non-members for \$12. Please contact Tom Zupanc if interested.

*"He that Drinketh strong beer and goes to  
bed right mellow, lives as he ought to live and  
dies a hearty fellow." Anonymous*

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