



C.R.A.F.T. NEWS

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ANNUAL CRAFT PICNIC

The 2003 **Picnic** is being held at Phil Lieblang's home on Saturday, September 13, starting around 1:00 pm, or whenever YOU get there. This is a family **Picnic**, so feel free to bring the spouse and kids if you want. Meat will be provided by the club, but bring a **Picnic** dish to pass, as well as your favorite home-brewed beverage for sharing. Please RSVP to Bill Gornicki (gornicwm@earthlink.net) or Phil Lieblang (plieblang@yahoo.com) to let them know you are coming to the **Picnic** and what you plan to bring, so they will have a rough idea as to how many to plan on.

We will be brewing the First Annual Club brew—a Kicked-up Robust Porter, designed by President Rich Ross. Also, Phil will have the Big Game (MI vs. Notre Dame) on his BIG TV, so you can keep an eye on that if you were afraid you would miss it if you came to the **Picnic**. Phil also has a pool, so bring your suit if the weather is favorable, but Phil has requested adult/parental supervision for kids who wish to use it.

Our monthly meeting will be held around 2:00 pm, or whenever we can gather enough people together. It will be a short meeting to bring us all up to date on the club's happenings, shouldn't interrupt the **Picnic** too much, and will be over long before the Big Game starts at 3:30.

Expect a fun time & see you there:

Directions to: THE LIEBLANG ESTATE
40327 FIRESTEEL DR.
STERLING HTS
(586) 532-7092 or (586) 532-8990

OUR HOUSE IS APPROXIMATELY 2 MILES SOUTH OF LAKESIDE MALL, JUST OFF OF SCHOEHNERR.

FROM HALL RD (M-59) HEAD SOUTH ON SCHOEHNERR. ALL MAJOR MILE ROADS WILL INTERSECT WITH SCHOEHNERR EXCEPT 18 MILE (19 IS TRICKY, AVOID IF YOU CAN).

FROM EAST BOUND 696 GET OFF AT THE HOOVER EXIT, GO A MILE, TURN LEFT (NORTH). FROM WEST BOUND 696 GET OFF AT GROESBECK EXIT, GO A MILE, TURN RIGHT (NORTH). TWO BLOCKS NORTH OF CLINTON RIVER ROAD ON EAST SIDE OF SCHOEHNERR IS GLENRIO (APPROXIMATELY WHERE 18 MILE WOULD BE). TURN RIGHT, 1ST STREET IS FIRESTEEL. TURN RIGHT, 4TH HOUSE DOWN ON THE RIGHT.

IF COMING SOUTH BOUND YOU'LL WANT TO TURN LEFT JUST BEFORE THE 1ST LIGHT AFTER 19 MILE. GLENRIO WILL BE THE FIRST STREET AFTER THE TURN AROUND.

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Don't forget to bring your empty White Labs yeast vials to the **Picnic** or drop them off at Cap 'N' Cork. We need them to redeem for merchandise for future raffles. Thanks a lot!

Please remember to label the beer you bring to the PICNIC and the regular meetings. We like to know what we are drinking and who brewed it, so we know who to blame, I mean praise.

Club-wear-ables Order

The Picnic will be your last opportunity to order stuff with the club logo on it. T-shirts are only \$4 with one logo or \$5.50 with logos on both sides. Sweatshirts, hats (\$7) and sport shirts are also available. Send an e-mail to an officer if you are interested in ordering something, or for more details. Then bring your money to the Picnic.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our recent new members Robert Bonetti and Randy Gerken, who joined CRAFT at the August meeting, as well as Greg Bennett, who joined in June. Good to have you in the club, guys!

Bath City Festival

I'd just like to take a minute to thank all who helped out at the Bath City Festival this past weekend. We had some great exposure and went through over 40 brochures and had several people sign up for more information re: the club. More importantly, we showed many people how simple homebrewing is and I'm sure converted quite a few to the "Dark Side" as Bill puts it. We "sold" out of the Pearl Foam around 6pm on Saturday. It went over quite well. We'll have a separate brew day (not Homebrew Day) to create it next year's and we'll make a bit more. So, BIG THANKS to: Kevin, Bill, and Noreen who set things up the first day. Bob Covington, Ken Schmidt, Steve Gower, Rich Ross (who spent almost all day there on Saturday), Fred Bonjour, Cyndi Rausch, Ken Pocket, Eric Bachmann, Jim Stapleton, and Al Narverud.

Al Beers

Club-Only Competitions

<u>Month</u>	<u>Style</u>	<u>Category</u>
August	European Pale Lager (we didn't place)	2
September	Specialty/Experimental/ Historic	24
November	Koelsch & Altbier	8
December	Barleywine	12
Mar/Apr	Mead	25
May	Extract Beers	1-24

Contact Kevin soon if you can help out as a judge or steward for the September style.

CRAFT OFFICERS

President – Rich Ross
 Vice President – Bill Gornicki
 Secretary/Newsletter Editor – Ken Schmidt
 Treasurer – Jerry Bonnici
 Webmaster – Steve Gower

State Fair Results

Congratulations to the following CRAFT members who won awards at the recent Michigan State Fair Homebrew Competition:

Bob & Janice Krueger took third with their Brown Porter (about time!)
 Kurt & Eric Bachmann received a third and an Honorable Mention (unknown styles)
 Kevin Kutskill got Honorable Mention (and screwed brewer) for his Eisbock with a 42!

Way to go guys!



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C.R.A.F.T. – Minutes of August 19, 2003 Regular Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. at Kuhnenn's. Vice President Bill Gornicki presiding.

Visitors included Robert Bonetti, Ron Bender, Al DiNatale and Randy Gerken.

Treasurer's Report – \$15 in expenses, balance of \$485. Some money is still owed to members who took food to the AHA Conference in Chicago.

Old Business –

The Michigan State Fair Homebrew Competition awards ceremony will take place at the fair on August 23 at 4:30 p.m. The Bachmanns and Kruegers received notification that they had placed.

The CRAFT entry in the Club-only competition—European Pale Lager category (brewed by Rich Ross) received poor comments from the judges, and did not place nationally. The next competition is for the Specialty/Experimental/Historical styles of beer. Entry deadline is September 24. This is followed by the Koelsch/Altbier styles due in by November 14.

The Mount Clemens Bath City Festival is August 22-23. CRAFT will have a table set up outside of the Bath City Bistro. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

The annual CRAFT picnic will be held at Phil Lieblang's house on September 13 starting at 1 p.m. We will brew a "kicked up" Robust Porter, designed by club president Rich Ross. Half will be kegged and half will be bottled. It will be saved until next year's club brew event, where it will be sampled by the members present. The meat for the picnic will be provided by the club, and members are asked to bring a dish to pass.

It is about time to order the logo shirts and hats. An order will be placed with a printer in Mount Clemens, who will give

us a good deal. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

New Business—

New CRAFT annual competition format—Yearly winners to receive prizes—1st place \$75, 2nd place \$50, 3rd place \$25. The winner's name will be engraved on the CRAFT Brewer's Cup, which will need to be purchased. One entry per subcategory may be entered. Entrants will receive a free tube or vial of yeast for every three entries they submit throughout the year.

The current CRAFT competition standings are—Rich 3, Jerry 2, Kevin 1.

We are looking for members to bring a featured homebrew to each meeting.

We are looking for members to sponsor informal tasting and discussion sessions regarding particular beer styles.

Discussion was held about whether to purchase an off-flavor kit. It was decided that they are too expensive, but that we can find ways to doctor beer ourselves to produce the desired off-flavors.

Art would like to have more demo brews at Cap 'N' Cork. Volunteers are needed to run them.

Congratulations were extended to Bill Gornicki, for passing the BJCP exam.

The next meeting will be held on September 13, at the club picnic.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m., and homebrews were sampled.