

Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

The Homebrew Club for the greater Reno, Washoe Valley, Truckee Meadows region

A Monthly Newsletter

September 2009

Beer Engine WZZers

The August meeting at John and Marlene's was attended by a small, but enthusiastic group. Everyone had great food and beer to share, and the host even made good on the beer engine placing a Scottish Light on the pull handle. In addition to the many fine homebrews, there were excellent (and not-so-excellent) Belgian beers that various folks procured and shared.

True-to-tradition for WZZ meetings, the last of the attendees made their way out around 2 AM.

---Thanks to John and Marlene for hosting and contributing the above blurb since I was unable to attend. Of course, John had to rub it in!!



NCHF SEPTEMBER 18-19

Remember that the NCHF is coming up, on the dates above to be exact. Early registration has ended, it will cost \$55 for camping and the festival. Still a great deal, if you haven't attended before you should definitely try to make it to Lake Francis for this event. An event not to be missed, dinner is sold out for Friday, you can still make your own or go to the restaurant.

(2)4th Annual WZZ Oktoberfest

It's that time of year again, summer is winding down and it is time for our Annual Oktoberfest. For the WZZ it is the 24th, or so, and for my personal hosting it is the 4th. That explains the '2' in parentheses. As mentioned in previous years, this event is a large event that a lot of non-members attend. If you do not want to bring a homebrew or two to share that is fine, please bring a dish to share, German theme if possible.

Come out and enjoy the festivities, all information is on the flyer/invitation on page 3 of this newsletter. Feel free to bring sleeping bags, RV's or whatever you have. We want you all to have a great time and be here next year. PROST!!

WZZ Pictures and News

Black Noddy Competition

As you may or may not have noticed, the October meeting will be hosted by Buckbean Brewing again. Doug Booth had the idea that we can have a sort of Black Noddy Competition. The idea is to bring out some original ideas from our members. Below is the recipe, provided courtesy of Dan Kahn, the only rules are: Use the recipe below but you can add one ingredient to make it a little different. Use your imagination and just bring it to October's meeting, couple bottles, growler, keg... whatever.

grain bill:

2-row pale: 76%

dark CaraMunich (120L): 9%

Dark Munich (30L): 7%

Honey Malt: 4%

DH Carafa (black malt): 4%

OG: 1.052

Hops: 38 IBU total, 60 min, 20 min and 5 min additions, German varieties

German lager yeast

I left this recipe in from last month to take up space and if you haven't brewed it yet and want to get in on the Black Noddy competition. It is getting a little late but can still be done. I have also converted this to homebrew size batches, if you want a copy either email me at WZZ_Newsletter@sbcglobal.net or see me at the Reno Homebrewer on most Fridays...or at the NCHF!!

If you can, try to attend the October meeting for some changes that we have been discussing within the club. Nothing outrageous, just some ideas to increase membership and participation. If you haven't been to a meeting they are a great way to learn new ideas and share information with a lot of interesting and knowledgeable brewers, winemakers, meadmakers.

Please let us know any of your ideas to make the club better and more interesting. It is everyone's club and we value your input, we can't use ideas that we don't know about. One other bonus, Buckbean has released their Oktoberfest beer also!

Relax, have a homebrew...

Calendar of Events

- ◆ **September 26th, WZZ Oktoberfest
4pm start, Eat around 6:30pm
Spanish Springs, NV**
- ◆ **October 17th, Black Noddy
Competition and meeting
Buckbean Brewing, Reno, NV**
- ◆ **November Meeting
Dave and Julie's??
Date and time TBA**

You are invited to the 4th Annual WZZ Oktoberfest

Break out your best lederhosen, German food and musical instruments and join the fun at the Annual Oktoberfest. There will be live music, homebrewed beer and plenty of food to enjoy. If you have a preference of beer or other libation, bring that also.



Please bring a dish to share, German theme if possible, and feel free to bring RV's or sleeping bags, don't drink and drive!! We want you here next year. If you can play a musical instrument, bring that too.



Where: 3025 Barranca Dr.

Spanish Springs, NV

When: Saturday, September 26th

4pm until done, food at 6:30

**RSVP and directions: 425-9292 or 848-1323 or
email: WZZ_Newsletter@sbcglobal.net**



***** Please leave dogs and kids at home, thanks! *****

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Join us this month at Mike and Sabine's for the Annual Oktoberfest in Spanish Springs. Please bring a dish to share, German if possible, and homebrew or other libations if you would like.

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