



“Beer brewed well is bliss. Beer brewed bad is educational.”

(You are encouraged to print this newsletter and bring it to the meeting, no copies are available at the meeting)

NEXT HOPS MEETING:

Tuesday, December, 1 6:30pm, Kelleher's, downtown Peoria.

(food and beer available...and you can bring in your own home brewed beer or commercial beers you'd like to share!)

Meeting Minutes and Announcements (Nov 12, 2013)

Attendance: 10

Meeting Started at 6:35 PM

Jockey Box for NHC

In anticipation of providing beer for the 2014 National Homebrew Competition, an idea was floated to build a more robust jockey box with actual tap handles that can pour six different beers. The members in attendance passed a unanimous vote. Start thinking of designs to discuss.

Homebrew Hoptacular

Our Chili Pepper beer unfortunately did not place in the homebrew hoptacular challenge, though it is tasty.

HOPS

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Events:

Possible Christmas Party

We may be having a Christmas Party on the 22nd of December, watch Facebook and the list serve communications for details. More information to come after the December meeting.

New Years Brew Day

Come January 1st, 2014 ring in the new year by brewing at Don Summer's. Details to come, but mark your calendars.

BUS TRIP

January 25th we will head toward St. Louis. The flyer is out!

Kaskaskia Brewing Co (Red Bud, IL), The Schlafly Tap Room, Perennial Artisan Ale, & multiple choices in the Central West End

Open to all individuals over the age of 21.

Early Registration until January 11th: \$45
Registration between Jan 11-20th: \$55

Beer Hoppers:

November 28th, Old Chicago

December 26th, Kennys West Side Pub

On Tap Ideas: Jimmy's on Farmington Road and Gracies in Washington

Beer Education - Recap

Jason Presented on curing and using your home oak for use in beer.

Official Business closed at 7:15 PM.

TWITTER! Follow us on Twitter for updates about meetings and last minute changes @HOP_Peoria

MONTHLY BEER EDUCATION

(Everyone, who wants to, can participate!!!)

THE PRESENTER: You can sign-up (*see open months below*) for either a **beer style** and present it with commercial versions and one you may have made **or** bring in some **interesting/unique beers** we may not have ever had, or it's been awhile. *The main idea behind this education is to continue learning about beers.* Remember, you have a budget of \$20 on the purchase of commercial beers that the club will reimburse you for.

THE REST OF US: We have the option to participate by also brewing a batch of the beer style being presented and bring it along...or sit back and free-load off of other people's efforts!!!

Tues Dec. 10: Irish Beer Styles, Information in time for St. Patrick's Day parties!

If you are interested in a future topic, please provide ideas at the upcoming meeting.

Christmas Cheer, Holiday's and Beer. I

It's a festive time of year, one where friends and family jam their schedules full of parties and festivals, get together and shop until they drop. Among all the traditions in my house, one remains quite normal: the holidays remind us all that our family is a bit dysfunctional. And I say, what better way to cope with dysfunction than with beer? It's a great escape to brew your own; you can whip up an extract batch on the stove to the dismay of Aunt Betty the prude, or the delight of uncle Jack who... well lets face it, he should have been to rehab several times over but sometimes it is fun to mess with a functioning alcoholic so you let him be. If you cannot stand your family, you can spend your time assembling, disassembling, cleaning, testing or using your garage based brew system. You might be cold, but that's what beer is there to help you with... its better than hearing the same boring old stories from Aunt Sue about your mother's bad habits as a youth. Instead you can concoct your own stories while hopped up on a hoppy seasonal brew, Russian Imperial Stout or a winter warmer that just goes down smooth. Everyone tends to over romanticize the holidays looking for some nostalgic past that is largely fictional what with all that binge drinking you did in college who really could remember anyway... it makes sense that one could streamline the process by throwing all those old thoughts out and concocting a new set in the confines of the home brewery. This could lead to some holiday inspired brew recipes that perhaps shouldn't be tried without a proper bout of experimentation – but it's better than dealing with family like Clark Griswold by covering your house with twinkle lights just to have a nervous breakdown when they don't work. Instead, we should all just relax, not worry, and have a homebrew. In fact, share one with friends along with this wonderful hobby. Give the gift that keeps on Giving as Cousin Eddy says (no, not the jelly of the month club) and give the obsession of home brewing to a friend. Spread your Christmas Cheer 10 IBU's at a time (or 30 for you hop heads). I know I will... this beer is great. Cheers, Elliot.

Up-Coming Clubs Events & Meetings

This is your newsletter...want to contribute??? Please email me anytime at:
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HOPs Beer Club meeting dates:

2nd Tuesday of each month • 6:30-8:30pm • Guests are more than welcome!
Kellehers Irish Pub & Eaery • 619 SW Water Street., downtown Peoria • 309 673-6000
Website: <http://hop.bradley.edu/>

Beer Hoppers

Monthly Dinner & Beer Social - Bring your family/friends

4th Tuesday of each month • 6:30pm

An email will be sent out for this month's location or consult the HOPs website

HOPs Beer Club Annual Picnics/Parties/etc.

Annual Beer Bus Trip - Jan., the Sat. before Super Bowl Weekend

HOPs Annual Picnics - usually the last Sunday in June and first Sunday in October

HOPs Annual Group Brew - 1st Sat. in May

HOPs Holiday Party – December

Other local Homebrew Club meetings:

ABNORMAL HOME BREWERS

2nd Mon. of each month • 7:30-9:30pm

Fat Jacks • 511 N. Main • Bloomington • (309) 829-2805

Join “HOPs” Beer Club

(Homebrewers of Peoria)

Interested in joining a club of beer-making fools? Find yourself obsessing about beer and don't have anybody to talk to? Want to learn how to make beer in your own but don't know how to start? Or do you just want to get together once a month to drink and talk beer? Dues are an obsessively cheap \$18 a year...with the first year FREE. Dues include this newsletter, a monthly place where you can do one or all of the above mentioned desires PLUS various parties, picnics, socials and a beer tasting bus trip thrown in.

Fill-out this form and bring to any of our meetings, every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Guests are more than welcome to visit and check us out.

Yes! I want to join HOPs!

Name: _____

Street/Apt: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Email: _____