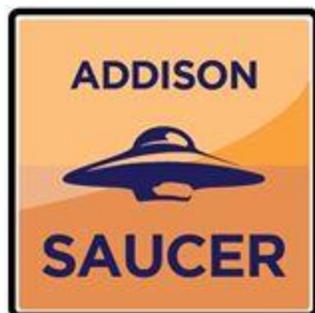


LIVIN' THE BREWS



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August Quick Glance:

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Prez Sez By Mike Grover

There is only one month of summer left to endure, but it's the longest and hottest of the year. I hope everyone has found a way to stay cool. We had a great turnout at the July brew day in spite of the heat. Thanks to everyone who showed up and a big thanks to Fred and Sue David for hosting us. Many of us grabbed a share of the "big batch" beer that Barrett Tillman brewed on the 50-gallon system provided by Wayne Yandel and www.BargainFittings.com. It will be fun to sample the various versions of this beer at upcoming club events. Thanks also to our 2nd VP/Party Boy James Smith for hosting the summer party on July 18th. We had a solid turnout and it was good to see a mix of newer club members and a couple of "old timers" that we don't see too often anymore. A lot of great beers, homebrew and otherwise, were shared. We don't have a brew day this month due to all of the Limbo Challenge activities, but things pick back up in September with both a brew day and our Oktoberfest party. Check the club website (www.nthba.org) for activity announcements and the club calendar, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter as well.

With the arrival of August comes the Limbo Challenge homebrew competition. This is the 10th year for the Limbo Challenge and I am looking forward to judging some great session beers and lawnmower brews! We have a good number of entries this year – I think 178 is the final number. That's up quite a few from last year. I hope that each of you can put in some time judging on Saturday, August 8th (and Sunday if needed). Judging will be at Brian and Melinda Beyer's home at 2117 Rheims Drive in Carrollton (<https://goo.gl/maps/jS4gG>). Judging starts at 09:00 and runs through the afternoon. Even in you just have time to judge one flight it would help us out a lot. The awards ceremony will be at 14:00 on Saturday, August 22nd at the Rugby House Pub in Plano. Good luck to all club members who entered!

The officers meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 4th at the Drunken Donkey in The Colony. Our August club meeting is on Tuesday the 11th at The Flying Saucer in Addison at 6:30 (<http://www.beerknurd.com/stores/addison/>). Thanks to everyone who made it down to Community Beer Company in Dallas last month. Good times and great beer. It was good to see a number of you back out there for the American Homebrewers Association rally this past Saturday too. We'll pick one more indoor spot for the September meeting but will be meeting at outdoor spots after that to enjoy the fall weather.

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The First Sip By James Smith

Many thanks to everyone who attended this year's Summer Party. I think most will agree it was a resounding success attributable to the great many people who turned out.

Secondly, a big thank you to Fred and Sue David for hosting last month's brewday. It too was a great success with the 50 gallon big brew rig brewing up a rye-pale, in addition to a couple of other brewers. The brisket and pulled pork were outstanding! We'll look forward to them hosting the President's Brewday next February.

STILL SEEKING VOLUNTEER!!!

I have a final openings for hosting of club events the rest of this year...the Holiday Party(December 5th). The club will reimburse you for cleaning afterwards. If you are interested, please get in touch with me ASAP! Thanks!

Notable Club Events Coming Up(Please mark your calendars!!):

- NO AUGUST BREW DAY (Limbo)
- The September Brew Day will be held at the home of Mr. Bill James. The date is Saturday, September 5th. The address is 2801 Glen Forest Lane, Plano 75023. [MAP HERE](#)
- The Oktoberfest Party will be held on Saturday, September 26th at the home of Brian and Melinda Beyer. The time will be 6:30 – 11:30. [MAP HERE](#)

Mark Your Calendars!

- October Brew Day – October 17th @ Walter Hodges'
- November Brew Day – November 7th @ Dallas Home Brew
- Holiday Party – December 5th
- December Brew Day – December 12th(Tentative)

You can always find out about the latest events coming up on the NTHBA Club Calendar here: <http://nthba.org/content/club-calendar>

As always, if ever you have a question or comments, or if you would like to provide suggestions or feedback about a specific event, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at socials@nthba.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

Santé!
James, aka "Smitty"



Competition Corner By Walter Hodges

By the time you read this, the Lunar Redezbrew will have announced the winners of their competition. On August 8th, awards for The Inquisition will be announced. I'll announce the names of winning NTHBA members at the August club meeting and update the Brewer Royale standings on the club web page.

Hopefully you were able to get some entries into the Limbo Challenge. We'll be sure to have lots of competition from other clubs, so we want to have a good showing at our own competition. Judging will take place the weekend of August 8th. Please consider coming out and help judge a round or two. If you are not experienced, we can pair you up with an experienced judge. More information about the Limbo can be found at: www.limbocomp.org

Registration is open for the Cap and Hare's, O'zapft. O'zapft is a Lone Star Circuit competition dedicated to German beers. We'll be collecting entries at Dallas Homebrew and Homebrew HQ. Entries dropped off at the stores need to be packed in a box, not a six-pack holder. Since we will be delivering the beers ourselves, they won't need to be packed as sturdily as when we use UPS. Styles accepted are: Light Lagers, Dark Lagers, Bocks, Kolsch, Altbier, Wheat and Rye, Smoke Beers, Specialty German Beers, Specialty beer. For a complete list, check their web site at: <http://ozapfthomebrew.com/>

For our mead makers, Texas Meadfest has been added to the LSC. This event is being hosted by the Texas Mead Association. Entry deadline for this competition is September 4th. You can check their web site at: <http://www.texasmead.org/mead-fest.aspx>

Our next Club Only Competition is in September and will cover Sour Ales (BJCP Category 17 and sour beers in categories 20, 21, 22, 23).

Brewer Royale Standings	
Brewer/Brew Team	Points
Don Van Slyke	6
Barrett Tillman	4
Mike Grover	3
Doug Nett	3
Joseph Flay	3
Layne McBeath	2
Mason McPhail	2
Bill James and Tim McGrath	1



Homebrewer of the Year Standings	
Brewer/Brew Team	Points
Don VanSlyke	11
Walter Hodges	10
Matthew Linnenburger	9
Barrett Tillman	7
Jesse Thoresen	6
Anthony Gachima	5
William Lawrence	4
Leroy Gharis	3
Arthur Stockstill	3
Richard Harris	3
Doug Nett	2
Don Trotter	2
Mason McPhail	2
Jimmy Orkin	2
David Lee & Lloyd Yeager	1
David Kutshman	1
James Smith	1

Competition Schedule			
Lone Star Circuit		Club Only	
Competition	Entry Deadline	Theme/Styles	Entry Deadline
Limbo Challenge	7/30	Sour Beers BJCP Category 17 and sour beers in categories 20, 21, 22, 23	September
O'zapft Is	8/31	Belgian and French Styles BJCP Categories 17 and 18	November
Texas Meadfest	9/4		
Dixie Cup	September		

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Walter

The Treasure's Report

By Jimmy Orkin

Summary:

Equity May end \$4,573.16.

Equity June end \$5,790.28.

New members in June: 49.

Members at June end: 80.

Current members at the time of this article: 103. Remember the new year started in June.

The final monthly reports are available on the club website at the following link:

<http://nthba.org/content/club-documents>

Please let me know if you would like to discuss any of the clubs financial information. Also, please let me know if you would like additional or different information in this article.

Our membership year runs June until May. Your membership may have expired at the end of May. Please renew at either Homebrew Headquarters or Wine Maker's Toy Store. The membership fee is \$30 and will expire and the end of May 2016.

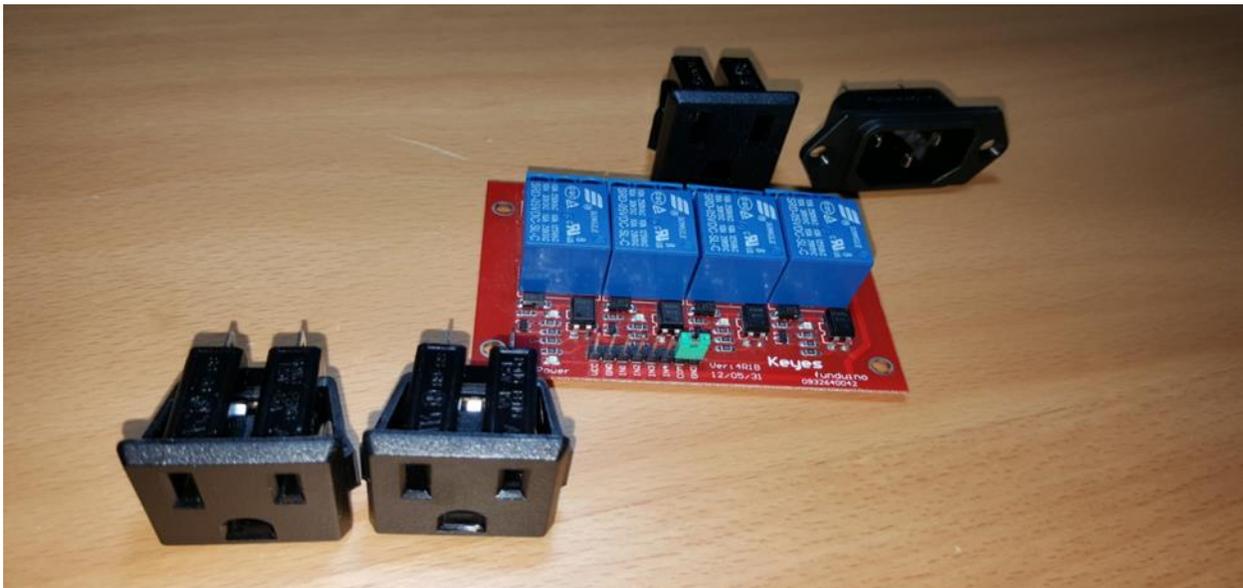
I or the officers always have membership forms and cards at all the club events. I'll send some email reminders. We will also keep you on the email list for a couple of months into the new year even if your membership lapses.

Beer Stuff

I finally built one BrewPi/Arduino board set. Here is a picture of it working on my desk:



The next step is to build two enclosures, one for the control boards you see in the picture above. The second will house the relay board and power sockets to power the AC compressor, AC fan and fermwrap heater. I will only use three of the four relays on the board. Here are the components for the power box:



I also need to build some temperature probes. I am going to do some experimentation on where to sample temperature of a carboy. I currently have an epoxy block I attach to the side of the carboy with an Ace bandage. I am going to build some probes that are more like the long thermowells you see. I will compare the temperature readings between outside the carboy and a probe suspended in the liquid.

Enough for now.

Brew Strong!

Jimmy

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North Texas Home Brewers Association

The North Texas Home Brewers Assoc. is a group with an interest in beer in general and home brewing in particular. We meet once a month on the second Tuesday at various locations in the area. Visitors are welcome! "Livin' the Brews" is our newsletter and is published once a month. We do accept advertising, although the NTHBA, its officers, assignees, and editors are not liable for losses or damages resulting from mistakes or misprints, or any other consequences of advertising in this or any other publication. Ads are \$30 for a 1/3 page and \$50 for a full page, subject to change without notice. Readers are encouraged to submit articles. The deadline for ads and articles each month is 14 days prior to the club meeting.



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