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Next Meeting:

February 11
Knights of
Columbus
4704 Burkhardt Rd

*I would kill everyone in this room
for a drop of sweet beer. - Homer
Simpson*

Draft beer , not people-Unknown

*People who drink light "beer" don't
like the taste of beer; they just like
to pee alot. - Capital Brewery,
Middletown, WI*

*Why is American beer served cold?
So you can tell it from urine. -
David Moulton*

*He was a wise man who invented
beer. - Plato*



We're Moving!

-Bat Bateman

FLASH! There will be no more meetings at the Dayton Canoe Club (DCC). At the December meeting of the DRAFT Board, the new Commodore and the Treasurer of the DCC, announced their intention to raise the rent

for the meeting room and enforce restrictions on entering other areas of the building. They also announced a requirement to clean up even when we noted that there was often a mess at DCC when we arrived. They wanted us to MOP the floors (even though some areas were not even walked on), and added a requirement to carry the trash bags out to the curb. Combined with a nearly continuous litany of complaints from a small but vocal group of DCC members who did not want DRAFT in the building, these actions were the last straw.

Another meeting place has been found where:

1. We are welcome.
2. The cost of using the facility for a year is just over \$600 (Compared with over \$900 at DCC)
3. There is no street to cross. Access is easier. (We can drive up to the door)
4. They were surprised when we mentioned that we fully expected to clean up any mess we made.

The net result is that we'd save money, avoid harassment, and have easier access. The downside is the lack of a riverside view. Summer cookouts at riverside were in jeopardy anyway, and the more pessimistic among us envisioned a requirement to cut the grass and scrub the benches after we used the riverside park to cook hot dogs.

So —Where will we meet? Thanks to the efforts and negotiations of Mike Schwartz, the new meeting place for DRAFT is the Knights of Columbus building at 4704 Burkhardt (between Smithville and Woodman Drive). See you there at 7 PM on the 11th.

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Stow your Mops, Sailors! *-Mike Meade*

Did you ever get the feeling you weren't wanted? As you see from Bat's comments it was time for us to set sail from the DCC and find a place where we could relax and have a homebrew without feeling like trespassers. I personally had a couple of bad experiences there, including a former Commodore's repeated pilfering of beer that I would have given gladly (that's why I'm easy...). And lugging food and brew and equipment across that road was going to get someone hurt sooner or later. So I guess we say thanks for the memories and so long to the Canoe Club. Which means we have a new home! I would really like to see us fill up the basement of the KOC on Burkhardt at the February meeting! To that end, it is important that everyone help us spread the news that the meeting place has changed. If you know anyone who has been a past member or maybe someone who hasn't joined us yet, please make sure you let them know of our new location. Hopefully the map and directions in this newsletter are clear enough to get you there. It is easy to get to from anywhere in the area.

Also in this newsletter are the new bylaws, which were adopted at the January meeting. This project took longer than we thought it would, but thanks to Bob Luken and Bat Bateman we got it done. In next month's issue we will publish the articles of incorporation that were also approved in January. These are not in effect until we can get a lawyer to help us complete the incorporation process. Hopefully we will have more news on this soon.

Has anybody been doing any brewing? I had actually done pretty well this winter until the snows hit. Then the flu came along. Sigh. Fortunately, I have a few brews to keep me until the weather breaks anyway. And I think I could safely call a couple of them "Gonzo". So I'll lug a homebrew or two to the February meeting (Hey, at least I won't have to cross Riverside!). I hope some of you will do the same and we'll enjoy Gonzo beer night. (I am of the opinion that Atomic Fireball mead is a Gonzo brew, by the way, if you get my meaning...).

Before I close I'd like to apologize for the lack of a January newsletter. I hadn't planned on doing this, and I had problems getting the software and the flu didn't help. And let's face it, I'm slower than a herd of turtles. But things are starting to come together and I expect to get the newsletter out and on time if at all possible. If anyone would like to contribute anything from an article or two (pub crawls, beer reviews, brewing tips, amusing anecdotes...all are welcome!) to a column (Ask The Brewer, Advice for the Hop Addicted?) please let me know! Thanks. OK, let's all show up at the new digs and go Gonzo on February 11 (loin cloth is optional).

First Time to a Meeting?

Bring a beer glass and some homebrew or commercial beer to share and enjoy. A small glass (6-8 oz.) will allow you to sample a wide variety of beers. Food is served during the meetings for a small charge, but you can bring your own snacks. Be sure to let us know if it's your first meeting!

DAYTON REGIONAL AMATEUR FERMENTATION TECHNOLOGISTS
By-Laws

I. MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Membership in the Dayton Regional Amateur Fermentation Technologists, a Non-Profit Corporation in the State of Ohio (herein referred to as DRAFT) shall be open without discrimination to persons of legal drinking age in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

Section 2. A person may become a member in good standing upon payment of dues, demonstration of legal drinking age, and completion of an Application for Membership form.

Section 3. Dues will be \$18.00 per member per year. When additional members reside at the same address, where only one copy of the newsletter is sent, the additional members' dues will be \$27.00.

II. OFFICERS.

The officers of DRAFT shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor. Election of officers shall be held in November of each year. Officers will take office on January first and serve for one year. When elected, these officers shall serve as the Executive Board of the DRAFT organization. When conducting club business, all Executive Board members shall act in the interest of the Corporation. Any officer having a financial interest in organizational interest shall make such interest known. An officer shall not vote on any item where they have a financial interest. Each officer may appoint members to assist them in the performance of their duties. The duties of members of the Executive Board OFFICERS are as defined as follows:

- A. President. The President shall preside over all meetings, act as ex-officio member of all standing committees, serve as statutory agent, and submit (with the aid of the treasurer) an annual budget. The President shall also be authorized to dispense Corporate funds as provided for by an approved budget. The President shall provide a statement of the continued existence of DRAFT to the Secretary of the State of Ohio on an annual basis or as required.
 - B. Vice President. The Vice President shall preside over meetings in the absence of the President, schedule educational presentations of general interest for meetings of the membership, provide opportunities for members to learn how to better brew and judge homebrew, and be responsible for inter-club liaison.
 - C. Treasurer. The treasurer shall assist the President in preparing an annual budget, collect and dispense Corporate funds as provided for by an approved budget, keep financial records, maintain a Corporate checking account, receive membership dues, and maintain membership records. The Treasurer shall provide monthly financial status reports to the Executive Board and produce annual tax reports as required. In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Treasurer may preside over meetings.
 - D. Secretary. The Secretary shall record the minutes of Executive Board meetings and meetings of the membership, provide them for publication in the Newsletter, maintain correspondence for the Corporation, and be responsible for DRAFT publicity. In the absence of the President, Vice President, and Treasurer, the Secretary may preside over meetings.
 - E. Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter Editor is responsible for publication of the DRAFT newsletter, its content and editorial policy. In this capacity, the Newsletter Editor shall receive and review all articles and advertisements submitted for publication.
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Section 2. The elected DRAFT officers shall be known as the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be responsible for club operation and administering disciplinary actions. The Executive Board shall meet at least monthly to plan meetings and activities and conduct Corporate business. Meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President or Vice President (when acting for the President) so as to provide timely notification of the meeting time and place. A quorum for conduct of business by the Executive Board shall be three officers, one of which shall be either the president or vice president.

Section 3. The executive Board may appoint members to chair ad hoc committees and perform duties in support of Article I of the Articles of Incorporation. The duties of said committees shall not assume or encroach upon the duties of any DRAFT officers.

Section 4. If the office of President becomes vacant, it shall be filled by the Vice President. Vacancies for the offices of Vice President and other officers will be filled as necessary (as determined by the Executive Board) by redistributing duties to Board members or by selecting a replacement to serve out the term.

III. TRUSTEES.

A Board of three trustees shall be formed to provide oversight of Corporate business, resolve disciplinary issues (see Article IV), and monitor dissolution of the Corporation.

Section 1. The Trustees shall consist of:

- 1) Pat Pickett (DRAFT Founder)
- 2) The most recent Past President available to serve.
- 3) A member of DRAFT, chosen at large.

Section 2. The Trustees shall meet with the Executive Board during January of each year to review past year activities to ensure compliance with the Corporate purpose as stated in Article I of the Articles of Incorporation, and to interact with and advise the newly-elected DRAFT officers.

Section 3. When evidence of officer misconduct is presented by petition or by the Executive Board, Trustees are empowered to review the situation and remove the officer from the elected position. In the event a member chooses to protest disciplinary action taken by the Executive Board, the Trustees are empowered to review the protest and sustain or amend the action.

Section 4. The Trustees shall monitor proceedings for dissolution of the Corporation, and ensure that the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, Article VIII are followed.

IV. MEETINGS.

The Executive Board shall determine the time and place for regular meetings of the membership on a monthly basis, and may cancel membership meetings for cause.

Section 1. The regular meeting for the month of November each year shall be designated the annual meeting of the membership. Its purpose is to elect officers and conduct club business. A nominating committee, appointed by the Executive Board will prepare a slate of candidates to be published in the Newsletter prior to the November meeting. At the November meeting, the President will also solicit nominations for each office from the floor.

Section 2. A quorum for the conduct of business at meetings of the membership shall consist of not

less than two elected officers, one of whom shall be either the president or vice president, and members in good standing who are present at a regular meeting.

Section 3. Members will treat each other with courtesy, and respect the rights of others. During meetings, the President is responsible for the efficient conduct of business and the application of rules of common sense. When necessary to resolve disagreements in the conduct of meetings, members may request, or the President may invoke Robert's Rules of Order.

V. DISCIPLINE.

Section 1. Member Behavior. When a member exhibits behavior detrimental to the interests or purposes of the Corporation, that member is subject to disciplinary action to be determined by the Executive Board. Upon being informed of instances of such detrimental behavior, the Executive Board shall solicit evidence and testimony in the matter. Upon reviewing such evidence and testimony and providing the offender with the opportunity to present similar evidence and testimony, the Executive Board may impose appropriate disciplinary actions. Levels of disciplinary action include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Censure or written reprimand. The member will receive a written communication detailing the problem behavior, an explanation of its adverse effects on the Corporation, and warning of the consequences of continued misconduct.
2. Probation. The member will receive a written communication detailing the problem behavior, an explanation of its adverse effects on the Corporation, notification of actions to be taken to monitor future behavior and prevent recurrence, and warning of possible expulsion as a consequence of future misconduct.
3. Expulsion. The member will receive a written communication detailing the problem behavior, an explanation of its adverse effects on the Corporation, and notification of termination of membership and its privileges.

Any member disciplined by the Executive Board shall have the option of appealing that disciplinary action to the Board of Trustees. The decision of the Board of Trustees, based on a 2/3 vote shall be final.

Section 2. Officer Misconduct. When a member exhibits behavior detrimental to the interests or purposes of the Corporation; or fails to carry out the duties of office; or fails to participate in three executive board meetings without good reason, as determined by the Executive Board or a petition signed by 20% of the members in good standing, that officer is subject to removal from office.

Copies of the recommendation of the Executive Board (or the signed petition) will be presented to each of the Trustees. The Trustees will review the evidence and testimony as appropriate and decide whether the officer will be removed from office. Prior to removal, the officer will be given the option to resign the office. The decision of the Trustees is final.

As members of DRAFT, officers removed from office (or who have resigned from office) are still subject to disciplinary action by the Executive Board.

VI. REVISIONS.

The Articles of Incorporation for DRAFT are filed with the Secretary of the State of Ohio and are sub-

ject to change only under the laws of the state. Proposals for amendments to the Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws may be generated by a majority of the Executive Board, or by a petition signed by 20% of members in good standing and presented to the Executive Board. Proposals for amendments to the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws must be announced in the newsletter and presented to the membership at the next regular meeting for discussion and change.

For proposed amendments to be changed, there must be a quorum at the meeting, and proposals for changes to the amendments must receive a majority of votes of the members in good standing present at the meeting.

Following the discussion and changes, the proposed amendment shall be published in the newsletter and read to the membership at the next regular meeting. To be approved at the next regular meeting, there must be a quorum, and the proposed amendment must receive 2/3 of the votes of the members in good standing present at the meeting.

Amendments to the By-Laws will be effective immediately unless otherwise specified in the amendment. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation will be made in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

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AIRPORT BEER -Bat Bateman

I was at the Orlando Airport (MCO), with my flight back to Dayton delayed by bad weather up north. There was no way to go to Dayton unless the plane could leave Dayton to come get me, and it was delayed by snow [So much for global warming]. Faced with a two hour delay, I began to wander around. When - Lo! I discovered a brew pub right there in the airport! It was The Shipyard brew pub. Up north, the Master Brewer was Alan Pugsley. The homepage is at www.shipyard.com. I may never know what a Portland, Maine and Kennebunkport, New England brew pub was doing in Florida (and to be frank, I didn't really care).

They had fresh-brewed beer, and I had two hours to kill. They had four "regular" beers on tap, along with one seasonal Brown Ale. Their dark ale was Blue Fin Stout. It was described by the PR guy who does menus for a living as having a creamy white head. I didn't really believe that, and ordered a pint anyway. Sure enough, it was a classic Irish stout with a classic tan head and very fine nitrogen bubbles that left a pretty lace inside the tall glass. It was smooth, bitter, and malty - all that a stout is supposed to be. And having been brewed at the airport, it was fresh. Who cares if the flight is delayed?

Remo, the bartender, identified the Orlando Head Brewer as Ron Raike. Ron had gone home after a long day, but based on the stout he left behind, he had earned some rest. If a brewer can do a great stout, could a great bitter be far behind? I decided to try a pint of Old Thumper Extra Special "Ale". As an ESB, it was rather un-traditional. It was a clear amber color, with a pronounced hop aroma - not exactly the English style. The flavor was another surprise. It was dry, fruity - even apple-y (if there is such a word).

By this time conversations with Remo and some of the other customers convinced me that I should try some more beers. I declined to bother with the Goat Island Light, and opted for a sample size glass of the Export Ale. It was hyped as an Old Canadian style, whatever that is. The aroma was low, but malty. Upon tasting it, I noted the low CO2 and smooth character. There was a definite corn flavor, like a Pre-prohibition lager. It was a nice beer, and we know know what old Canadians drink. Remo could not let me leave without trying the Brown Ale. The hype said it was English Style. Wrong. The great malt aroma served to conceal the heavy hop flavors until after you swallowed. It was definitely American. The English are much more conservative with their hops in brown ale. You like Pete's Wicked? OK. Imagine having it freshly brewed. Yes, the seasonal brown ale was a delight, even if I did not know what season comes in early January. One more treat before the great silver bird carried me away. One of the waitresses (Katie) is a member of the Central Florida Home Brew Club. She extends her invitation for all DRAFTees to enter a beer in the Sunshine Challenge coming up in May. There could be more to tell, but after all, I did have a plane to catch. So, when you take the kids to Disneyland, you can appear noble by offering to stay at the airport shipyard and guard the luggage.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 11 DRAFT Meeting 7PM
Knights of Columbus

Feb 14 DRAFT Board Meeting
(Location)

Mar 4 The Drunk Monk Challenge, AHA Sanctioned Competition, Warrenville, IL Sponsored by the Urban Knaves of Grain. Entries due 2/27/00. Entry fee: \$5/1-4 entries, \$4/5 or more entries. Contact Steve McKenna at (630) 305-0554 (home) e-mail: mckennst@earthlink.net, or see the UKG homepage at <http://home.earthlink.net/~mckennst/ukg.html>

Mar 10 DRAFT Meeting 7PM
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Have an item for our calendar of events? Send it to
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December Minutes - *Dwayne Geer*

The December DRAFT meeting/ Christmas Party was certainly one to remember. We had 45 members and at least 4 guests join us to help celebrate the Christmas Season. And celebrate we did.

The dinner was Potluck style and had ALL the trimmings. Members prepared and brought in everything from "sauerkraut and cabbage braised in Bock" to Scotch eggs (Quite possibly the world's most perfect food, somebody please get me the recipe!). Desserts ranged from caramel cheesecake to pecan pie and of course . . . Christmas cookies. The main dish was a 22 pound baked ham. If you missed the meeting, you really missed a good meal.

I for one, am extremely impressed by the level of effort put forth by all that attended. Not surprised, knowing brewers and the detail of their craft, but seriously impressed. Good job everyone.

Well, we've discussed the celebratory cuisine, now . . . onto the beer.

As a true beer lover and a regular attendee of the monthly DRAFT meetings, I have to rate this meeting as one of the best this year as far as the beers that were available to taste. I sampled a lot of good brews that night.. I hope everyone that attended sampled as many of the beers as safely possible. We had an enormous selection on hand.

With all of the great beer and food it's amazing we got anything accomplished, but we did get just a little business taken care of.

Our president Mike Boetger called the meeting to order just long enough to thoroughly wish everyone a good time and a happy new year.

After the brief business portion of the meeting we had the "Christmas Beer exchange". Members were instructed to bring to the meeting a gift wrapped bottle of beer to place on the exchange table. Members were then called by name to select their gift. It was very exciting, knowing that whomever had purchased or brewed the beer you were getting ready to open, was more than likely knowledgeable in quality beer selection. I was lucky enough to open. I think everyone was satisfied with their gift. After all you can't go wrong, the gift of beer can not be all that bad.

So congrats to everyone.

All in all the meeting was a huge success. It was a great way to cap of the 1999 DRAFT club year.

January Minutes - *Ron Sup*

Bat went over the incorporation papers and explained them to the club. We also went over changes to the bylaws to go along with the incorporation. They were voted on and both passed unanimously. Pat Pickett gave a presentation on the "Brew Tree", at Miami Trail, that is available for DRAFT member's use. It is a 10 gallon 3 barrel system that has steam injection for step mashing and is gas powered. It also has a heat exchanger and pump for chilling, If anyone is interesting in trying out this system, please contact Pat to schedule a day and time. Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays are available. The club would like to thank Hiram for sandblasting and painting the Brew Tree and helping get it in tip-top shape. The Brewery currently has 2 yeasts available, 2206 Bavarian Lager and 1056 Chico ale. Get your 10 gallons recipes ready! On a sad note, Rich Beals went over rules and regulation for the Canoe Club use, going over cleaning instructions and locations that are off-limit to DRAFT members. I guess they want us to be THEIR cleanup crew! We would like to thank Steve Bertolo and Jennifer Trundy for the Chalupas.



FEBRUARY MEETING PLANS

Next meeting: February 11th at the Fr. O'Connor K of C at 4704 Burkhardt Road. Meeting starts with a social time at 7 PM. The theme will be Gonzo beers. Bring your homebrew - any homebrew - and share with other homebrewers. It will be strictly a social event. No formal judging. No style requirements. No recipe or list of ingredients. Just give others a chance to try your beer, and see if they like it.



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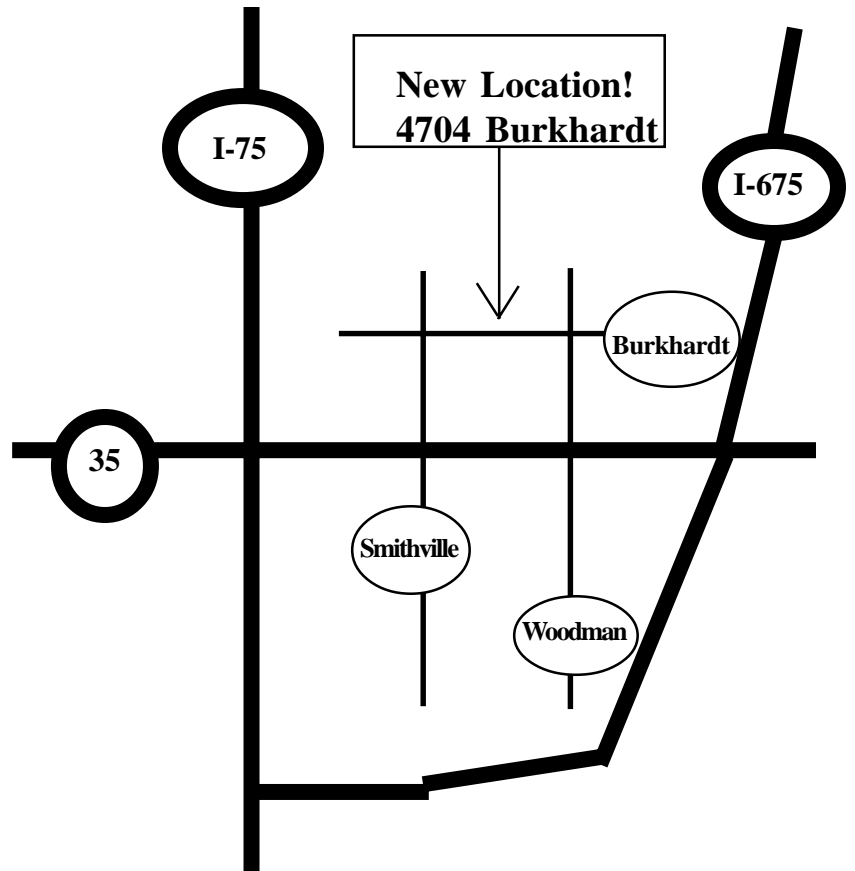
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Directions
to the Meeting**

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