



Road Trip – August 12

Craig has arranged with Countryside Saloon, 2501 E. Ballard Rd. in Des Plaines to have some unusual and interesting beers for our tasting pleasure. As with most road trips, leave your home brew at home and savor Countryside's offerings. See you at 7:30 PM.

August Meeting Agenda:

1. Guest Introductions
2. Brew-Ins Recaps
3. Upcoming Competitions
4. Great Taste Reports
5. Committee Reports
6. Club Picnic
7. Book Club
8. ?

Upcoming Club Events

Tuesday, Sept. 9 – Monthly meeting, Durty Nellies in Palatine, 7:30 PM. Club Oktoberfest/Marzen contest.

Saturday, Sept. 13 – Club Wort Picnic, Jim Smetana's place in Arlington Heights.

Tuesday, Oct. 14 – Monthly meeting, Durty Nellies in Palatine, 7:30 PM.

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July 2014 Club Meeting

President Craig Ranshaw opened the meeting wishing that everyone had a fun 4th of July.

There were 2 guests in attendance. Steve is a friend of Myles Powell and finally made a meeting after 3 months of intentions. Don works part-time at Church Street Brewing but does some home brewing. He added that Church Street was expecting the arrival of 4 30-bbl fermentors. Business must be good.

The Salt Creek Park District home brew contest was dominated by Club Wort members. First and 2nd place were nabbed by Joe and Rich. There might be a German beer contest in September.

Asten Rathbun reported that the treasury balance was \$1,471.40, which is lower than 2013 at this time. In 2013 the Club spent \$1,920 including \$600 on equipment, \$400 on the picnic and \$400 on the Christmas party.

Elliot Hamilton reported that he is getting tubing.

There will be a brew-in either July 26 or 27, or both days if demand is there. It was expected that there would be 2 brews a day. Elliot was in possession of Jason Barsanti donated hops, and was looking for style ideas and leaders.

Librarian Brad Griffin said that a new book had been added to the library – *American Sour Beers*. Brad had culled the collection and brought the books with him. Members were encouraged to take them, but leave a donation for future acquisitions.

Craig mentioned Countryside Inn in Des Plaines as a possible road trip due to the owners willingness to feature a non-so-common beer when we came, but

he worried about distance. No one thought that would be a problem, so Craig promised to pursue it.

The Club is looking for a picnic host. Jim Smetana was considering, and promised a decision in about a week.

Andre Lukatsky gave an educational presentation on constructing a digital controller on the cheap. Craig set himself up for easy laughs when he mentioned worry about a failure on his Johnson (controller, that is).

EmbroidMe in Schaumburg is up and running and ready to embroider Club Wort logo on clothing articles for \$12.

Craig asked that members who learn about upcoming home brew competitions share them with the Club.

Jim Thommes had not received the Great Taste tickets as of yet, but expected them any day.

Club Wort Beer Contest

Note the style guideline numbers (and letters) after each beer. You can check at www.homebrewersassociation.org to get the style info.

September 2014 – Oktoberfest/Marzen (3B)

November 2014–Smoke-Flavored/Wood-Aged (22)

Classified Section

Three-pound (1 Quart) containers of honey; Cost is \$8.00; Contact Elliot Hamilton at ellieth@ml1.net

