



SAAZ BREWZletter

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Words from the Prez

Cheers everyone!

Well this weekend we held another successful BUBR run. Bottoms Up Beer Run had over 400 registered runners and from what I understand we had 382 actual runners, an amazing number. We need to give Anne Gregg a huge thank you for all the leadership and coordination she provided again this year. She does more work on this than you could imagine. Thanks to all who contributed!

Next Saturday is the Summer Party and it's looking to be quite the event. We hope to see you all, and especially any new members. It's a good time to meet all the other members.

I have decided to change the format of the meetings a bit, starting with the July meeting. We are going to collect information in advance from the board members regarding projects and ongoing tasks that fall under their position, then disseminate that information through the newsletter rather than having it presented at the meeting. At the meeting we will have our education presentation, followed by a Q&A session with the board during which you can ask them about the info they provided or about other topics that fall under their position. We are hoping to cut down the time we spend going over club business that can be covered in the newsletter, and thus shorten the meeting a bit. I'll be in California during the July meeting, so don't give Sean too hard a time. ☺

Well, now we will be off to CSAAZ after the Summer Party, so start figuring out how you want to help out. Lots of areas will need to be covered!

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Bob Bridges
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7th Annual Bottoms Up Beer Run... SUCCESS!!!

SAAZ's 7th Annual Bottoms Up Beer Run came off without a hitch on June 8th, thanks to Anne Gregg, many onsite volunteers and a great bunch of enthusiastic runners/walkers. Race prep, race and post-race photos will be posted soon on the website and Facebook.





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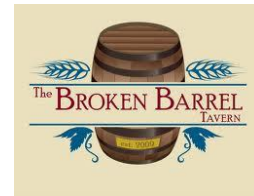
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LAST CALL to RSVP for the SUMMER PARTY LUAU and to get DIRECTIONS!

CALLING ALL CARNIVORES: If you're not going to be happy just eating side dishes and watching the rest of us chow down on ribs, burgers, and pork, tell us you're coming and let us know how many are coming with you **by Wednesday, June 12**. Email us at events@saaz.org with your headcount if you plan to attend, or use the [Facebook event page](#) and click **GOING**. "Maybe" or "Interested" will **not** be counted as an RSVP. If using Facebook, also include a comment if you're bringing someone besides yourself. Last-minute and "Maybe" RSVPs are not helpful, because the meat purchases are made several days ahead. Please RSVP now, while you're thinking about it! Many thanks!

SHOUTING "MARCO! POLO!" ISN'T GONNA CUT IT: You're going to need Bonnie & Ed Worme's address to be able to find the party. We don't publish residential addresses in the newsletter, because it gets posted out on our public website. The address is on the [Facebook event page](#), but if you can't get to Facebook and don't have the address already, contact a board member by Friday. Please don't count on us noticing your call, text or email on Saturday while we're getting set up (or partying)!

Summer Party Luau

Saturday, June 15, 2PM - ?

Bonnie & Ed Worme's Residence

Windover Farms, Melbourne

SAFETY FIRST: Plan ahead as to who is going to be the designated driver or plan a ride home (Lyft, Uber, friend or family member you can call).

DRESS: Casual and comfortable luau wear. Grass skirts, Hawaiian shirts, a flowered mumu, leis and, of course, bring your swimsuit!

FOOD: Ribs, hot dogs, burgers, and Hawaiian pork will be provided. Bring a delicious side dish or dessert to share. If you're looking for inspiration for luau-worthy side dishes, see the links below.

LAWNMOWER BEER SMACKDOWN: Bring three unmarked bottles of your summer session style beer (< 5% ABV) with unmarked caps, competition-style, for judging.

THE REST OF THE BEER STORY: We'd love to have some delicious kegs of the homebrew you entered in the Lawnmower Beer Smackdown. If you don't have homebrew to share, bring some interesting commercial session beers to share. It's going to be hot, so try to stick with low ABV beers.

RAFFLE? Yup, bring cash!

WHAT TO BRING: Your side dish or dessert to share, swim suit, towel, sunblock, folding chair, your own non-disposable taster cup, your smackdown entries, low-ABV kegged/bottle homebrew or commercial beer to share, a thirst for beer (Ha, like we had to remind you of that one!) and your smile!

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES – No "cover charge" for SAAZ members and family members in the same household. If you want to bring a friend who is not a paid SAAZ member, they will need to pay \$5 at check-in and sign the SAAZ Code of Conduct. Of course, they can always join...

PARKING – In the driveway, out front, or in front of neighboring homes, but don't block driveways or mailboxes, and take care not to damage landscaping, grass or yard décor. It's a residential neighborhood, so drive slowly and carefully, watching for children at play and residents and pets out for a walk.



REMINDER: No June General Membership Meeting

Upcoming SAAZ Events



- **June 15** – Summer Luau Party @ Bonnie & Ed Worme’s residence in Melbourne (Lawnmower Beer Smackdown)
- **June 26** – “SAAZ Supports the Sponsors” Social, BeachFly Brewing Co.
- **July 6** – Group Brew Day (Details TBA by email)
- **July 21** – General Meeting @ BeachFly Brewing Co. (12PM, this month only)
- **August 10** – Multi-Brewery Bus Trip (members only)
- **August 18** – General Meeting (details TBA)
- **September 20 & 21** – 25th Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Blastoff

OTHER BREW / BEER EVENTS: Also check the event page off the **SAAZ Members** Facebook page titled [Brew Events Around Us](#) for some beer-centric events in our area and across central Florida.

GOOGLE CALENDAR: Do you or your family already have your own Google calendar? If you’d like to add the SAAZ Google calendar to your calendar view, email your request to editor@saaz.org from your Gmail account. We’ll send you an invitation to enable viewing of the SAAZ calendar along with yours.

TEXT ALERT SYSTEM: Sign up for text messages in case of last minute SAAZ event cancellations or emergency change of venue by texting **SAAZ** to **24587**.

Next SAAZ Casual Social (aka “Supporting Our Sponsors While Having Fun!”)

Wednesday, June 26 @ 6PM

BeachFly Brewing Company

1080 E Eau Gallie Blvd, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

Another laid back casual social that provides members with a chance to relax, have a beer and enjoy each other’s company. Come out and support one of the county’s newest breweries and a loyal SAAZ sponsor. BeachFly has food, so feel free to come straight from work and grab a bite once you get there.

Website: beachflybrewing.com



Update on the 25th Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Blastoff



- The Commander SAAZ room block at the Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront is now open for reservations. The special price for this event is \$149/night, which is insane for a hotel of this quality right on the beach! You can even turn it into a great beach vacation, because the Hilton will honor the rate for three days prior and three days after the event weekend. Rooms can be booked at this great rate until August 30th or until the room block is full, so snag your room now! See the [ACCOMMODATIONS](#) page on the SAAZ website.
- The following dates have been set for competition activities:
 - Registration opens – July 26
 - Entry shipping / drop-off begins - August 5
 - Registration ends and shipping / drop-off ends – August 25
 - Pre-Sort Activities - August 29
 - Entry Sorting - August 31
 - Initial Judging Sessions – September 7, 8, 14, 15
 - Final Judging Sessions – September 20, 21

Coming in August... the SAAZ Annual Brew Bus Tour!

Make sure you've got August 10th marked on your calendar, 'cause you won't want to want to miss this. It's the annual motorized pub crawl, the field trip for adults who love craft beer, the liquid version of a progressive dinner, the party-on-the-move with the coolest home brewers on the Space Coast! This members-only event is always a blast, so save the date and watch for more details (including the list of breweries we'll be visiting) in the July newsletter.



SAAZ Stars



Anne Gregg, for heading up the planning and execution of another fun and successful Bottoms Up Beer Run, and far too many BUBR volunteers to mention (but all are GREATLY appreciated).



SAAZ Winners in the 2019 Hurricane Blowoff Competition:

- **Sean McCoy** – **GOLD** in Dark European Lager
 - **Eric Essenwein** – **SILVER** in Strong Belgian Ale
 - **Chris Jojola** – **BRONZE** in Fruit Beer
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Upcoming Competitions

Visit the websites for full details, and GET BREWING!!!

Like Commander SAAZ, these Florida Circuit competitions are multi-day events with fun activities (that include beer, of course), culminating in an awards dinner/ceremony. They're a blast to attend with other club members, so think about heading over for a day or for the entire event. For competitions with event weekends, hotel and event/dinner ticket information can be found at the links below.

- [Sunshine Challenge](#) – Orlando (ENTRIES CLOSED – Please volunteer to judge/steward)
 - Competition/event weekend: **June 20-22**
 - A FLORIDA CIRCUIT COMPETITION
 - [First Coast Cup](#) – Jacksonville (Entry Window: June 10 - July 3)
 - Delivery deadline: July 3
 - If you'd rather not ship, bring entries to our social at BeachFly on June 26 and chip in for gas
 - Competition/event weekend: **July 26-27**
 - A FLORIDA CIRCUIT COMPETITION
 - [Hot 'N Humid Brew-Off](#) – Orlando (Entry Window: June 1 – August 4)
 - Delivery window: July 21 – August 4
 - Competition date: August 17
 - Limited categories – See website
 - [Dunedin Brewer's Guild Pepper Beer Competition](#) – Dunedin (Entry window ends: August 16)
 - Competition date: August 25
 - Limited categories – See website
 - [25th Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Homebrew Blastoff](#)
 - Oktoberfest in October – Clearwater (Entry deadline: September 13)
 - Competition date: October 6
 - Limited categories
 - No website available yet
 - Walk On The Wildside – Tampa (Entry deadline: October 26)
 - Competition Date: November 9
 - Limited categories
 - No website available yet
 - [Dunedin Brewer's Guild Walk the Line with Barleywine](#) – Dunedin (Entry window ends: November 22)
 - Delivery window ends: November 22
 - Competition date: November 30
 - Limited categories – See website
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Club Brew Days

Next club brew day: July 6th TENTATIVE

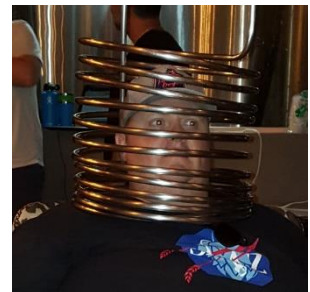
Plans not quite completed, so confirmation and details to follow in an email blast

Educational coordinator Aaron Pitts is working on organizing some group brew days for the club. These events serve many purposes:

- Finding it hard to fit in brew time since someone's always scheduling stuff for you to do? Take advantage of having a "scheduled event" to fit in a brew day. *"Sorry, I can't help you move because I've already committed to an event that day."*
- It's an opportunity to gather and "talk brewing" with other brewers and, of course, have a beer.
- For new brewers, especially those who haven't purchased equipment yet, it's an opportunity to observe different types of brewing systems and processes to learn and to figure out what type of system would work best for you. You can also "apprentice" or co-brew with someone.
- Even if you're not a new brewer, doing a co-brew is a heck of a lot of fun!
- For more experienced brewers, it's a chance to help others who may not be as practiced as you are, by answering questions and offering advice.
- Regardless of the experience level, we all learn new techniques and ideas when we brew together.
- Even if you yourself are unable to brew that day, we still want you to come out and join us to learn, share, and have some fun!

Recent Events and Activities

May General Meeting at Hell 'N Blazes, with educational presentation by Brewmaster Todd Furbeck



Officer Meeting Highlights

- Final coordination/planning for Bottoms Up Beer Run. Discussion of after party at WOB (50/50 raffle, must be present to win). Planned smoother distribution of initial toast beer and after-run pint.
- Commander SAAZ – Accommodations page done and room block open for booking. Dates set for Commander SAAZ competition (registration, delivery, sorting, judging). Judging session times and locations, drop-off location and competition rules will be determined by June 14 so web pages can be completed, other Florida clubs/guilds can be notified, Reggie can be set up for judging and stewarding sign-up, and general promotion can begin.
- Membership form update underway (addition of a few fields to clarify membership type and find out what education topics interest new members.
- By-laws update final review by officers over the next couple of weeks, then email to members for vote at July meeting.
- Discussion of tentative brew day on July 6th. Awaiting confirmation from location/host.
- Barrel project plan and yeast project plan to be worked after BUBR is done.
- Lifetime member mugs to be presented at the Summer Party Luau.
- Website – Approval to purchase on-demand backup software and security scanning software. SAAZ Twitter feed and AHA RSS article/news feed added to home page.

YOUR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS WANTED!!!

We welcome interesting and informational newsletter articles from our members and sponsors... brewing tips, club history, reports on beer fests and homebrew conferences you've attended, new hops, your experience with a particular type of homebrew equipment or gadget, etc. Email your article in either text or Microsoft Word format to editor@saaz.org.

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