

The OVHA Tap

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Meeting December 28 at Germania Mannerchor 7:00 pm

Brew-Ha-Ha

Arrangements for the Brew-ha-ha at the Museum

Southern Indiana CraftBrewer's Festival

The Second Annual Southern Indiana CraftBrewer's Festival was Saturday, August 20th, at the Casino Aztar Events Pavillion.

Things went very well this year in spite of the heat. Before sundown, it was HOT -- we nearly cooked the brewer from Upland Brewery! He got lucky and was facing away from the river under a tent.

Things were much better after the sun went down. We had approximately twice the crowd as last year, although a couple fewer breweries came.

Everyone had a good time, and I believe that every one of the brewery crews took advantage of club members being available to serve, letting them take a break.

SWIRCA handled their part superbly as usual, so all we had to do was lend a hand here and there and enjoy the beer.

We had a followup meeting with SWIRCA early in the month and decided that we would like to have the Festival earlier in the year, probably late May or early June to avoid roasting before dark. We also wanted better advertising and

Brewer's Musings

We blew out the last keg of ale at Steve's last week, so I guess it's time to star the brewery up again. Can't go without beer, after all, in spite of the heat. Normally I've made a batch by now, but it's so blasted warm I don't dare without some kind of temperature control for fermentation.

Steve has rigged up an old dishwasher to wash carboys, quite destructive of moral fibers, believe me! Stick it in, add some dishwasher detergent, and press a button, comes out sparkling clean, this is VERY unhealthy! We will soon be reduced to blobs of protoplasm connected to the beer tap!

Following a massive cleanup of the brewery to hopefully eliminate the problem we had last year of some batches going very sour from a lactic acid infection, we should start up in the next week or so.

Meeting Schedule 2005

September 28th Germania 7 pm

October 26th, Germania 7 pm

November 30th, Germania 7 pm

December 21st? Germania 7 pm

January 25th at Germania 7 pm

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Brew-Ha-Ha

The annual Museum Contemporaries Brew-Ha-Ha fundraiser will be Oct. 1 at the Museum. We will be serving a variety of beers including the Big Brew beers from this spring, along with at least three types of wine, probably a key of rootbeer, and whatever else anyone drags along (yes, Jackie, I have some stout left!).

Final arrangements will be made at the meeting Wed Sept 28. Jack will be out of town at another festival, so Jim will handle the beer from the cooler at Turoni's and have Jack's tent and tapper setup.

We will set up at 5:00 pm. You can either carry your beer up the drive in the back or bring it through the front door.

I'm not sure what the arrangements for tickets are -- I usually reserve one for myself and buy it (this is a fundraiser, after all!).

See ya there!

Brewer's Festival

tickets available much earlier so that we can sell more. We tossed around several ideas for food service, and since SWIRCA found quite a bit of interest on the part of local restaurants, we should have good food available next year. We will probably not include food in the ticket price.

All in all, a very pleasant experience. Everyone is ready to do it again next year, and hopefully many years after that!