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Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

Wed, Oct 30, 7 pm:
Meeting; Germania
Mannerchor, Topic:
Electric Brewing!

NOVEMBER

Sat, Nov 2: AHA's Learn
to Homebrew Day, Liquor
Locker (Morgan), 4001 E.
Morgan Ave., 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
(Jeff Smith)

Sat, Nov 9, 6-9 pm:
Holy Redeemer "Tap &
Cork" tasting event. (Mills)

Wed, Nov 20:
Meeting; Germania
Mannerchor Topic: Officer
Nominations; OVHA
"Big Turkey" Homebrew
Contest Entry (judging
later), Big Turkey Beer
style: American Ale

DECEMBER

Wed, Dec 18: Elections;
Holiday Party, Bring a
covered dish, club will
provide meat. Big Turkey
Winner Announced!



BEER *on the* BRAIN? THEN COME TO:

OHIO VALLEY HOMEBREWERS ASSOCIATION

LEARN TO HOMEBREW DAY

Saturday, November 2, 2013 • 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: Liquor Locker-Morgan Ave at the corner of
Morgan Ave. and Stockwell Rd., Evansville

Info: www.ovha.net or info@ovha.net



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Coming up this fall...

NOVEMBER

2 AHA's Learn to Homebrew Day-First Saturday in November

9 am
3 pm

Very similar to Big Brew Day, this is a national event that we participate in the first Saturday each November. It was established by the American Homebrewers Association (AHA) in 1999 to encourage people to homebrew. Brewing sites are held all around the world so people can learn how to brew or teach others how to make beer. We pick a spot each year and OVHA members bring out their brewing setup for a big group brewing day.

9 Holy Redeemer "Tap & Cork" tasting event

6-9 pm Smaller beer festival than Zoo Brew or SWIRCA. The OVHA sets up a booth where we pour member donated homebrew and disperse literature about the club.

20 Big Turkey Beer Contest sponsored by Carson's Brewery

7 pm The annual OVHA member-only homebrew competition. Entries are turned in at the November meeting with the winner announced at the December party.

DECEMBER

18 OVHA Party!

Bring a covered dish to share and the family to enjoy the amazing cooking skills of everyone in the club. Big Turkey 2013 will be announced. Elections will be performed.



7th Annual Big Turkey “American Ale” Brewing Contest

Entries due at the Nov. 20 Meeting; Winners announced at the Dec. 18 Party



Carson's Brewery is sponsoring 2013 Big Turkey BOS again this year!

The grand prize will be the opportunity to be “Pro-Brewer for a Day”.

You will help brew your winning recipe on a commercial system!

We will also have a club-wide tapping party when the beer is ready.



Judging will not occur at the meeting.

The OVHA Big Turkey brewing contest is open to all paid members of the OVHA.

The beer style for the 7th annual OVHA member's only Big Turkey brewing contest is American Ale, BJCP Category 10
Sub-styles:

10A. American Pale Ale

10B. American Amber Ale

10C. American Brown Ale

Information about these styles can be found at the BJCP web site: <http://www.bjcp.org/2008styles/style10.php>

INSTRUCTIONS:

- You may enter one beer in each of the subcategories. Do not enter the *same* beer in different subcategories.
- You need two bottles of beer for each subcategory you enter. To keep things anonymous, use as plain a bottle as you can. Things like swing tops, labels, raised lettering, etc are not allowed in sanctioned competitions but will be allowed here if it is ALL you have as a last resort. Black out any markings on the cap.
- Judging will be using the standard BJCP judging sheets used at all the AHA competitions and styles will each be judged within their own subcategory. It's up to you to pick the subcategory you want your beer to be judged against.

One winner, the Best of Show, will get their name on the Big Turkey trophy, brew their recipe at Carson's Brewery, receive one year's free OVHA membership, get a Big Turkey ceramic stein. Other prizes to be announced.

GOOD LUCK!



Big Turkey Brew Day at Carson's

It was pretty exciting when Carson's Brewery stepped up last year and offered to let the winner of the Big Turkey competition brew their beer for a special release. It definitely made everyone step up their game. After working out all the kinks of a new brewery, head brewer John Mills, gave 2012 Big Turkey Glen Wrinkles the green flag and it was time to brew.

Glen's 2012 Turkey winner was his Foreign Extra Stout. So with recipe in hand Glen and John set out to duplicate his brew on the 20-barrel system. That's over 500 gallons of beer! Grinding and mashing 2,010 pounds of grain did take a bit of time but it didn't look like Glen minded giving John a few pointers.

All in all it was a great day! The sweet wort was transferred to the fermenter and 8 hours later was churning away.

Watch for updates as to when you will be able to head over to Carson's and sample Glen's Big Turkey winner. There is even a rumor that some may end up in barrels for a little "extra aging". We can tell you that after 36 hours it was already really tasty!

Is your 2013 Big Turkey ready?

Special thanks to Jason Carson and all the guys at Carson's Brewery for supporting the OVHA.





Another Wonderful Wandering Owl

The morning of Wandering Owl was looking rather dreary and cold for an outdoor event. However, by equipment loading time, the sun was out with brilliant blue skies to make for a perfect fall day in the woods.

It was a complete success for Wesselman Woods Nature Society as the event again sold out. In fact, the remaining tickets sold in 15 minutes! We can't say OVHA has all the credit for bringing in the crowds year after year, but having 17 very unique beers for craft beer lovers to choose from can't hurt!

Thanks to all OVHA members that took the time to help make this event a success. Wesselman is always appreciative and has already sent the club a thank you note for our efforts.

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