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Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

Wed, Sept 25, 7 pm:
Meeting; Germania
Mannerchor, Topic:
Winning American Ale
by John Mills

OCTOBER

Sat, Oct 5, 6-10 pm:
Brew Ha-Ha, Evansville
Museum (Delaney)

Sat, Oct 19, 3-6 pm:
Wandering Owl Craft
Beer and Wine Trail;
Wesselman Woods
Nature Preserve (Norrick)

Sat, Oct 19: Brew-
B-Q/Indiana Homebrew
Club Day, Indy at Great
Fermentations

Wed, Oct 30, 7 pm:
Meeting; Germania
Mannerchor, Topic: TBD

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

President's Message by Don Heisler

Septembers been a relatively quite month for the club. A chance for all of us to catch up on our brewing (Big Turkey is only two months away). Then on September 14 the calm was broken, shattered, and thrown into another dimension. The 2013 Brewery bus trip to Carbondale, Illinois left the parking at 8:30 am and returned at 11 pm, and some of us will never be the same, especially some of them in my bus, We went so far back on one road, to get to Scratch Brewing, I swear I heard banjos in the woods. Since we were out of cell coverage (unless you stood on the bus with one arm and leg stretched out) we were in the boonies. But we had some very tasty beers made by three young and talented brewers. As they put it "beers brewed with ingredients cultivated regionally, foraged on our land, or brewed over a wood fire". Anyone that didn't go needs to plan a day trip to Scratch, just don't ask me how to get there, I'm still not sure if I'm all back, and there are some strange goings-on in them woods.

We also visited Big Muddy Brewing which had a good deal. For \$6 you got a souvenir brewery pint glass and a good sample of anything they had on tap. Then we went to Von Jakob Winery and Brewery (try the wine and mead there, nuf said).

I'm already looking forward to next years trip; by then I hope some of the the memories from inside our van will have been drank away.

We are on tap to have another busy October, I hope we can get the volunteers and donated beers to support our followers. Isn't that what it's all about, sharing our beers so we can make more?

Prost!



President Don Heisler

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Coming up this fall...

OCTOBER

5 Brew Ha-Ha, Evansville Museum

6-10 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.

19 Wandering Owl Craft Beer and Wine Trail; Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve

3-6 pm Possibly the most laid-back beer festival ever. Set up as a sampling trail through the woods with folk music and a campfire. The OVHA sets up a booth where we pour member donated homebrew and disperse literature about the club. A smaller-scale event.

19 Brew-B-Q/Indiana Homebrew Club Day, normally held in Indy

A gathering of all the homebrew clubs in Indiana for a day of fellowship, prizes, and beer.

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

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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.



Quick Calendar

2013

AUGUST

Wed, Aug 28, 7 pm:
Meeting, Germania
Mannerchor, Topic: Hard
Apple Cider by Dutch
deHaan and Jeff Smith

SEPTEMBER

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Trip and Brewery Tour of
Southern Illinois

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(Dwayne Delaney)

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Woods Nature Preserve
(Chris Norrick)

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Q/Indiana Homebrew Club
Day, Indy at Great
Fermentations & Bier
Brewery. Leave at 9 a.m.

Wed, Oct 30, 7 pm: Meeting,
Germania Mannerchor,
Topic: Electric Brewing by
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Welcome to the Ohio Valley Homebrewers Association. The OVHA is a group of homebrewers who meet once a month to discuss the art and science of homebrewing beer, learn new brewing techniques, and talk about local craft beer. Membership is open to those over 21 years old and most hail from southwestern Indiana (around Evansville) and northwestern Kentucky. Meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month at the Germania Mannerchor 916 N. Fulton Ave., Evansville, IN, at 7 p.m. If you are interested in joining the OVHA or want to find out more about homebrewing, stop by a meeting and/or read through our Message Board.



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New website coming!

Thanks to the hard work of board member Michael Julian, look for a totally redesigned website this fall. The update will integrate the message board and social media and be more user friendly. It will have a more calendar-like theme so our events will be front and center. Say your good-bys to the old site soon, she won't be around much longer.



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!



A few pics from the Southern Illinois Bus Trip







100 Things to Learn at the Library



Don Armstrong describes the brewing process while Michael Erwin watches for a boil-over at August 11th's "100 Things to Learn at the Library." One day, one hundred activities, hobbies, and skills. Area businesses and individuals shared their talents at this event celebrating the EVPL's 100th anniversary.



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