

Notes from February 3, 2013 SOL meeting.

- **Future club events**
 - **May 3, 2014 National Homebrew Day**
 - Event at LSBC
 - **Need people to brew at this event.**
 - **NEED New volunteers**
 - NHC Beers for competition if you give them to Dan Fick by March 14 he will get them delivered.
 - **June 12 – 14 AHA Conference in Grand Rapids, MI**
 - Registration Feb. 17 – 26
 - You Must be a AHA member to register
 - **Need 15-20 kegs of beer for this event.**
 - **NEED people who are going and not going to brew beer**
 - **Please let us know if you are going to brew**
 - SOL is signed up for the Social Pour and Club Night
 - Theme for the NVH
 - “Revolution” is the proposed theme
 - Beers and Club site
 - Session Beers
 - 50/50 is our club fund raising
 - **August 14 – 16 Michigan Homebrew Festival**
 - Magazine articles
 - Check out the SOL Website for past articles
 - They are looking for anyone to write new articles
 - Pinball Arcade
 - New place
 - Trying to schedule for June Meeting
 - Club Shirts
 - \$35 for
 - People asking for a different style shirt.....polo
 - Baseball hats, etc.
 - Matt Courtwright’s Beer
 - Released at Hermans last week
 - Proceeds go to charitable organizations.
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 - Family Brew dates
 - Set up Brew topics for future club meetings
 - Need to set up Social committees

- **Rat Festival 2014**

- The Sons of Liberty swept the beer awards!

Overall Favorite Group of Beers:

1st Place - Sons of Liberty

Overall Best Beer:

1st Place - Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Stout by Sons of Liberty

Brewers: Danyal and Bob

2nd Place - Hawaiian Red Hibiscus Gose by Sons of Liberty

Brewers: Joe and Ashley

Best Beer Challenge (Sour Beer):

1st Place - Sour Cherry Stout by Sons of Liberty

Brewers: Dan and John

Most Unique Beer:

1st place - Hawaiian Red Hibiscus by Sons of Liberty

Brewers: Joe and Ashley

The Best Table Decoration:

Detroit Draft Divas

Check out these links for some articles on Rat Fest.

<http://mittenbrew.com/2014/01/brewing-experts-rat-fest-experience-one-ages/>

http://www.heritage.com/articles/2014/01/29/ypsilanti_courier/news/doc52e71fa6cceb8533536017.txt

- **AHA Membership**

- You can now join/renew your AHA membership thru SOL online.
- Now when you join/renew your AHA membership SOL will get a percentage kicked back to the club.
- Here's the link:
- <http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/grow-your-business/banner-ads/sons-of-liberty-homebrew-club>
- See Leigh McBain for additional details

- **SOL Website**

- Working now thanks to George Hotelling and Leigh McBain.
- Check out the site:
 - <http://www.solhbc.com/index/>

- **Matt Courtright Memorial Brew Contest**

- Joe Rhodes is heading up the committee
- Joe is looking for additional SOL members to help with the contest.
- Proposed club donation for Matt's charity

- **January Meeting**

- Glass Academy in Dearborn
 - Many of the club members missed a good time at the Glass Academy. The glass blowing/working was very interesting. Please let us know if you are interested in doing this event again. Maybe order a mug for yourself....just ask Scott.
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March Meeting

- At Jeff Burchart's – day and time to be announced via Facebook, email and SOL website.....stay tuned.

Shirts

- See one of the one of Club officers to place your order.

Membership information

- Current membership is at 42 members
- SOL club dues are \$15 for individual
- There is a \$20 membership for couples, spouses, significant other, etc.
- This membership only allows for one person to be a voting member.
- Please see Alex to renew your memberships.
- Proposal to pro-rate membership dues based on when you sign up initially.
 - October is renewal
 - Each quarter is pro-rated

NHC in Grand Rapids

- Fred Bonjour and Chris Frey
- AHA Conference you need to be a member to get possible to the conference in June 12 - 16.
- Application Window for NHC
 - Opens: 10:00 am MST, February 19, 2014
 - Closes: 10:00 pm MST, February 26, 2014
 - <http://www.ahaconference.org/>
 - 44 seminars
 - Thursday night Pro brewers
 - Friday 4-5 seminars
 - Clubs to serve their beer at the Social Well
 - SOL need to come up with a Theme for Club Night
 - Focus on QUALITY
 - 12-14 kegs per club limit
 - This event is a marathon.....not a sprint. See the AHA site for tips to go the distance.
 - Friday night is Club night
 - ~80 of the local clubs
 - Friday Night is the Grand Banquet
 - The event is going to confirm tickets via lottery if there are more than 4000 people signing up.
 - Tickets will go on sale Mid January.

- You must be a AHA member before you try to purchase a ticket.
- Look at 3.0 to 3.5 session beers for the event try to make them good quality beers.