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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 14  
at 7 pm. At

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# The Brews Telegram

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## President's Message

Greetings Fellow Homebrewers,

Happy August,

I hope everyone is managing to stay cool and drinking lots of great beer while you're at it. We're just coming off another successful Red, White, and Brew competition. Thanks to everyone who helped out or entered beers and congratulations to all the winners. Don't forget, entering RWB earns points towards Home Brewer of the Year. We now have a very tight grouping near the top for this year's title. We follow this all up with our third of four competition months at the August meeting with one of my favorite styles, especially on a hot summer day: Saison. It was also great to see members giving judging a try for the first time. I want to encourage members to become BJCP judges and I hope to plan some events around becoming a judge in the future.

By the time this is published, we'll have had the club's summer party, thanks to Dave and Peg for opening their home to us once again.

I have a couple things to ask of the club over the next month or two. First off, we'll be renewing the club's Insurance in September. If 75% of the club's members are members of the American Homebrewer's Association, the AHA will reimburse us the money spent. If you are currently a member of the AHA, please make sure we are listed as your club in your profile. (I am an AHA member and checked my club affiliation. It was blank. Fixed it - ed) If you're not – why the hell not? I'd strongly recommend joining, you get lots of great benefits like Zymurgy magazine, discounts at lots of breweries, and invitations to events. If you decide to join or need to renew, please sign up through the banner ad on the club's website, if you do so the club gets a percentage back from the AHA.

Secondly, our friends at the Strand Brewer's Club are hosting this year's Pacific Brewer's Cup on September 29<sup>th</sup>. So first off, get brewing! This is another opportunity to earn points towards HBoY and, as usual, I want to make damned sure LBHB continues to defend our title as high point club! We'll definitely share info via email and in the Facebook group as it becomes available.

Finally, I just spent the previous weekend at one of my favorite beer festivals, the Mammoth Festival Beers and Bluesapalooza. If you haven't ever attended it's a multi-day mixture of great beer and amazing music amongst the pines in Mammoth Lakes, California. A terrific festival with multiple great breweries and some amazing live music.



How do you beat a set of taps like that?



A giant magnum of two-year old Supplication, I'll take it!

Cheers and Happy Brewing,

Ray

## 2018 Tasting Schedule

August	Saison (2015 BJCP 25B)**
September	Beers With At Least 50% Wheat
October	Fall/Winter Seasonals
November	Schwarzbier (2015 BJCP 8B)**
December	Smoked Beers

\*\* Homebrewer of The Year Competition

## Tastings at the July meeting (Anything American)

### Person

Ray G.	Brut IPA
Thomas R.	California Common
Chris S.	IPA
Derek J.	IPL
Neil H.	American Amber Ale
Glenn H.	American Amber
Adam W.	American IPA
Oscar/Dave	Black IPA
Oscar/Dave	Heff



# Summer (Beer) Vacation in the Pacific Northwest

by George Eldridge

This summer our vacation destination was Vancouver, Washington. We have friends that live there so we planned a beer-themed trip to visit them. We elected to drive so that we could experience the varied terrain as we headed north.

We left Long Beach on the morning of July 11, my birthday, with the destination of Santa Rosa. What brewery is in Santa Rosa? Only the brewery with the beer named the best beer in America for eight years in a row: Pliny the Elder! We arrived at the Russian River Brewery shortly after 6 pm and thanks to a few connections my wife and I were immediately seated for dinner. I ordered my first pint of Pliny the Elder and when it arrived I was reminded why it spent eight years at the top of the chart. The Excel Pizza went very well with the Pliny. It was a wonderful birthday dinner and I highly recommend visiting the Russian River Brewery in downtown Santa Rosa or the Windsor location opening this fall.





The destination for day two was Medford, Oregon. As we continued north it was apparent that we were taking the heat with us. We stopped at the Mount Shasta vista point right next to the “chains required” sign to take a picture. It was 104 degrees. As we passed into Oregon we saw the aftermath of a forest fire that closed I5 earlier in the week. A warning for California travelers: don’t try to pump your own gas in Oregon. Even though they must pump it for you it is still 50 cents cheaper per gallon than California.

Our microbrew location for Medford was Portal Brewing Co. It is a very small location in the center of town in a brick building that once was the firehouse. Surprisingly this location had the best range of beers that we tasted on the trip. The taster was six beers and a couple of additional beers. We enjoyed gyros for dinner.



The next day we forged our way up I5 to our destination just north of Portland, Oregon. We crossed the Columbia river and arrived in Vancouver, Washington (not to be confused with Vancouver, British Columbia). Our friends’ apartment was not far from the river. For dinner we

headed out to Ben's Bottle Shop. Unlike California, they have bars that offer local beers on tap as well as an extensive cooler filled with hundreds of commercial beers without offering food (but you can bring in your own food). After a beer or two we headed next door for pizza.

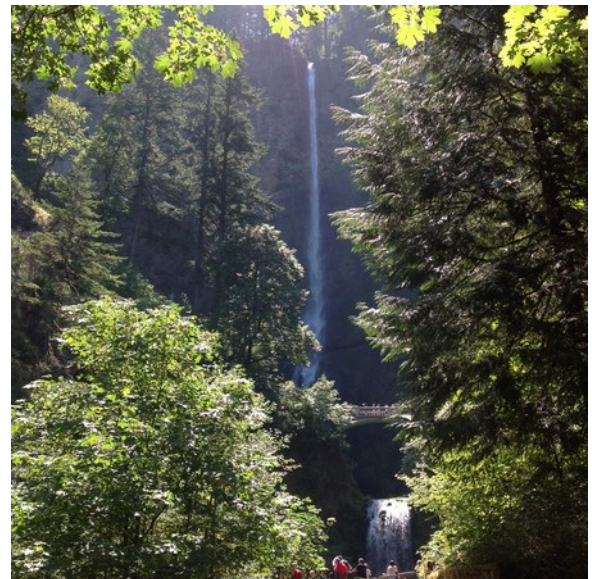


The next day was Saturday and the women were heading to an antique show in Portland. We ate breakfast in downtown Vancouver and it was just a few miles for them to get to the location in Portland. The guys stayed downtown and went Geocaching. (If you don't know about Geocaching you should give it a try. It is a fun hobby while you are waiting for tap rooms to open). When the tap rooms did open we went to Uptown Barrel Room on Main Street and had a nice Amber from "54 degree 40 minutes" brewing which is east in Washougal.

For lunch we hit the HUB (Hopworks Urban Brewery). Later in the afternoon we hit Trusty Brewing, and Bearded Brothers Brewing (they did have beards).







We hit Heathen Brewing for dinner and Tap Union Freehouse after that. The Belching Beaver Mexican Chocolate Peanut Butter Stout on tap made for a nice dessert.

On Sunday we had scratch-made pancakes at our “BnB” and then headed up the Columbia River Gorge on the Oregon side for a great view of the Multnomah Falls. We also went to the Bonneville locks and hydroelectric generating station. This made us quite thirsty so we headed back to Vancouver for more craft beers.

For lunch we hit the Victor 23 brew pub. This brew pub is entirely themed on the DB Cooper hijacking (Victor 23 is the air route that the plane flew when he bailed). I was amazed that they were able to cram the entire brewery into very little space. The whole thing is in like 500 square feet! Their beers are “Schaffner Pilsner” (named after the flight attendant who received the note from DB Cooper), “Flight 305 Amber”, “Skyjacker IPA”, “Jetfuel Imperial IPA”, “I.F.R. Imperial Stout”, “P-Factor Hazy IPA”, “Extortion Imperial Stout” and “Mile High Blonde”.



Seasonal beers include “Grand Larceny Stout”, “Night Jumper Brown”, “Hop & Hope IPA” among others.



We hit Brothers Cascadia Brewing and Fortside Brewing Company (yes, there is a fort in Vancouver).



On Monday we headed back south to return home. It was a wonderful trip with many fine beers shared with the best of friends.

You can't ask for better than that.