

The Brewer's Bugle

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(Ain't no mean-spirited people here.)

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June Meeting

Light-colored Beers

and any homebrews

Wednesday, June 17, 7:30

Nemo's (Jeff Lieder's)

20 Elm Street, Seymour, CT 06483

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From Route 8 North: Take exit 21 (Derby Ave.) continue to your first traffic light. At that light take a right onto Broad Street. Go to the next traffic light (Tressel Tavern will be in front of you); take a right and go under the railroad tracks and take a quick left onto rte 313 or Maple Street. Travel to the next traffic light (LoPresti School will be on your left); make a left turn onto Pearl Street. The road kinda forks; bear right. **DON'T GO UP THE LITTLE HILL!** Go past the United Methodist Church and make your first right onto Elm Street, I'm the fourth house on the right. Use the front door.

From Route 8 South: Take exit 22. At the end of the exit ramp you will see a closed up Shell gas station and Kerite. Take a right onto rte 67 and make a **VERY QUICK LEFT ONTO DAY STREET.** It is in between the old gas station and Kerite. If you go under the railroad tracks you went too far! Once you are on Day Street, go through one stop sign, proceed straight (Seymour Oil is on your right), when you come to the next stop sign, make a right onto Pearl Street, then take your fourth left onto Elm Street. I am the fourth house on the right. Use the front door

From Route 67: Travel past Seymour Lumber, go over the bridge. After your cross the river you will see Stop and Shop on your left. Go until you see that old boarded up gas station and take a right onto Day Street and follow directions from Route 8 south.

Pivo's Prevarications

CIDER MEETING A SUCCESS

Several spouses and partners who don't come to beer meetings were there for the cider extravaganza. We gathered in the cozy lounge/bar (the room with the huge collection of beer mugs). There were so many of us that Missing Link had to scrounge chairs from all over the house. (But the Victorian parlor with the electronic arcade game remained intact.) The Links were great hosts. Jim was there—serving, pouring, and

putting out yummy food. But Francine was the Missing Link at the tasting; luckily she did show up later, just in time to say goodbye and clean up after us. Thanks to Jim and Francine and their kids for their generous and attentive hosting.

Lots of folks brought cider; many were excellent. Some good homebrewed beer as well. See the Tasting Notes on page 3. Dan and Kristy Beardsley were guests of honor. She was glad to be able to relax—no cash register for her to run! Both Dan and Kristy seemed pleased, maybe even surprised, at how many different ciders we were able to squeeze out of the same pressing.

We were all so involved with each other and with our good brews that no one brought a camera. So this issue has none of the outstanding portraiture and embarrassing gestures we've come to expect. So you'll just have to remember who was there and what a good time we had.

Don't despair, there's something even better. The Nurse is back from Africa and his search for a rare bird—the feathered kind. And we have some pictures!

Nurse Sees Bird in Ethiopia

The pictures were forwarded to the Count for enhancement. It was the only way we could get proof that the bird actually does exist. The Count was able to extract all possible light in the images in order to get a view of the bird.



FIRST SIGHTING - The first night proved promising. The bird was spotted through the binoculars in the distance. We just have to get closer. More on page 2.

Einstein's Rackings

POETRY CORNER

REPEATED FROM BUGLE JULY 2007.

The recipe tweaked to perfection,

Result is so close to projection,

Perfect taste, perfect nose,

To the Nationals it goes:

For some hop headed judge's rejection.

WASTED ENTRY FEE AND SHIPPING

The only beer from Carrington Road going to the Nationals is a very nice American Pale Ale, which came in 2nd out of 38 in the Regionals. Trouble is, the OG is mid range, and the hopping level is East Coast. Not a prayer, since the Nationals are going to be on the West Coast. However, I think I have sampled all of other YAHOOOS entries and can verify that all are worthy of recognition. I hope my mention of them is not a jinx—I am omitting names and styles.

CRAPPER IS AWAY IN JUNE

John is going to be out of town on the day that the Chief Winnapauk Pale Face and Ale Competition, usually held at the Farm Brewery, is supposed to be held. Some say we should shift to another month so that John can host. I say no, because holding the competition when he is away may allow someone else to take top honors, for a change. Of course, another way to give mere mortal brewers a chance is to outlaw queer beers—fruit, smoked, spice, or specialty brews—from the competition. Give it a thought.

THE HERO POOL

So Gregg is back from Mexico permanently. Too bad I had June in the pool. Who had May?

Nurse Sees Bird in Ethiopia, cont'd



IN FLIGHT - The next day was very successful. One was spotted in flight! More on page 4.

Beer Tasting Notes

	STYLE BREWER BRAND	NOSE (12)	LOOKS (3)	TASTE (20)	BODY (5)	OVER ALL (10)	TOTAL (50)	COMMENTS
1	Unfiltered Pils Nurse	7	3	15	4	7	36	Corny, DMS, diacetyl, sweet. First wort hopping.
2	Filtered German Pils – Link	7	3	15	4	8	37	Sulfur nose; wonderful head, bitter finish, slightly sweet.
3	North German Pils -- Crapper	9	3	17	5	7	41	Little corn, slight hops, well balanced “To make better, make more”
4	Altbier Hazel	7	3	12	3	6	31	Very caramelly, too sweetly aromatic, diacetyl. Needs time, only conditioned a week.

Cider Tasting Notes

	STYLE BREWER BRAND	NOSE (10)	LOOKS (6)	TASTE (24)	OVER ALL (10)	TOTAL (50)	COMMENTS
1	Wild Yeast & Brett Cider Pivo & Sue	8	5	17	8	38	Smells wild, but not too wild; Brett's there. Nice.
2	Raspberry & Funk Cider Nemo	8	5	15	8	36	Smells of Raspberry seeds; nice body, like Pivo's; light color, but raspberries there.
3	Apricot Lambic Cider Crapper	10	5	22	9	46	"Doesn't need apple" (Dan): nice lactic. Usual Crapper perfection. Three years old.
4	Applejack Haystack	9	5	15	7	36	"Caramel apple" (Einstein); nose better than the taste. Young.
5	Elderberry Cider Chickenman	7	6	19	8	40	Sulfur; dry, tart; red and beautiful; subtle, as are elderberries
6	New England Cider 2006 Clone	7	5	16	7	35	Spice, nutmeg, cinnamon, raisin bread, but leaves no crumbs.
7	Sparkling Cider Pivo & Sue	8	5	18	8	39	Bubbles, great mouth feel and balance.
8	Raspberry Cider Pivo & Sue	9	5	21	9	44	Lots of raspberry, everyone liked it a lot.
9	Chardonnay, Beer, Honey Crapper	9	6	19	8	42	Some interesting aromas in there, very complex.
10	Commercial Cider French Sparkling					25	Phenolic, cheese, leather, dry and squeaky tooth astringent.
11	New England Cider 2007 Clone	5	5	12	6	28	Alcohol, raisins, musty, high test, honey; better next year.
12	Wild Yeast Cider Eclectics	8	5	16	8	37	Very wild, appley, goût du terroir (earthy), very drinkable.
13	Kriek Lambic Cider Crapper	8	6	22	9	45	Sweet cherry nose, sour cherry taste, pineapple, coconut, subtle Brett, deep pink.

News and Events

Prime 16 in New Haven lists its draft list at prime16drafts.blogspot.com. All draft beers are half-price from 4 to 7, M-F. Each month they have a featured brewery, with several taps devoted to their beers. June's Brewery of the Month is Dogfish Head.

They also have free tastings with brewers or reps on many Wednesdays. The schedule below is subject to change, but here's what they have lined up. These tastings all start at 7:00 pm.

June 10	Ithaca
June 17	North Coast
June 24	Brooklyn
July 1	Lagunitas
July 8	Great Divide
July 15	Oskar Blues
July 22	Schmaltz
July 29	Southampton
Aug 12	Stoudt's
Aug 19	Unibroue

You can contact Prime 16 at 203-782-1616.

Delaney's Happy Hour, every night: free wings and 2 for 1 drinks, 3-6pm. Check out their website at www.delaneystaproom.com. Coming up on Saturday, July 18th is Delaney's 5th Annual Chili Cook-Off and Beer Festival!

Eli Cannon's in Middletown has an enlarged schedule posted at www.myspace.com/elicannons. Here are some of Eli Cannon's upcoming tasting events, all at 7:00 pm:

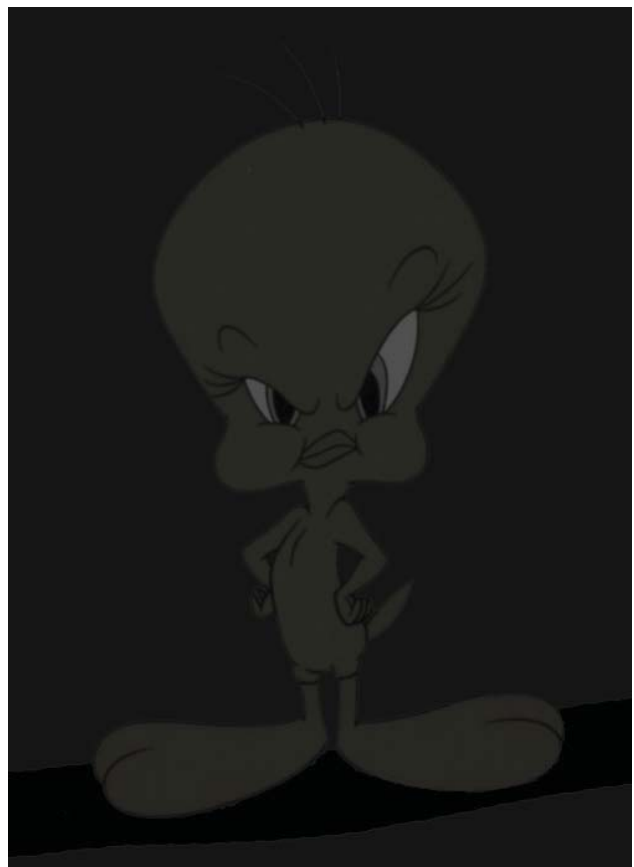
Jun 9	Brooklyn
June 16	Saranac, featuring Lake Placid
June 23	Victory (and Beer God's Week kickoff)
June 30	Lagunitas
July 7	Berkshire Brewing Company
July 14	Long Trail
July 21	Magic Hat
July 28	Stoudt's
Aug 4	Sherwood Forest

Eli's lists several other events on their website. (*Damned if I know what they're about, ed.*)

June 24	Are you Firkin Kidding' me? (8 pm)
June 26	Thomas Hooker Playboy Party (9 pm)
June 27	"Surprize" Brewery (Stone?) Connecticut Launch Party
July 30	Happy 30th Anniversary Party for Boulder Brewery

On Monday, June 15th, 2009, **The Ginger Man** will host the Boston Beer Company, maker of Sam Adams beers. They expect it to be one of their most popular dinners. Don't wait to purchase your tickets for June's event! Tickets are all inclusive: 5 courses paired with 5 beers, tax and gratuity. The evening kicks off promptly at 7pm, cocktail style--check in and hors d'oeuvres. Four courses follow, including a cheese course and dessert. Further information about the beer selections and food menu will be available soon at www.gingermannorwalk.com. Contacts for further information: 203-354-0163 or info@gingermannorwalk.com.

Nurse Sees Bird in Ethiopia, cont'd



AT DUSK- Finally a an unobstructed view and an extraordinary photograph of the rarest bird in the world!

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