

Another Round: *More Words of Wisdom About Beer*

By: Scott Laird

"Beer-Because one doesn't solve the worlds problems over white wine." -Anonymous

North American Organic Brewers Fest-We were on our way to check this out at press time. Make sure to read here next month for a full report of what we found, what we liked, what was fun... (I know, I know---it's a Beer Fest for gosh sakes--it's ALL fun!) Honey Basil Ale, Organic Strawberry Ale, Overcast Espresso Stout...Yum! We'll tell ya all about it.

Three of my Favorite Beers this Spring-Here's a few beers I tried that I liked---You might still find them at your favorite Beer market:

1. Full Sail Brewing Keelhauler-This Scottish Ale had a beautiful Amber color, a lot of flavor-including

just the right mix of malt and hops for me. Tasty and well made, grab a 22 ounce of this Brewmaster Reserve 2009 and give it a try.

2. Pyramid Brewing Curve Ball Blonde Ale-This summer seasonal was very drinkable at 5.0% ABV, but was no slouch when it came to taste and flavor. This is the second Pyramid seasonal brew I've tasted this year and I have not been disappointed. I don't usually drink Pyramid, but I'm going to start searching them out more often.

3. Rogue Sesquicentennial Ale-For Oregon's 150th Birthday, this brew is, according to the bottle, "Dedicated to Oregon-the State of Beer." Here, here! Hoppy and full bodied this ale is a perfect way to honor Oregon on this momentous occasion and help sustain the spirit. Have a couple of these and try saying "sesquicentennial" three times fast!

See you next time for Another Round!

Intruder Alert – Safe Computing Practices: Creating a Safer Infrastructure

By Burt Tschache

With the number of recent security breaches within the various public and private network infrastructures of the United States, it was only a matter of time before Congress got on the ball and began a program of hardware and software security legislation that mandates a higher standard of protection for critical services without sacrificing usability. With the latest advances in computing power, the additional overhead some of these directives could create should not be an issue. If you are still running Windows98 or Win2K, it might be time to upgrade, though.

A draft of a yet unnumbered Senate Bill that I recently read states "According to the February 2003 National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace, our nation's critical infrastructures are composed of public and private institutions in the sectors of agriculture, food, water, public health, emergency services, government, defense, industrial base, information & telecommunications, energy, transportation, banking, finance, chemicals & hazardous materials, and postal & shipping. Cyberspace is their nervous system—the control system of our country and that the cornerstone of America's cyberspace security strategy is and will remain a public-private partnership."

Unfortunately, in the rush to publish the latest releases of operating systems, hardware and software, there have been numerous bugs (sometimes referred to as undocumented features) and security loopholes. It seems as quickly as these are discovered and patches written to correct them, new ones are discovered. If software was analogous to the dikes in The Netherlands, the poor little Dutch boy would have run out of fingers to plug the leaks long ago.

Help is on the way and in a manner that seems appropriate for all parties concerned if software is written to the specifications of the new

guidelines under development. In another section of the same Senate bill, the underlying strategy is defined clearly:

"The Center for Strategic and International Studies report on Cybersecurity for the 44th Presidency concluded that (A) Cybersecurity is now a major national security problem for the United States, (B) decisions and actions must respect privacy and civil liberties, and (C) only a comprehensive national security strategy that embraces both the domestic and international aspects of Cybersecurity will make us more secure. The report continued stating that the United States faces a long-term challenge in cyberspace from foreign intelligence agencies and militaries, criminals, and others, and that losing this struggle will wreak serious damage on the economic health and national security of the United States."

In order to meet these lofty goals, there is much work to be done in the public and private sectors and to my way of thinking; it will take a real team effort in order to make the process successful. The FCC has been tasked with developing a plan detailing "the most effective and efficient means to ensure the Cybersecurity of commercial broadband networks, including consideration of consumer education and outreach programs." Education is one of the best remedies to the problem.

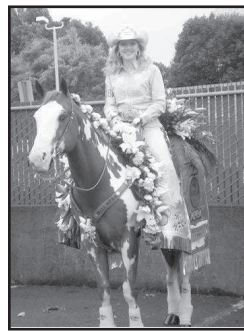
The water treatment facility I wrote about last month is an application of some of the latest studies. We have not reached that level of security, as yet, but that is the target we are aiming for as we aspire to keep ahead of those that would cause us harm. Stay tuned. This is gonna' get interesting.

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HAPPY TRAILS: A REPORT FROM THE RODEO ROAD

By: Mackenzie Carr

Hello again - Since the last time we talked things have been very busy; not only with rodeos, but also parades. The weekend of May 23rd was the very famous Spray Rodeo. The road trip over there was really fun. My grandma followed behind us in her motor home and when it came dinner time, we just pulled to the side of the road and made a tuna sandwich; Pedro had some hay, although he probably would have enjoyed the sandwich just as well. We pulled into the rodeo grounds, aka the high school field and set up camp. I needed to roll my hair and since there was no electricity where we were camping, I went on a mission searching for an outlet. I found one on the side of the high school's shop, where I continued to get my hair rolled sitting on the side of the curb. I'm sure everyone who drove by was laughing at me. The next morning was the parade through the town of Spray. Since the town is so small we looped around and did the parade twice. It was kind of funny saying, "Hello... again." The rodeo that afternoon was a blast. The arena was huge; the outside was a quarter mile around and the football field went right through the middle. I was surprised that Pedro didn't try and eat while we were pushing cows.



After Spray was the Portland Grand Floral Parade on June 6th. Lisa Edgar, of Vernonia Floral, made all of my beautiful flower arrangements. Pedro and I looked awesome in our blue. Once judging was over, the five hour wait until the parade started. Luckily, I had a great group of queens near me so all of the chit chat made the time fly by. Once in route the parade didn't last very long. It only took me about a couple hours to make it all the way through. All of the wait was worth it, because I won the Regional/State Queens Category. I was so excited! My trophy, plaque, ribbon, and pictures from the parade are on display in Lisa's shop. Thank you Mom and Lisa for all of your hard work, I couldn't have done it without you.

The following weekend was the Sisters Rodeo and Parade and my 19th birthday. The weekend was filled with a few presents, a 1st place trophy from the parade for Pedro and I, and lots of leftover birthday cake. I couldn't have asked for a better birthday.

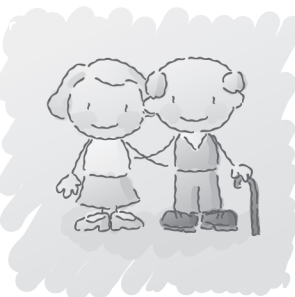
The rest of the month looks pretty busy with the St. Helens Parade, Glenwood Rodeo, and Tillamook Rodeo and Parade. I begin July with Cowboy Christmas, the busiest week of the year. It should be lots of fun and make for some great stories.

Until next time,
Mackenzie

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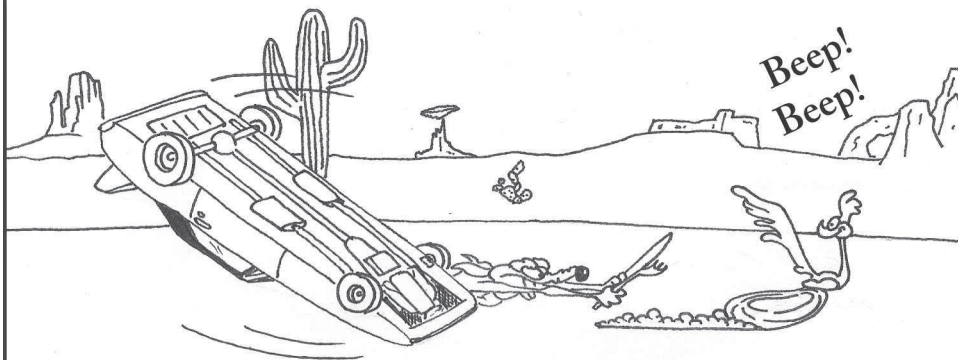
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