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BARON MIND

Gadget Night Returns!



Gadget

noun gad·get | \ˈgɑ-jət\
As defined by Merriam-Webster:

: an often small mechanical or electronic device with a practical use but often thought of as a novelty

As defined by Dave Campbell:

: an item recycled, re-purposed or created to assist with the process of brewing; ideally financed by the household budget

Join us at the January "Gadget Night" meeting as our very own Dave Campbell shares some of his latest creations and inspirations.

Before the meeting, be sure to check out and subscribe to his You Tube channel: [**MKE Gadgets**](#)

President's Letter

Hi Everyone and Happy New Year!

I want to begin with a big hearty THANK YOU to the outgoing board members. You guys had to deal with stuff that no board has ever had to navigate in club history this last year, and hopefully no board will ever have to in the future! We have been blessed with some great leadership for at least as long as I have been around for (2014), and you guys are no exception. So please join me in a toast to our wonderful outgoing board, thanks again Rahshal, Tom, Paul, Lori and Jason.

Next I want to thank my fellow officers for stepping up and helping me maintain our club. I am very blessed to have Jason and Jared, two of our recent Presidents, graciously volunteer their time yet again. Also, thank you to my good friend Mike for joining me. John, I will be happy to get to know you as Sergeant at Arms, as well as our returning Members at Large Bob and Johnny O.

Of course this year will begin with limited opportunities to do our awesome events, but hopefully in the second half of the year we can begin getting back to normal. In the meantime, we are going to do what we can to continue safely meeting, as well as improving our streaming/recorded experience. Please reach out if you have any suggestions or experience to share.

Cheers!
Matt



Election Results



Thank you to everyone that ran and voted for the
2021 Beer Barons of Milwaukee Board!

Welcome our new officers:

President: Matt Kuenzi
Vice President: Jason Rohloff
Treasurer: Jared Sutliff
Secretary: Mike Andes
Sergeant at Arms: John Bowen

Thanks **John O'Brien and Robert Hansen** for continuing to serve
as members-at-large for 2021.

**Thank you Rahshal Kowal, Tom Nowalis, Paul Karcher, Lori McDonald and
Jason Otto for your service as board members in 2020!!**

Remember you can contact the officers at: officers@beerbarons.org.
We love to hear your suggestions and feedback!

Membership Renewal Process

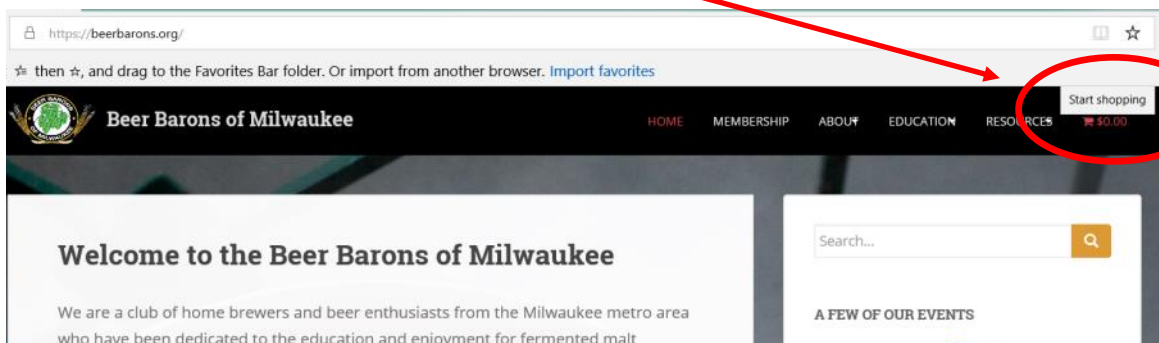
Just a reminder that current memberships expire 1/31/21

To expedite the check-in process and membership card distribution at the January and February meetings:

- If paying in person, please come to the meeting early, with the appropriate amount of cash (remember, **we cannot take credit cards at the meeting**) and be patient while waiting to check-in
- If paying on-line through the website, please try to do so at least a day before the meeting so the check-in list is up to date at the meeting. If you pay the day of, the process and all of the people behind you may be held up if we need to log in to verify your payment.

To Pay Online:

- Go to www.Beerbarons.org
- Click on the shopping cart icon in the upper left corner to be directed to the membership renewal page



Membership Renewal Options and Fees

Type	Description	Annual Dues	Meeting Fee per Meeting
Single – Regular	Membership for 1 person	\$20	\$10
Single — Gold	Membership and Gold card for one person	\$20 + \$80 Gold card = \$100	\$0
Family — Regular	Membership for 2 people living in the same home	\$30	\$10 per person
Family — 1 Gold	Membership for 2 people living in the same home—1 member with gold card	\$30 + \$80 Gold card = \$110	\$0 for Gold card member \$10 for regular member
Family — 2 Gold	Membership for 2 people living in the same home, both members gold card	\$30 + \$140 2 Gold cards = \$170	\$0
Guest	Non-member meeting fee	N/A	\$15

Vice President's Update

Welcome to 2021 Barons! I want to first thank Tom Nowalis for providing another fantastic year of programming in a time that was probably the most difficult to navigate in our club's history. I can only strive to continue in the same way that Tom and his predecessors have. I will also echo thanks to the Board members who have served out their terms and are going back into the Matrix. I think I can safely say that the rest of the membership shares these words of gratitude.

After a year off, we welcome back our favorite machinist, YouTube [celebrity](#), and all around gadget guru, Dave Campbell. If you haven't been lucky enough to see any of his presentations from past years you are certain to find something that you can take home and implement in your own home brewery. We will also be having another swap meet. Starting around 7:00, please feel free to bring in items you wish to sell or trade, or even give away. If you are looking for a piece of equipment for your own brewery you might be lucky enough to find it. The swap meet will conclude at the start of the general meeting at 7:30.

Lastly, thank you to the membership for your vote of confidence in me to be the Vice President of the Club for 2021. I hope my past Board experience will be beneficial in this role as well as helping to support our other Board members this year. I already have 3 of the next 4 meetings confirmed and think we are in for a great year.

Cheers!
Jason

Zoom Meeting Log In Information - Link below:

Meeting ID: **850 0018 7592** Passcode: **937852**

Or join by phone: **1-312-626-6799** US (Chicago)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZETd-mppjwvE9aaAexgBCOpWaFMvBFRncIz>

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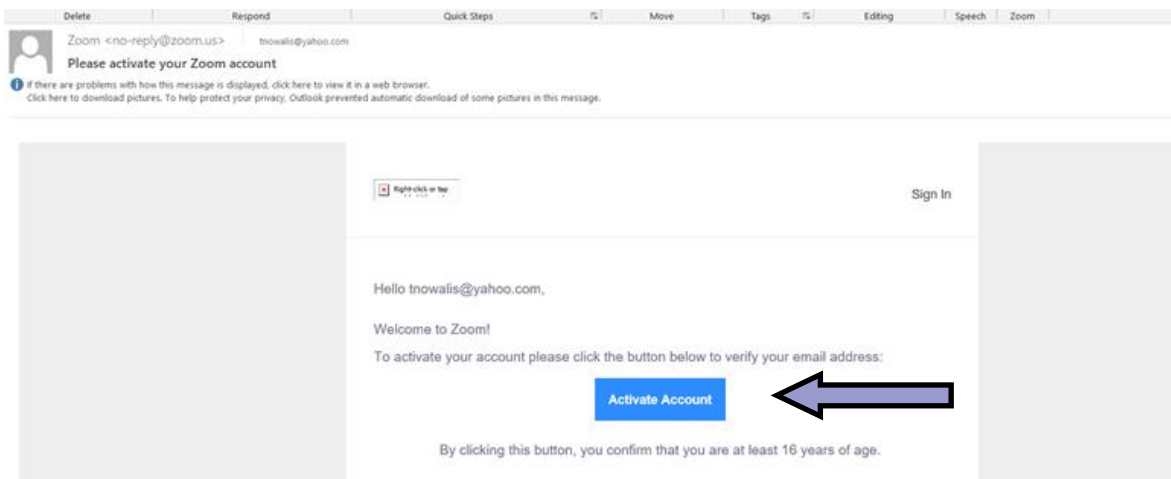
- Step 1: Register for Zoom (it's free) <https://us02web.zoom.us/signup> - You will need your age & email address



For verification, please confirm your date of birth.

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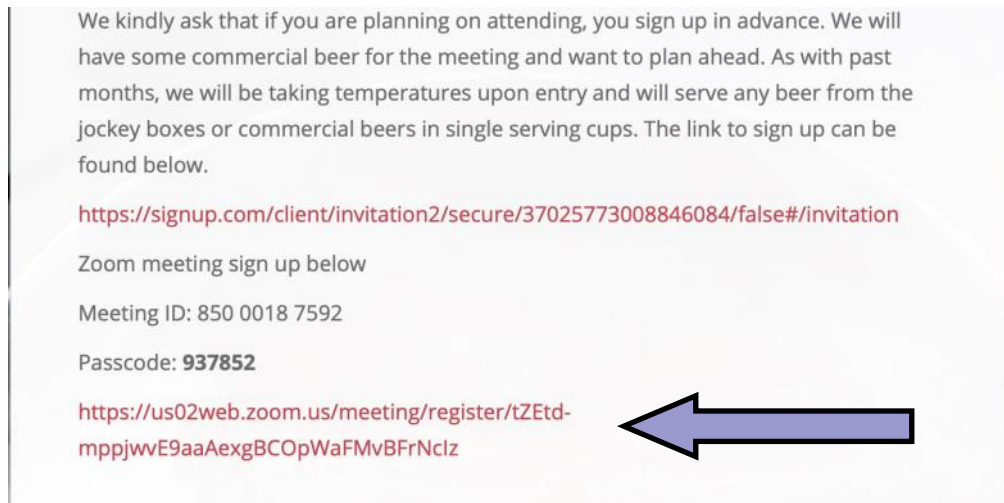
- Step 2: check your email for the registration email and click the blue button to active your account.



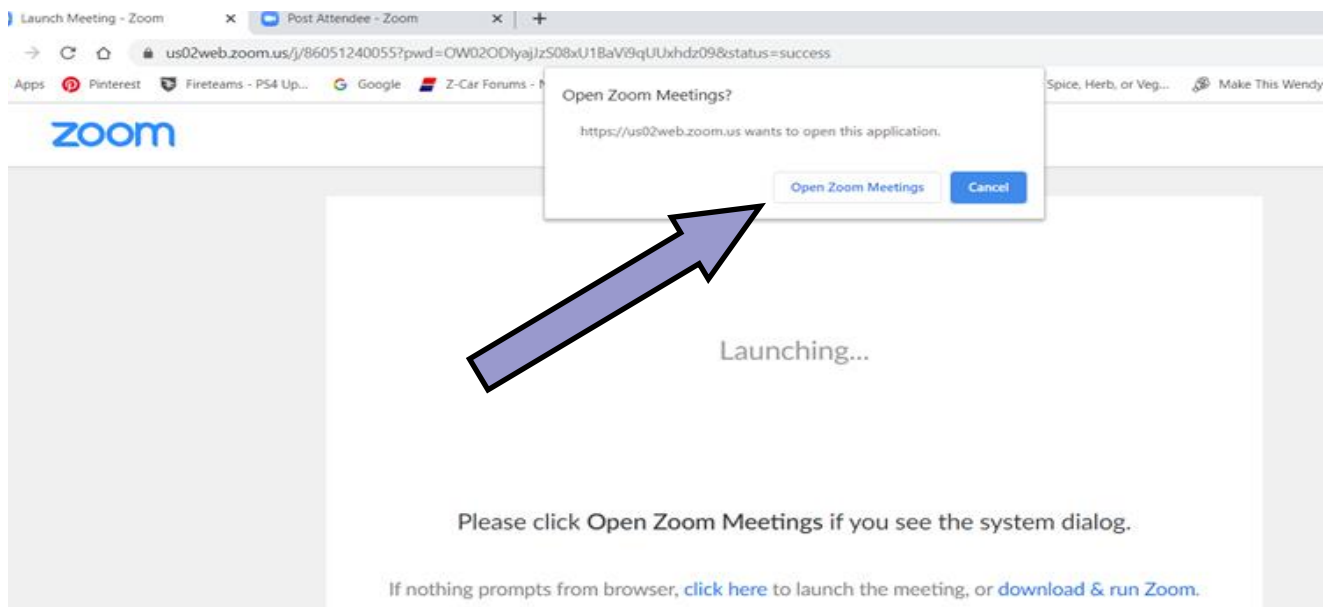
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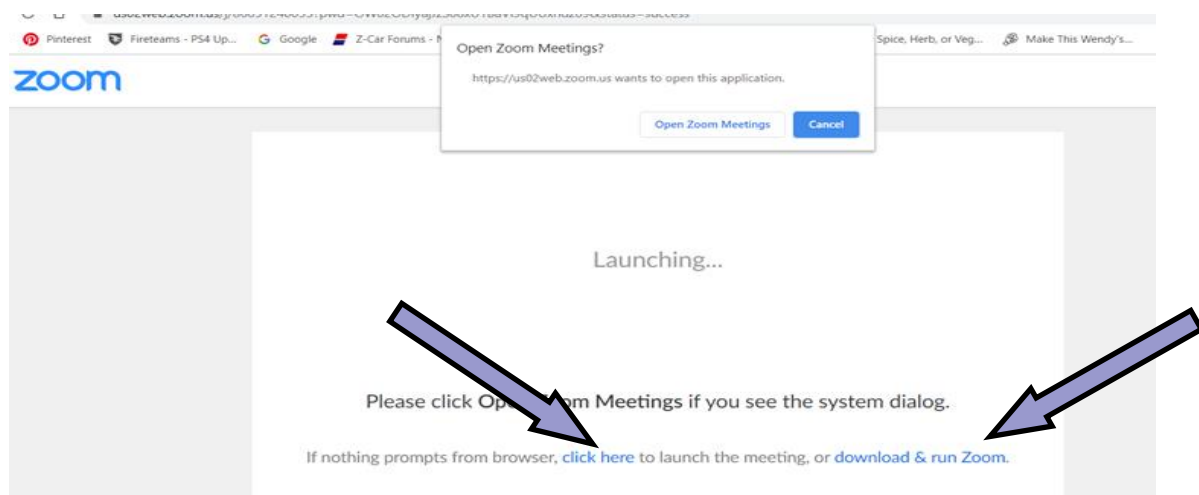
- Step 3: Go to the Barons Website and click the meeting link (or the link that is in the newsletter). Please also note the meeting password **937852**.



- Step 4: Click where it says open Zoom Meetings



- Possible Step 5: If it doesn't run you might have to launch a temporary browser or download and run/install Zoom



- If this doesn't work you can go to the Zoom website and sign in and then search for the meeting using the ID or call in

Important Things to Know For Attending the Meeting In Person

Upon arrival, you will have your temperature taken and will be asked to sign the waiver below that specifies the expectations and precautions we are taking to keep our members safe.

If you are unable or unwilling to meet the expectations, please join us remotely.

Beer Barons Event Waiver

Things you should know before attending this Beer Barons of Milwaukee event.

The venue, Clifford's Supper Club in Hales Corners, WI has relocated tables to account for social distancing and are using commercial grade cleaners that kill viruses such as COVID 19.

- We ask that you leave tables in their current locations and do not move them

We the Beer Barons of Milwaukee have added the following measures to keep you and others attending as safe as possible.

- All attendees will be asked to enter through the banquet hall entrance – (located on the West side of the building).
- Upon entering your temperature will be taken and recorded on this waiver.
- PPE will be provided for attendees
- Disposable cups will be used for each pour at the Jockey Boxes. Jockey Boxes will be separated to encourage social distancing.
- Beverages on the Jockey Boxes will no longer be self-serve; a bartender/server will be present and will serve you at each Jockey Box.

By signing this Waiver, you agree not to hold the Beer Barons of Milwaukee responsible if your contract COVID19 or any other communicable disease. You also confirm that you do not have COVID19, are not ill and have not been in contact with someone who has COVID19.

*If you participate in bottle shares you do so at your own risk.



ANNOUNCING THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL **Midwinter Homebrew Competition** **February 19th and 20th, 2021**

Due to the challenges surrounding the competition will be limited to 450 entries this year. Entries will be judged according to the BJCP 2015 guidelines. All entries to be judged by at least 2 BJCP Beer, Mead, or Cider Judges or Professional Brewers.

Circuit qualifying event for:

- The Master Championship of Amateur Brewers (MCAB)
- Midwest Home Brewer of the Year
- American Mead Makers Association National Mead Maker of the Year

Entries will be accepted
January 23rd through February 5th.

For more information about entering or to volunteer to judge or steward please visit the official competition website: <http://www.midwinterhbc.com>

Interested in attending the next Officer's Meeting?

The Board meeting is open to all members! It's a great place to find out what's happening with the club while trying a new place to drink.



Next Officer's Meeting: Three Cellars

W13400 Lund Lane N72 Ste A, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Threecellarsfalls.com

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 - 7:00pm

Treasurer Report

Happy New Year fellow Barons! Well, this is a bit different for me - going from former President to Treasurer! As most of you know me by now with my involvement in many aspects of the club, I'll get to know YOU better by checking you in for the next year. Thank you to all of the past board members for their work and dealing with the challenges we had from this last year. Paul was "sorry" to drop off all of the treasurer boxes and equipment this last weekend and walked me through some of the things I will need to keep track of. Thanks Paul! I know I'll be asking questions as we go through this transition.

Our membership did not change from October. I know we had somewhere around 42 members and guests in attendance for the Holiday Party, which ended up being quite a bit of fun given the difference from prior years. Thanks to all that were involved with the success of this night!

Paul's guess of \$5,800.00 remaining balance isn't too far off - we currently sit at \$5,859.00. We only have one outstanding expense for December and I will get that squared away before the next newsletter and let everyone know where we sit. Looking forward to seeing how this year goes!

I love the four food groups. Malt, hops, yeast and water.
Jared

Did you get some new equipment for Christmas and want to purge your old stuff?



Changing over your equipment?

Looking for some new gadgets?



Bring it in to the January meeting for a
Swap Meet

**Shopping will be before the meeting at
7:00pm and during social hour**

All sales on your own terms and at your own risk.

2020 Christmas Party

Thank You to Jared Sutliff, Jason Rohloff and our sponsors that made our Christmas Party possible.



Did you know that the Beer Barons has a groups.io discussion group where you can ask questions and participate in brewing discussions?

To join the group:

Go to: <https://groups.io/>

Click on Find or Create a Group

Search for Beer Barons of Milwaukee - on the main page select "Subgroups"

On the Subgroups page - select the discussion group, enter your email where prompted to request permission to join. You will receive an email confirming your request when it has been processed.

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Subgroups You Can Join

[BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee | Discussion / Beer Barons of Milwaukee Discussion Group.](#)
This group is for member discussions of any topic related to the Beer Barons of Milwaukee.
Created: 3/23/00
188 Members, 5666 Topics, Archives Viewable By Parent Group, Restricted, Last Post: 12:19pm

Beer Barons - Code of Conduct

Our goal is to improve our members' knowledge of home brewing and its enjoyment.

Please show your respect and courtesy to the people you have elected to do the business of this club and the guest speakers that are graciously giving their time to come and put on a presentation for you by being **QUIET** during the meeting.

- Nothing is to be removed from this room that YOU did not bring in (That means the club beers stays). Please leave all un-opened beer for others to enjoy at other events
- NO outside food is allowed to be brought into the meeting that was not purchased at Clifford's
 - Only exception is for snack items to enjoy with your beer
 - Pretzels, popcorn, nuts
 - Chips & dip
 - Cheese, sausage & crackers
 - Smoked or canned fish items

Please bring your own glass and clean up after yourself

- Everyone must check-in with the treasurer, show your membership card, and pay your meeting fee to receive a wristband
 - Please put your wristband on your wrist (not on your glass/horn)

NO guns or weapons of any kind allowed in the meeting
NO SMOKING allowed in the building

Listen - Learn - Ask questions, someone *will* have the answer.
Enjoy the meeting & guest speakers



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www.facebook.com/WorldOfBeerFestival

IO Group: <https://beerbaronsofmilwaukee.groups.io/g/BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee>

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UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS, EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Wednesday, Jan. 27:** Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's - 7:30 pm - Swap Meet/Gadget Night
- Wednesday, Feb. 3:** Officer's Meeting @ Three Cellars, Menomonee Falls, WI - 7:00 pm
- Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 & 20:** Midwinter Beer Competition - Revere's Delafield
- Wednesday, Feb. 24:** Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's - 7:30 pm - Revolution Brewing
- Wednesday, March 3:** Officer's Meeting @ TBD - 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 24 :** Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's - 7:30 pm - TBD
- Wednesday, April 28:** Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's - 7:30 pm - Bavarian Bierhaus
- Wednesday, May 26:** Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's - 7:30 pm - Lion's Tail Brewing

Meeting Locations, Topics and Times Subject to Change

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