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President's Letter

Greetings, It's October. I want to thank Gerrit from Pipeworks Brewing for being our guest during the September meeting, and for his generosity of the many fine beers he shared with us.

Well, fall has arrived. The days are getting shorter, nights are getting cooler, and beer styles are getting bolder. This month, we're celebrating one of our favorites -- barrel-aged beers! Come enjoy a selection of rich, complex brews, including some crafted by our very own Beer Barons. So, grab a friend, bring a glass, and join us for a night filled with exceptional beer!

Let's enjoy the evening, but please remember to keep the noise level down while the presentation is going on.



Prost!

Jim



October Meeting Featuring Barrel Aged Beers



November Meeting Featuring Belgian Beers

Upcoming Events

- [10/22/2025, 7:30 PM October General Meeting, Barrel Aged Beers at Clifford's Supper Club](#)
- [11/1/2025 Learn How to Homebrew Day](#)
- [11/5/2025, 7:00 PM November Board Meeting, Gathering Place Tosa](#)
- [11/19/2025 7:30 PM November General Meeting, Belgian Beers](#)

"You can only drink 30 or 40 glasses of beer a day, no matter how rich you are "

-Adolphus Busch

Vice-President's Update

I tried to think of the scariest thing for our club and I think I have it. I'm canceling barrel night and instead showcasing pumpkin beers for everyone!

Okay, maybe not, our club members have put a lot of good effort into these barrel beers and meads (and I think a cider) to do that to them.

Because everyone seems to be using ChatGPT to fluff bullet point lists into 3 page emails and the recipients are putting those same emails into ChatGPT to summarize instead of reading, I'm skipping over our AI overlords and just giving you my bullet point list directly.

- Thanks to Gerrit for making the drive up from Chicago to showcase all the fun beers Pipeworks is making.
- Double thanks because he recalled a good amount of his specialty product for us from the hidden shelf of his brewery and his distributor.
- Elections are coming up. I will happily pitch the VP position to anyone who likes making contacts with breweries and learning about all sorts of industry secrets (and while connecting you get some inside scoops like being invited to the Wisconsin IPA fest).
- **WE DON'T EAT UNTIL ALL POSITIONS ARE FILLED!**
- TrueBru is hosting its first annual homebrew advent calendar. Bring in 24 of your beers and get 24 from other local homebrewers. Click the link to sign up <https://forms.gle/miVujLLNNpzaxQ8c9>
- **Merch shop opens back up on October 20th and closes again Nov 21st. Get your orders in to have them by Christmas!**
- Swap meet in January! Bring your spare gear for sell, trade or "I just don't want it in my basement anymore"

Cheers!

Meeting Schedule

Oct - Barrell Night

Nov - Belgian Night

Dec - Holiday Party **AND ELECTIONS!**

Jan - Off Flavor

Feb - *someone else's problem*



Gerrit from Pipeworks discussing their beers

Treasurer's Report

September Meeting Attendance	Total Members 117
Guests: 8	Total Gold Card: 50
Members: 24	
Gold Card Holder: 35	
Total Attendance: 67	

Thought of the Month: Its only October but it feels like the end of year is near.

Thanks,
Rand



Gerrit from Pipeworks brought a lot of beer to sample



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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 stay.)
- 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.

Club Links

Website: <http://www.beerbarons.org>

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Brewlog: <http://www.beerbarons.org/brewlog>

Midwinter Brewfest: <http://www.twitter.com/MidwinterHBC>

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

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