

THE RUBBER CHICKEN



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Such a meeting!!! Brown Ales abounded and there were (even without the ringers) over 10 entries. May Mike Cartwright's next brew overfoam at how he ragged on me for my judging technique. Its not that I was saving any of the brews for later dude, it was that I was absent the day Sesame Street was going over sixes and I didn't want to get out of order.

The summer is upon us and the brewing season is quickly coming to a close. I hope that you have enough stocked away for the lean months. Be sure to save some for the summer party.

A hearty handshake and a homebrew to Mike and Keith for their presentation of how to make up a basic homebrew. I heard that at least one of our new members hadn't brewed before (up to this time, a life wasted!) and appreciated the information.

Last week I spied an advertisement that offered a "tot cup" as an incentive to buy a certain Rum. It lead me to day dreaming about the life of a British sailor and the hardships he had to endure. The one comfort he had at the end of a day spent on the yardarm pulling up frozen sails was a bit of hard tack and a "tot" of Rum. The ad with the tin cup didn't amount to much, maybe a couple of shots at the most, was cherished by the boys 'low deck and was used as currency among the sailors. The amount of Rum was deducted from the men's pay. The wildest irony of the whole thing is that many of the ships carried a true IPA with them on the trip to India. Just ask me what MY choice would have been.

Jim Rathbun

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SUPPORT OUR LOCAL RETAILERS

Remember, patronize our local retailers: Ogie's, The Wine Basket, The Barrel Shop, The Dry Dock, Gibsons Restaurant, Tootsie Van Kelleys, Cottage Bar, Honey Creek Inn, B & B Liquors, and Wengers Recreation.

NOTES OF LAST MEETING

We welcomed four new members to the club: Joe Jawor, Rick Overway, Roger Pasikowski and Jim Snoap. Welcome to the Club! These guys say that they have to work for a living, but they only do that to finance their homebrewing needs! All right, so I stretched things a bit, but hey! A hearty welcome to you guys. Thanks for coming.

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PARTY, PARTY, PARTY

July 25th marks the evening of the summer party. Directions are enclosed. Things you will need for the party: Bring anything you need to camp overnight, i.e. sleeping bag, tent or tarp, aspirin. Or bring someone with you who is safe to drive you home.



We have two assignment brews: We were to have brewed an american light lager for the party and we also were issued a summer challenge! Take your can of Blue Ribbon Malt and go nuts with it!

The rules are as follows:

1. The malt supplied by the Club must be at least 50 percent of the total fermentable malts in your homebrew.
2. Hops, adjuncts, crystal malts, or things found under cow pies are acceptable as flavorings.
3. Have it ready for the July 25 party.
4. A legible copy of your recipe is required along with your summer challenge entry.

R.S.V.P. Please send your R.S.V.P. to 1018 McReynolds, N.W., or call and leave a message at Keith's (235-6609). Bring food for an evening worth of revelry. Plenty of eggs for breakfast will be provided by the club, courtesy of the chicken ranch across the road.

PUB REVIEW



It was a connoisseurial delight for my wife, Connie, and I to visit the Honey Creek Inn (formerly Joyce's, as well as other names) in Cannonsburg Township, a mere 20 miles northeast of Grand Rapids, adjacent to Townsend County Park on Five Mile Road and Honey Creek Road.

The decor is new oak booths, tables and bar. Each night Bill and Mike, the chefs, plan a special feature and Karlene makes something outstanding for dessert. They even let you take out if you promise not to litter!!!

But the main reason to go to the Honey Creek Inn is for their extraordinary collection of beers, bottled and draft. For example, on draft are (1) Bell's Beer, (2) Molson Golden, (3) Foster's, (4) Harp's, (5) Fuller's, and (6) Double Diamond. Furthermore, the best from the bottle includes Chimay White and La Grande Reserve from Belgium. You can also expect to find the usual fine brews like John Courage, Liberty, Guinness, and Grolsh.

Keith Harrison

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UPCOMING EVENTS

*We are still in the process of setting up a tour of Kalamazoo Brewing Company. Date and details to be announced.

*The summer party is on July 25th. More details are located somewhere in this newsletter. A map is also enclosed. Any questions, please contact Jim Rathbun.

*Third Annual 1992 Midwest Regional Homebrewers Conference and Competition. Conference site is Zehnder's Family Restaurant in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Saturday, November 7, 1992.

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REMEMBER . . .

Prime Time Brewers meets on the third Thursday of the month at 1018 McReynolds, N.W., Grand Rapids, at 7:30 p.m. HOWEVER, there is no meeting in June, July or August. The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 17. Meetings consist of educational topics, monthly beer competitions, and general homebrewing hobknobery. Members and guests are encouraged to bring homebrews and themselves.

HB5407

Voice your support of House Bill HB5407, which was introduced to legalize brew pubs. We would encourage everyone to write your legislator in support of its passing. According to Tom Mathieu's office, he has no opinion on this Bill. Let's give him one! His address is:



Representative Tom Mathieu
Room 228
Roosevelt Building
Lansing, MI 48909

You may also write to the State Senators. Here are two locals:

Senator Vern Ehlers
806 Farnum Building
Lansing, MI 48909

Senator Dick Posthumas
804 Farnum Building
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MISCELLANEOUS

Special thanks to Keith Harrison for submitting this month's Pub Review of the Honey Creek Inn.

Please remember to start your Octoberfest brew now, like the Germans. September is just around the corner, brewery speaking so just do it! (September is Octoberfest).

Please don't forget to write to your congressman in support of HB5407.

We would like to encourage everyone to prepare an article of interest for publishing in the next edition of The Rubber Chicken.

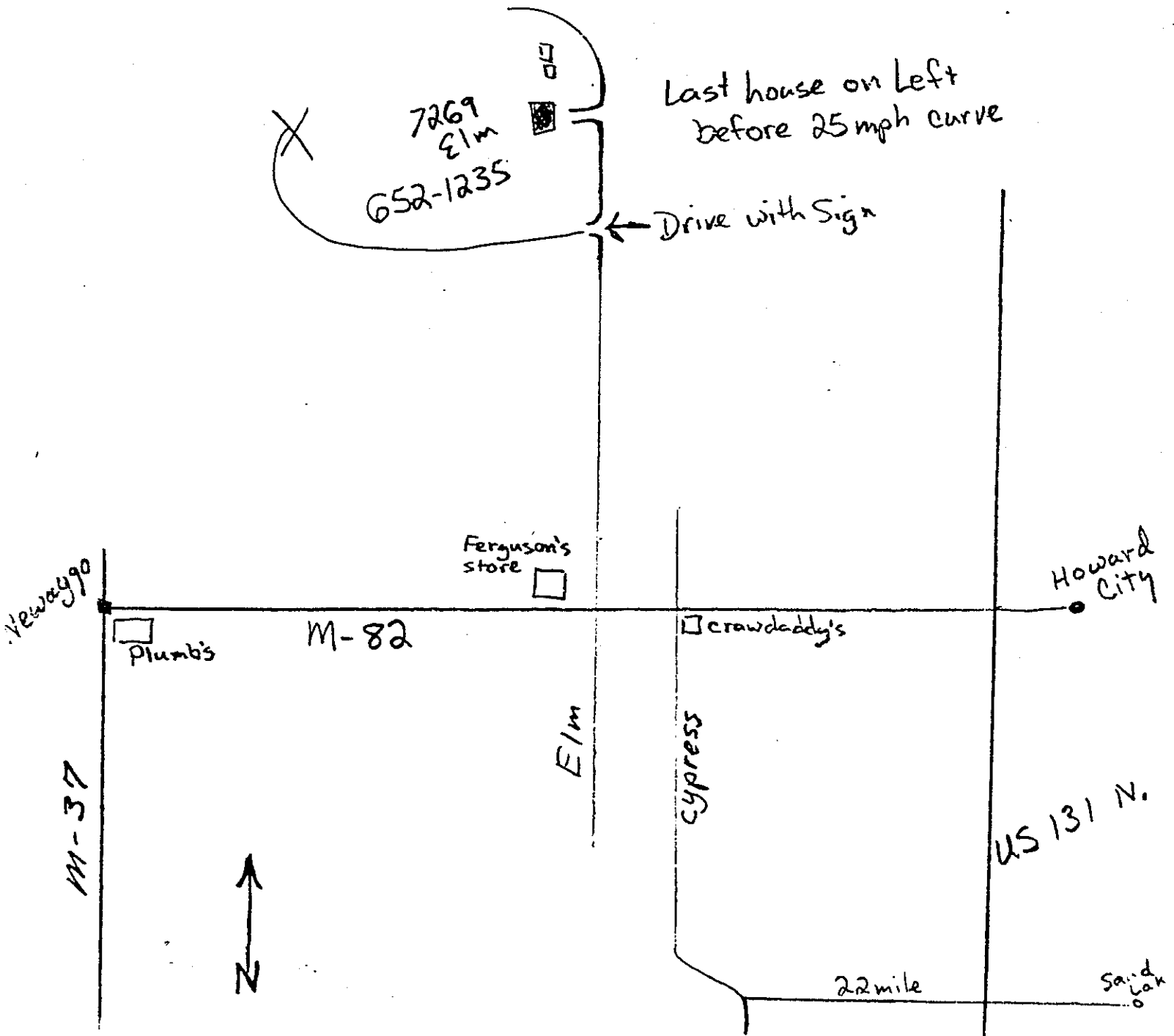
We want to thank all of you for your participation and enthusiasm. Keep brewing and we hope to see you at the summer party on July 25.

Prime Time Brewers

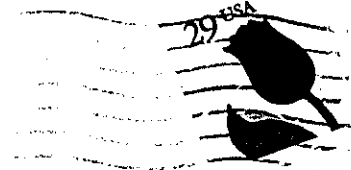


Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July!

Prime time Brewers Summer Party



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