



Picture taken on **Big Brew Day** at Trailpoint Brewing. From the left: Troy Schmidt, Rick Kruse, Ian Purvis, Bill Fitzgerald, David Kilgore, Jeremy Gavin, Mies Martin, Bill Smith, Jesse Colclasure and Patrick Dunlap. Trailpoint provided an excellent recipe for their 'Red Swamp Crawfish Rye IPA', and Siciliano's Market the ingredients. A BRILLIANT BREW DAY.

Our next meeting is at **Pink Barrel Cellars** (Ed Dunneback & Girls Farm Market) on **Thursday July 6**. This is the ideal event to bring spouses, kids and grandkids to play in the sand boxes and pet baby pigs, goats, bunnies & ponies - and taste John Stewart's excellent beers, wines and ciders! Come hungry, they have pizzas, pretzels and other handhelds, and John - a past PrimeTimer - will show us where he brews his magic.

AND THEN

Don't miss our monthly meeting on **Wednesday July 19** at **Founders Brewing**. We'll start with our regular competition (Munich Dunkel, 8A, judged to style), at 6:00 pm in their Embassy Room, followed by the brewery tour at 7:00 pm. Beers will be on tap and I believe we'll be able to order food there or get it from the tap room. PLEASE NOTE: this meeting and the

brewery tour are only open to paid-up PTB members and I've promised Founders a headcount, so text me at 616-970-1404 (now would be good!), if you plan to come.

New members this year include Troy Schmidt, David Barrett, Matt Szukalowski and Weston Hosler. Welcome to the club fellas. A reminder to all - you don't have to be a brewer to join PrimeTime, just enthusiastic about beer - so invite your friends! And ladies are welcome too!

Rivertown Brewers have invited us to join their 10th anniversary celebration on **Saturday August 5** at Johnson Park, 1:00-5:00 pm. Bring some good beer - we'll set up the jockey box, and growlers or bottles will work too.

PrimeTime will be attending the **Michigan Homebrew Festival Aug 18-20**. Kudos to Jeremy and Jesse for representing us last year; this year I think there'll be 9 or 10 of us, and maybe a few from Rivertown and Brewsquitos tagging along. If you have not yet registered and/or booked a camping spot this is best done as a group of three or four people to reduce the cost. Go to mhfsite.com, and click on Storefront. We'll be taking our pop-up canopy, banner, flags, bar, jockey box, kegs (ideally half a dozen), BBQ grills, food to cook and share, camp tables and chairs, lights, games, and a race track! As we get closer we'll need to figure out who's bringing what.

We're out of **Club Brew Shirts** but you can buy your own on-line and add a free PTB patch. Go to www.fullsource.com and search for 'Red Kap SP24 Men's Industrial Work Shirt - Short Sleeve - Light Grey'. They're \$17.49 plus shipping.

We're six months into the **Brewer Of The Year Contest** where Matt Mead (40 points), leads Bill Smith (36), with Chad Banks (24) chasing, and a few of us in the 'hopefuls' category with 16 or less points - though with five events to go anything is possible - I say!

On the broader competition front, **Jeff Carlson** once again cemented his position as the nation's premier amateur cider maker with a slew of medals at **GLINTCAP**, where **Matt Mead** picked up a gold, 2 silvers and 2 bronzes for ciders too. Matt also earned 3 medals for meads at the AHA National Homebrew Competition, plus a BOS for a cider in Oklahoma, a bronze for a mead in Colorado, and 2 golds and a silver at the Illinois State Fair. Well done Matt!

Matt dangling
his NHC medal!



Greg Sanial was one of three winners in the **KDaLe book-themed Homebrew Competition** with his 'Appalachia Cola' Kentucky Common and he will be brewing at Railtown this Summer. Well done Greg. Sorry if I've missed anyone.

Seven PrimeTimers qualified for this year's **Beer City Pro-Am** competition and were paired with local breweries to collaboratively brew an original recipe to go on tap mid-September, be judged for the comp. and winners announced at a **Festival on Sept 30** (location TBD). The 7 PrimeTimers of 25 participants are: Jeremy Gavin - Thornapple Brewing, Ian Purvis - Grand Rapids Brewing, Chad Banks - Third Nature Brewing, Greg Sanial - Brewery Vivant, David Kilgore - Trailpoint Brewing, Jesse Colclasure - Archival Brewing, and Bill Smith - Creston Brewing. A film crew recorded the draft and did a number of interviews for a proposed 4-part TV documentary series about Beer City USA. They're launching a crowd-funding effort for this and have promised details by end July, so watch this space.



On the left, yours truly with Ramsey Louder of GRBC (he's the taller one), discussing our collaboration brew. It's a secret, sorry! On the right, who is this PrimeTimer and what's he doing? Answers on a postcard with \$10 to any officer :)

Finally thanks to Matt Mead, Chad Banks and Frank Zamarripa for serving on the **PTB Steering Committee**. Chat with them if you have ideas for club activities or if you'd like to help out with anything.

Cheers!
Ian Purvis
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