

## Next Meeting – May 14

Road trip to 25 West Brewing in Bloomingdale, IL

## Upcoming Club Events

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## April 2019 Club Meeting

1. **Guests:** Chris, directed to club through Nancy's shop

2. **Style of the month: pale ale**

Guest Chris brought some Challenger hops-based pale ale that the club found to be easy drinkin'!

4. **Officer report**

Treasurer Asten reports \$1,136 in the bank, with a new club account at TCF that allows PayPal & Google Pay for dues. Dues are due; Asten can also take credit card for a \$1 processing fee.

5. **Book club**

Craig & Cindy will host a book club meeting on "Radium Girls" by Kate Moore, at 7 p.m. on May 17. It's a great read!

6. **Upcoming beer fests**

Lake Zurich beer fest was May 10-11; Home Brew Thunderdome at Empirical will be May 18. Club needs a new banner for festivals and events.

7. **Librarian update**

Club librarian Tom H. will be bringing a handful of books to each meeting for club members to check out. He'd also like to do another "extra credit" education session at Roaring Table.

8. **Elections**

Pub crawler – tabled (probably Paul)

Technical chair – Tom H.

Beer fest coordinator – Nancy F.

Competition chair – Jeff L.

Brew-in chair – Craig R.

Equipment chair – Elliot

Website – Todd, Asten, Charles

Librarian – Tom H.

Newsletter editor – Valerie S.

Treasurer – Asten

Vice president – Ron

President – Greg E.

So not a lot of movement, but we've got a good core group of folks to run things.

9. **Education segment on yeast starters**

Jeff L. led an education segment on yeast starters with liquid yeast that are easy and effective. He discussed methods to avoid losing yeast, mixing in a different container than the flask, using stir bars, adding a pinch of yeast nutrient, and to save a little extra starter in your fridge for up to two months. Just don't forget to tell your spouse or roommate about your little science experiment.

## Styles of the month

Note the style guidelines for each beer. Check [Homebrewers Association](#) to get the style info.

May 2019: Maibock

June 2019: Kölsch

July 2019: Wheat

## Travel corner

Your newsletter editor has been traveling and drinking again, this time in Asheville, NC.

### *Small and local*

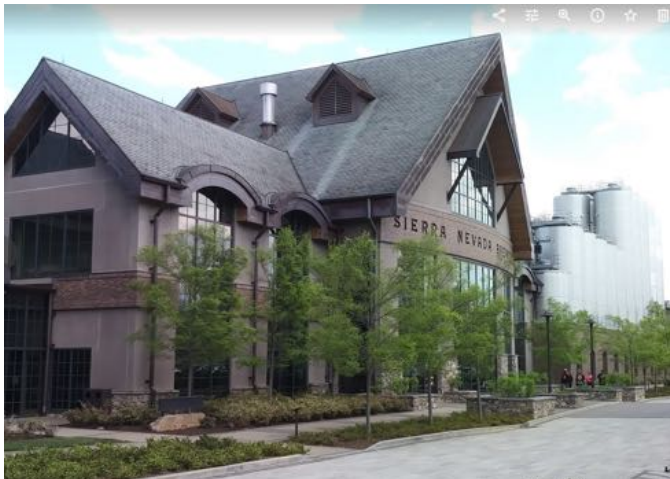
**Wicked Weed Brewing** has a fantastic facility just south of downtown, with a big variety on tap (excellent IPAs, sours, funk, and barrel-aged goodness). If you like sours (and I do), be sure to hit their **Funkatorium** location, which mostly showcases their sour collection.

**Bhramari Brewing** was very good, as well, and is a stone's throw from Wicked Weed's main location. Very innovative beers

**Burial Beer** was OK – lots of IPAs and saisons. And an unhealthy obsession with Tom Selleck.

### *Big and commercial*

Several big, huge, brewing companies have set up



showcase facilities around the area, including **Sierra Nevada** and **New Belgium**. We visited the absolutely gigantic facility at Sierra Nevada, which was OK and had OK food. The self-guided tour of the facility reminded me of New Glarus, if you have visited that one.

## Mike Kolbuk's funnies

