



"This isn't a costume, it's a way of life."

APOCALYPSE DONE; NOW THEY'RE BACK



Gravity Head is NABC's annual celebration of the brewing world's biggest and best. Beginning on February 22, and lasting until all the kegs are gone, we'll be devoting numerous taps to showcasing these rare and sought-after beers, as chosen to exhibit maximum diversity of flavors and stylistic inspiration.

Not all listed Gravity Head beers are served at the same time. There is constant flux. See the blackboards for daily selections. Many other NABC beers and guest drafts will be available during the festival, which pours through early April.

RULES OF THE GAME

Pleasure and responsibility

For those readers who are contemplating Gravity Head attendance for the first time, please be aware that we're very serious when we command you to arrange transportation from the venue at the conclusion of your gravity session or have a designated driver. Typically, a cab ride to Louisville costs \$50, and less to Southern Indiana hotels. This isn't very much when split two or three ways ... and it's far less than the cost of the irresponsible consequences.

For us to continue the tradition of Gravity Head, it is absolutely imperative that everyone in attendance plays by the rules. Foremost among these is your personal responsibility as an adult drinker to refrain from driving intoxicated!

BIG BEERS, SMALL GLASSES

Pours & pricing

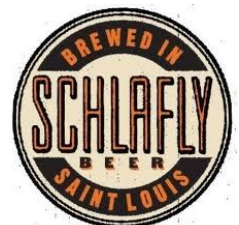
Listed Gravity Head selections are available in small pours only, approximately 10 oz. pours, depending on the beer and the type of glassware used. Prices are indicated on the blackboards. Not all Gravity Head beers are available at the same time! Always check the blackboards at the Public House and Pizzeria to see what's on tap.

Opening Day Tap Takeovers



Sun King 2013

Schlafly 2014

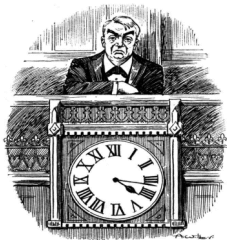


Gravity Head 2013 Schedule of Events

Special events and appearances that will occur on fixed dates during gravity's annual amok time.

WHEN YOU CAN VISIT

Business hours.



NABC's Pizzeria & Public House

3312 Plaza Drive, New Albany
812-949-2804

Open at 11:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday, and closed on Sunday.

The Pizzeria & Public House is **ENTIRELY SMOKE FREE.**

**NABC 22 oz Bombers:
Drink them here.
Take them home.
Look for them
where better beer is sold.**



Friday, February 22 "Gravity Tailgate Breakfast"

Way back in 2008, we convened early (4:00 a.m.) for a gravity breakfast with Terry Meiners of WHAS television in Louisville. In the years since, the concept has been tweaked, and so now breakfast starts at 7:00 a.m., when it's actually *legal* to drink beer in Hoosierland. There'll be locally-baked Honey Cream doughnuts; breakfast snacks prepared by the marvelous Sarah; Ed Needham's home-roasted coffee; and the full opening day roster of Gravity Head selections. Stop by and get into the spirit *before* you go to work ... but seriously, it's Gravity Head. What's work got to do with it?

Friday, February 22 "Opening Ceremonies"

Regular hours and menu begin at 9:00 a.m. Members of the FOSSILS and LAGERS homebrewing/beer appreciation clubs and their chosen guests will again enjoy preferred seating in the *entire* Prost room, beginning at 3:00 p.m. We're also expecting an ambassador Sun King Brewing to drop by for a high-level liquidity conference.

Saturday, February 23 "The Annual Patty & Larry Buckeye Contingent Visitation"

In a resumption of past tradition, the afternoon arrival of these hardy and perennial Buckeyes means tapping a special wooden pin of cask-conditioned, barrel-aged JW Lees Vintage Harvest Ale. In 2013, we'll add Big Dawg Brewery's 180-Shilling Claymore in honor of Lees-drinker-turned-pro-brewer Richard Shroyer. Look for all-day bar-room duty.

Sunday, February 24 "Optional R & R"

The Pizzeria & Public House is closed on Sunday. We've only just begun the journey, so listen to your body. Drink liquids, rest, and avoid both lifting *and* the operation of heavy machinery. But, if you insist on living like a rock star, NABC's Bank Street Brewhouse is open from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for Brewhouse Brunch (until 2:00 p.m.), the locally famous Build-Your-Own Bloody Mary Bar, and the only Sunday carry-out beer within staggering distance of the Indiana riverbank, as dispensed in growlers.

Friday, March 8 "Cavalier & Founders Night"

Founders Brewing joins the wholesaling gang from Cavalier Distributing (Indianapolis) for an evening of mannered sipping and agitated revolutionary chat. To mark the occasion, Gravity Head kegs from Founders, Flat12 & NABC will swamp the taps.

Saturday, March 16 "Early St. Patrick's Day"

Wearing of the green is one thing, but ingesting green-tinted swill is tantamount to wearing a badge that reads, "I'm neither Irish nor particularly bright – scoff at me." The accepted colors of Irish beer are black (stout), red (ale) and gold (lager), and in our traditionally minimalist fashion, we'll be offering three non-Gravity draft selections that roughly approximate each of these styles, while endeavoring to shun other, more inauthentic forms of proto-Hibernian revelry. You have been warned.

Sunday, April 7 "Session Head"

First at Bank Street Brewhouse, then followed by tappings at the Pizzeria & Public House. With our 15th annual strong beer fest, what better than to follow it than the polar opposite? Parameters as defined by beer writer Lew Bryson include:

- ▶ under 4.5% alcohol by volume
- ▶ flavorful enough to be interesting
- ▶ balanced enough for multiple pints
- ▶ conducive to conversation

In brief, low-alcohol, but not low-taste.

Also, March Madness dates:

March 19-20
First Four
2012 NCAA basketball tournament

March 21-24
Second and third rounds
2012 NCAA basketball tournament

March 28-31
Regionals of the
NCAA basketball tournament

Saturday, April 6 & Monday, April 8
Final Four and Championship
of NCAA basketball



15 YEARS IN, FAR MORE FORGETTING THAN REMEMBERING

A Short History of Gravity Head, 1999-2012

Gravity Head Version 1.0 ... April 29, 1999.

The Gravity Head concept dates to 1999, when we decided to inaugurate our newly completed walk-in beer cooler by featuring as many "hoppy" beers as could be located on short notice. The ensuing festival would be called "Hop Head." Subsequently, more "gravity" beers were available than "hoppy" ones, and the festival accordingly morphed into Gravity Head. According to our flier, the inaugural Gravity Head would last "until each keg has passed away into memory's warm glow of the greatest draft beer line-up ever seen in the metropolitan Louisville area." Many of these beers, including Delirium Tremens and Bell's Two Hearted Ale, have since become standards in the Public House draft lineup.

"We've just signed legislation outlawing light beer forever ... the bombing begins on March 31, 2000."

In 2000, we upped the ante by offering 6 barley wines simultaneously ... along with 5 Belgian strong specialty ales, 4 German bocks, 3 English strong ales, 3 imperial stouts, and 2 other American ales for good measure. It was the first year for t-shirts (featuring a catapult and a reference to Ronald Reagan's famous radio gaffe), "The Gravity Form," the enshrinement of the starting lineup announcement and running the gauntlet.

March 9, 2001:

"Light beer? I'm sorry, sir, but you're cut off."

The local debuts of draft Samichlaus, Eggenberg Urbock 23, Hair of the Dog's Fred and Adam, Scotch de Silly and Gale's Millennium Brew, but more importantly, three cask-conditioned gravity ales were dispensed during the first three weekends of the festival.

Gravity Head 2002, beginning March 8, 2002:

"Liteweights need not apply."

The emphasis in 2002 was placed on microbrewed gravity beers: Three powerhouse ales from Rogue in Oregon, three from Kalamazoo (Bell's) Brewing in Michigan, two from Victory Brewing ("Malt Advocate" magazine's Brewery of the Year) in Pennsylvania, and one from Brooklyn Brewing in New York. There were three cask-conditioned ales in 2002, and altogether, 16 first-time draft beers, some making their Kentuckiana debuts.

Gravity Head 2003, beginning March 7, 2003:

"Guilty as charged, Liteweight."

18 first-time drafts led the way, including Bell's Expedition Stout and our own NABC Solidarity. We bid a fond farewell to the 1996 vintage of Rogue Old Crustacean Barley Wine - Crusty, we hardly knew ye!

Gravity Head 2004, beginning March 12:

"Raise Your Glass to the Gravity Head Diet."

Thanks to the experimental use of a cold plate, it was possible to have 18 gravity beers on tap at once for the very first time. Also, yet again, 18 first-time "Gravity Head Friendly" contestants were recorded. The recent trend of emphasizing microbrewed gravity beers continued, as they were becoming progressively easier to obtain.

Gravity Head 2005, beginning March 11:

"It's a Whole New Dementia."

The seventh edition of Gravity Head will be remembered for the Publican's questionable decision to contract pneumonia and be absent for much of the first two weeks. A diverse selection of gravity textures and flavors included 15 first-time drafts, with NABC's own NobleSmoker moving fastest.

Gravity Head 2006, beginning February 24:

"Reality ABV."

With 54 beers to choose from, "Best of" sentiments centered on Rogue Old Crusty 2002, Bell's Batch 7000, Urthel Hop-It and Samichlaus 2001, with NABC's cherried Thunderfoot (Imperial Stout) drawing much praise. The choice of a first-ever "fans' vote" for the 17th slot, New Holland Dragon's Milk, was virtually everyone's choice for "way better than we remembered it."

Gravity Head 2007, beginning March 9:

"Gravity Madness: March isn't just about basketball anymore..."

At the conclusion of the Gravity Head 2007 fan's selection vote, three beers were tied for the top spot, forcing the NABC's impromptu "Elector Collage" into frenzied action, scouring the previously secret texts of the Freemasons and Illuminati for mystical procedures and ritualistic private dunkings of Krispy Kreme doughnuts in specially prepared vats of black coffee, and culminating in the decision to record the names on three sheets of weathered parchment, throwing them into the Senegalese skull cap once worn by bat patron Lee Cotner, and asking an unidentified Sportstime lunch customer to draw one out. The winner was Ettaler Curator Doppelbock, one of 59 listed selections, including 19 first-timers.

Gravity Head 2008, beginning February 29:

"You Cannot Defy Gravity - A Tenth Anniversary Exposition."

There's so much to only barely remember about somehow surviving nine previous extravaganzas. The few, the proud and the insomniacs gathered at the Public House on a Leap Year Friday morning to appear on a WHAS-11 television remote feed hosted by local luminary Terry Meiners. Podge Belgian Imperial Stout was the winner of the Gravity Head 2008 fan vote. There were record totals of 62 beers and 21 first-time selections, including three Bell's HopSlams and a visit from Larry Bell himself.

Gravity Head 2009, beginning February 27:

"The Liver Olympics"

The deepest Gravity Head ever began with with 71 gravity beers, of which 32 were first-time entrants, obliterating the previous Gravity Head record total. It was the first time for organizing beers by style rather than country of origin. The institution of Friday morning's Gravity Breakfast was enshrined, and the t-shirts depicting a human liver were deemed utterly tasteless. Yes!

Gravity Head 2010, beginning February 26:

"Newton Invented It. We Perfected It"

The opening day Gravity Head crowd arrived early, drank often, and knew exactly what to look for, choosing from what arguably was the most stylistically diverse Gravity Head to date. Two hard-to-find Founders beers (Canadian Breakfast and Hand of Doom - the latter the winner of the fan vote) went first, followed in short order by Dogfish Head Red & White and Two Brothers Red Eye Coffee Porter.

Gravity Head 2011, beginning February 25:

"A Stacked Deck Is Gravity's Rainbow"

2011 was an All-American Gravity Head rider atop Slim "Dr. Strange-love" Pickens' barrel, apocalyptic imagery grafted onto a Tarot card, toasting the existence of the earth's inexorable law, honoring Pynchon's infamously obtuse novel, and following on the heels of our previous claim that while Newton discovered gravity, NABC perfected it. Tony added the mysterious mixed touch of XIII.5, because if there couldn't be a 13th floor, there couldn't be a 13th Gravity Head, either. Our first-ever honorary opening weekend brewery partner was Three Floyds, and the fan vote winner was 120 Minute IPA from Dogfish Head.

Gravity Head 2012, beginning February 24:

"It's the End of the World As We Know It"

New Holland set the tone with an elegant, nuanced opening weekend tap takeover, its specially blended Blue Sunday joining fan vote winner De Proef Flemish Primitive Wild Ale (Surly Bird) to give us two early sours. Then, two weeks into the world's end, a nine-Founders knockout punch was something unlikely to be equaled any time soon. We keep finding ways. How, I just don't know.

In 2013, Gravity Head Returns from the Dead.

And Sun King kicks things off on Friday,
February 22, for Gravity Head's 15th bacchanal.



Listed selections for Gravity Head 2013 are organized by style category, not national origin, as defined by the Beer Judge Certification Program:

www.bjcp.org

Vintage dates are given only for those beers certified to be at least a year old by 2/22/13

From 14 to 18 listed selections will be on tap at any given time ... we try our best to inform you, but know that taps can change suddenly

On Feb. 22, get a ride home & support the Special Olympics ... see page 11



00. SUN KING – STYLE UNTO ITSELF

Sun King Brewing Company
Indianapolis IN

www.sunkingbrewing.com

Gravity Head Twist: For Gravity Head 2013, our friends from Sun King in Indianapolis are in a category by themselves, as they've been in so many ways since the brewery opened in 2009. Sun King has been a Hoosier brewing pioneer in numerous ways, from achieving critical mass through self-distribution to large-scale canning, and from tap room layout to community partnerships. From start-up to institution in four short years, Sun King is helping cement Indiana's expanding craft brewing reputation. Cheers to Clay, Dave and all the people at Sun King, and welcome to Gravity Head 2013.



Sun King Batch 666:
Sympathy for the Devil
(16E) Belgian Black Ale
Bitterness: 34 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 11%
Brewery says: "It was fermented with a blend of 7 different Belgian yeasts and (was) cellared in a 30 barrel bright tank ... A melding of classic Belgian esters with a rich, roasty malt backbone."

Sun King Batch 777:
Touched By An Angel
(18C) Belgian Tripel
Bitterness: 24 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 10%
Brewery says: "Our yet to be released Belgian-style Tripel. Available at 2013 Indiana Winter-fest for the first time ever."

Sun King Big Iron
(19B) English Barleywine
Alcohol by volume: 10%
Clay Robinson (owner): "A handful of beers, we come up with a really good name and then design a beer backwards to fit the name. We just brewed a barleywine that's called Big Iron that's going to be a really fun beer that we're going to cellar for awhile before we let out. We'll brew that this summer (2012) and probably release it later in the winter."

Sun King Dominator
(5C) Doppelbock
Bitterness: 23 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 8%
Brewery says: "Exudes the aromas of brown sugar and molasses to go with hints of gingerbread and sun-dried raisins. A full flavored beer that finishes crisp and dry."

Sun King Timmie
(22C) Oak Aged Russian Imperial Stout
Bitterness: 70 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 10%
Brewery says: "A flavor packed RIS with hints of gingerbread, dark brown sugar and vanilla. Enjoy with caution!"

Sun King Wee Muckle
(9E) Strong Scotch Ale (Wee Heavy)
Bitterness: 30 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 8%
Brewery says: "A large, malt-balanced ale with huge toffee flavors and hints of port-like character." Wee Muckle won a Gold Medal at the 2011 Great American Beer Festival in the Scotch Ale division.

5E. EISBOCK

Eisbocks are not simply stronger doppelbocks; the name refers to the process of freezing and concentrating the beer.

Kulmbacher Eisbock "Bayerisch G'forns" (2010)
Kulmbacher Brauerei
Kulmbach GERMANY
Original Gravity: 21 degrees Plato
Alcohol by volume: 9.2%

www.kulmbacher.de

Gravity Head Twist: A genuine German specialty: Strong Bock first frozen, and then the ice removed to concentrate the alcohol. It hails from the famous Franconian brewing city of Kulmbach.

9E STRONG SCOTCH ALE (WEE HEAVY)

Fermented at cooler temperatures than most ales, and with lower hopping rates, resulting in clean, intense malt flavors. Well suited to the region of origin, with abundant malt and cool fermentation and aging temperature. Hops, which are not native to Scotland and formerly expensive to import, were kept to a minimum.

Big Dawg Claymore 180 Shilling Scotch Ale

Big Dawg Brewhaus
Richmond IN
Bitterness: 60 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 12%

www.jjwinery.com/brewhaus.com

Gravity Head Twist: True, you may not have heard of this relatively new brewery located in Richmond, Indiana, but know that Big Dawg's brewer, Richard Shroyer, is a longtime Gravity Head attendee (with the Ohio contingent). Now he has a commercial beer of his own to bring, and we'll do our level best to tap it when he's here on Saturday, February 23.

Dark Horse Scotty Karate
Dark Horse Brewing Company
Marshall MI
Alcohol by volume: 9.75%

www.darkhorsebrewery.com

Gravity Head Twist: Scotty Karate is a Michigan musician performing "punk country" and "psychedelic garage Americana." (C'mon, how could anyone make this up?) The folks at Dark Horse named their Wee Heavy after him. Now you know.

13F RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT

Intensely flavored, big, dark ale. Roasty, fruity and bittersweet, with a noticeable alcohol presence. Dark fruit flavors meld with roasty, burnt, or almost tar-like sensations ... every dimension of flavor coming into play.

BBC (Shelbyville Road) Tsar Bomba
Bluegrass Brewing Company
Louisville KY
Alcohol by volume: 12.5%

www.bbcbrew.com

Gravity Head Twist: Царь бомба была крупнейшим ядерного взрыва никогда. Кузьмина кины мат - это то, что русские заявлял в мире, который примерно переводится как "мы покажем вам!" Вы знаете что мы собираемся делать. Мы покажем вам наиболее пиво мы никогда раньше не создан. Этот огромный пиво будет буквально взрыв в полости рта, что будет расплавить ваше лицо! *Thanks to Jeremy Hunt for saving a keg.*

Brooklyn Black Chocolate Stout (2011)
Brooklyn Brewery
Brooklyn NY
Malts: American two-row
Hops: Willamette, American Fuggle
Original Gravity: 26 degrees Plato
Alcohol by volume: 10%

www.brooklynbrewery.com

Gravity Head Twist: Brooklyn Brewery's always popular Imperial Stout illustrates the ideal uses of dark specialty malts, which is to say, there's no actual chocolate in it. But they make damned fine chocolates at Esther Price Candies in Dayton, Ohio. Get some!

Flat12 Pinko Russian Imperial Stout
Flat12 Bierwerks
Indianapolis IN
Bitterness: 86.3 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 10.3%

<http://flat12.me/>

Gravity Head Twist: Brewery says: "Brewed to age. Brewed for barrels. Hoppy, roasty and pure evil. In Soviet Russia, you don't drink Imperial Stouts, Imperial Stouts drink you."

Founders Imperial Stout (2011)
Founders Brewing Company
Grand Rapids MI
Malts: Ten varieties
Bitterness: 90 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 10.5%

www.foundersbrewing.com

Gravity Head Twist: The Publican endorses the use of terms like "jet black" and "motor oil" to describe this straight, unadorned, perennially honest Imperial Stout.

Great Divide Yeti Series
Yeti (2011)
Oak Aged Yeti (2011)
Chocolate Oak Aged Yeti
Espresso Oak Aged Yeti (2011)
Great Divide Brewing Company
Denver CO
Base style: Imperial Stout
Bitterness: 75 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 9.5% each

www.greatdivide.com

Gravity Head Twist: Yes, these are five distinct beers fashioned from a common base, described here and cross-indexed later where applicable. Great Divide starts with **Yeti**, a delightful Imperial Stout, and then gets progressively creative. **Oak Aged Yeti** adds a layer of subtle vanilla character to the roasted malt in the original. In **Chocolate Oak Aged Yeti**, the usual Yeti hopping is muted to permit cocoa nibs to peek through, combining with vanilla from the oak chips and a sprinkling of cayenne pepper. Add espresso from Pablo's Coffee (Denver) to **Oak Aged Yeti**, and get **Espresso Oak Aged Yeti**. Finally, we meant to save a keg of **Belgian Style Yeti** for Gravity Head, but got greedy and served it during Saturnalia. Oh, well.

Stone Imperial Russian Stout (2011)
Stone Brewing Company
San Marcos CA
Alcohol by volume: 10.8%

www.stonebrew.com

Gravity Head Twist: Stone's tasting notes compare it to Siberian crude, with aromatics like anise, coffee and black currant. Surely Pavlov's dog never reacted as strongly as the Publican to such erotic suggestiveness. Arf!

Victory Storm King (2011)
Victory Brewing Company
Downingtown PA
Malts: "Imported Two Row"
Hops: "American whole flowers"
Alcohol by volume: 9.1%

www.victorybeer.com

Gravity Head Twist: It has been close to a decade since Storm King first appeared at Gravity Head.

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The previous time, it was foraged with accomplices across multiple state lines in a borrowed van. Times have changed. Maybe.

14C IMPERIAL INDIA PALE ALE

Recent American innovation reflecting the trend of American craft brewers "pushing the envelope" to satisfy the need of hop aficionados for increasingly intense products. The adjective "Imperial" is arbitrary and simply implies a stronger version of an IPA; "double," "extra," or "extreme" would be as valid.

Bell's Hopslam

Bell's Brewery
Comstock MI
Hops: Six Pacific Northwest varieties; dry-hopped with Simcoe
Original Gravity: 1.087
Alcohol by volume: 10%

www.bellsbeer.com

Gravity Head Twist: Hopslam mania now grips the craft beer world. Keg releases are cause for mob scenes reminiscent of the Beatles at Shea Stadium. The acclaim is merited; enjoy it while you can, and flaunt your bottle stash.

Flat12 Highway to Hops

Flat12 Bierwerks
Indianapolis IN
Hops: 100% New Zealand, Australian
Bitterness: Yes
Alcohol by volume: 10%

<http://flat12.me/>

Gravity Head Twist: The hops say it all. Here's your Southern Hemisphere.

Flat12 Winter Cycle

Flat12 Bierwerks
Indianapolis IN
Hops: "6 different hops from 3 continents"
Bitterness: 107 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 9.3%

<http://flat12.me/>

Gravity Head Twist: Described as Half Cycle IPA's "pissed off Viking cousin." Keep it up, guys.

NABC/De Struise/LBS

B'Urban Trotter (2011)
New Albanian Brewing Company
New Albany IN
De Struise Brouwers
Oostvleteren BELGIUM
Louisville Beer Store
Louisville KY (retailer)

Malts: Rahr 2-Row, Weyermann Bohemian Pilsner, Castle Biscuit, Simpsons Medium Crystal
Hops: Cascade (mash, dry), Summit (first wort), Summit (bittering), Chinook (bittering, flavor, dry), Northern Brewer (flavor), Simcoe (dry)

Special additions: Vanilla beans and honey were added during the whirlpool.

Yeast: American (Chico) Ale
Bitterness: 208 IBUs
OG: 21 degrees Plato
ABV: 9.2%

www.newalbanian.com
<http://struise.noordhoek.com>
www.louisvillebeerstore.com

Gravity Head Twist: If the Kentucky Derby is the greatest two minutes in sports, then B'Urban Trotter is the finest few moments of sipping, because what better place for a brewer/ostrich rancher from Flanders to seek inspiration than Louisville's annual Run for the Roses? With collaborative assistance from NABC and Louisville Beer Store, De Struise's Urbain Couteau created this "Derbied" Double India Pale Ale to be dry-hopped and bourbon/oak aged, with a phantom suggestion of mint for the home stretch.

People's Space Cowboy

People's Brewing Company
Lafayette IN
Malts: Pale, Crystal
Hops: Summit, Galaxy
Bitterness: 96 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 9%

www.peoplesbrew.com

Gravity Head Twist: I met Chris Johnson 10 years ago at Lafayette Brewing, where he learned the trade under Greg Emig. Chris struck out on his own a few years ago, and the results are tasty.

Upland Double Dragonfly

Upland Brewing Company
Bloomington IN
Hops: Seven additions
Bitterness: 80 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 9.1%

www.uplandbeer.com

Gravity Head Twist: NABC's friendship with Upland, our annual pouring partner at RiverRoots in Madison IN, goes back to Russ Levitt and his successor as brewer, Charles Porter (now an Oregonian). Charles created Dragonfly, and nowadays it's been doubled.

16E. BELGIAN SPECIALTY ALE

This category encompasses a wide range of Belgian ales produced by truly artisanal brewers more concerned with creating unique products than in increasing sales; a catch-all category for any Belgian-style beer not fitting any other Belgian style category.

Ellezeilloise Hercule

La Brasserie Ellezeilloise
Ellezelles BELGIUM
Malts: 100%; no sugar or spicing
Alcohol by volume: 9%

<http://www.brasserie-ellezeilloise.be>

Gravity Head Twist: Brasserie Ellezeilloise celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2013. Hercule dates back to the brewery's early years. It is named after the fictional Belgian detective and Ellezelles native Hercule Poirot, as created by British novelist Agatha Christie.

Urthe1 Samaranth Quadrium

The Leyereth Breweries
Ruisselede Flanders BELGIUM
Say what?: Quadrupel
Alcohol by volume: 11.5%

www.urthe1.com

Gravity Head Twist: Brewed at Koningshoeven in the Netherlands. Know that Hildegard, Mrs. Company Owner, is the brewer in the family. Perhaps that's why she originally brewed this Quadrupel to take the place of (blah) wine at her wedding, and rightfully so.

18C. BELGIAN TRIPEL

Strongly resembles Strong Golden Ale but slightly darker and some-

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NABC on Twitter:

<http://twitter.com/nabcnews>

what fuller-bodied. Usually a more rounded malt flavor; should not be sweet ... originally popularized by the Westmalle Trappist monastery.

Schlafly Tripel

The Saint Louis Brewery (Schlafly)
St. Louis MO
Malts: 2-row, Carapils
Adjuncts: Sugar
Hops: Marynka, Lublin (PL), Mittelfrüh (DE)
Bitterness: 25 IBUs
Original Gravity: 21 degrees Plato
Alcohol by volume: 10%

www.schlafly.com

Gravity Head Twist: In the Trappist style, with Belgian Abbey ale yeast. Note the European hopping.

19A. OLD ALE

Ale of significant alcoholic strength, bigger than strong bitters and brown porters, though usually not as strong or rich as barleywine. Usually tilted toward a sweeter, maltier balance.

Founders Curmudgeon Old Ale

Founders Brewing Company
Grand Rapids MI
Malts: "Insane malt bill" and molasses as an adjunct
Bitterness: 50 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 9.8%

www.foundersbrewing.com

Gravity Head Twist: Founders suggests we think about "classic sea faring ports, local pubs, and weathered old fisherman," but shouldn't the imagery be about the Great Lakes? The Publican prefers thinking about his own nickname, prefixed with Potable, and also appropriately weathered.

19B. ENGLISH BARLEYWINE

Although often a hoppy beer, the English Barleywine places less emphasis on hop character than the American Barleywine and features English hops. English versions can be darker, maltier, fruitier, and feature richer specialty malt flavors than American Barleywines.

Harpoon Barleywine (Leviathan Series) (2011)

Harpoon Brewery
Boston MA
Malts: "Massive amount of pale"
Hops: Chinook, Tettnang
Bitterness: 65 IBUs
Original Gravity: 23 degrees Plato
Alcohol by volume: 10%

www.harpoonbrewery.com

Gravity Head Twist: Brewery says: Homage to English-style Barleywines. Label says: Barleywine. World Class Beer, the wholesaler, says it's an American Barleywine. Roger says: Spin the wheel, anyone? Let's just say it's some variety of Barleywine, and stop.

North Coast Old Stock Ale

North Coast Brewing Company
Fort Bragg CA
Malts: Maris Otter
Hops: Fuggles, East Kent Goldings
Bitterness: 34 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 11.9%

www.northcoastbrewing.com

Gravity Head Twist: See preceding. Old Ale or English Barleywine? No one seems to agree, so my plan is to enjoy it young, and exactly the way it is now. Just screw it.

Upland Winter Warmer

Upland Brewing Company
Bloomington, IN
Hops: Hallertauer
Bitterness: 46.7 IBUs
Original Gravity: 20.4 Plato
Alcohol by volume: 8.5%

www.uplandbeer.com

Gravity Head Twist: The name "Winter Warmer" still speaks to us, not at all archaically.

19C. AMERICAN BARLEYWINE

The American version of the Barleywine tends to have a greater emphasis on hop bitterness, flavor and aroma than the English Barleywine, and often features American hop varieties. Differs from an Imperial IPA in that the hops are not extreme, the malt is more forward, and the body richer and more characterful.

Bell's Third Coast Old Ale (2011)

Bell's Brewery
Comstock MI
Original Gravity: 1.098
Alcohol by volume: 10.2%

www.bellsbeer.com

Gravity Head Twist: Bell's is the oldest craft brewer still standing east of the Mississippi. Third Coast Old Ale is a Barley Wine. The Third Coast refers to Michigan's Great Lakes frontage.

**Rogue XS
Old Crustacean Barley Wine (2011)**
Rogue Ales

Newport OR

Malts: Great Western Harrington, Klages, Hugh Baird Carastan, Munich
Hops: Chinook, Centennial
Bitterness: 120 IBUs
Original Gravity: 26 degrees Plato
Alcohol by volume: Circa 11%

www.rogueales.com

Gravity Head Twist: Still renowned for the '96 vintage's selection to the All-Time Gravity First Team. A tad young by our usual standards, but let's be risky for a change.

Sierra Nevada

Bigfoot Barley Wine (2006)

Sierra Nevada Brewing Company
Chico CA
Malts: Two-row Pale, English Caramel
Hops: Cascade, Chinook, Centennial
Bitterness: 90 IBUs
Original Gravity: 23 Plato
Alcohol by volume: 9.6%

www.sierranevada.com

Gravity Head Twist: Bigfoot returns in '13 with a seven-year-old version (2006) that may have shed elements of a rambunctious youth, but added mellow streaks with age.

Stone

Old Guardian Barley Wine (2012)

Stone Brewing Company
San Marcos CA
Malts: "A whole buncha barley"
Hops: "Tons o' hops"
Bitterness: 85 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 12%

www.stonebrew.com

Gravity Head Twist: How many times can "uncompromising" be used in conjunction with one brewery's beers? Year in, year out, Stone's Barley Wine fits the description. In fact, it's been years since I edited this definition.

21A. SPICE, HERB, OR VEGETABLE BEER

A harmonious marriage of spices, herbs and/or vegetables and beer. The key attributes of the underlying style will be different with the addition of spices, herbs and/or vegetables.

Flying Dog

Kujo Imperial Coffee Stout (nitro)
Flying Dog Brewery
Frederick MD

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Malts: Chocolate, Debittered
Black, Roasted, Cara-Munich
Coffee: "Secret roast" from Black
Dog Coffee (Summit Point WV)
Hops: Northern Brewer, Goldings
Bitterness: 40 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 8.9%

www.flyingdogales.com

Gravity Head Twist: Resemblances between Flying Dog's adult libation and Stephen King's novel about a psychotic dog are purely caffeine-driven. Enjoy the "bite" of numerous black adjectives.

Founders Breakfast Stout (2011)
Founders Brewing Company
Grand Rapids MI
Malts: Indeterminate, but includes flaked oats, bitter and sweetened imported chocolates, and Sumatra and Kona coffees.
Hops: Why do you ask?
Bitterness: 25 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 8.3%

www.foundersbrewing.com

Gravity Head Twist: Has any single beer been used as the base for more fascinating experiments than this one? From beerhaikudaily.com, come words for living:

*bacon, eggs, and beer
everyday should start with
breakfast stout at 10!*

**Great Divide
Chocolate Oak Aged Yeti &
Espresso Oak Aged Yeti (2011)**
(see Great Divide Yeti, at 13F
Russian Imperial Stout)

Southern Tier Jah-va
Southern Tier Brewing Company
Lakewood NY
Bitterness: IBUs
Original Gravity:
Alcohol by volume: 10.6%

www.stbcbrew.com

Gravity Head Twist: Arabica coffee beans from Jamaica combine with North American spring barley and aromatic hops.

21B. CHRISTMAS/WINTER SPECIALTY SPICED BEER

A stronger, darker, spiced beer that often has a rich body and warming finish suggesting a good accompaniment for the cold winter season.

Haandbryggeriet Bestefar
Haandbryggeriet

Drammen NORWAY
Alcohol by volume: 10%

www.haandbryggeriet.net

Gravity Head Twist: If Nissefar is Father Christmas in Norway, then who is *his* father? Bestefar, who in this instance is Grandfather Christmas, or in this case, spiced winter ale.

22C. WOOD-AGED BEER

A harmonious blend of the base beer style with characteristics from aging in contact with wood (including any alcoholic products previously in contact with the wood). The best examples will be smooth, flavorful, well-balanced and well-aged.

**Against the Grain/De Molen
Bo and Luke**
Against the Grain Brewery &
Smokehouse

Louisville KY
Brouwerij De Molen
Bodegraven NETHERLANDS
Base style: Imperial Smoked Stout
Alcohol by volume: 14%

www.atgbrewery.com
www.brouwerijdemolen.nl/

Gravity Head Twist: What happens when AtG's mad Kansan, Jarry Gnagy, collaborates with Menno Oliver of De Molen? For starters, an imperial smoked stout aged in Pappy Van Winkle bourbon barrels, somehow linking to a wacky pun involving the Dukes of Hazard. Drink: Don't think.

**Flat12
Bourbon Barrel Winter Cycle
Double IPA (2012)**
Flat12 Bierwerks
Indianapolis IN
Alcohol by volume: 9.4%

<http://flat12.me/>

Gravity Head Twist: It's what happens when your "pissed off Viking cousin" visits Kentucky. Aged 13 months. See pg 6 for the full Winter Cycle listing.

**Flat12 Pinko RIS
KGBaylor (Pappy Van Winkle)**
Flat12 Bierwerks
Indianapolis IN
Alcohol by volume: 11%

<http://flat12.me/>

Gravity Head Twist: About Pinko RIS (page 5), Flat12 says, "Brewed to age. Brewed for barrels." In this case, Pappy Van Winkle 23-yr-old barrels, with a nod to the Publican.

**Flat12
Pinko RIS Nitro (Pappy Van Winkle)**
Flat12 Bierwerks
Indianapolis IN
Alcohol by volume: 10.5%

<http://flat12.me/>

Gravity Head Twist: As above; aged five months in Pappy Van Winkle 10-yr-old barrels, and kegged for nitro delivery. Smooth.

Founders Backwoods Bastard (2012)
Founders Brewing Company
Grand Rapids MI
Base style: *Strong Scotch Ale*
Malts: "Ten varieties of imported malt"
Bitterness: 50 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 10.2%

www.foundersbrewing.com

Gravity Head Twist: Founders makes a Scotch/Wee Heavy called Dirty Bastard, and bourbon barrels come from the backwoods of Kentucky. Put the two together, and you have a familiar stereotype, complete with bearded hillbilly on the label. But where's the hootch, the shine, the mountain dew? Coal smoke instead of peat?

**Founders Bolt Cutter
(15th Anniversary)**
Founders Brewing Company
Grand Rapids MI
Base style: American Barleywine
Hops: A "mountain" of Cascades for dry-hopping
Bitterness: IBUs
Original Gravity:
Alcohol by volume: 15%

www.foundersbrewing.com

Gravity Head Twist: The Founders Backstage Series presents this 15th anniversary Barleywine, with portions barrel aged (bourbon barrels and maple syrup-bourbon barrels), and blended with portions non-barrel aged. Named for the bolt cutter acquired by a Founders founder more than ten years ago when foreclosure seemed likely.

Great Divide Oak Aged Yeti (2011)
(see Great Divide Yeti, at 13F
Russian Imperial Stout)

**J. W. Lees Vintage Harvest Ale ...
Lagavulin Scotch (Islay) barrel-
conditioned (2011; cask-**

conditioned)

J. W. Lees & Company
Middleton Junction UNITED KINGDOM
Base style: English Barleywine
Malts: Maris Otter
Hops: East Kent Goldings
Alcohol by volume: Circa 11.5%

www.jwlees.co.uk

Gravity Head Twist: Harvest Ale is cask-conditioned and matured in a Lagavulin Scotch barrel, then racked over to a 20-liter wooden "pin" for serving. Then folks from Dayton drink all of it.

NABC IX – Ninth Anniversary Ale (2010)

New Albanian Brewing Company
New Albany IN
Base style: Smoked Oatmeal Stout
Malts: Rahr 2-row, Weyermann Smoked (Beechwood), Briess Chocolate, Briess Roasted Barley, Simpsons Chocolate, Briess Aromatic, Briess Smoked Malt (Cherry), Castle Special B, Flaked Oats
Hops: Northern Brewer (Mash), Northern Brewer (First Wort), Northern Brewer (@60min)
Yeast: House ale
Bitterness: 50 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: Circa 9%

www.newalbanian.com

Gravity Head Twist: A chocolate malt-heavy oatmeal stout with two types of smoked malt, brewed in 2010 by former NABC brewmaster Jared Williamson, and then set aside to rest in Port barrels formerly used to age C2 (Smoked Belgian Dark Strong), the latter to be found elsewhere in this compendium. For the record, the actual NABC brewery anniversary date is October 25 (2002).

NABC Bourbondaddy (2012)

New Albanian Brewing Company
New Albany IN
Base style: Imperial Chocolate Milk Stout (Bourbon Barrel Aged)
Malts: Rahr Pale, Simpson Chocolate and Roast Barley, Patagonia Especial, (+ flaked oats)
Sugar: Milk (lactose)
Hops: Challenger
Special: Raisins and cocoa added to mash, cacao nibs in the kettle, and "Dry Nibbed" in the bright for two months prior to filling barrels
Yeast: House Ale
Bitterness: 18 IBUs
OG: 20 degrees Plato
ABV: 9.5%

www.newalbanian.com

Gravity Head Twist: "Go forth and proceed" ... The first batches of Bourbondaddy appeared in 2003 and 2004. The 10th anniversary revival version began life as an Imperial Chocolate Mik Stout, and then was racked into Angel's Envy barrels for four months' aging. Part of NABC's (the brewery) 10th Anniversary Bygoneer Series, brewed to celebrate NABC's (the company) 25th anniversary in 2012.

Schlafly

Oak Aged Barleywine (2010)
The Saint Louis Brewery (Schlafly)
St. Louis MO
Base style: American Barleywine
Malts: 2-row, Munich, Caramel, roasted barley
Hops: Marynka (PL), Northdown (UK), Tettnang (DE)
Bitterness: 40 IBUs
Original Gravity: 23 degrees Plato
Alcohol by volume: 10.2%

www.schlafly.com

Gravity Head Twist: Schlafly ages its Barleywine "new, medium toast Missouri Oak."

Southern Tier

"Oak-Aged Imperial" Back Burner
Southern Tier Brewing Company
Lakewood NY
Base style: American Barleywine
Malts: 2-row Pale, Light and Dark Caramel
Hops: Chinook, Willamette, Amarillo, Centennial
Bitterness: "Medium-high"
Original Gravity: 25 degrees Plato
Alcohol by volume: 9.6%

www.stbcbrew.com

Gravity Head Twist: Fittingly, given last year's Gravity Head theme (Mayan calendars) and this year's (zombies), here is a Barleywine designed to inspire the sipper to enjoy another trip around the sun. It's a worthy goal, indeed.

23. SPECIALTY BEER

This is explicitly a catch-all category for any beer that does not fit into an existing style category. No beer is ever "out of style" in this category, unless it fits elsewhere.

Bell's This One Goes to 11

Bell's Brewery
Comstock MI
Say what? Imperial Red Ale
Malts: "Wide range of specialty malts"
Hops: Galaxy, Motueka, Summer

(Southern Hemisphere); Simcoe, Citra, Mosaic (Pacific Northwest)
Bitterness: 84.5 IBUs
Original Gravity: 23.5 Plato
Alcohol by volume: 11.4%

www.bellsbeer.com

Gravity Head Twist: Special thanks to Veronica Sanders for making this one available.

Brooklyn Brewmaster's Reserve: The Companion Ale (2011)

Brooklyn Brewery
Brooklyn NY
Say what? Wheat Wine
Malts: 45% barley malt, 55% custom floor-malted wheat
Alcohol by volume: 10%

www.brooklynbrewery.com

Gravity Head Twist: Brewmaster Garrett Oliver's collaborative book, written and edited with Horst Dornbusch and Thomas Kraus-Weyermann, is "The Oxford Companion to Beer." To make the companion ale to their companion volume, the three created a special Wheat Wine using rare floor-malted wheat from Weyermann.

Harpoon Triticus Ale (Leviathan Series) (2011)

Harpoon Brewery
Boston MA
Say what? Wheat Wine
Malts: 50% wheat (including Caramel and Chocolate malts)
Hops: Dry-hopped
Bitterness: 57 IBUs
Original Gravity: 27.5 degrees Plato
Alcohol by volume: 11.5%

www.harpoonbrewery.com

Gravity Head Twist: Triticus (Latin for "wheat") originated in 2005 as a collaboration with the Alstrom Brothers of Beer Advocate fame. Now it is part of Harpoon's Leviathan Series.

NABC/O'Fallon/Schlafly C2 Collaboration Ale (2010)

New Albanian Brewing Company
New Albany IN
O'Fallon Brewery
O'Fallon MO
The Saint Louis Brewery (Schlafly)
St. Louis MO
Say what? Smoked Belgian Dark Strong Ale
Malts: Castle Pale, Weyermann Rauch, Castle Biscuit, Briess Smoke, Castle Aromatic, Castle Special B
Adjuncts: Belgian dark candi sugar, Brewer's Crystal, Molasses

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Mash Hops: Mt Hood, Crystal
Kettle Hops: Magnum, Slovenian
Celeia
Bitterness: 20 IBUs
Original Gravity: 1097
Alcohol by volume: 10.7%

www.NewAlbanian.com
www.ofallonbrewery.com
www.schlafly.com

Gravity Head Twist: "C2 was split into various wine casks for aging. Two of the wine casks are Missouri-built, and spent five years in Napa Valley aging Silver Oak Cabernet. The other two wine casks are Kentucky-built and have been at the Huber Winery in Southern Indiana aging various Ports for the last 12 years. Once fresh fig season arrived in September 2010, a portion of figs were smoked and then the figs were split up and added to one of each of the two varietals of wine casks. The barrels were aged eight months total, and the batch was blended back together in early January 2011." - Jared Williamson, formerly of NABC, now brewing at Schlafly.

NABC Stumble Bus (2012)

New Albanian Brewing Company
New Albany IN
Say what? American Strong Ale
Malts: Rahr Pale, Weyermann Vienna, Simpson Medium Crystal, light malt extract
Hops: A delicate mix of Galena,

Cascade and Golding
Yeast: House American Ale
Bitterness: 126 IBUs
OG: 25 degrees Plato
ABV: 11.2%

www.newalbanian.com

Gravity Head Twist: Fall Off the Bus ... Along with Bourbondaddy, Stumble Bus is the most fondly remembered seasonal ale brewed by NABC's founding brewer, Michael Borchers. Was it Imperial IPA, or was it Barleywine? What is it now? It's not the destination; it's the journey. Part of NABC's (the brewery) 10th Anniversary Bygoneer Series, brewed to celebrate NABC's 25th company anniversary in 2012.

NABC Turbo Hog (2012)

New Albanian Brewing Company
New Albany IN
Say what? Malt Liqueur
Malts: Rahr Pale, flaked maize
Sugar: White table sugar
Hops: Hallertau Magnum and Tettnanger, Czech Saaz (4 late kettle additions and dry hops)
Yeast: House Ale
Bitterness: 86 IBUs
OG: 20 degrees Plato
ABV: 9.5%

www.newalbanian.com

Gravity Head Twist: The finest malt liqueur yet devised by man ... First came Bush Hog, and then its logical culmination, Turbo Hog (sans paper bags). Augmented with

corn, boosted in strength, and refashioned as a malt liqueur, it was a briefly invigorating experiment. *Boss Hog* was planned, but never brewed. Part of NABC's (the brewery) 10th Anniversary Bygoneer Series, brewed to celebrate NABC's 25th company anniversary in 2012.

Samichlaus Bier (2010)

Brauerei Schloss Eggenberg
Vorchdorf AUSTRIA
Say what? Quadrupel Bock?
Malts: Pilsner & Munich
Hops: Magnum, Perle, Saaz
Original Gravity: 27-30 deg. Plato
Alcohol by volume: 14%

www.eggenberger.at

Gravity Head Twist: Brewed each year only on December 6 (in this case, 2009), then matured for ten full months before release. After being rescued from multi-national, bean-counter oblivion by Austria's Eggenberg brewery, the formerly Swiss-made Samichlaus has resumed its rightful place in the pantheon of classic big beers.

Stone Double Bastard Ale (2011)

Stone Brewing Company
San Marcos CA
Say what: "Double Bastard" I guess
Bitterness: 100 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 10%

www.stonebrew.com

Gravity Head Twist: The term "extreme" is entirely appropriate to the portfolio of California's Stone Brewing Company. Double Bastard is "extremely" indefinable - could be DIPa, or Barley Wine, or Old Ale, and certainly strong with a powerful punch of heavenly flavors. Two years in ... what now?

Three Floyds/Mikkeller Boogoop II

Three Floyds Brewing Company
Munster IN
Mikkeller
Copenhagen DENMARK
Say what?: Buckwheat Barley Wine
Alcohol by volume: 10.4%

www.threefloyds.com
www.mikkeller.dk

Gravity Head Twist: Did you know that goop was "a magnesium dust paste in a kerosene and asphalt base used as an alternative to napalmWorld War 2 incendiary bombs"? Neither did I. Given that "boghvede" is the Danish word for buckwheat, Boo sounds better.

Three Floyds/Mikkeller Risgoop

Three Floyds Brewing Company
Munster IN
Mikkeller



SUNDAY BRUNCH ... at Bank Street Brewhouse

- ◆ Special Brunch menu (10 am - 2 pm); open until 6 pm
- ◆ Takeaway growlers of handcrafted NABC beer
- ◆ Takeaway 22 oz. NABC Bomber bottles
- ◆ Our Famous "Build Your Own" Bloody Mary Bar
- ◆ Mimosas, Regional Bourbons, Spirits and Wines
- ◆ 10:00 a.m. drinks kickoff (3 hours before Louisville)

Copenhagen DENMARK
Say what?: Rice/Wheat Wine
Adjuncts: Rice
Alcohol by volume: 10.4%

www.threefloyds.com
www.mikkeller.dk

Gravity Head Twist: Aha! The Danish word for rice is "ris," so now we're getting somewhere, except now I'm not sure about goop. Maybe it's Sportsman's Goop, "a brand of waterproof seam-sealer." Thanks to Wikipedia for amusing me with "goop" definitions.

Upland Ard Ri Imperial Red
Upland Brewing Company
Bloomington, IN
Say what: Imperial Red Ale
Bitterness: 77 IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 9.3%

www.uplandbeer.com

Gravity Head Twist: Upland's annual St. Patrick's Day release pays tribute to the Irish pagan kings of antiquity with the style of ale most commonly thought of as "Irish" (after dry stout), and upping the viscosity. Kingly red.

26B. BRAGGOT

A harmonious blend of mead and beer, with the distinctive characteristics of both. A wide range of results are possible, depending on the base style of beer, variety of honey and overall sweetness and strength. Beer flavors tend to somewhat mask typical honey flavors found in other meads.

People's Ardelle Christmas Ale
People's Brewing Company
Lafayette IN
Malts:
Hops:
Bitterness: IBUs
Alcohol by volume: 8.5%

www.peoplesbrew.com

Gravity Head Twist: Ardelle is a winter seasonal that assumes different identities each year. The 2012 release yields a Gravity Head first: Welsh-style Braggot, a mead/ale hybrid.

The 2013 Gravity Form was written damned quickly by Roger A. Baylor, so please excuse the inevitable mistakes.

- ♦ **Enjoy Gravity Head 2013**
- ♦ **Help Matt and Amy Nash jump into the river to benefit Special Olympics**

Freezin' For A Reason



Don't drive into trouble; dive into the river. On Gravity Head opening night of Friday, February 22, let Matt Nash provide your ride home in exchange for a donation to the Special Olympics and Polar Plunge 2013, when Matt and wife Amy Nash jump into the Ohio River.

Matt's taxi service from the NABC Pizzeria & Public House starts at 8:00 p.m. (until ?), with all donations going to the Special Olympics. Inquire at the Public House on opening night.

This service is endorsed by NABC management.



Pssst ... hops are being grown just outside New Albany, in the hills called the Knobs. Among others, Abstonia Farms has supplied NABC with fresh hops for Wet Knob, our special harvest ale in fall. We think the future for local hops is bright.

Congratulations to our Floyds Knobs hops growers!

T-shirts are available.

Welcome to New Albania!
www.newalbanian.com

Since 1987, NABC hasn't ever stopped growing and evolving as a business and as a leading advocate for craft beer in New Albany and metropolitan Louisville. NABC is all about the beer ... and the food and the atmosphere ... but most importantly, we're all about an extended family of friends, neighbors and employees. NABC's official web site takes you inside our two New Albany locations (Pizzeria & Public House on the north side, and Bank Street Brewhouse downtown). You can see NABC's two breweries, meet our staff, and learn about the beers we brew for distribution in Indiana and Kentucky.

As they say in Old Albania:
"Baltë këtu në sy të juaj!"

YES, NABC GROWLERS TO GO ... ON SUNDAY.

Since July 4, 2010, Sunday carry-out sales from Indiana's craft breweries have been legit. Every Sunday from open to close, reusable growlers of NABC beer can be purchased at Bank Street Brewhouse (415 Bank Street in New Albany).



Gravity Head 2013: Quick beer reference list by BJCP style category

00. SUN KING - STYLE UNTO ITSELF (pg 4)

Sun King Batch 666: Sympathy for the Devil 11%
Sun King Batch 777: Touched By An Angel 10%
Sun King Big Iron 10%
Sun King Dominator 8%
Sun King Timmie 10%
Sun King Wee Muckle 8%

5E. EISBOCK

Kulmbacher Eisbock
"Bayerisch G'fornns" (2010) 9.2%

9E STRONG SCOTCH ALE (WEE HEAVY)

Big Dawg Claymore 180 Shilling Scotch Ale 12%
Dark Horse Scotty Karate 9.75%

13F RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT

BBC (Shelbyville Road) Tsar Bomba 12.5%
Brooklyn Black Chocolate Stout (2011) 10%
Flat12 Pinko Russian Imperial Stout 10.3%
Founders Imperial Stout (2011) 10.5%
Great Divide Yeti (2011) 9.5%
Stone Imperial Russian Stout (2011) 10.8%
Victory Storm King (2011) 9.1%

14C IMPERIAL INDIA PALE ALE

Bell's Hopslam 10%
Flat12 Highway to Hops 10%
Flat12 Winter Cycle 9.3%
NABC/De Struise/LBS B'Urban Trotter (2011) 9.2%
People's Space Cowboy 9%
Upland Double Dragonfly 9.1%

16E. BELGIAN SPECIALTY ALE

Ellezelloise Hercule 9%
Urthel Samaranth Quadrimum 11.5%

18C. BELGIAN TRIPEL

Schlafly Tripel 10%

19A. OLD ALE

Founders Curmudgeon Old Ale 9.8%

19B. ENGLISH BARLEYWINE

Harpoon Barleywine
(Leviathan Series) (2011) 10%
North Coast Old Stock Ale 11.9%
Upland Winter Warmer 8.5%

19C. AMERICAN BARLEYWINE

Bell's Third Coast Old Ale (2011) 10.2%
Rogue XS Old Crustacean
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Imperial Coffee Stout (nitro) 8.9%
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Flat12 Pinko RIS Nitro (Pappy Van Winkle) 10.5%
Founders Backwoods Bastard (2012) 10.2%
Founders Bolt Cutter (15th Anniversary) 15%
Great Divide Oak Aged Yeti (2011) 9.5%
J. W. Lees Vintage Harvest Ale
Lagavulin Scotch (Islay) barrel-conditioned
(2011; cask-conditioned) Circa 11.5%
NABC IX - Ninth Anniversary Ale (2010) Circa 9%
NABC Bourbondaddy (2012) 9.5%
Schlafly Oak Aged Barleywine (2010) 10.2%
Southern Tier
"Oak-Aged Imperial" Back Burner 9.6%

23. SPECIALTY BEER

Bell's This One Goes to 11 11.4%
Brooklyn Brewmaster's Reserve:
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Harpoon Triticus Ale
(Leviathan Series) (2011) 11.5%
NABC/O'Fallon/Schlafly
C2 Collaboration Ale (2010) 10.7%
NABC Stumble Bus (2012) 11.2%
NABC Turbo Hog (2012) 9.5%
Samichlaus Bier (2010) 14%
Stone Double Bastard Ale (2011) 10%
Three Floyds/Mikkeller Boogoop II 10.4%
Three Floyds/Mikkeller Risgoop 10.4%
Upland Ard Ri Imperial Red 9.3%

26B. BRAGGOT

People's Ardelle Christmas Ale 8.5%

Special thanks to the many people who conspire each year to stage our Gravity Head extravaganza, including wholesalers and brewery reps, but especially each and every employee of NABC, both past and present. A special shout-out goes to Cellarman/Beer Manager Eric Gray and R & D Brewer Ben Minton. There are others. You know who you are. Thanks.



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*In 2014, the "Bullet Train to Blackout Town"
Leaves the Station on Friday, February 28*