



Are you ready for some cooler temperatures?

I know I am. With those cooler temperatures we're moving into the time of year when parties and fests take center stage. SAAZ's last regular meeting of the year is September 20th at Carib and then we party out the year. It's also time for beer fests to roll into high gear. Of course we all know (don't we?) that [Oktoberfest](#) starts in one week. But closer to home the beer fests kick off near the end of October with the [Space Coast Brew Fest](#). SAAZ plans to participate in all of them so we'll need plenty of beer, mead and cider to share with the thirsty fest goers. If you haven't started brewing then it's time to get busy. We brewed a sour last weekend and probably are brewing a porter this weekend. Maybe I'll share some....

Read on for details on all the upcoming events.

Can AI plan your next beer?

Recently SAAZ got an email via our [AHA](#) affiliation that claims that it can. Now SAAZ doesn't have any affiliation with the developer but the idea sounds intriguing. If you are intrigued enough to try it then maybe you can share your experience and results with the club via the [SAAZ Members Page](#) on Facebook or with your [newsletter editor](#).



Hi SAAZ,

I'm Jim, a homebrewer and the developer behind **Brew & Byte** (brewandbyte.ai).

We all know the best part of any club meeting is handing a beer to a fellow brewer and hearing, "Wow, how did you nail this profile?"

I built **Brew & Byte** to be the ultimate digital assistant for exactly that moment. It features an **AI Creation Wizard** built around strict **BJCP style guidelines**. Members can type in a conceptual idea (*like “a crispy Mexican Lager with lime zest and high efficiency”*), and the AI builds the exact grain bill, hop schedule, and water profile from scratch, ensuring it fits perfectly within official style parameters. It doesn’t replace a brewer’s intuition; it just eliminates the tedious math and guesswork.

Want to see it before diving in? Take a self-guided tour: brewandbyte.ai/tour

I’d love to hook **SAAZ** up with **4 months of free Pro access** (no credit cards required) to use for your next club competition or brew day.

How members can claim it:

Link: Sign up at brewandbyte.ai (no credit card required)

- **Code:** Enter promo code **AHAClub** at registration
- **Perk:** Enjoy a free 30-day trial, then 3 bonus months of Pro access at no charge

Cheers and happy brewing!

Jim

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Competition Results

Congratulations to our Commander SAAZ 2026 medal winners!

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| • Chris Jojola | 2nd | 5D: German Pils | Placebo Pils |
| • GregC Bessette | 2nd | 24B: Belgian Pale Ale | Chateau Aramis trois |
| • Sean Gregg | 3rd | C1A: Common Cider | Wackos Wave! |
| • Sean Gregg | 2nd | C4D: Experimental Perry | Dingle Perry |
| CoBrewer: The Wife | | | |
| • Ryan Robinson | 2nd | 999A: Rocket Fuel | Gregg Roberts doesn't age 69 |
| CoBrewer: Sean Gregg | | | |
| • Seth Grablow | 3rd | 999A: Rocket Fuel | Unsymmetrical Dimethylhydrazine (UDMH) |

Recent Events

Commander SAAZ 2026

SAAZ knocked another one out of the park with this years Commander SAAZ 2026. Our intrepid commander and her crew judged almost 400 entries in just two- and one-half weekends as well as some virtual midweek judging. The club and commander want to thank all of the entrants, stewards, judges and club members that helped make this year's competition a success. I'm sure Melissa will have a great report at the upcoming meeting. In case you missed it and aren't on Facebook here are a couple pictures of the BOS party held at the Front Street Civic Center.



Look what we won!



Daddie's little brewer.



Who is this guy?

Next Membership Meeting

Sunday, September 20th 2:00 – 5:00

at [Carib Brewery USA](#)

200 Imperial Blvd, Cape Canaveral FL 32920

- Carib is excited to have us and will be offering a tour of the brewery
- **BRING YOUR HOMEBREW** and solicit feedback from other brewers to help you improve. In respect to our host brewery please do not bring commercial beers for share.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Let's show appreciation to our hosts... buy their beer, food and tip your server / beertender.
- If you have competition entries for upcoming competitions please bring them to the meeting.



Upcoming SAAZ Events

Happy Hour & Grain Share at Hidden Level - September 24th

Hidden Level acquired a bunch of free specialty grains and they can't use them all. Claire Caruna spoke to them and they would like to give it out to Saaz's members for free. They are planning to have this "grain share" event September 24th, a Thursday evening, probably around 6:30 or 7:00, but still need to confirm a time with him.

Club members should show up, buy a beer or two and he will bring out various bags of grains and give us each 1 to 2 pounds from each bag as we drink. He would love it if we did some kind of competition or something like that with them....maybe another inter club thing?

Here's the grains he's got for this:

- Bestmalz Best Biscuit
- William Crisp chocolate
- William roasted barley
- Weyermann Carafo type 3
- white wheat unmalted
- Simpson Malt crystal xtra dark
- Simpson Malt brown malt

The board thinks an interclub competition sounds like a great idea but we need to iron out the details. Please plan to discuss at next week's meeting.

Board Meeting Highlights

- CSAAZ wrap up
- Beer Festival planning
- Website update planning and discussion
- Are you interested in being a board member or want to know more about it. Contact any of the board members for more information.

Are Your SAAZ Dues Paid for 2026?

Really!!! You still haven't paid??? PAY YOUR DUES NOW!

Dues allow us to continue to organize fun events and support the local craft brew and home brew community. Along with this, paid members also receive discounts on entry to home brew competitions and other events! Pay your dues here: www.saaz.org/cms/join-saaz/pay-dues/ or contact club treasurer Don Russ. Contact information can be found at the bottom of this Brewzletter.

Upcoming Meetings

September 20 - Carib Brewery - 200 Imperial Blvd, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920. Melissa is POC

October 17 - SAAZtoberfest Brad and Anita's home

November 14 - The MEADing Nowlin's home. This may shift to 11/21 as it is the same day as Rocky Water. Stay tuned.

December 12 - Holiday party open house. Possibly at Bugnuttty. AJ is POC

Upcoming Competitions

Competition entries are being collected at the membership meeting.

- **Comp de L'abbaye Normale 2026** – 10/1/2026 (not in Florida circuit)
 - Entry Window 8/17/26 9/17/26 (Still 30+ entries available)
 - Delivery Window 9/7/26 9/18/26
- **Sunshine Challenge 2026** – 11/1/26
 - Entry Window 9/13/26 10/2/26
 - Delivery Window 9/20/26 10/2/26
- **Best Florida Beer** – 11/7/2026 (not in Florida circuit)
 - Entry Window 8/17/26 9/25/26 (Still 60+ entries available)
 - Delivery Window 9/25/26 10/9/26
- **Treasure Coast Brewfest HB Comp 2026** – 11/7/26
 - Entry Window 8/17/26 10/8/26
 - Delivery Window 8/17/26 10/8/26

Keep an eye on [Reggie](#) at [Reggiebeer.com](https://reggiebeer.com). Competition information will be posted as it becomes available.

Upcoming Brew Fests

- **[Space Coast Brew Fest](#) (Titusville)**
Date is 10/24 and will be held at Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum
Tickets on sale now on [Zeffy](#).
- **[Rocky Water Brew Fest](#) (Eau Gallie)**
November 14th, 2026 and will be held at Eau Gallie Square.
Tickets on sale now on [Eventbrite](#).
- **Craft Brew Hullabaloo (Sebastian)**
December
- **[Brewers Bash](#) (Cocoa Village)**
February 6th, 2027 and will be held at Cocoa Riverfront Park
Tickets on sale starting October 25th via [Eventbrite](#) or with no service fee in person at Dirty Oar Beer Company
- **Harbor City Hops (Downtown Melbourne) NEW EVENT**
February 27th, 2027

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