



SAAZ BREWZletter

October 2026

Party On, Dude!

We're only one week away from our SAAZtoberfest party at Anita and Brad's house. This is the first of three parties to close out the year. We've also got several beer fests and pouring events over the next few months. Get brewing if you haven't already so you can share your craft with other members and the public.

Read on for details on all the upcoming events.

Competition Results

Comp de L'abbaye Normale 2026 is finishing up as this goes to press. We'll post the result's next month or you can always check Reggie. The rest of this year's competitions will wrap up in November.

Recent Events

September Member Meeting at Carib Brewery

SAAZ held its September meeting at Carib Brewery USA in their 321 Lime House taproom. If you've never been to Carib, it is a large-scale production brewery and the taproom's glass walls gives an expansive look at the whole facility. If that wasn't enough Carib gave tours of the facilities to our members so we could get up close and personal with the inner workings of the facility. Thank you so much to Carib for such great hospitality!

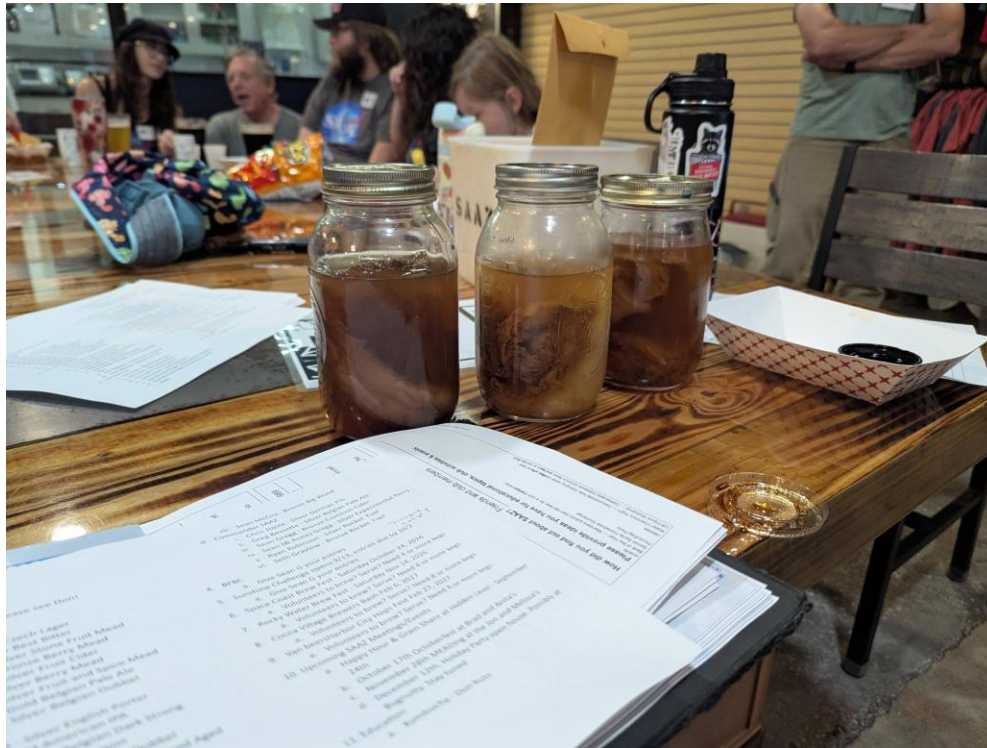
Don Russ did a great presentation on brewing kombucha. If you've not tried it before, like me, it's a fermented beverage made from black tea. He brought a couple different styles to try and even brought "mothers", otherwise known as SCOBY (Symbiotic Culture of Bacteria and Yeast), so others could start brewing their own kombucha right away. This was my first time trying kombucha and I must say that it was pretty good. If you're interested in brewing kombucha take a look at Don's presentation which is available in the [SAAZ Members](#) group on Facebook.



Sean is sporting a new do.



Tour time!



“Mother” or something you saw in biology lab? You decide

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

Hidden Level acquired a bunch of free specialty grains and they couldn’t use them all so they decided to share them with SAAZ members and others. Most of the grains were dark roast and there was a lot of it but the group that showed up managed to make a dent in it. While there we made a true happy hour of it by enjoying several of Hidden Level’s beers.

We want to thank Hidden Level for sharing their bounty with us and also thank Claire Caruna for arranging the share. Now, what to brew?



Next Membership Meeting

The next regular membership meeting will be January 17th at Dirty Oar Beer Company in Cocoa Village. More details to come.

Board Meeting Highlights

Are you interested in being a board member or want to know more about it. Contact any of the board members for more information or to nominate someone. Members are also welcome to sit in on board meetings which are typically held the first Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00PM via Zoom.

We are in desperate need of an events coordinator. We have a great events committee that have done a wonderful job this year of planning and running events but we really need someone that is willing to be the go between the committee and the board by keeping us up to date on events planning.

The President (Sean G) and VP/Commander SAAZ (Melissa) have one more year in their term. If you're interested in these positions starting in 2028 you'll want to shadow them in 2027.

- More CSAAZ wrap up
- Education presentations will resume again in 2027
- Beer Festival and party planning

Start thinking about paying your 2027 dues

The new year is almost here and 2027 membership dues will soon be due.

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.saaaz.org/cms/join-saaaz/pay-dues/ or contact club treasurer Don Russ. Contact information can be found at the bottom of this Brewzletter.

Upcoming SAAZ Parties

October 17 - [SAAZtoberfest](#) at Brad and Anita's home.



It's this coming Saturday! Address to Brad and Anita's will be posted soon on the SAAZ Members Facebook link. Bring chairs and bathing suits if the weather is nice. Anita and Brad will provide brats and roasted chicken. If you could bring sides and dessert it would be appreciated.

There is a [signup list](#) or if you can't access the Google sheet just post a comment with what you are bringing.

The club received a donation of brewing equipment and supplies from a gentleman in Satellite Beach and Don Deis will be bringing it to the party. We'll be looking to raffle some of it off at the meeting.

November 28 - [The MEADing](#) at the Nowlin's home. The date was moved to deconflict with Rocky Water and Thanksgiving. Watch the SAAZ Members page for details. I'll have more information here in next month's Brewzletter.



December 12 –Holiday party open house at Bugnutt Brewing Company in Cocoa Village, 2 – 5PM. More information to follow. AJ is POC

Upcoming SAAZ Events

[Woof Wag and Wiggle](#), November 7th, 11 – 3PM at Wickham Park, Melbourne



Woof Wag and Wiggle 2026
November 7th 11am-3Pm
Wickham Park – Melbourne, FL

SAAZ will be pouring beer tastings for donation at Woof Wag and Wiggle once again!! We're looking for three or four kegs to support this event.

- 🍺 set up for SAAZ starts at 9: 30am
- 🐾 event runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 🍺 break down and clean up after 3

All proceeds are donated to Coastal Boxer Rescue, the host of the event!

POC Melissa Mierzwa

[Science on Tap](#), Date is TBD

Upcoming Membership Meetings

January 17th 2027 – Dirty Oar Beer Company, 329 King St, Cocoa, FL 32922

Upcoming Brew Fests

- [Space Coast Brew Fest \(Titusville\)](#)
Date is 10/24 and will be held at Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum
Claire, RyRob, Greg, Anita/Brad, Sean have kegs. Sean and RyRob may need someone to take their kegs to fest. Will coordinate at SAAZtoberfest.
Tickets on sale now on [Zeffy](#).
- [Rocky Water Brew Fest \(Eau Gallie\)](#)
November 14th, 2026 and will be held at Eau Gallie Square.
Sean McCoy will coordinate. We'll need 4 to 6 kegs.
Tickets on sale now on [Eventbrite](#).
- [Craft Brew Hullabaloo \(Sebastian\)](#)
December 12th, 2026 and will be held at Sebastian Riverview Park, Sebastian, FL
Tickets on sale now on [Eventbrite](#).
- [Brewers Bash \(Cocoa Village\)](#)
February 6th, 2027 and will be held at Cocoa Riverfront Park
We'll be serving 8 or more kegs at this event.
Tickets on sale starting October 25th via [Eventbrite](#) or with no service fee in person at Dirty Oar Beer Company
- [Vero Craft Beer and Wing fest](#) – February 20th 2027
- [Van Beers Harbor City Hops \(Downtown Melbourne\)](#) NEW EVENT
February 27th, 2027

Upcoming Competitions

Most of these events are looking for judges. Visit the links below if you can help out.

- **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](#). Competition information will be posted as it becomes available.

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