SAAZ BREWZletter
November 2026

Happy Veterans Day

Today is the day our nation honors its veteran's and for some that means a day off work. I hope each of you is taking advantage of this day to do something enjoyable, whether that's relaxing at the beach, taking a day trip somewhere or brewing your favorite beverage. While you're enjoying your day make sure to take a moment to thank our veterans for their service to our country.

Competition Results

Congratulations to our Comp de L'abbaye Normale 2026 medal winners!

• GregC Bessette	3rd	24B: Belgian Pale Ale	Chateau Aramis trois
• Chris Jojola	1st	26C: Belgian Tripel	Three Times the Fun

Congratulations to our Sunshine Challenge 2026 medal winners!

• Chris Jojola	3rd	6A: Marzen	Bread Planet
• GregC Bessette	1st	16B: Oatmeal Stout	More Oatmeal Please V3
• Sean Gregg CoBrewer: Anne Gregg	2nd	M4C: Experimental Mead	Burnt Foot Mead
• Sean Gregg CoBrewer: Anne Gregg	3rd	M4C: Experimental Mead	Minkoff wouldn't know a bochet if it bit him in the arse
• Ryan Robinson	2nd	C1A: Common Cider	BUBR Cider

Congratulations to our Treasure Coast Brewfest Homebrew Competition 2026 winner!

• Fred Lewis Schultz	3rd	29A: Fruit Beer	Fred Light Lime

Recent Events

SAAZtoberfest at Brad and Anita's home (October 17th)

I understand a good time was had by all who attended SAAZtoberfest. Those that attended picked up some great raffle prizes that included donated brewing equipment and supplies as well as hops donated by Hidden Level Brewery. Food and drink were plentiful and I also understand that the leftover Commander SAAZ beers were enjoyed as well.

A great big thank you to Brad and Anita for their hospitality.

Space Coast Brew Fest held at the Valiant Air Command's Warbird Museum

On October 24th SAAZ members once again supported the Space Coast Brew Fest in Titusville. This year's event moved the fest from Sand Point Park in north Titusville to the Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum at Space Coast Executive Airport in south Titusville. I saw a post from Titusville's mayor that said there was a great turnout with 540 people in attendance. The biggest hit though was SAAZ who walked away with the People's Choice 1st place award. Congratulations to everyone that helped support this event.



Check out those beer names



The scouts were well represented



I'll skip the beer and check out the museum

Woof, Wag and Wiggle (November 7th)

SAAZ members once again helped support Coastal Boxer Rescue's Woof, Wag and Wiggle event at Wickham Park in Melbourne this past Saturday. Unfortunately, I don't have any specific information to share but you can ask Melissa how it went when you see her next.

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.

This month's highlighted topics

- Beer Festival and party planning
- Need meeting location suggestions for February 2027

Start 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.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 SAAZ Parties

November 28 - The MEADing at the Nowlin's home. Will start approximately 5pm. I'm not sure if there is a food theme for the meading but watch the SAAZ Members Facebook page for details. If necessary I'll send a special email as soon as I know more.



December 12 –Holiday party open house at Bugnutty Brewing Company in Cocoa Village, 2 – 5PM. AJ is POC



Upcoming SAAZ Events

Science on Tap, Unfortunately we've been told the Orlando Science Center has decided to not hold the event this year.

Upcoming Membership Meetings

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

Upcoming Brew Fests

- **Rocky Water Brew Fest (Eau Gallie)**
  November 14th, 2026 and will be held at Eau Gallie Square.
  Sean McCoy is coordinating. See his post on Facebook SAAZ Members. 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 NEW EVENT!**
  February 27th, 2027 in Downtown Melbourne - New Haven Avenue • Livingston to Waverly
  Tickets on sale starting November 15th

Upcoming Competitions

While dates haven't yet been posted in Reggie yet, we know that next year's competitions aren't that far off. This is your reminder to get those competition beverages brewing.

- **Best Florida Beer** – 11/21/2026 (not in Florida circuit)
- **Coconut Cup 2027** TBD
    - Entry window TBD
    - Delivery window TBD
- **American Homebrew Association National Homebrew Competition** – TBD
    - Entry window TBD
    - Delivery window TBD
- **Hurricane Blow Off 2027** – TBD
    - Entry window TBD
    - Delivery window TBD
- **Hogtown Brew-Off 2027 –** TBD
    - Entry Window TBD
    - Delivery Window TBD
- **Hot N Humid 2027** – TBD
    - Entry Window TBD
    - Delivery Window TBD

Keep an eye on Reggie at Reggiebeer.com. Competition information will be posted as it becomes available.

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