



BURP NEWS

The Official Newsletter of the
BREWERS UNITED FOR REAL POTABLES

*"May the roof above us never fall in, and may we
friends gathered below never fall out."
-Old Irish Blessing*



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August 2008

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August Meeting - MASHOUT
Belgian and French Ales Competition
Tropical Fruit Fun & Creative Brewing Challenge
At Popenoe Mountain
Cumberland, MD
15-17 August, 2008

September Meeting – Oktoberfest
All German Styles Competition
Imperial Anything Competition
At Turtlecreek Farm
Upper Marlboro, MD
27 September, 2008
1:00-6:00 PM

October Meeting
Smoked and Wood Aged Beer Competition
Weird Beer & Creative Brewing Challenge
Herndon, VA
Saturday, 25 October, 2008
1:00-6:00 PM

SEE YOU ON POPENOE MOUNTAIN!

*By Jamie Langlie & Alan Hew
Co-Fearless Leaders*

Almost MASHOUT – anticipation is great and we can hardly wait! Brews, band and BBQ on Popenoe Mt. are among the highlights of summer. Just got home from a final planning committee at Chez Aaronridge, and everything seems to be on track. **Rick Garvin** has submitted his BBQ shopping list and the porkulator will be picked up on Friday by **Bob and Kathleen Warriner**. **Jeanie O.** is buying new, solar-powered light strings for keg row to provide safe, subdued, environmentally-sound, ambient light (that's a mouthful). **Pops** has the mowing under control. The port-'o-pots are on order and the "Pub Quiz" is being polished. **Alan** is pulling together the Tropical Fruit Fun & Creative Brewing Challenge. And MASHOUT Maestro **Bill Ridgely** is conducting the proceedings like the pro that he is. Slots are going fast so register NOW. See you there!

July Meeting

Thanks to **Bruce and Nancy** for hosting the July meeting and to **Bill Ridgely** for handling the "meeting" portion of the meeting. We hear that frolicking in the hosts' pool was, once again, one of the high points of the sizzling day.

Please submit all articles for publication in either plain text or Microsoft Word format to the e-mail address above. Deadline for articles is 2 weeks before each scheduled BURP meeting unless otherwise indicated. Changes to membership records should be sent to membership@burp.org.

September Meeting

Our September Oktoberfest meeting will be held Saturday, September 27, at **Jim and Linda Rorick's Turtle Creek Farm**, with overnight camping welcome. Many of our members enjoy this smaller, quieter version of MASHOUT every year. Additional information will follow in the September news. Competition will be German-style beers in kegs to encourage more FREE BEER for our members. Oompah music and German attire are encouraged.

Northern Virginia BrewFest - September 27-28

Also during weekend of 27 September is the *NOVA BrewFest* at Bull Run Regional Park in Centreville, VA. Fall in the Mid-Atlantic region brings a bounty of beer events for BURPers to enjoy. This event is spearheaded by **Bill Madden**, with a number of other Club members, such as **Dona Lee**, on the event management team. We strongly urge you to volunteer to help at the Fest, especially on Sunday, the 28th ... or just drop by to enjoy some great beers and support our colleagues.

[Please Note: To aid in scheduling BURP meetings in 2009 and into the future, Alan currently is compiling a list of regularly occurring/annual beer-related events that BURPers generally attend or involved with, such as AHA, GABF, Great Taste of the Midwest, NOVA BrewFests, etc. Please feel free to send him suggestions for the list via e-mail to: thecellarman@yahoo.com]

October Meeting, Saturday the 25th at the Nogle Residence in Herdon

Thanks to all who responded to our call to host the October meeting. In addition to the **Nogle's**, we received two other offers from new Virginia BURPers, who offered to host this meeting. We definitely have these folks on the list for 2009.

Mead Mania Education Session at the October Meeting

We're excited to note that BURP's contingent of serious mead brewers is experiencing a real surge of well-deserved interest. To help others in the Club learn more about this special style category, we're working with the MOEs and some of our

resident mead folks (**Tim Artz, Yancy Bodenstein, & Lyle Brown**, among others) to present a mead education session. One of the goals is to get more people involved with brewing this style so we can field a wide range of competitors with entries for AHA's 2009 NHC and Club-Only-Competition. In addition, the BJCP is developing a special Mead Judge Program that should be rolled out within the year, which might be of interest to our judging cadre to expand their knowledge in a new direction. Details of *Mead Mania* will follow in the next couple of months.

A.J. DeLange Brewing Water Workshop, Saturday, October 4

As announced last month, "Water Meister" **A.J. DeLange** has graciously offered to host one of his well-regarded *Brewing Water Workshops* for Club members. The session will take place on 4 October, from 1 to 5 PM, and will feature a technical presentation, as well as a tour of A.J.'s professional-level home brewery. *Registration is free but will be limited to approximately 20 participants, with pre-registration required.* To register, please contact **Jamie**, e-mail: Jamie@langlie.com or call (c) 301-801-1675.

From the Ministry of Culture

*By Wendy Schmidt and Bruce Bennett
Co-Ministers of Culture*

The July monthly competition for German Wheat & Rye beers had four entries that included two hefeweizens, a dunkelweizen, and a roggenbier. The winner of the contest was a dunkelweizen brewed by **Mike McGuire**; second place went to **Bruce Bennett** with a hefeweizen, and third place went to **Mel Thompson** with the roggenbier. Many thanks to the judges, **Wendy Aaronson, Terry Fisher, Bob Kepler, and Steve Marler.**

Brewer of the Year (BoTY)

Mel Thompson continues his overwhelming lead with a total of 37 points (including July's monthly competition results), **Ed Bielaus**, with a strong showing at the Spirit of Free Beer, continues in second place with 21 points. Third place is currently held by **Jamie and Paul Langlie** with 12 points, followed closely by the **Aaronridge**

Brewery, Wendy and Bill, at 10 points and **Mike McGuire** with 10 points. The August competition doesn't count towards BoTY points, but September (Imperial Anything), October (Smoked and Wood Aged Beer), and November (Real Ale) competitions do, so there is still time to for an industrious brewer to challenge for 2nd and 3rd place.

August 2008 Monthly Competition: Belgian and French (Category 16 of BJCP Guidelines)

As posted on the BURP website, the August competition will be held at MASHOUT and is Belgian and French Ales. What better way to enjoy a nice summer day in the mountains then to sip beers from this extraordinary style? Beers that fall under this category are: Witbier (Subcategory 16A); Belgian Pale Ale (Subcategory 16B); Saison (Subcategory 16C); Biere de Garde (Subcategory 16D); and Belgian Specialty Ale (Subcategory 16E). Please remember to bring three bottles for the competition (to allow tasting of the competing beers after the competition). As in past years, this competition is open to all homebrewing participants at MASHOUT and will be judged per BJCP standards, but will not count towards BoTY. Judging is scheduled to start at 11:00am on Saturday, 16 August. If you would like to volunteer to judge, please let us know; we would expect a fair amount of entries since MASHOUT is a large event. Your participation would be greatly appreciated! For more in-depth information and statistics for these beers, please go to:

<http://www.bjcp.org/2008styles/style16.html>.

Below are some websites that provide additional information on this style.

http://www.globalbeer.com/body_pages/belgium/BeerhistoryI.html This link from the Global Beer Network provides a history of Belgian beer starting at the time of Julius Caesar.

http://www.brewingtechniques.com/library/styles/2_4style.html This is an article by Martin Lodahl for Brewing Techniques that discusses the characteristics of a witbier.

http://www.brew365.com/style_belgian_pale_ale.php This brief online article from Beer 365 discusses Belgian Pale Ales.

<http://www.allaboutbeer.com/style/24.4-saison.html> This article from All About Beer provides a brief introduction to Saisons including several Belgian Saisons imported into the US. http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/220335/biere_de_garde_a_beer_for_keeping_the.html This article by Joseph Redner, Apr 2007, provides information on the Biere De Garde substyle.

Upcoming Monthly Competitions

After August's competition, there will be only four more monthly meetings, with several varied competitions. In September we plan to hold two competitions, one will be a German Beer, keg-only, popular vote competition (thus no points will be awarded towards BoTY); styles will include categories: 1d, 1e, 2a, 2b, 3(all, even Vienna), 4b, 4c, 5(all), 6c, 7a, 7c. The second competition in September will be for the AHA Club Only Competition (CoC), Imperial Anything (this is so we can meet the entry deadline for the CoC of October 11); this will be a bottle-only, BJCP judged competition and will count towards BoTY points. The October meeting will also include two competitions, one will be for Smoked and wood-aged beers (Category 22 of the BJCP guidelines) (bottles only) – this will be judged per guidelines and count toward BoTY points; and a "Weird Beer" competition which will be a popular vote contest and will be bottle/keg competition. November will be the Real Ale contest and will count toward BoTY. And finally, December will be a popular vote contest for Winter Warmers and will not count toward BoTY.

MASHOUT 2008 Update

By Bill Ridgely, MASHOUT Coordinator

Registration for MASHOUT 2008 closes on Tuesday, Aug 12, so if you are interested in attending but haven't signed up prior to receiving this newsletter, it may be too late to send a check. However, there's a small chance that slots may still be available, so contact the organizer by phone or e-mail as soon as you receive this issue. A lot of great events are once again in store for attendees. A brief rundown on what you can expect follows,

but first, a couple of administrative details and a call for volunteers:

Gravel Work on Entrance Road - While a complete re-graveling won't be necessary this year, some redistribution of existing gravel is required, especially at the bottom of the driveway. Many hands make for quick work, so if any of you arriving on Thursday are willing to help out, please bring a shovel and rake along. An additional wheelbarrow would also be helpful. We hope to complete this work on Thursday morning before the masses start arriving.

Check-In Station Volunteers - Volunteers will be needed to man the station at one hour intervals from Thursday through Saturday as well as sell BURP and MASHOUT memorabilia (All remaining t-shirts from MASHOUT 2007 are being sold at closeout prices). **Bob & Kathleen Warriner** are again taking charge of the check-in station. If you are willing to donate an hour or two to the effort, please contact them at bkwarriner@aol.com or call 301-588-3037. Beer will be provided at the check-in station for the convenience of volunteers.

Equipment Needs and Other Volunteer Opportunities - As always, we will need tables for food service on Sat and Sun. On Sun morning, volunteers with portable stoves and griddles or skilletts will be needed to help cook bacon and pancakes. If you are willing and able, please contact me.

Now, here are some events to whet your appetite for MASHOUT:

All Weekend: The 4th Annual Popenoe Mtn. Pub Quiz will follow the same rules as last year. Team registration forms and question packages will be found at the check-in station. Answers will need to be turned in at the pavilion area between 3:00 and 4:00 PM on Saturday, and the team with the most correct answers will be announced following dinner. In the event of a tie, tie-breaker questions will be asked after dinner before a live audience.

Friday:

Bike Ride on the Allegheny Passage Trail - We are working with an outfitter in Cumberland to arrange a unique bike ride on MASHOUT Friday. If all works out, a shuttle will be arranged to take riders and bikes from Cumberland to either Deal (the highest point on the Allegheny Passage at 2,392') or Meyersdale. From here, cyclists will ride downhill all the way back to Cumberland (about 28 miles from Deal or 32 miles from Meyersdale). The ride includes 3 tunnels, one of which goes completely through Savage Mountain (3,294' long and fully lighted). Full details will be sent out via e-mail just before the start of MASHOUT. Due to space limitations, the shuttle will be limited to the first 15 people who sign up, but individual shuttles can also be arranged for those interested.

The Annual DuClaw Brewing Co "Firkin Friday" Cask Ale Tapping - For the 4th year in a row, DuClaw brewer **Jim Wagner** will be serving a cask of real ale on gravity at MASHOUT. This year's nectar, a special one-off version of DuClaw's "Twisted Kilt Wee Heavy" Strong Scotch Ale is a pro-am project co-brewed by Jim and **Brandon Miller** of the CRABS homebrew club in Baltimore. The cask will be tapped on Friday afternoon (exact time to be announced soon).

There will be a number of other great breweries represented at MASHOUT this year, and we'll be welcoming more of the brewers and brewery representatives. Check out the MASHOUT Sponsors page on the BURP website (<http://burp.burp.org/Default.aspx?tabid=980>) to see the full list of contributors to the event (and please support those who support MASHOUT).

Saturday:

Homebrew Competitions - Two homebrew competitions will be featured this year, open to all attendees. Full details on the formally-judged Belgian & French Ale competition and the more informal Tropical Fruits Challenge are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Call for judges - BJCP-accredited judges will be needed for the first competition. If you would like to judge on Saturday, please contact competition coordinators **Bruce Bennett**

(brucetbennett@hotmail.com) or **Wendy Schmidt** (waschmidt@cox.net).

Homebrew Olympics - A number of fun games are being planned for Saturday, all involving beer themes. BURPers may recall some of these (such as the St Pauli Girl Mug Carry) from our club Oktoberfest a few years ago. Other games in the planning stages include a water balloon toss, croquet, bocce, and possibly a club vs club tug o' war. A special keg of beer will be on tap for those participating in the games.

Annual CRABS Big Brew Tasting - Probably the biggest presence at MASHOUT outside of BURP is the CRABS (Chesapeake Real Ale Brewers) Club from Baltimore. MASHOUT is a major annual event for the CRABS Club, and nearly every member attends. The club also brews an incredibly large amount of beer for MASHOUT's keg row. The support of this club is one of the things that makes MASHOUT such a wonderful multi-club event. On Saturday afternoon, CRABS will once again sponsor its "Big Brew Tasting", pairing about 5 huge beers with accompanying food. Details on this year's event are still being finalized, so watch for an announcement by e-mail over the next few days.

Annual Saturday Barbeque Supper - Our "King of the Grill" **Rick Garvin** and his hearty crew will be preparing both beef and pork once again for the annual barbeque dinner. You will only be asked to contribute an appetizer, soup or salad, side dish, or dessert to the festivities. Corn on the cob and fresh tomatoes should be plentiful and tasty this year, so these will be in abundance at the barbeque, as well as baked potatoes and other goodies. This should be one of the best MASHOUT suppers ever! Rick is looking for volunteers to help him prepare the meat on Friday evening and pull the finished product on Saturday afternoon. If you are willing, please contact him at rgarvin@garvin.us.

Entertainment by the Tom Principato Band - One of the finest blues guitarists in the nation is making a return visit to MASHOUT this year. He had such a great time at last year's 20th anniversary MASHOUT that he asked to be invited back, and we weren't about to turn him down. Tom and his virtuoso band will be performing on Saturday evening from 8:00 to midnight. This is

another rare opportunity to see a lengthy show by the acknowledged "Master of the Telecaster". Check out the Tom Principato website at <http://www.tomprincipato.com/>, and don't forget to bring your dancing shoes.

Sunday:

Annual Pancake Breakfast - MASHOUT will conclude once again with the annual pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. This will include delectable bacon and scrapple from a local Amish farm, pancakes, and coffee. Usually, there are other food contributions from those attending. In past years, there have been eggs, sausage, fruit, and lots of additional fine fare. Again, volunteers will be needed to help prepare this feast. If you can bring a portable stove and are willing to donate some time to the effort, it would be greatly appreciated.

I hope you are looking forward to MASHOUT as much as I am. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact the appropriate individuals above, or contact me at ridgely@burp.org (or call 301-762-6523). See you on the mountain!

Cheers, Bill

Trivial Beer-Suits August 2008

By Charlie Pavitt

Well at least some of them haven't given up. On July 30th I went back to <http://www.savebudweiser.com/> and noted from the latest (July 18th) posting concern about the absence of public details about InBev's takeover of Anheuser-Busch. They claim "speculation has surfaced" about assets that may be sold off to pay off some of the purchase price; "theme parks, can/bottle production plants, the packing division, and some hotels/resorts." What the first and last of these have to do with beer is beyond me, and the implications of all this for possible layoffs remains to be seen. But anyway as the transaction has not yet been approved by A-B shareholders, we are told to buy 1 share of stock so we can vote against the purchase. Apparently there are links to two topical songs from the site; I didn't have it in

me to check them out. Nothing new on the <http://www.saveab.com/> website except for a link whose title claims their July 8th rally was a big success. The link reveals pictures of a bunch of people wearing red shirts and giving speeches.

Incidentally, last week's *Onion* (always good for several laughs) had a cartoon with a couple of Belgians stating that they need to own A-B because they can't make a good beer themselves, while the Statue of Liberty looks on in dismay. Right.

BURP 10 and 20 Years Ago

Compiled By Bill Ridgely

20 Years Ago, Aug 1988

On Aug 13-14, 1988, a legend was born. President **Ralph Bucca's** dream of having a BURP weekend campout finally reached fruition with the 1st Mid-Atlantic States Homebrewers CampOut, heretofore known as MASHOUT. As mentioned in last month's column, Ralph worked with **Bob Frank**, a founder of both BURP and BURP North, to arrange for the event to take place at the Hagen Mink Farm in Catocin, MD. Starting on Friday the 12th, campers from both BURP and BURP North (soon to become FOAM) began arriving on the site and setting up tents around the perimeter of the beautiful pond on the property. Unlike the current MASHOUT site, camping arrangements at the Mink Farm provided the opportunity to leave one's tent and simply dive into the cool waters of the pond - extremely refreshing on a hot day. Bob made a cameo appearance on Saturday but did not stay to camp. Ralph, on the other hand, relished being out of doors for the weekend. He brought the last bottles of his national prizewinning morat (mulberry mead) to share with the crowd. This, along with the excellent meads provided by beekeeper **Mark Buterbaugh** and property owners **Bruce & Gabrielle Hagen**, made for some delightful sipping. Homebrews were plentiful, including full kegs provided by **Roger Allers, Mark Buterbaugh, Duane Fraver, & Ken Graham**. Duane's beer had actually been brewed at the Mink Farm during a demonstration he and **John Gardiner** had conducted in June. The MASHOUT tradition of great food began here, with BURPer **Tom McGonigle** manning the grill to barbeque 60

lbs of chicken for the crowd (which numbered about 70 people). In a tradition continuing today, those in attendance provided soups, salads, side dishes, and desserts. As the sun set on Saturday evening, instruments were uncased, and the music began. BURPer **Chuck Popenoe** pulled out his fiddle, ukulele, and guitar. **Mark Buterbaugh** added his dobro, and **Dave McFadden** (who performed professionally under the name **Speedo DeMonde**) contributed guitar, harmonica, flute, and vocals. The pickin' and grinnin' continued long into the night around the roaring campfire. On Sunday morning, BURPer **Pat Compton** treated the masses to a hearty breakfast of blueberry pancakes, two types of bacon, and three varieties of sausage. She also contributed what seemed like tons of fruit in all different varieties. Duane and John did their part by making half a dozen pots of coffee. All too soon, it was time to clean up, pack up, and say goodbye. **Gabrielle Hagen** surprised the crowd by handing out over a dozen loaves of zucchini bread as people left the property. It was a great event, and everyone who attended couldn't wait to do it again the next year.

The Aug 1988 BURP News contained **Andy Beaulieu's** report on the July meeting, a nice article by BURP North member **Dave Scheid** on the all-grain brewing demo done by Duane and John at the mink farm in June, and a continuing lively discussion on whether *Alexander's Sun Country Malt Extract* was just watered down malt extract sold at a premium price (Frugal Brewer **John Gardiner** was typically the instigator of this discussion). Several nice articles were extracted from other publications. These included a discussion of better control of bittering by using Homebrew Bittering Units (from the Inland Empire Brewers Newsletter in Fontana, CA), a nice piece on the origins of beer from the book Food in History by Reay Tannahill, and another great article on ancient brewing (titled "Primordial Booze") from Omni Magazine. Finally, to complete the literary theme of the issue, **Jim Dorsch** contributed an extensive bibliography of books on beer and brewing.

10 Years Ago, Aug 1998

The 11th annual MASHOUT was the featured BURP event in early August 1998. According to **Ben Schwalb's** event wrap-up (which can be viewed complete with photographs at <http://burp.org/events/mashout/1998/>), there were approximately 200 attendees (the actual count was 184). This was still the largest MASHOUT attendance up to this time. BURPer **Liz Pitts** ably controlled the check-in station, which was graced with a fresh keg of Victory Prima Pils. Campers from near and far arrived all day on Friday and began setting up campsites and keg row. A fine tradition of homemade champagne and strawberries was a Friday highlight at this time, provided by BURPers **Bob & Wanda Dawson** and served with wonderful veggie quesadillas contributed by **Jim & Linda Rorick**. Minister of Culture **Jay Adams** conducted a Belgian Ale homebrew competition open to all comers, won by BURPer **Dave Pyle** (winning beer style not reported). BURP's own **Jim Tyndall** headed up the cooking crew for Saturday's barbeque, which consisted of chicken, beef, pork, and venison. Accompanying dishes, in the MASHOUT tradition going back to the first event, were provided by all in attendance. Saturday night's live entertainment was provided by the group "90 IBU", made up mostly of members of the North Carolina band "This Man's Hat", which had appeared at MASHOUT the year before. After a long night of partying, it was time for the traditional pancake breakfast, ably coordinated by BURPer **Wendy Aaronson**. Featured this year were blueberry pancakes, corncakes, bacon, and lots of leftovers from Saturday's dinner. Following the hearty meal, campers sadly began packing for the trip home. It was another great year on Popenoe Mountain, with fine weather and a terrific crowd.

The other major August event in 1998 was the 5th Annual Mid-Atlantic Beer and Food Festival, organized by BURPer **Bud Hensgen** and held in downtown DC on Aug 29 and 30. A 2 block section of Pennsylvania Ave between 11th and 13th Streets was closed off for the fest, which featured 60 beers from 30 different breweries, along with copious amounts of food and entertainment. BURP had a major presence at this fest, coordinating all volunteers and featuring a club booth which

attracted quite a few people interested in our hobby, resulting in a number of new club members.

There was no separate August issue of the BURP News. July and August were rolled into one issue, as reported in last month's column and expanded upon below.

Note: Many thanks go to both **Tom Cannon** and **Mike Horkan**, who responded to my request for information as to what became of the July 1998 BURP meeting. According to 1998 Fearless Leader Tom, the newsletter editor at the time requested to be relieved of duty just as the July newsletter announcing the annual crab feast (always a big BURP event and one of the perks of being a club member) was due to be published. Tom eventually talked the editor into staying on, and a combined July-August "Summer" issue was published, but by this time, it was too late to publicize the crab feast, so the event was postponed to September. There actually was a BURP meeting held in July at the home of **Bob Cooke** in Springfield, but because of the lack of advance notice, it was unfortunately lightly attended.

BURP Prosperity Report

By Larry Koch, Minister of Prosperity

Current Financial Position

BURP Treasury Summary

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| 10 July 2008 | \$19,337 |
| Income | \$4882 |
| Expenses | \$582 |
| 5 August 2008 | \$23,637 |

Go to BURP.org for details on the BURP Treasury including separate worksheets with details of SoFB and MASHOUT.

BURP members are reminded that all expense submissions must include details. Required details are date, exact amount, detailed description of the item, any special circumstances, and name of person to be reimbursed. Event coordinators should maintain a spreadsheet for their project.

Spreadsheets and other financial data are available on the BURP website to registered users at <http://www.burp.org>.

Mem-beer-sip Update

By Christine Johnbrier, Ministrix of Propaganda

This month we welcome new members **Adam Godhwani** of Severn, MD and **Michael Bucher** of Indian Head, MD.

Please keep your contact information up-to-date...most importantly, your email address. If you are not receiving an electronic notification each month with the newsletter link, that means I don't have your current email address! Send your contact information to membership@burp.org and I'll see that your info is updated.

CURRENT MEM-BEER-SIP STATS:

TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS: 278

FAMILY: 84 (x2) 168

INDIVIDUAL: 86

HONORARY: 24

Hop Notes from the Li-Beery

By Bill Ridgely, Minister of History

I want to continue to remind BURPers that we are accepting donations of unwanted beer and brewing books for the upcoming club book sale (which probably will be held during the summer). Please contact me at ridgely@burp.org if you have items you'd like to donate for the sale table.

I'm still behind in updating the li-beery information on the club website, but please feel free at any time to check things out and give me a yell if you'd like to borrow a book or magazine shown. Even if the item is not shown, it may be in the collection and available. The address is <http://burp.burp.org/Default.aspx?tabid=414>. Requested books will be delivered to the next BURP meeting. And, as always, if there is a book that you

feel should be added to the collection, please contact me at the address above.

If you are planning to brew a specific beer style and need some guidance, I may be able to help you with an appropriate publication. Just contact me at the e-mail address above or call 301-762-6523.

And thanks, as always, for your support.

Cheers, Bill

Editor's Corner

By Beth Madden, Minister of Truth

Thanks to the BURP membership for their contributions to this newsletter. As always, I invite anyone interested in submitting anything from a feature or general interest articles to travelogues, recipes, etc. to do so. Please send to madfox@comcast.net.

Cheers – T.I.W.

The BURP Doxology

*Praise BURP from whom beer blessings flow,
Praise BURP ye brewers here below,
Praise BURP above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise barley, hops and yeast the most
Aaaaaaaaaaaa, Drink!
(Al Lowry, 1994)*

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