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## Road Kill on the Information Super Highway by Tim Cropley

**A**s we all know by now, this world is in a new age. It's not the Ice Age or Stone Age to which I refer (though sometimes I know Monk, Paul Hale, and Phil Kaszuba spend some portion of the brew year in one of these Ages). We are deep into the Computer Age. This may or may not be a completely good thing as evidenced by all the worries that are being brought forth regarding the Y2K Bug thing. However, I prefer to look at the good things a computer can do for me and not the end of the world that they (or is it the shortsighted programmers in the early to mid eighties) will bring.

When I think of good things, one of the first things that comes to mind (that I can address openly anyway, is BEER!

So for those of you that care, I am providing a small slice of information brought to me through the use of a computer and that thing called "The Information Super Highway," "World Wide Web," or as most now call it "The Internet." It is my intent to summarize in detail, a specific site in each newsletter. After summarizing the site I will include relevant information about finding the rest of the info for those with and without Internet access (if available for both).

Bailment Station is a store next to a place called the Horse Brass Pub in Portland, Oregon. This store deals in British food-stuffs, brewery wearable, brewery glassware, breweriana & pub paraphernalia, but most importantly Belmont Station ships! Now I'm not talking about the various things listed above. There is also a service

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A small sampling of some of the beers shipped is below:

### Germany:

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- Wernesgruner's Pilsner
- Maisel's Weiss
- Weihenstephaner's Weissbier and Hefe Weissbier Dark

### Czech Republic:

- Radegast's Radegast Lager
- Samson's Crystal Lager and Crystal Diplomat Dark Lager

### UK:

- Adnams' Tally-Ho (barleywine)

### Scotland:

- Orkney's Skull Splitter (barleywine)
- Heather Ale's Fraoch, Grozet, and Alba Scots Pine Ale
- Traquair House's Jacobite Ale

### Austria:

- Eggenberg's Mac Queen's Nessie (smoked beer)

### Belgium:

- Abbaye des Rocs' Blanche de Honnelles (wit)
- Gouden Boom's Blanche de Bruges (wit)
- Lefebvre's Abbaye de Floreffe (dubbel) and Abbaye de Floreffe (tripel)
- Von Honebrouck's Kasteelbier (tripel)
- Van Steenberge's Gulden Draak
- Mort Subite's Cassis, Framboise, Gueuze, Kriek, and Peche
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Well, I think that's enough for you to get the idea. The homepage address is [http://horsebrass.com/belmont\\_station/](http://horsebrass.com/belmont_station/)

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By the way, they also have an on line newsletter you can subscribe to. See the homepage for details.

Watch for future editions of more interesting sites I've discovered while cruising on the internet (and I'll try to be careful not to hurt myself). 

## NEXT MEETING At Bob Genter's On February 1st

**T**he next Green Mountain Masher meeting will take place on Monday, February 8th at the home of Bob Genter. The business meeting will commence promptly at 7:30 P.M. To get to Bob's from Essex take Route 15 east to Jericho. Pass Joe's Snack Bar, follow the bend in the road, and go 1.3 miles. Bob's house is on the right (south side of the road) and is the only one with a street light over the illuminated driveway. It follows a house on the right with a wood-post fence and is across the street from the 'Crayola to Crayons' daycare. To get to Bob's from Richmond take Brown's Trace Road north from Richmond. Turn left (west) on route 15. Pass the Merchants Bank (on right) and Packard Road (on left) and Bob's is the fourth house west of Packard on the left (south side of the road). The number 178 is on the red door. He lives in the upstairs apartment; enter through the red door and go up the stairs. The phone number is 899-5160.

The agenda for the meeting is:

1. Establish locations for the meetings for the rest of the year.
2. Establish styles of the month for the rest of the year. (Meeting hosts can pick their style?)

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## Minutes of the January Meeting by Jerry Gormley

**T**he January meeting was graciously hosted by Ellen Zeman and Paul Hale. The business meeting was called to order at 8:15 by the incom-

ing president, Jerry Gormley.

No new information regarding the upcoming Trub Trek was available, so discussion of the Trek was postponed until the February meeting. It has since come to light that the trek will likely be late March or early April. More on that next meeting.

There was interest in establishing a "style of the month" to bring to each meeting for general tasting and discussion. Cream Ale was selected as the style of the month for February because it is the style for the Masher Challenge.

There was also interest in establishing a program of educational presentations at the meetings for the coming year. Steve Lefebvre volunteered to handle setting these presentations up. Any requests or ideas should be forwarded to Steve.

Paul Hale mentioned some upcoming national competitions, and handed out forms for the Connecticut competition. Future national competitions will be listed in the newsletter. It was also requested that we incorporate a list of local competitions into the newsletter.

The summer picnic was brought up. Options are: We can have it at a Masher's house if anyone would like to volunteer, or we could schedule it at a park again, such as Button Bay. We'll discuss it and vote on it next meeting. Jerry Gormley will research costs at Button Bay.

Greg Noonan's request that the club brew a set of batches under scientifically controlled conditions was brought up. The purpose of the experiment is to test for the effect of a specific change in the recipe on the flavor of the resulting beers. It is likely that the results of such an experiment could be published. Jerry Gormley will contact Greg and work out some of the details.

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## Financial Report - 1998 Competition

**T**hese are the final figures for the 1998 Green Mountain Homebrew Competition, held last November. As you can see, we managed to avoid losing money even with an exceptionally low number of entries. There are several items I would like to point out on this Income Statement.

I have recorded all category sponsorships as income, even though some of the money has not yet been received from the sponsors. Although there is no reason to believe we will not receive these funds, it is still possible that we will not, and that would result in a net loss for the competition.

We were charged a very favorable rental fee for use of the Ethan Allen Homestead. The Executive Director, Farar Elliott, agreed to let us have the facility for this price in exchange for club participation in the annual Intervale Harvest Festival. Anne Whyte of Vermont Homebrew Supply set up a display of homebrewing products and materials from the store and I did a brewing demonstration during the course of the day. Farar has agreed to the same price for this year. The tentative plan is for Cliff Timpson to do a colonial homebrewing seminar at the Homestead sometime this winter or spring. If that scenario does not work out, I may be looking for other volunteers to do something for the Homestead.

Vermont Homebrew Supply also helped out with the required liability insurance for the event, in exchange for which they have received free advertising in the club newsletter.

The total expense for food reflects the actual requests for reimbursement by various volunteers. Rich Evans, Cliff Timpson, Robin Orr and Paul Hale each voluntarily "rounded down" the amounts they

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## Just wait a minute here.....

by John Gallagher

**W**hatever I will not run. If elected I will not serve. If appointed in my absence, I will get even." Now who was it that issued that famous quote? Oh yeah, that's right, it was ME!!! Mistake number one, never miss a meeting where club officials are being elected, er, excuse me, appointed. I had other business to attend to and look what happened. Mistake number two, don't appoint me. Oops, too late for that now. I just want to say, "Hey Cropley, I'll be contributing to the newsletter monthly now so I want prizes, I want prizes. I want free beer. Gimme, Gimme, Gimme!" Now I must pick up the mantle (not Mickey) from outgoing Phil Kaszuba. It's sad to see such a brilliant journalistic career come to an end. Somehow though we will all survive. Actually, Phil did a pretty fair job, for a yankee fan! I'm just glad we have such excellent editing. Without it Phil may have looked more like this. "I went to da meatin las nite an hears wat we did..." He may practice Reinheitsgebot, but can he spel it. By the way, has anyone ever looked up Kaszuba in the dictionary? Well I have. Seems it's a musical instrument, a cross between a Kazoo and a Tuba. An instrument that sounds best when it is not played. Just leave it alone, ignore it and maybe it will go away. What's that Phil, did you say something? I'd like to take a second to look back at the reign of Hale, and believe me, this will only take a second. Two years ago Paul must have missed a meeting and was appointed president of the Mashers. Last December he retired. Well, that all folks. Nothing more to see here, let's move along, let's move along. Hey you, quit your rubbernecking! I understand that Tom Ayres is this year's Trub Trek leader. I heard we were going to Manchester NH in May. However, Jerry Gormley told me it was Hartford CT in March. We need to get this straightened out. I suggest we

bombard Tom with mail until we have an answer. His e-mail address is [tomayres@leemeafrickinlone.nocomme.nt](mailto:tomayres@leemeafrickinlone.nocomme.nt). Let's burn some wires on this one. By the way, has anyone recognized Dan Hament (he's the tall guy with dark hair and mustache) for all his years of service as trek leader. This guy's waltzed us in and out of more beer joints than Bill Clinton's cigar has been in....oops, bad taste line, do not cross. Anyway, thanks tall guy, traveling by bus will never be the same again. Just ask Lew Greitzer. He needed to take a Greyhound to Louisville KY and asked if it would be okay to bring along a keg of beer and a copy of the Holy Grail. Speaking of "Not so Sweet" Lew Greitzer, I'd better get my dues paid up or I will be recording the minutes of meetings I'm not allowed to attend. All you late payers pay heed, this guy means business. So Jerry Gormley goes to the bathroom. A flush and a wash later he exits the men's to the sound of "Hail to the Chief." Some men are born to greatness while some have it foisted upon them while they are in the bathroom. Is this anyway to elect officials? Well, so far it's worked pretty good so why change. Good ol' Jerry. So honest, so eager and earnest. Hey, who let this guy join the club? We'd better be careful, he may actually do something. In closing I will say that for better or worse you will have me writing every month until I pass the torch onto some other unsuspecting Masher next year. I can honestly say however that this is not my fault, I wasn't there, I missed that meeting, nobody tole me...." To those of you who appointed me I can only say "Why I oughta"... "Why for a plugged nickel I'd...." 

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3. Determine the situation with the Trub Trek.
4. Vote on the summer picnic.
5. Discuss and vote on Greg Noonan's scientific brewing experiment. (Use this occasion as the club brew?)
6. Bring up new business.
7. Taste Cream Ale style. 

# Trub Trek '99 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

by Tom Ayres

**H**I, ALL!

The date and itinerary for Trub Trek 1999 are set. Costs and specifics of the schedule, accommodations, etc., will be forthcoming shortly, with complete information, registration forms, to be provided at the upcoming Mashers meeting on Monday, 2/8. In the meantime, here are the basics for your calendar and planning purposes:

**DATES & TIMES:**

Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21 (The Spring Equinox Tour!)

- Leave Burlington @ 6:30 am Saturday morning
- Return to Burlington circa 8:30 pm on Sunday evening

**ITINERARY:**

Saturday

- F.X. Matt Brewing Company, Utica, NY
- Brewery Oomegang, Cooperstown, NY
- Dinner to be determined, Oneonta or Cooperstown, NY
- Overnight to be determined -- probably @ Best Western, Cooperstown, NY

Sunday

- Baseball Hall of Fame OR Farmers' Museum/James Fenimore Cooper House
- Cooperstown, NY ("Trekker's Choice" in am)
- Cooperstown Brewing Company, early afternoon
- Troy (NY) Pub and Brewery, late afternoon tour plus dinner, buffet-style or limited menu in private function room to be determined

**COSTS:**

Being worked out in conjunction with bus company and hotel. Will be reported via e-mail ASAP and at 2/8 meeting

PLEASE NOTE: MASHERS WILL BE GIVEN A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE RESERVATION "WINDOW" AND DEADLINE AT A SPECIAL PRICE, DURING WHICH TIME RESERVATIONS WITH FULL PAYMENT WILL BE NEEDED. AFTER TO-BE-ANNOUNCED MASHER DEADLINE DATE, THIS TOUR WILL BE AGGRESSIVELY MARKETING TO THE "PUBLIC" AT A HIGHER COST THROUGH THE VERMONT PUB AND BREWERY, THREE NEEDS, VERMONT HOMEBREWERS SUPPLY, MAGIC HAT BREWERY, AND OTTER CREEK BREWERY. ALL TREKKERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN HOTEL/MOTEL RESERVATIONS IN COOPERSTOWN AT A SPECIAL RATE THAT I WILL BE NEGOTIATING THIS WEEK.

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS SOON! FOR NOW, GET THAT CALENDAR MARKED!!!

THAT'S IT FOR NOW. WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS LATER THIS WEEK. . . AND SPREAD THE WORD!!!

Cheers, TOM AYRES. 🍷

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Steve Featherstonhaugh, self proclaimed Masher-at-Large, has volunteered some space on his computer to create a masher bulletin board, which could be worked into a full blown masher web site. Please forward requests and ideas to Steve at: [sf6606@nycap.rr.com](mailto:sf6606@nycap.rr.com).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00-ish. 🍷

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spent purchasing and/or preparing food for the competition. The result was a considerable savings for the club.

The contributions of all the above-named are greatly appreciated. With this kind of help, I see no reason why we cannot break even, at least, on our next competition.

Speaking of which.....

Schedule for 1999 Green Mountain Homebrew Competition:

March Club meeting (March 1): sign up volunteers for food and facilities.

Week of March 8: mail competition announcement and call for judges (volunteers will be sought to fold, staple and lick).

April Club meeting (Hoops & Hops): sign up more volunteers if necessary; get local judges and stewards registered.

April 16: entry deadline.

April 17: unpack, label and register entries at Rich Frog (more volunteers!).

Weekend of April 24-25: prejudging, if necessary, by local judges.

May 1: Eighth Annual Green Mountain Homebrew Competition at Ethan Allen Homestead.

**INCOME STATEMENT**

Revenue:		
Sponsors	\$	380.00
Entries	\$	620.00
Total Revenue	\$	1,000.00

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# Green Mountain Masher Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Information
2/8/99	Green Mountain Mashers February Meeting Details in this newsletter	Contact Jerry Gormley (hm) (802)658-4038 (email) jgormley@xraylitho.com OR Bob Genter (hm) (802)899-5160 (email) genterb@together.net
2/27/99	Boston Homebrew Competition	Contact Ken Jucks (hm) (781)276-7985 (wk) (617)496-7580 (email) jucks@cfa.harvard.edu
3/20/99- 3/21/99	Green Mountain Mashers Trub Trek (Utica, Cooperstown, and Troy)	Contact Tom Ayres (hm) (802)434-2939 (email) toma@together.net
4/3/99*	Northern New England Homebrew Competition	Contact Tom O'Connor (hm) (207)236-3527 (wk) (207)596-8900
5/1/99	Green Mountain Homebrew Competition (competition preparation dates are listed on page 4)	Contact Dan Marshall (hm) (802)862-7667 or John Gallager (hm) (802)482-2847 (email) john@richfrog.com
12/4/99	New England Fall Regional Homemade Beer Competition	Contact Charlie Olchowski (hm) (413)773-5920 (wk) (413)774-2217

\* Date to be determined

Please contact Tim Cropley at (802) 658-4038 or by email at [timc@dec.anr.state.vt.us](mailto:timc@dec.anr.state.vt.us) if you have any beer events that you think the membership would like to know about. It is our hope that we will also list other regional competitions as they are announced. We also hope to list AHA sponsored Club Only competitions in an effort to remind people to consider bringing beers that fit the competition style to club meetings so that the membership can pick one for entering.

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Expenses:

Registration	\$ 75.00
Postage	\$ 120.00
Photocopies	\$ 74.15
Facility Rental	\$ 130.00
Ribbons & Trophies	\$ 289.17
Food	\$ 210.00
Recording	\$ 18.60
Telephone	\$ 33.99
Supplies	\$ 37.25
 Total Expenses	 \$ 988.33
 Net Income	 \$ 11.67



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If you haven't paid your membership dues, they are due. Your membership status is noted at the top right corner of your mailing label. A 1/99 means your membership dues are due and a 1/00 or 1/01 means that you you are paid through that month and year.

Also, here's an informational note. Of the 47 members (assuming we maintain the current membership level), 37 of you that have email have provided me with your email address (almost 79%). That's not too bad. If you have email and want to be on the masher email list but haven't added your name to it, please email me at the address



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