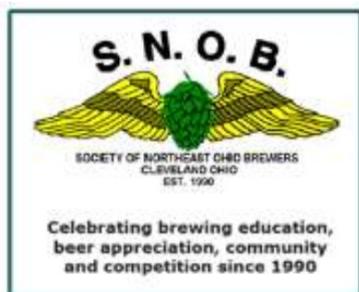


September, 2025



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers



Our Next Meeting

Monday, August 25th

7:30

Sachsenheim Hall
7001 Denison Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Topic: fermenting in a
corny keg.

Upcoming Events

September Night Out

Tuesday, September 23rd
at Ghost Tree Brewing
in Amherst.

6:00 P.M.

October Meeting

Monday, October 6th
Sachsenheim Hall

*See more details on these
and other events inside
this newsletter.*

President's Message

I had another great time at Beer and Sweat this past weekend. Andrew Mitchell and Michael Dunn also attended. They made a Belgian Dubbel together and entered it in the competition. I brought Czech Premium Pale Lager, English Porter and Brett Saison. The keg only competition is fun because the awards are presented during a homebrew tasting party in the evening after we judged that afternoon. The party is a great event as almost everyone that volunteered as judges and stewards also have their entries. It's easy to see the difference that the beer may taste like from a pitcher earlier for judging and when you pour yourself a couple ounces from a picnic tap that evening. There were about 120 beers, meads, ciders and sodas on tap for the party. While we didn't return home with any new competition hardware, I think I learned a little more about how to set up my kegs for this competition for future success.

Homebrew competitions are about that beer at that moment with those judges. As the entrant, you are responsible for not only the liquid that you submit but how that is packaged. Packaging contributes to how your entry is perceived by the judges at that moment. Homebrew competitions are also about feedback. One of the aspects of Beer and Sweat that I like is that I not only get the scoresheet but that you may have time to discuss your beer at the tasting party with the same people that judged your beer earlier. When I first walked over to my beers at the beginning of my party, I noticed that my beers were pouring slowly. I increased my regulator pressure and my beers poured better than they would have when they were judged that afternoon.

I seem to always be looking forward to SNOBtoberfest. I am looking forward to sharing drinks and meals with you all. I attended the SAAZ meeting last week and there are several SAAZ members looking forward to our camp out this year. Next

year, we'll share the weekend at The Brooklyn Exchange cabin with the SAAZ club. I want to grow this into a get together of homebrewers across Northeast Ohio. Hopefully, we will also have attendees from Brewly, Little Mountain and Brew16. In the meantime, I did create a sign-up sheet for this year. We'll spend some time in the September meeting on August 25th.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2Tk0TZDbDGylu3OpDfzsAtOALfChIm2EWrj4nQfCrpLP4Sg/viewform>

Jay O'Neill will be presenting on how he has been fermenting in corny kegs on Monday. I can think of several advantages to fermenting in these stainless vessels that those of us who keg all should have in excess. I hope to see you this Monday, August 25th for our "September" meeting at Sachsenheim Hall.

Cheers,

Mike

September Meeting

Date is Monday, August 25th, topic fermenting in corny kegs presented by Jay O'neil.

Other News

September night out - Tuesday, September 23, 6 – 9pm.

Great beer, great company, and a cozy atmosphere—what more could you ask for? Just ask for Mike at the bar!

We'll be gathering at Ghost Tree Brewing in their new space they just took over from Brew Kettle. They offer a diverse selection of house-made beers, including favorites like the Ghostberry Blonde and Ca\$h After Ten IPA.



Feeling hungry? Ghost Tree's menu features a variety of delicious options, from personal 10" pizzas like the "Red Hot Mama" to unique offerings like the "Pickle Rick" pizza. They also serve calzones, subs, and more. 

Whether you're swapping brewing stories or just in it for a good beer and better company, this is your chance to enjoy a laid-back night with like-minded beer lovers.

SNOBtoberfest

Saves the Date! This year's activities are September 12th and 13th.

Sign up form can be reached here: <https://forms.gle/733knqwM7dUAJP4x9>

More detail forthcoming.

Local Upcoming Festivals

There are several area beer fests coming up. They are each a good opportunity to get out and mingle with fellow SNOBs and beer lovers.

Its Oktoberfest season!

Cleveland Oktoberfest – Aug 29 to Sep 1 and Sep 5 to 6.

Celebrate Cleveland's largest outdoor annual event from August 29 – September 1 & September 5 – 6 at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. Tickets <https://www.clevelandoktoberfest.com/stc/tickets/>

Kent Oktoberfest – Oktober 4th 12-8 pm

Another year of seasonal beer, German inspired food, polka music, German dancers, steinholding competitions and more! Enjoy the festival on Franklin Ave., a portion of W. Main St. and live entertainment at the Hometown Bank Plaza in downtown Kent. <https://mainstreetkent.org/event/main-street-kent-oktoberfest/>

Forest City Warsteiner Oktoberfest - Saturday, September 28th

Enjoy live entertainment along with food and drink specials all day. The first 100 people will receive a free Warsteiner Mug, which can be filled for the price of a pint! Beer Bratwursts will be on a \$10 special and they will be open all day from 12pm-12am.

Red Wagon Brewers of the Corn – Friday, September 5th, 5 – 8:30pm

An A-maze-ing Breweries event series at Red Wagon Farm, the Brewers of the Corn events feature a selection of breweries "hidden" amongst the 5 acres of corn maze from fantastic friends & neighbors in this wonderful Northeast Ohio craft beer scene.

Your ticket includes 10 drink coupons to redeem in the maze, snacks and water throughout the maze, a voucher for the Red Wagon or Four Paws pint of your choice at the tap room to celebrate the conclusion of your adventure, and a delicious roasted ear of Red Wagon sweet corn to round it out in style. Tickets https://www.universe.com/events/brewers-of-the-corn-2025-tickets-B5SXQY?fbclid=IwY2xjawMUHIJleHRuA2FIbQIxMABicmIkETFDSFJUaVFkTOF6RIImSzE4AR78RUjyUDBcsI9IkGSvaR2AsO0BvmGagWbpPz_aYVev9V0Hak4qZvGjv37-fA_aem_0GTnkWmzKAsBQQpQgLKAsA

The Cleveland Beer Week Organization has scheduled the following events. Some are new!

Thursday October 9 Offshore Pour

Saturday October 25 is Celebration of the Hop at Fat Heads

Saturday November 1 is Barrel Aged Bash 12 - 4 at Butcher and the Brewer

Friday November 14 is Holiday showcase 6 - 9 PM at Forest City

More information and even details can be found here. <https://www.clevelandbeerweek.org/events>

Competitions

Save the Dates.

King of the Mountain – presented by Little Mountain Brewers.

KoTM competition is Saturday September 20, 8:30 am at the Collision Bend Euclid production facility. Registration is open. The call is out for judges and stewards needed for two sessions. You can sign up to volunteer at the registration site.

<https://kotm.lmbrewers.beer/>

Oktoberfest Homebrew Competition – presented by The Cleveland Brew Shop.

The Fourth Annual Oktoberfest Party & Homebrew Competition is a go! Judging likely on September 21st (to be confirmed by Darren) party on September 27th.

Competition sign up: <https://cbs.brewingcompetitions.com> (in bio on IG)

Party tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8x3wd7> (in bio on IG)

Son of Brewzilla has been Scheduled. November 8th.

This year it will be held at the Brew Kettle production facility on Sheldon Road. Many of us have been there when it was the home of Fatheads.

Request for homebrew



Please consider brings a keg or growler of your homebrew to a meeting. Let Mike know in advance and he can add it to the presentation slides. Bring your beer is a good way to get constructive feedback from members and judges in attendance. Plus it's always nice to share and sample what members are brewing.

SNOBwear T-shirts



We still have a good selection of sizes for the SNOB T-shirt available. \$10 for sizes S – XL, \$15 for larger sizes. Contact Michael at secretary@beersnobs.org if you want one.

About SNOB

SNOB is one of Ohio's oldest clubs for homebrewers. Founded in 1990 and recognized as AHA's national club of the year in 2020, the club meets the first Monday of each month a 7:30 PM at [Sachsenheim Hall](#) on Cleveland's West Side. In addition to monthly meetings, the club also hosts special evenings at local brewpubs and restaurants, homebrew competitions, a spring bus trip, a summer camping event, our annual Oktoberfest weekend festival and an extravagant Christmas party. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings, where they will find lively presentations on beer and brewing, great conversation, and answers to any brewing questions they might have. Website at: [SNOBS | Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers Cleveland, Ohio \(beersnobs.org\)](#)

2025 Meeting Dates

	August 25th – September Monthly Meeting
	October 6 th – Monthly Meeting

	November 3rd - Monthly Meeting
	December 5th – Christmas Party

Membership Dues

As always, non-members are welcome at meetings, but some activities (parties, bus trip, collaboration brews) are members only. Please consider joining today! Single member dues are \$40. Couples (living in same household) are \$60. Dues can be paid to the treasurer at the meetings, by contacting treasurer@beersnobs.org or using the PayPal link found on our website, <https://www.beersnobs.org/>

Your membership dues are used to pay for club activities throughout the year like the annual Christmas Party and rental at The Brooklyn Exchange Cabin where we hold the annual SNOBtoberfest. They pay for club insurance, food, supplies and prizes for SNOBtoberfest, Chili Cook-off, Big Brew etc.

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