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Editor's Note

As we enter the last few months of the year, we've got a lot of exciting things going on, including our huge 45th Anniversary Party, and quite a few collaborative brew sessions.

Also, don't miss the board elections on October 6th. And remember that we have no member meeting in November, as we will all be partying for our 45th instead!

Prost!
Ian



It's the Most Wunderbar Time of Year!

by Cullen Davis, President



It's time for Oktoberfest, also known as "beer nut's Christmas" when breweries everywhere, large and small make delicious malty lager and throw big parties to serve said malty lager in extra-large glasses, bringing cheer to all the thirsty boys and girls across the land. The Falcons have never never shy about our own Oktoberfest party but we're not having one this year because we're going to do something even better! We're celebrating our club's 45th anniversary in grand style, so make sure you have your tickets. It can't hurt to buy early but you will be sad if you miss out.

To prepare for the big party we have been busy brewing up a bunch of excellent beers with the help of our good friends in the brewing business. So far we have done collaborative brew sessions at Trademark, MacLeod, LA Ale Works and Transplants, and our friend Andy Ziskin has invited us to GRB this Thursday 10-3 and I've been working with Eagle Rock Brewery to create a special brew that'll happen coming up on Oct. 12. As always, members are welcome and encouraged to show up and participate or just hang out. Look for details on our website and the club's social media channels.

We expect to have all of these special brews on tap at the 45th anniversary party. We're even working

on a possible tap takeover event to have all these beers pouring together. Stay tuned for that one. But why, you may wonder, are we doing all this? It's not homebrew, after all. We are doing it first to bring more excellent beers into the world but also and very importantly, to celebrate the unique relationship that homebrewers have with the professional brewers. We, as a community of enthusiasts and passionate craftspeople, have propelled the current brewing renaissance hand in hand. The pros are almost always homebrewers first and they take that spirit of exploration with them into the business and they don't generally forget where they came from. We homebrewers in turn take inspiration from those who forge new paths in the profession. Our own club has seen numerous members go pro over the years, and we want to raise a toast to them when we raise a toast to our own homebrewing superstars.

Lastly, I just want to talk about the upcoming club meeting because we have important business, namely the election for the board of directors. This is your club and you have a voice in its direction when you vote for the next board, but I also encourage you to join the board and take an active role in making the club as good as you think it should be. We always welcome help and new people on the board. Plus the perks are nice. If you have questions about how you can help your club, shoot me an email at president@maltosefalcons.com. Also, the 45th anniversary hoodies have been ordered and we are hoping to have them soon. We will email those of you who placed orders when we know more.

The 45th anniversary party itself is shaping up to be one excellent event, I'm looking forward to it! But first, I'm looking forward to sharing some fine fall lager with you all at the meeting this Sunday.

Cheers!
Cullen

Board Meeting Minutes

by Brent Yarkin

Location and Time: Tues., September 24 at Home Beer, Wine and Cheesemaking Shop, Woodland Hills, CA

Attendees: Cullen, Ian, Ed, Eric, Jenna, Rick, Brent, Tiffany, Craig

Next Board meeting is: 10/22

We are working diligently on improving the clubhouse along with the Cellarmasters. Next step will be painting and then maybe an update on the coolers then finishing the flooring.

Hoodie order

We will be ordering shirts and hoodies soon. We have 23 orders (as of the meeting) and we will probably buy a few extra but we don't want to have a large inventory. Pre-orders are key!

45th Anniversary Banquet

Food - the taste we had of the Greek Place tonight was unimpressive. We should go with Ciao Cristina but we will ask for a coffee and tea station.

Collaboration Brews

Bravery - there was a bit of miscommunication and we won't have a collaboration event prior to the party but will probably have one afterwards. They still said they will contribute a keg for the party.

LA Aleworks - occurred on 9/28 at 7 am. Making a DIPA, Yum!

Transplants - This event took place on 9/29 at 8am. Made a Pumpkin Saison. It was a great time!

Golden Road - Happened on Thursday 10/3, 5pm a Spiced Belgian Strong.

Eagle Rock - occurring on 10/12 making a Double Solidarity!

We are thinking of doing a tap takeover at Brew Brothers in North Hollywood after the banquet.

Dress code is semi-formal for the party. Suits and Dresses! This is not the normal dress down event most of us are used to.

100 swag bag approved to buy

Competition

Doug King Memorial Competition will be on 1/26 at MacLeod's

Membership

Per Rick, we have 115 active paid members.

Elections

During the next club meeting there will be elections for the next board. Show up and run and vote!

45th Anniversary Celebration

Join the fun at The Maltose Falcons Homebrew Club 45th Anniversary Party!

Date: Saturday, November 2nd, 2019

Party Time: 6:00pm - 11:30pm

Venue: The Valley Relics Museum, 7900 Balboa Blvd. C3 & C4, Van Nuys, CA 91406 (Check out their website & awesome pictures of their event space! <https://valleyrelicsmuseum.org/>)

Attire: Please be aware that our Anniversary Banquets are not as casual as our meetings or weekend campout fests. Now, we don't want to get snooty, that would fly in the face of our unofficial 'sans couth' motto. But we do want to honor the occasion. So, as we did for the 30th, 35th, & 40th parties, we established a minimum code of NO SHORTS and NO TEE SHIRTS. Cocktail attire preferred but not required.

Tickets are \$65 per person. Buy your ticket online at: <https://www.maltosefalcons.com/content/45th-anniversary-celebration-tickets>

(Each member may purchase (2) tickets total - self + (1) non-Falcon guest).

Entry fee per person includes dinner, MF logo tasting glass, (1) door prize ticket for the chance to win some awesome brew gear, "unlimited" sampling of the fruits of our clubs' labors, dancing and entertainment provided by the Maltose Falcons' Brews Band and generally socializing with all of those crazy Sans Couth Falcons. We will also be installing the new Maltose Falcons Board of Directors.

If you are bringing kegs, PLEASE bring them as early as 4:00pm. The bar people will be there at that time unloading and assembling their bars, hooking up kegs, icing them down, etc. But they're part of the party, too, and need time to get cleaned up and changed into party clothes after all that sweaty work!

Recommended accommodations minutes from the venue: Airtel Plaza Hotel - 7277 Valjean Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91406 (We do not have a group rate or block of rooms. The hotel offers a free shuttle service to & from the venue for our convenience.)

Each currently paid up Falcon may purchase one additional ticket for a non-Falcon guest. Please indicate your guest's name in the comment section of your purchase. Please be sure to print out your receipt and present at check-in as proof of purchase.



Collaboration Brew Sessions

One of the most exciting parts of our 45th Anniversary Celebration is our series of collaboration brews, wherein Falcons get together with professional brewers to make amazing beer on their large-scale systems.

45th Anniversary Collaboration Brew Sessions

Trademark Brewing
Sunday, August 18, 2019

MacLeod Ale Brewing Company
Saturday, September 7th

LA Ale Works
Saturday, September 28th

Transplants Brewing Company
Sunday, September 29th

Golden Road
Thursday, October 3rd

Eagle Rock Brewery
Saturday, October 12th

Thank you to all the breweries who partnered with us for these brew sessions! Your commitment to the homebrewing community is remarkable, and we are proud that you've chosen to collaborate with us.

We are also very appreciative of the Falcons members who sent in the following write ups and pictures of the brew sessions they participated in.



Trademark Brewing

by Brent Yarkin

The Falcons started their collaboration brew tour with Trademark Brewing in Long Beach. Sterling and his Trademark Team were joined by friends from Country Malt, John Fearless, and White Labs as well as more than 15 Falcons! It was a great time had by all! We brewed a South African Hazy IPA called Origins. Get a taste at the Anniversary Party in November!



MacLeod Ale Brewing Company

by Craig Wickham

On September 7th, a few Falcons got together with Brewmaster David Chaney and Assistant Brewmaster Chris At Macleods to brew a stronger version of their Van Ice, with a little tweaking of the recipe to include some special hops and flaked rice.



They had milled the grains the night before so we got an early start at about 6:30AM on the big lager we were brewing. The recipe (to be posted on the web site) included a bit of flaked rice.....well we ended up with a pretty gummy mash and a very slow run off - can you say stuck! We did eventually get through it with a bit of loss in efficiency so we missed our target of 1070 a little, but made up with it with some dex.



The Collaboration brew with Macleods was a great way to spend the day and learn a lot about the brewing process. David and Chris let us have a ton of hands-on opportunities from all aspects of the brew. We all learned little something (Rice Hulls are your friend.) I'm sure this Pilsner Lager will turn out great. The wort that I took finished at 1002 from a starting gravity of I think 1068. I just sampled it today when crashing after the D Force test and it tastes fantastic! Surprisingly not that dry. Can't wait to taste the commercial brew. The members in attendance were Me, John Bower, MB Raines, Jason, Brent, and 3 other Falcons, sorry I didn't take very many pictures but here are a few. A great thanks to our friends Alastair and Jennifer at Macleods! and of course David and Chris for treating us like gods.

Cheers!



Los Angeles Ale Works

On Saturday, September 28th, the Falcons met with the fine folks at Los Angeles Ale Works in their brewery and tasting room to collaborate on a Double IPA. Beer tasting was also served. The crew had a great time, and the beer turned out amazing! A big thanks to LA Ale Works for opening their doors to us and working together on their facilities.

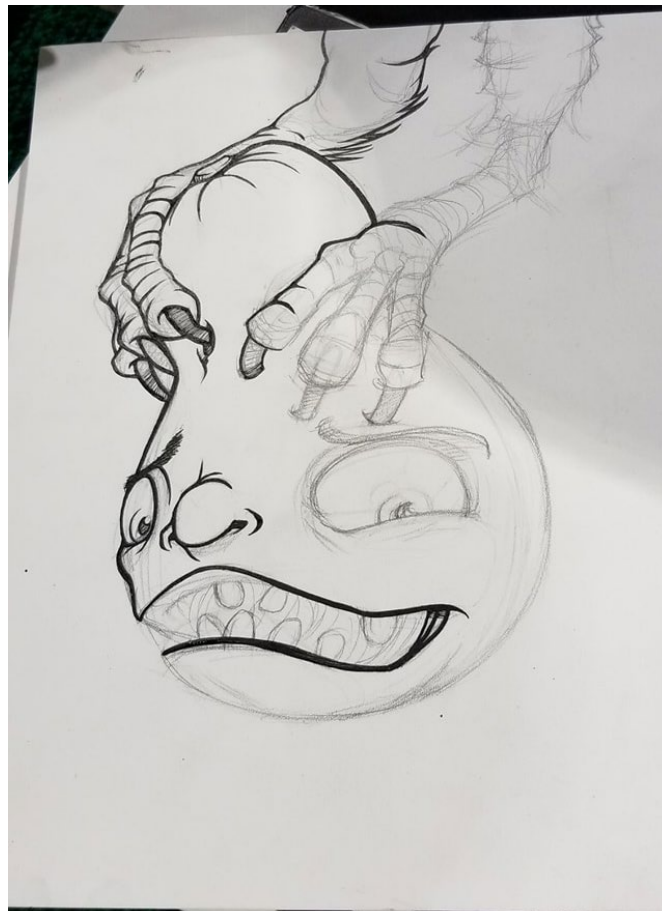


Los Angeles Ale Works



Transplants Brewing Company

The Falcons traveled to the Transplants brewery in Palmdale on Sunday, September 29th to brew a Saison Automne Potiron. The facilities and people there were fantastic, and all had a great brew session. As is their style, they've made some amazing artwork for this collaboration, and we are very excited to see the final product for our anniversary party. Check out the sneak peak below. Thank you, Transplants Brewing Company!



Golden Road Brewing

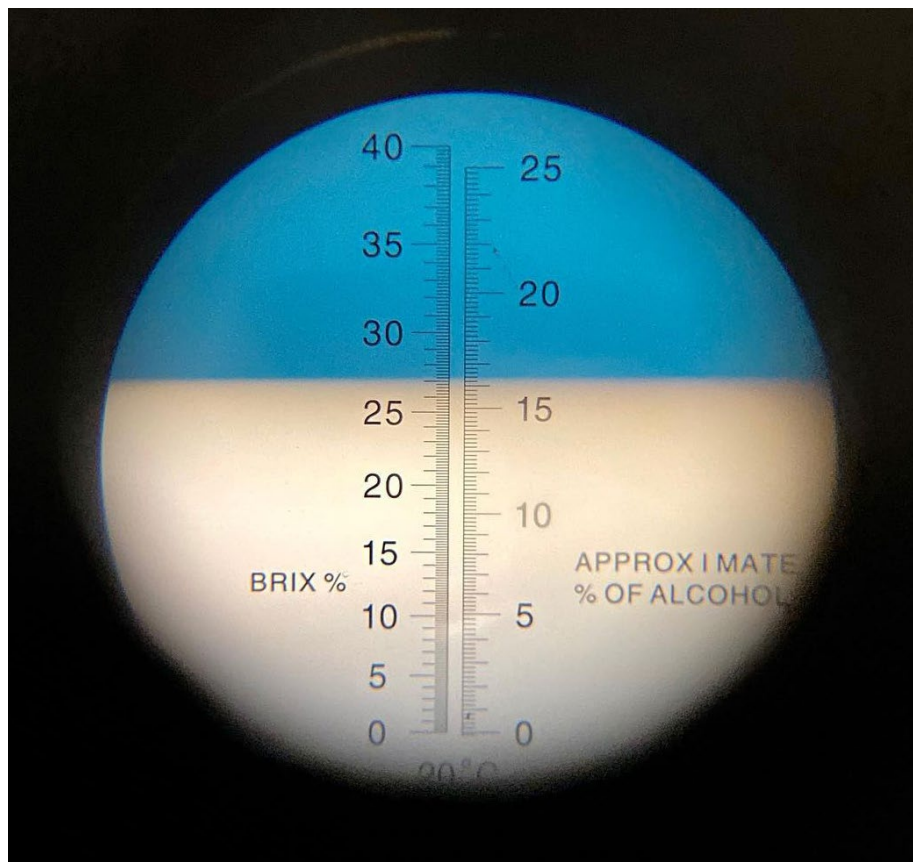
The Falcons visited Golden Road Brewing in Burbank on Thursday, October 3rd, to brew a Fruited Belgian Golden Strong (inspired by Rose sparkling wine). They also generously offered us the opportunity to bring our homebrews in to be analyzed in their state-of-the-art lab.

Thank you to the awesome people at Golden Road for letting us brew with them in their amazing brewery, and for being so hospitable and great to work with.



Eagle Rock Brewery

As the final stop on our 45th anniversary collab brew tour, we went down to Eagle Rock Brewery in Los Angeles on Saturday, October 12th. We worked with the wonderful brewers there to cook up a batch of Double Solidarity, based on their excellent Solidary English dark mild. We overshot our OG a bit... so we may be looking at more like a "Triple Solidarity." Thank you, Eagle Rock, for the great times and great beer!



Lake Arrowhead Brewfest

by John Aitchison

The Lake Arrowhead Brewfest was even better than usual this year. Partially because it was held in early September which means cooler weather and cheaper rates for those renting a cabin or motel.

The venue was nicer, the festival was held on the north shore of Lake Arrowhead itself. Great views and a nice breeze coming off the lake. But best of all was the great participation.



We had maybe 25 Falcons show up. Kevin brought his bar; we filled it up with kegs plus more for three jockey boxes and other assorted taps. Roger ran a mead bar—there were 20 or so meads available in bottles. And that was just our booth.

And the entertainment was provided by none other than the Maltose Falcons Brews Band. And they were spot on. It was clear they have been playing with each other for a long time and were well practiced. Super tight. I especially liked Brian's percussion, David's flying fingers on the guitar, and Peter's vocals. Bruce was great on keyboards as usual. And they let them do 3 sets. It made you proud to be a Falcon.



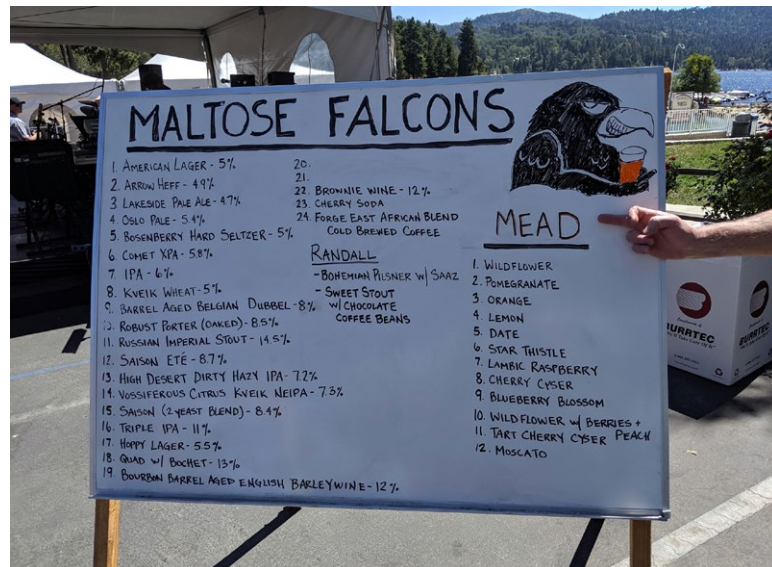
Lake Arrowhead Brewfest

by John Aitchison

There were five or six other homebrew clubs there—all with plenty of good beer. Last time I went there were only three other clubs. And there were at least a dozen commercial breweries. I personally only hit up Firestone Walker, and then only because they had Stickee Monkey if you asked.



It still is all free. All you have to do is show up with a keg—pretty easy to do for any of us. If you haven't gone, try and make it next year. It's my favorite fest of the year. If you have gone, I know you'll beer back if you can.



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Calendar of Events

October Membership Meeting

Sun, 10/06/2019, 11:00

Eagle Rock Brewery 45th Collaboration Brewday

Sat, 10/12/2019

45th Anniversary Celebration!

Sat, 11/02/2019, 18:00

December Membership Meeting

Sun, 12/01/2019, 11:00

Notice: No member meetings in May, September,
and November.

Check out www.maltosefalcons.com for more
information on these events and lots of other cool
stuff!

