



Monthly Happenings

by Ray Ringgenberg

May Flowers!?...More like May Smoke!

April kicked off the 2015 BBQ Season here in Iowa with the Frostbuster BBQ on April 17th and 18th and the Central Iowa BBQ Expo in Boone on April 24th – April 26th. These 2 contests got the ball rolling right in Iowa with 2 great contests, lots of competition and fun! See more in the next pages.

The Iowa BBQ Society has also been busy getting prepared for the season. We have some high expectations and hope to fulfill most of them this coming year. If you have not become a member, think about signing up today to help us make some of our goals possible.

I'll take this time to talk a little about your board of directors. These people volunteer their time to the IBS to help give back to the people of Iowa and pass the word of BBQ in

this fine state. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month in different areas of the state. We don't want this to be the Des Moines BBQ society, it is the IOWA BBQ Society. We have made a commitment to the members that we would provide them with a more fluid society by spending more of our time and our own money to come to you. We have seen some positives by doing this and we thank you for showing your support but we would like to see more. Please, keep an eye on our facebook page or website for meetings in your area. Currently, meeting locations are decided at the previous months meetings. If you see a meeting coming to your area, please feel free to come and join in on the fun. All of our meetings have been open to all of the membership. If you are not a member, come by and join up, we would love to you.

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Contest Review

by Ray Ringgenberg

Central Iowa Expo BBQ Cruise & Brew

The first KCBS contest in the state was held April 24th – 26th. This was a kick off for the season with a double header.

Ron and Dena Milhous put on yet another great show and had a great showing from our northern neighbors in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Both days had teams up over 40 bid for the championship for Saturday and Sunday.

The weather again this year was a little...lets just say. Not good. Sunday, however, turned out to be a nice day so it was a good finish to the event. After all the rain, cold and winds subsided it let the sun shine down on the winners.

Saturday Overall Results

- 1 THE AMERICAN DREAM BBQ 689.1084
- 2 HOGLINE 686.2400
- 3 TIPPYCANOE BBQ CREW 683.9200
- 4 T-MAC SMOKIN 681.6916
- 5 CITY SLICKERS BBQ 679.3488
- 6 BIG CHAIN BBQ GANG 678.8000
- 7 BIG BROTHERS BBQ 677.7028
- 8 4 LEGS UP BBQ 677.6568
- 9 WOODWARD BARBEQUE 677.1084
- 10 DIRT ROAD BBQ 675.3256



Sunday Overall Results

- 1 BIG BROTHERS BBQ 692.0228
- 2 DIRT ROAD BBQ 692.0000
- 3 4 LEGS UP BBQ 688.5028
- 4 A FINE SWINE 687.9428
- 5 SPITFIRE 686.8456
- 6 BUBBA-Q'S 686.2748
- 7 Wine & Swine 685.1660
- 8 IOWA WILD HOGS BBQ 682.8228
- 9 THE AMERICAN DREAM BBQ 682.7772
- 10 MIDNIGHT SMOKERS 681.1888

In other news from the event. The Smoker Raffle was won by Kevin Brown of Tree Frog BBQ... Congratulations Kevin!



Contest Review

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Frostbuster BBQ Contest

April 17-18, 2015

The 6th annual Frostbuster was held on April 17th and 18th this year at Twin Anchors Campground in Colo, Ia. We typically get a nice mix of teams and judges; this year was no different, with 12 teams ranging from first time KCBS style BBQ to seasoned veterans trying out new ideas. The unique format really makes everyone a winner at the Frostbuster and we like to think that it helps as a stepping stone to move new teams into a KCBS sanctioned event.

A beautiful day was in store for us as we received teams and ushered them to their sites, inspected their meats, and let them continue their set up. With the summer like weather, all our activities were enjoyed outside starting with a team meeting and followed by a fantastic potluck. Once we had everyone full, it was time for the crappy beer night judging and needless to say, a toilet cooler was an appropriate place for some of these entries. Congratulations to Larry Dietrich for his deposit to the bowl and apologize to the beer judges for destroying their taste buds. Larry was the winner of the coveted toilet coozie. With the night winding down, a lot of teams spent their time prepping, sharing ideas, and generally enjoying each other's company.

Day 2 came with a little rain, of course it's a BBQ and rain is required, and teams were served a hot breakfast by Smokehouse 72. After the light rain rolled out and teams were getting everything just right, we welcomed the judges and met with them on the procedures. On to the judging!! BBQ Critic was on site as teams turned in at standard KCBS times with chicken, ribs, pork, and brisket and captured all the meats finer moments.

Upon the conclusion of judging scores were tabulated while teams spent some time receiving reviews from the judges and asking questions on how to improve. Although we believe that everyone is a winner who participates in this unique contest, we do award a winner so congratulations to Woodward BBQ for Grand Champion and Tree Frog BBQ as the Reserve grand champion.



As with any contest, we cannot do this alone. As we keep developing the system, we also gain support and a huge thank you goes out to the Iowa BBQ Society, Hawgeyes BBQ, Strawberry Patch Apparel, Downhome Cookin and BBQ, Colo Telephone Co., Twin Anchors Campground, Smokin Bonz BBQ, Ben Jack Larados, Smokey Mountain Smokers, Dan Pastorini's, Wine&Swine, Owens BBQ, Slim D's, Swamp Boys BBQ, Butcher BBQ, and everybody that came to help. Thank you in helping to better understand BBQ.

Team Smokehouse 72

Ray, Jay, and Rick

6th Annual Frostbuster BBQ Results

1. Woodward BBQ
2. Tree Frog BBQ
3. Buck Shot BBQ
4. True Smoke
5. Snyder BBQ
6. Smokin Critters
7. Bug Eater BBQ
8. Judge #6
9. Slim D's BBQ Team
10. Bottoms Up Iowa
11. Bio-Hazzard BBQ
12. Butt Busters



Please Help

I hope you have all enjoyed the new newsletter these past few months. It's been fun to put together.

I would like to include more and to do that I could use your help. I can only include items that I know about so if you have anything you would like to see please send it to me.

Items you could send include:

- Team Information (contact me for the list)
- Contest Information. If you have a contest to promote, send it to me.
- Contest results and review
- Resturant reviews
- Sales. Have something to sell?
- Family events. Weddings, births, deaths, reunions?
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Contest Spotlight

by Megan Willier

State Center Rose Festival State Center, Ia June 19th – 21st, 2015



The Rose Festival is a celebration of the Rose Capital of Iowa and will be held throughout State Center on June 19th-21st. Fun for the whole family this year include:

- Carnival Rides
- Car Show
- Petting Zoo
- Parade
- Wine and Beer Tastings
- Live music by Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos
- KCBS BBQ Contest
- Backyard Rib Cook-Off

As you see this festival is for all ages!

There are two competitions available for participation. The Backyard BBQ competition and the KCBS competition. The Backyard BBQ competition involves teams that will smoke 10-12 racks of St. Louis style ribs from JBS provided by the Rose Festival Board to serve to the public. On Friday night at 7:30 pm, the ribs will be served to the public and will judged at that time. The entry fee to participate is \$50 per team. The KCBS competition will be held the 19th and 20th with judging held on the 20th. The entry fee to participate is \$200.

To sign up for this great contest go the website.

<http://rosefestivalbbq.com/>

