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9TH ANNUAL BOULDER STRONG ALE FESTIVAL

Avery Brewing Company in Boulder, Colo. will host the 9th annual Boulder Strong Ale Festival February 18-19. The event was held in late April in 2010, but "we decided to change this one back to February since strong ales taste even better in the dead of winter," according to information on the Avery website. (Meanwhile, the Boulder Sour Fest, which was held in February in 2010, was moved to June 2011).

The event features more than 70 strong beers over 8 percent abv. Tickets, limited to 400 per day, will go on sale in early 2011. For information, go to www.averybrewing.com.

January 6-8
Big Beers, Belgians and Barleywines Festival
 Vail, CO
www.bigbeersfestival.com

January 14-15
Great Alaska Beer & Barley Wine Festival
 Anchorage, AK.
<http://auroraproductions.net>

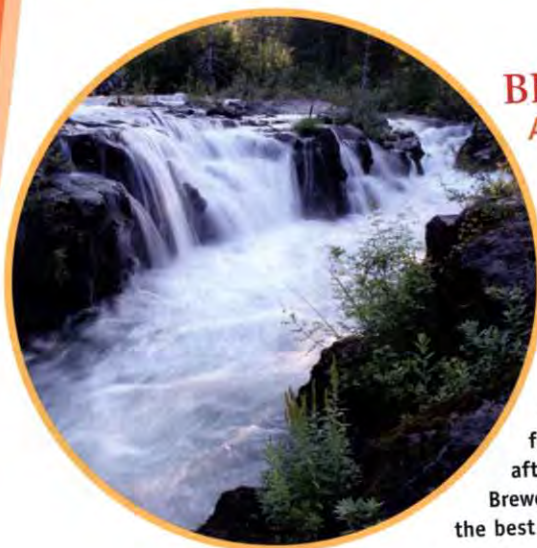
January 15
Winterhop Brewfest
 Ellensburg, WA
www.ellensburg-chamber.com/

January 22
Winter Beerfest
 Philadelphia, PA
Winterbeerfest.com

January 29
Atlanta Cask Ale Tasting
 Atlanta, GA
www.classiccitybrew.com/acat.html

February 11-20
San Francisco Beer Week
 San Francisco, CA
www.sfbeerweek.org

For more craft brewing events, go to www.craftbeer.com.



BREW NEWS:
 A HOPPY HIKING TRIP

Rogue Wilderness Adventures, an award-winning company in Merlin, Ore. that offers rafting, hiking, and fishing trips along the historic Rogue River, will be offering a brand new trip for the 2011 season that combines hiking with an Oregon favorite—microbrewed beer. This four-day adventure features day hikes, riverside camping and lodging, and beer tasting led by Oregon brewmaster Mark Vickery.

Hikers will explore the Rogue River Trail by foot while being shadowed by a raft (in case tired feet win out and travelers want to float down the river for an exhilarating whitewater experience). At night around the campfire, after long hikes through the stunning terrain, Vickery, formerly of Deschutes Brewery and now at Golden Valley Brewery, will lead guests in tastings through the best of Oregon beers.

The Rogue River National Recreation Trail from Grave Creek to Foster Bar is in the heart of the Rogue River Canyon and offers stunning scenery.

All equipment, meals, transportation, guides, and beer are provided. Hikers will only carry a light backpack with water, snacks, and a camera while Rogue Wilderness Adventures staff does the work to transport the majority of the gear. Hikers meet up with guides for water and snack breaks while hiking at their own pace.

The first hiking trip is scheduled for September 3, 2011, and more dates will be available depending on demand. The cost is \$1,050 per person for four days and three nights. Group size will be limited to 14 hikers, age 21 and over. For more, visit www.wildrogue.com.