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## January Meeting

This month's meeting of the AABG is Friday January 13th. It will be hosted by **Adventures in Homebrewing**. See the map and directions on the next page. The featured style is **dark lager**.

## American Dark Lager

Your typical macrobrewed Dark Lager, rendered dark with either brewer's caramel or black patent malt. Aside from caramelly notes, these beers will not typically resemble other dark lager styles so much as they do the lighter styles, due to low amounts of hops, malt and body.

Serve In: Dimpled mug, Lager glass, Shaker.

## AABG 2012

January/February .....	AIH .....	Dark Lagers*
March .....	AIH .....	Stout*
April .....		Stout*
May .....	Stephen Krebs .....	Scottish/Irish*
June .....	Mark Zadvinski .....	Wheat Beers
July .....	BeerBQ .....	Mead
August .....		Porter*
September/October .....		Lt Hybrid*
November .....	Chris Frey .....	Olde Ale*
December .....	Rolf Wucherer .....	Olde Ale*

\* Denotes AHA Club Only Competition Style

All meeting are the second friday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m., except for the July meeting (BeerBQ) which is the second saturday.

## AABG Pico System

The club's pico system is available to members for brewing. If you wish to borrow it contact Mike O'Brien at:

734.637.2532

picobrew@comcast.net

Access the AABG Club System forum at:

<http://tinyurl.com/29h7yxc>

## 4. DARK LAGER

### 4A. Dark American Lager

**Aroma:** Little to no malt aroma. Medium-low to no roast and caramel malt aroma. Hop aroma may range from none to light spicy or floral hop presence. Can have low levels of yeast character (green apples, DMS, or fruitiness). No diacetyl.

**Appearance:** Deep amber to dark brown with bright clarity and ruby highlights. Foam stand may not be long lasting, and is usually light tan in color.

**Flavor:** Moderately crisp with some low to moderate levels of sweetness. Medium-low to no caramel and/or roasted malt flavors (and may include hints of coffee, molasses or cocoa). Hop flavor ranges from none to low levels. Hop bitterness at low to medium levels. No diacetyl. May have a very light fruitiness. Burnt or moderately strong roasted malt flavors are a defect. **Mouthfeel:** Light to somewhat medium body. Smooth, although a highly-carbonated beer.

**Overall Impression:** A somewhat sweeter version of standard/premium lager with a little more body and flavor.

**Comments:** A broad range of international lagers that are darker than pale, and not assertively bitter and/or roasted.

**Ingredients:** Two- or six-row barley, corn or rice as adjuncts. Light use of caramel and darker malts. Commercial versions may use coloring agents.

**Vital Statistics:**

OG: 1.044 - 1.056

FG: 1.008 - 1.012

IBUs: 8 - 20

SRM: 14 - 22

ABV: 4.2 - 6%

**Commercial Examples:** Dixie Blackened Voodoo, San Miguel Dark, Beck's Dark, Saint Pauli Girl Dark, Warsteiner Dunkel, Heineken Dark Lager, Crystal Diplomat Dark Beer

## Dark American Lager

Dark American Lager is an American standard lager with dark color added. However little or no dark malt flavoring is present.

### History

Essentially a darkened American lager similar in some ways to Bock, but lacking any dark malt or the Bock's malty flavoring. Dark American lagers are often brewed with syrups as coloring agents to darken the beer without substantially changing the basic American lager flavor.

### Description

Light to medium body, with low malt flavor and aroma. No dark malt flavor. Low bitterness and hop aroma. Deep amber to dark brown color. Clear. No diacetyl. Highly carbonated. A version of American Standard Lager with color added. Little or no dark malts flavor. Caramel syrup used to add color without changing flavor.

### Ingredients

American hops

American or Pilsner Lager yeast

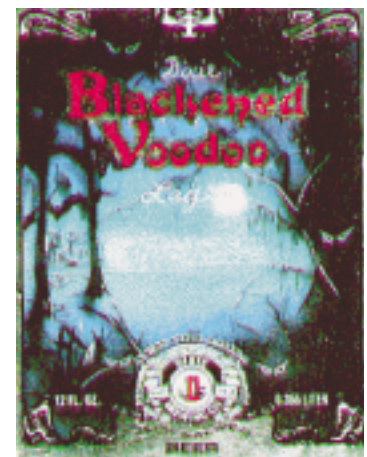
Pale Malt

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May use coloring agents

### Examples

Shiner Bock, Dixie Blackened Voodoo, Dan Miguel Dark, Beck's Dark, Saint Pauli Girl Dark, Warsteiner Dunkel



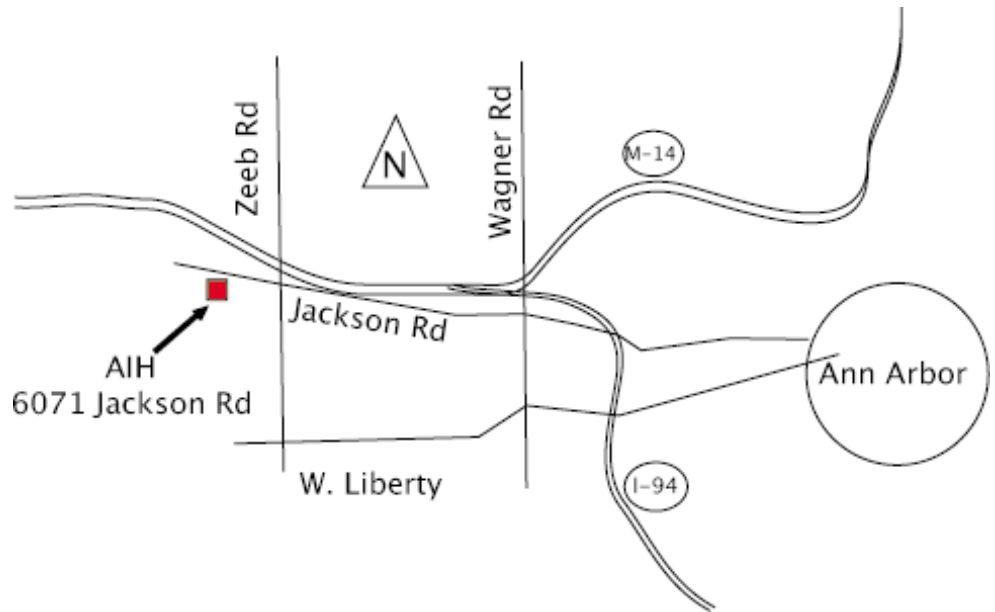
## Where and When

Friday, January 13,  
7:30pm

Adventures in Homebrewing  
6071 Jackson Road  
Ann Arbor MI  
313 277 2739

### Extra Info about AIH

There are no chairs, if you want to sit down, bring a chair. Homebrew supplies can be bought from AIH, but you must make your purchase before 7 p.m.



### AABG Policy

AABG encourages responsible, legal consumption of homebrewed and craft beers. **You must be at least 21 years old to attend AABG meetings.**

### Guide for New Members

Bring a tasting glass and 1–2 bottles per batch of your beer that you'd like to share, or an interesting commercial beer. Bring tasty munchies to cleanse the palate and sop up the alcohol. Feel free to share and sample with other members and make and accept constructive comments. Please use good judgment while imbibing and don't drive while intoxicated.

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Moonlight Death and Taxes Black, Moonlight Brewing Company, Fulton, California  
Stone Bombastic Lager, Stone Brewing Co., Escondido, California  
Furthermore Oscura, Furthermore, Spring Green, Wisconsin  
Cricket Hill Cricket's Nocturne, Cricket Hill Brewing Co., Fairfield, New Jersey  
Brewpub København Zeus, Brewpub København, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Elevator Dark Horse Lager, Elevator Brewing Company, Columbus, Ohio  
Defiant Muddy Creek Lager, Defiant

Brewing Company, Pearl River, New York  
Livery Red Canoe, The Livery, Benton Harbor, Michigan  
Bayern Killarney, Bayern Brewing, Missoula, Montana  
San Paolo Frakè, San Paolo, Torino, Italy  
Red Claw Amber Lager, Labatt Breweries (InBev), London, Ontario  
Bear Republic Oso Negro, Bear Republic Brewing Company  
Healdsburg, California  
Saranac Seasons Best Nut Brown Lager, Matt Brewing Company, Utica, New York  
Angel City Lester Young Porkpie Hat Dark Lager, Angel City Brewing Company, Los Angeles, California  
Brewpub København Stevie Ray, Brewpub København, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Robsons West Coast Ale, Shongweni Brewery, Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa  
Leinenkugels Creamy Dark, Leinenkugel Brewing Company,  
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin  
Sarasota Brewing Sequoia Amber Lager, Sarasota Brewing Company, Sarasota, Florida  
Moa Noir, Moa Brewing Company, Blenheim,

New Zealand  
Steamworks Steam Engine Lager, Steamworks Brewing Co. (US), Durango, Colorado  
Bayern Amber, Bayern Brewing, Missoula, Montana  
Löwenbräu Dark, Löwenbräu Munich (InBev), Munich, Germany  
Victory Amber Lager, Old Dominion Brewing Company (Coastal Brewing Co.), Dover, Delaware  
Camerons Dark 266, Camerons Brewing Company, Oakville, Ontario  
Vejle Bryghus Silent Night, Vejle Bryghus, Vejle, Denmark

