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Salem Area Breweries Celebrate Zwickelmania

Tour Bus Will Take Visitors to Sample Brews at 5 Local Breweries

SALEM, OR — On Saturday, February 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Salem area breweries will open their doors to visitors for the fifth annual Zwickelmania celebration. Zwickelmania, hosted by Oregon Craft Beer, is a free statewide event that offers guests a chance to tour brewery facilities, meet the brewers, and sample their favorite beers.

Five Salem area breweries – Santiam Brewing Company, Gilgamesh Brewing, Pale Horse Brewing, Big Horn Brewing Company, and McMenamins Thompson Brewery & Public House - will take part in the event with free samples and tours offered throughout the day. In addition, a special tour bus will travel to all five breweries between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The bus will begin its route at Pale Horse Brewing, located at 2159 Hyacinth Street NE, at approximately 11:15 a.m. and will return to Pale Horse at approximately 4:15 p.m. No pre-registration is necessary to ride the bus; adults 21 and over are welcome to hop on as it travels to each location.

Although not part of the bus tour, **Chatoe Rogue** (Rogue Ales' micro hopyard and tasting room located in Independence) will also participate in Zwickelmania with free tastings and tours.

Zwickelmania takes its name from the *zwickel* – the sample port valve located on fermentation or conditioning tanks that allows brewers to sample for quality assurance and control. "Zwickelmania is a great opportunity to taste beers where they were produced and talk to the brewers who created them," says Matt Killikelly a partner with Santiam Brewing Company and the Salem area organizer for this year's Zwickelmania tour. For more information about Zwickelmania, go to www.oregonbeer.org/zwickelmania or call Santiam Brewing at (503) 559-0044.

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