



Brewing On A Budget

How to Save Time and Money on your Favorite Hobby

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What this talk is about

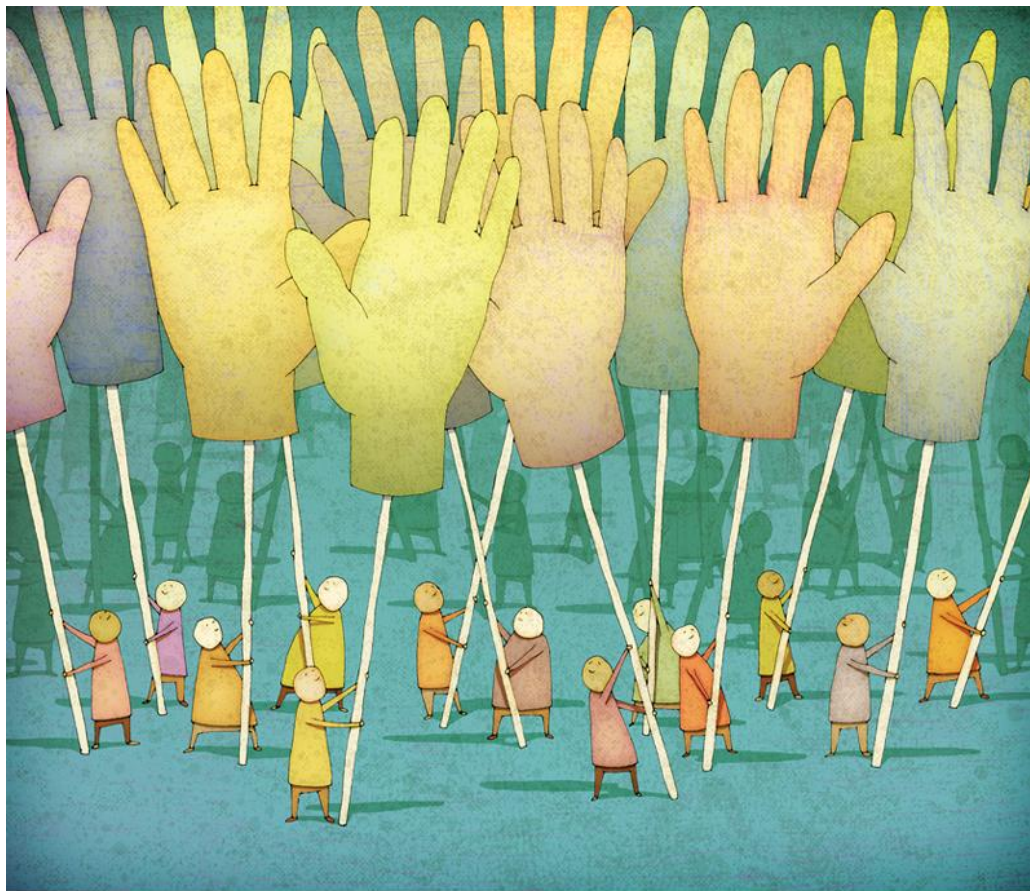
- No, we didn't invent something new
- Simple ways of saving money
- Ways to cut time off your brew day

Background

- Brewing for over 18 years
- 1st Batch Story
- Love a great deal



Show of Hands



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Brewing Economics

Cost to get brewing \$200 to \$300 unless you really get creative (you can)

Cost to Brew per 12oz bottle of beer = \$0.50 to \$1.00

Cost to Buy per 12oz bottle of beer = \$1.00 to \$1.50 plus taxes

Yes time is money, but you have spare time, if you don't why are here listening to this

Free time can cost money

Other Hobbies don't often net a product that can save you money (golf, exercising, diving, electronics, etc...)

Boredom often = financial troubles

Hanging out at bars

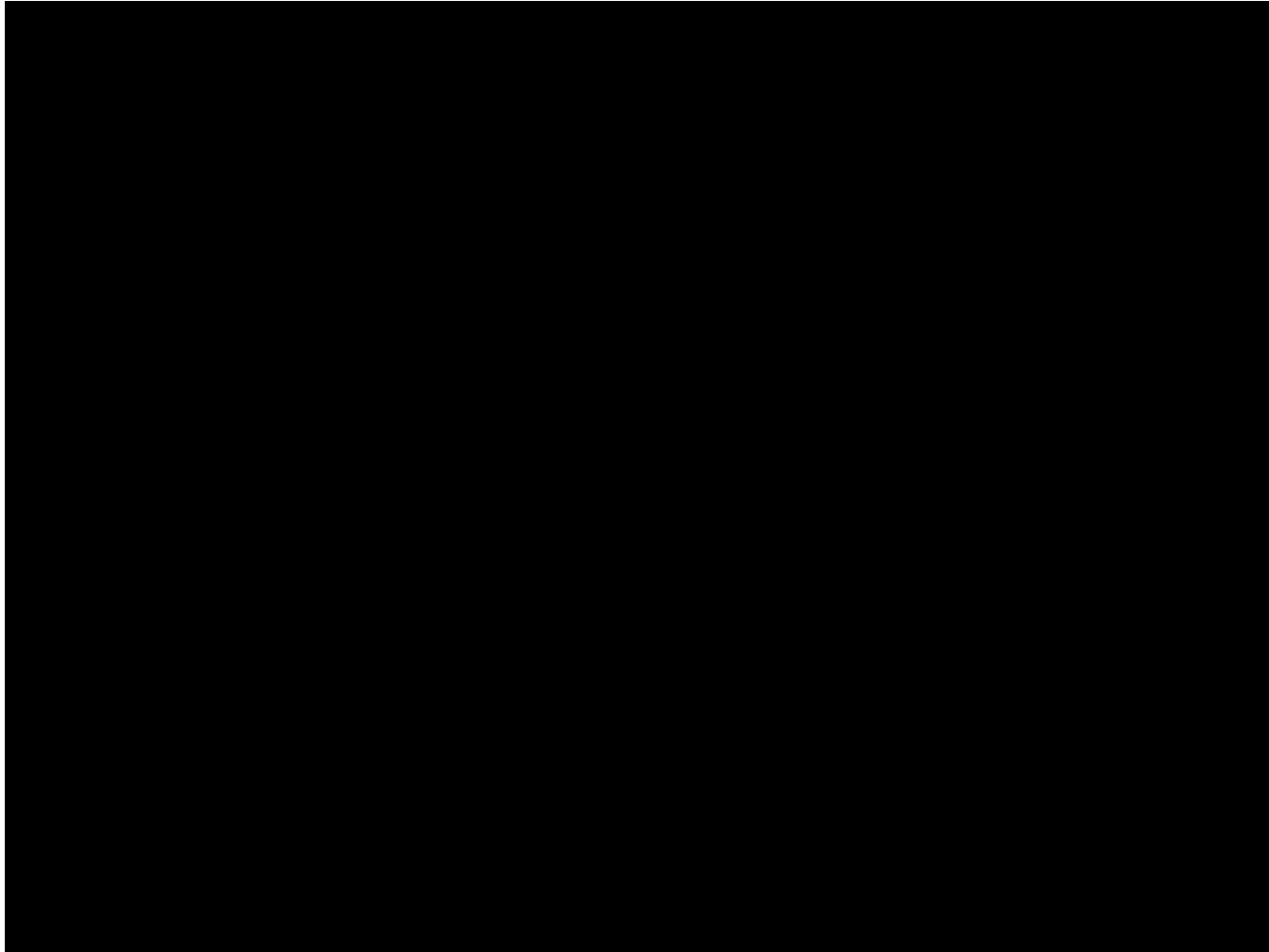
shopping

gambling

Who know's

<u>Making It:</u>				<u>Buying it:</u>			
\$25 5g kit	48 bottles	\$0.52 12oz bottle	\$3.13 6pack	\$5.99 6pack	6 bottles	\$1.00 12oz bottle	\$5.99 6pack
\$35 5g kit	48 bottles	\$0.73 12oz bottle	\$4.38 6pack	\$6.99 6pack	6 bottles	\$1.17 12oz bottle	\$6.99 6pack
\$45 5g kit	48 bottles	\$0.94 12oz bottle	\$5.63 6pack	\$7.99 6pack	6 bottles	\$1.33 12oz bottle	\$7.99 6pack

Saving On Equipment



General Ways to Save

- Become friends with your local homebrew shop
- Get on retail shop mailing lists
- Deal sites such as: homebrewfinds.com
- Barter
- Co Own
- Craigslist
- eBay
- Borrow or re-purpose





Equipment Cont..

- Look for lower cost alternatives
- Club or Friends Share Brewdayequipment
- Dirt Bag Alert – How to Properly Acquire Kegs



Ingredients

- Breweries (volunteer)
- Buy bulk
- Support local homebrew shop (ask if they will match)
- Yeast culturing
- Growing hops

Saving Time

- Planning is key
- Clean as you go
- Multiple timer device
- Pre-Setup
- Pre-Heat
- Experimentation

Experiments

- Mash time
- Boil time
- Spargetime
- Temp. in Ferments (less ideal)