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The Lancaster Liederkrantz (LLK) beer buyers endeavor to bring in outstanding domestic and international draft beers for your drinking pleasure. In order to keep you better informed as to "What's On Tap," or soon to be, we've decided to provide some info on them in order to pique your interest in trying something different. This column will feature current and immediate future domestic craft and international beers.

Troegs, a local favorite, puts out new beers all the time. Their *First Cut* is a 6.2% IPA with a mouthful of silky Simcoe and a touch of mango. This is a new beer for LLK and should be representative of Troegs' balanced and easy going flavors.

Funk Brewing is brewing beer in their Elizabethtown facility which features 8 rotating taps, most from the flagship brewery in Emmaus. We are featuring a 5.1% *365 Anniversary Pale Ale* with added rye in the malt.

Collusion Brewery, York PA's innovative brewery is providing *Fuzzy Scruppit* 6.5%, a fruit IPA. Brewed with wheat and hopped with Wakatu & El Dorado, (42 IBUs); it's then generously juiced with pink guava and white peaches. Jared Barnes, head brewer, was born and raised in York. After attending the Siebel Institute Master Brewers Course, he finished his education at Doemens Academy in Munich Germany for Brewing Technology, Bout the Scruppit, Jared says, "Feel Fuzzy inside". Collusion's tart and tropical *Vivid River Farmhouse Ale* is currently on tap. This 5% ABV 16 IBU flagship ale is brewed with wheat & spelt, lightly soured with their house lactobacillus blend & fermented with special yeasts.

Jack's Abby Nitro Smoke and Dagger is a 5.8% dark black beer that skirts the line between a schwarzbier and smoked porter. This all lager brewery uses a small percentage of traditional Beechwood smoked malt, adding complexity and balancing the liberal use of chocolate malt. Notes of roasted grains, beechwood smoke, and coffee accompany a full bodied-and sweet chocolately malt character. High ratings are enhanced when nitro dispensed.

St. Boniface Cocalico Stout is a highly rated America stout only brewed periodically by these excellent makers from Ephrata. Extremely well thought of, these brewers make a solid lineup of beers which appeal to a cross section of beer drinkers. This stout has all the flavor without the punch.

Kapuziner Weiss is one of the top rated weissbiers in the world. At 5.4% session strength, malted wheat and special yeast give the Kapuziner its light touch and distinctive taste. Unfiltered yeast lends a hazy, seductive look and a yeasty tang is offset by a solid malt body and a delightful tropical fruitiness. Some consider it "the most refreshing beer in the world."

Helltown, near Pittsburgh, is a consistently good brewer of ales. The *Rapture IPA*, at 7% and a bracing 77 IBUs, is a good example of this brewery's output. An aggressive West Coast IPA with aromas of pine and citrus fruits, it's hopped with Cascade, Columbus, and Simcoe.

St. Benjamin Brewing in Philadelphia returns with a 4.2% pils.

- Jim Weber and Greg Buckwalter