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**MBAA District Rocky Mountain
Spring Meeting - 2007
Press Release**

The Rocky Mountain District convened its spring quarter meeting at the Anheuser-Busch, Inc. brewery in Fort Collins, Colorado in early May. Todd Hansen, Resident Brewmaster and the Brewing Department sponsored the meeting. The featured beer at the meeting was the brewery's newly released *Ascent 54*, a Bavarian-style dunkel weisse named in honor of Colorado's 54 fourteen-thousand foot peaks. The meeting was well attended by members from the varied brewing companies, associated industries and support companies situated within the Front Range area and in the eastern Colorado region. Attendees were able to tour the brewery before the business meeting and technical presentation.

President Doug Odell, Odell Brewing Company, presided over the business portion of the meeting. Membership Chairman Dana Johnson, BIRKO Corporation, announced that the District's membership has leveled off at 125. He encouraged the group to pursue new members so that our goal of reaching 140 can be attained. Entertainment Chairman Steve Woodward, Fort Collins Feed, announced that arrangements for the September 14-16, technical out-of-towner in Colorado Springs are progressing nicely. A block of hotel rooms has been reserved close to the Phantom Canyon Brewery where the technical presentation is to be held. The hotel is also located close to the Bristol Brewing Company where the traditional Friday night kick-off event is to occur.

Wright Gibb, weld inspector and Tim Casper, maintenance supervisor from the Molson-Coors Brewing Company gave the meeting's technical presentation, *How Weld Inspection Can Affect Beer Quality*. The talk was a compilation of practical experiences highlighting sanitary weld procedures; inspection and

testing of weld roughness values; visual inspection of welds to detect incomplete penetration, sugaring, concavity due to excessive purge gas flow and excessive filler metal; and pipe alignment issues. Their presentation used various photographic examples of weld deficiencies to help the audience's understanding of how to identify them. A highlight of the talk was the pipe coupons with improper welds that the speakers brought for review by the audience.

The evening's events included a delicious buffet meal; a raffle supported with gifts from ChemTreat Inc., Brewers Supply Group and BIRKO Corporation; and the traditional distribution to attendees of a pint glass from the hosting brewery's collection.

The district's next meeting is scheduled for August 9, at the Avery Brewing Company 5763 Arapahoe Ave. Boulder, Colorado.

Steve Presley, Anheuser-Busch, Inc.
Publicity Chairman & Past President
MBAA District Rocky Mountain

Accompanying Photos:

Speakers.JPG – Wright Gibb, weld inspector and Tim Casper, maintenance supervisor (Molson Coors Brewing Co.) with technical chairman Finn Knudsen (Beverage Consult Intl, Inc.)

Hansen and Presley.JPG – Todd Hansen, Resident Brewmaster and Steve Presley, Sr. Assistant Brewmaster, Anheuser-Busch, Inc. enjoying a glass of their newly released *Ascent 54* dunkel weisse.