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 Mueller's Old Time BBQ
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 Rudy Mikeskas Bar-B-Q
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 Southside Market & BBQ
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Calendar of Events

May 29: Memorial Day
 Jul 4: Independence Day
 Aug 18-20: Blanco County Fair and Rodeo
 Sep 4: Labor Day

We are saddened by the death of our dear friend Clifford Antone. This enthusiastic purveyor of the blues was an avid aficionado and promoter of Texas BBQ as well. He was a frequent figure at many BBQ establishments and will be greatly missed.



Letter from the Board

Fresh "Side Dish" Brings New Taste to the Table

Welcome, friends, to our first edition of a new "Side Dish," the quarterly newsletter for the Central Texas Barbecue Association. We hope this newsletter will help keep you updated with association activities

and community events featuring our favorite thing...barbeque!

The newsletter will be divided into a number of sections:

- **Letter from the Board** - a special message from the association board
- **Feature Stories** - one or more stories about the association, special events or barbeque in general
- **The WANTEDs** - similar to the want ads, this will be a call for volunteers, sponsors, etc.
- **On the Board** - an update on the latest news and action from the association board
- **CTBBQA in the Community** - a look back at the associations participation in community events
- **The End Piece** - subscribe, unsubscribe, send us your comments
- **Hot Links** - related websites
- **Member Restaurants** - list of our business members. Be sure to check them all out!
- **Calendar of Events** - what's going on around town. Doesn't have to feature BBQ, but all good things should!
- **BBQ Around Town** - in each issue we'll feature a review of one of the area bbq joints.

We want to spread the word about Central Texas barbeque in general and members' barbeque specifically. So, go on, forward the newsletters to friends, family, anyone who loves it smoked.

Watch for CTBBQA's ad - and features on some of our members - in the upcoming BBQ edition of XLent.

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2005 BBQ Festival Under Our Belt; Plans for 2006 Under Way

The 2005 BBQ Festival was a great success. Thanks to extensive promotion from *The Austin Chronicle*, the word got out -- and so did the people! Austinites flocked to the



Sep 2-3: Bat Fest
Sep 15-17: ACL Fest
Sep 23-24: Hill Country
Barbecue Cook-off
Sep 24-25: Old Pecan
Street Fall Arts Festival
Oct 7-8: Texas Parks &
Wildlife Expo
Oct 8: BBQ Festival
Oct 19-26: Austin Film
Festival

Our Mission

Our mission is to promote the unique characteristics and heritage of Central Texas barbecue, its culture, and our members.

The association is committed to being the leading business association for Central Texas Barbecue restaurants, and is committed to the preservation of Central Texas Barbecue traditions.

BBQ Around Town



From *The Austin Chronicle*...Cooper's is a barbecue mecca that's been around for 43 years. It was started by the Cooper family and sold to the Wootan (not Woo-Tang) clan 15 years ago. When you drive up, the first thing you see under the shed roof outside is a line of six pits, cords of mesquite wood, and piles of folks waiting to give the meat slicers their order. You tell the slicers exactly what you want, how you want it trimmed, how much of it to put on your tray, then head inside for it to be weighed and priced (meats are in the \$6-8/lb range, sides a buck). Once inside, you decide if you want any slaw or spuds, and pick a drink, then you're off to the self-serve beans, onions, jalapenos, and bread. [Read the rest](#)

Travis County Farmers' Market to explore Sausage Alley, devouring sausage and other specialties. The October weather was beautiful and there was quite a crowd.

Given the success of the event, the association has begun planning for the 2006 BBQ Festival, which will be on **October 8**, and this year will feature Pit Row. The planning committee is still working out the details, but we will need vendors, volunteers, and sponsors. If you are interested in participating, please contact [Luke Zimmermann](#).

We'll have more information in upcoming additions.



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The WANTEDs

Wanted **BBQ-LOVING ARTIST** to help design and create a backdrop for CTBBQA to use at events. Other opportunities for design work. Must work for the love of all things smoked -- and possibly a small commission. Contact [Margaret Valenti](#).

Wanted **VOLUNTEERS** to do a variety of things at association events. It's not work; it's barbeque! Must be 18 or older and love barbeque. Contact [Luke Zimmermann](#).

Wanted **MERCHANDISE** from our business members. Donate sauce, t-shirts, hats, gift certificates -- whatever you can spare -- for the association to sell or use for prizes in raffles. You get your name out there; the association builds funds to support the BBQ mission. Contact [Pat Mares](#).

Wanted **NEW MEMBERS**. It's free! Join as a business member (BBQ maker) or a guild member (BBQ eater). For business membership contact [Luke Zimmermann](#). For guild membership contact [Margaret Valenti](#).

Wanted **CALENDAR ITEMS & REVIEWS**. If you want to add an event to the calendar or submit a review for the "BBQ Around Town" section, please email [Paula Bales](#).

Wanted **REVIEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & AWARDS**. Business members, if you have had a recent review published, won an award, or have an announcement you would like to include in the newsletter, please contact [Paula Bales](#).

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On the Board

The first Board of Directors was seated this past winter; and we'll have our first Board Meeting within the next couple of weeks. We are a growing organization, and the Board of Directors wants to welcome our new business members. Recently joining us are Rudy's Country Store and BBQ, The Railroad BBQ in Manchaca, and Pig Out in Austin. Also, a big welcome to all the new guild members!

As you know, the Association's philosophy is to bring increased awareness of Central Texas BBQ to the world. . . in other words, to be a clearing house. Just last week we received an email and phone call from a gentleman in NYC, who was writing a piece on German/Czech food traditions in Central Texas. He contacted us for information and direction. It struck me that this is exactly why we are here!

As most of you know, Meals on Wheels is our charity partner, and, more specifically, we support their "Country Meals" program. With this program, they provide meals to the elderly outside of Austin. If any of our members have a few hours to spare, please consider volunteering for a meal delivery. It not only provides a wonderful service to the elderly, but the personal rewards are immense. You get to meet people and feel their need and appreciation. While money is always important for an organization like Meals on Wheels, nothing is more important and hard to come by than the volunteers that make up the organization. If you're interested, contact

than the volunteers that make up the organization. If you're interested contact Meals on Wheels at 476-6325 and ask for the volunteer coordinator.

Finally, a big Congratulations to John Mueller on the opening of Old Town BBQ in downtown Bastrop. If you're out that way, stop in and say hello. Old Town BBQ is located at 705 Pine Street, or you can call them at 512.308.9818.

Luke Zimmermann
Chairman

Board Members

- Luke Zimmermann, Chairman, Ruby's BBQ, Austin
- Patricia Mares, Financial Officer, Ruby's BBQ, Austin
- Margaret Valenti, Recording Officer, President of the Barbecue Guild
- Becky Meyer, Meyers Elgin Smokehouse, Elgin
- Bryan Bracewell, Southside Market, Elgin
- Stacie Ludemann, The Big Oak Bar-B-Que, Buda
- Skeeter Miller, The County Line, Austin
- Jason Wootan, Cooper's BBQ, Llano
- James McMurtry, Smokey Denmark, Austin

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CTBBQA in the Community

Founders Day Festival

The Central Texas Barbecue Association had a great time at this year's Founders Day Festival in Dripping Springs, April 8-9. Barbecue-loving volunteers staffed the CTBBQA booth and did what we do best -- talk about barbecue! (There's some argument that what we do best is eat barbecue, but we'll admit it's a close race.)

We enticed festival-goers with an hourly raffle for prizes, including gift certificates, hats, t-shirts, and culinary goodies. A big thanks goes out to [Meyers Elgin Sausage](#), [County Line BBQ](#), [Big Oak BBQ](#), and [Ruby's BBQ](#) for the generously donated prizes!

The association signed up seventeen barbecue fans as new guild members, many of whom are interested in volunteering in upcoming events. We look forward to calling upon these folks for extra help as we gear up for future events.

In addition to our new guild members, we want to welcome Railroad Barbecue in Dripping Springs as our newest business member. We hope you Q-lovers can make it out to Dripping Springs to try some of Railroad's barbecue.

Home on the Range

April was a busy month for business and guild members. On April 6, the association participated in "Home on the Range," which is one event in the annual [Texas Hill Country Wine and Food Festival](#). This year's theme was "Texas Barbecue." Thank you to Dawn, Debbie, and Shelly, part of the festival organizers who were kind enough to give the association a table for the event. Association members Big Oak BBQ, Southside Market, and Ruby's BBQ were all there serving up their specialties. Blue Smoke BBQ came from as far away as NYC. The weather was beautiful. There was lots of wine and great food for all. Rachel and Bryan Bracewell

From Founders Day...



The famous "Body By Sausage" t-shirt



CTBBQA volunteer with new guild member and happy prize winner

beachfront. There was lots of wine and great food for all. Rachel and Bryan Bracwell experienced their first time out together since the twins arrived in December. Congratulations! We also want to thank guild members Kirsten, Sam, and Laura for staffing the information table and spreading the word about CTBBQA.

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The End Piece

We want to hear from you. Send us an email.

[I want to get the newsletter.](#)

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[I have a story for the newsletter.](#) Tell us what's going on in your BBQ world.

[I have a review or a restaurant suggestion for BBQ Around Town.](#) Tell us where you've been, what you ate, and what you thought. We reserve the right to edit. Submitting one doesn't mean it will be published.

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