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Space Engineers and Brewers Join Forces to Produce a Beer Drinkable in Space

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The 4-Pines Brewing Company and Saber Astronautics Australia have formed a Joint Venture to produce the world's first beer specifically intended for drinking in space, while still being tasty here on Earth. The first batch is due for public enjoyment starting in September 2010 while testing in parabolic flights will demonstrate the recipe's viability as an entertainment beverage for zero gravity.

Beer has been around for millennia and is found to parallel the growth of human civilization, even in ancient Egypt. New societies benefitted by producing beer throughout the course of history—it is high in vitamins and carbohydrates, easily stored, and resilient to bacteria. In the middle ages, monks survived on beer during periods of fasting. Beer was a key product in staving off scurvy in sailors. During the age of exploration, travel distances increased, and brewers responded by creating new recipes specific to the journeys.

Today a new industry is emerging in space exploration. There have been several commercial astronauts to the International Space Station. Space tourism flights to Low Earth Orbit have over 80,000 passengers booked for the next few years, and there is even an early commercial space station which has successfully demonstrated two prototypes in orbit. As space exploration becomes more commercial, it is likely to support a market for the tasty brew. While the brew is designed to be enjoyed in low gravity environments (i.e., a space station, the Moon, or Mars) it will also be tasty on Earth and available for the general public at affordable costs.

The 4-Pines Brewing Company (www.4pinesbeer.com.au) is an up and coming microbrewery located right across Manly Beach near the wharf. They have made a name for themselves for their high quality beer which has recently won national and international awards for their purity and strong flavors.

Saber Astronautics Australia (www.saberastro.com) is a new space engineering company which researches logistics and operations solutions for the space industry. They are also actively involved in bringing their passion for space to the public community.

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