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in. All of the vehicles are volunteered for the day.

The first row past the check-in tables was the Mobile Dentists van. A hygienist there gave out toothbrushes. Aasen's Lock & Safe's locksmith van, a school bus, an IMI cement mixer, an Indianapolis Fire Department van, a Crawford's Bakery delivery van, and an IndyParks van called Bringing Nature To You were also there. The nature van is like a mobile museum. It had a tremendous collection of Indiana plants and wildlife.

Next was a huge IndyParks tree trimming truck, a bright Yellow Cab Co. taxi, an IndyGo mobility bus, a stretch limousine and an Indianapolis Fire Department rescue truck with rescue boats on a trailer.

The third row included a shiny black Hummer, a Coke delivery truck, a military transport, a military Humvee, and a Donato's Pizza PT Cruiser with two helpers giving away helium-filled balloons.

The last row was the largest. It had a number

of smaller IndyParks vehicles, like a pickup truck, a flatbed truck, a riding lawnmower, and an ATV with a blade. Next was a collection of Park Ranger vehicles: two squad cars, an ATV, and a golf cart. Finishing the line-up was a camper, an ambulance with a gurney, two Indianapolis Police Department squad cars, a United States Postal Service delivery van, the Firebirds van, a WFMS 95.5 radio station van, a recycling truck, a trash truck, and a bright red fire truck.

Two mascots added to the fun: the Indiana Firebirds' Spike and IndyParks' own, Chippy the Chipmunk.

A new addition this year was the VERB Anytour interactive area. VERB describes Anytour as, "So jump in and jump around. Shoot hoops at a garbage can. Invent a sport. Or find out how a videogame can make you sweat. Try anything and everything. Leave ready to play anytime and anywhere."

VERB is a program from the Department of Health and Human Services. Their mission is to fight obesity in youths. The program is built around fun activity. The VERB area was popular, and even Spike shot hoops with the kids.

Some of the volunteers' ears are probably still ringing from all the honk honking, but everyone had a great morning at Broad Ripple Park.



Behind the wheel of a military truck.



"I am driving the school bus!"



It turns out that according to IndyParks, Chippy is a real chipmunk!



by Mark Rumreich

When you think of the Broad Ripple Brewpub, pizza may not be the first thing to come to mind. But the Pizza Scene is thorough in its endeavors, and yes, the Brewpub does have pizza.

The BRBP is located 1 block west of Westfield Boulevard on 65th Street. It was opened in 1990 (Indiana's first brewpub) by owners John & Nancy Hill, former owners of the Corner Wine Bar. The BRBP was built as a copy of an English pub. Sitting near the bar, the stainless steel tanks of the brewing operation are visible through large windows along the back wall. There are non-smoking dining areas off the bar where children are permitted. During summer months, there is shaded outdoor seating on the patio overlooking the Monon trail.



The Broad Ripple Brewpub offers some of the finest microbrews made in the United States. It has a nice selection of darks, wheats, and other ales. Lawnmower ale is one of the most popular, especially in summertime. The ESB (Extra Special Bitter) and IPA (India Pale Ale) are two of my favorites. All beers are excellent, and remarkably consistent.

Scotch eggs are a popular appetizer at the Brewpub. These are hard boiled eggs wrapped in sausage, breaded then deep-fried. They're served with a cool ranch dip and are great with beer. Another popular appetizer is the beer-cheese crock. The BRBP offers pub fare including fish & chips, crawfish pie, burgers, salads and vegetarian dishes. There's also a kids menu.

On the subject of pizza, the BRBP offers two sizes: 6.5 and 10 inches. Traditional and a few exotic toppings are available, as well as a dozen or so specialty pizzas.

Broad Ripple Brewpub
840 East 65th Street
253-2739

Mon-Thur 11AM - midnight
Fri-Sat 11AM - 1 AM
Sun 3 PM - 10 PM

In lieu of our standard pepperoni and Italian sausage reference pie, we ordered the Yorkshire specialty pizza. It has pepperoni, Italian sausage, potatoes and green onions. We also ordered a Scotch egg pizza and a pesto pizza. The Scotch egg pizza has quartered Scotch eggs and a bit of red onion. The pesto has fresh mushrooms, roma tomatoes, black olives and walnuts, with pesto replacing the traditional sauce. All the pizzas we tried had mozzarella and provolone.

Of the three pizzas, we enjoyed the Yorkshire the most. The Italian sausage came in fairly hefty hunks and was very tasty. The fried potatoes and green onions added a "potato skins" kind of flavor that was not just different, it was worth coming back for.

The Scotch egg pizza is meant as a fun joke. We actually enjoyed it, but one wedge of the prized topping per slice leaves a lot of bites rather plain. This could be overcome with the addition of bacon or other complementary topping, and could make a fun joke extra tasty. The pesto pizza provided a mix of fresh flavors and textures. All the pizzas had crispy crusts, but could have benefited from something more homespun.

Our server was both knowledgeable and friendly. We visited on a Tuesday night and had no wait for seating. But from experience, the brewpub can get crowded on weekends, so think about a mid-week visit.

The Broad Ripple Brewpub continues to be the spot to frequent for exceptional microbrewed beer, great neighborhood pub atmosphere and tasty pub fare.

Mark Rumreich has been vigilantly surveying the pizza scene in the Indianapolis area for over two decades. He is an avid home brewer, has written for several magazines, and is the author of the Car Stereo Cookbook.

Crossword solution

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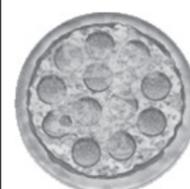
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