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The logo features the number '903' in a large, bold, black serif font with a white outline. A red silhouette of the state of Texas is positioned below the zero. Below the Texas map, the word 'BREWERS' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, enclosed within a black rectangular banner with a white border.

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A photograph of two young women at a party. The woman in the foreground is wearing a purple shirt and holding a green balloon. The woman behind her is wearing a white shirt and also holding a green balloon. They are both laughing and looking towards the camera. The background is bright and colorful, suggesting a festive atmosphere.



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Taking its name from the regional area code, 903 Brewers is the venture of relative brewing newcomer Jeremy Roberts. This Sherman native and his wife decided to make the leap most avid homebrewers dream of and take his hobby to a commercial level. Assisted by mutual friend and brewing talent Austin Jones ([Zio Carlo, Rahr & Sons](#)) and with time spent volunteering at local Dallas microbreweries, Roberts set up shop in an historic, turn-of-the-century [cotton](#) warehouse which, at present, dwarfs his actual brewing operation.



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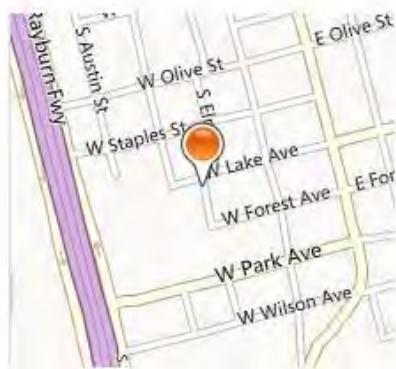


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Porter, **Kona Brewing's** Koko Brown, and one of the now-defunct **Covey's** best brews was an early toasted Coconut Brown Ale). The Chosen One is a departure from the norm as a golden ale, toasty pale malt with a light touch of coconut flavor that builds as you down a pint. The recipe for this beer is still in flux as Roberts plays with the perfect quantity of coconut to use, so expect some variations as the beer is test-marketed in select locations.

Other nontraditional beers are in the works as Roberts looks for style gaps left open by other craft brewers. As markets north of his location face a state border and with that a whole new set of **laws and licenses**, his primary focus will be Sherman, McKinney and Dallas/Fort Worth.

Availability: 903 Brewers plans local release events later this month at **Craft & Growler** in Dallas and at **Zio Carlo** in Fort Worth. Check their **Facebook** page for more details.

Cheers!

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The informal term **nanobrewery** would be a better description for Roberts' current setup, with an output measured in kegs rather than barrels. A handful of small conical fermenters sit in a constructed cold room, and his staff consists of the traditional army of local eager volunteers, yet he is licensed and legal. Roberts desire is to proceed without the complications of outside investors, so his capacity naturally will be limited until he can arrange for a commercial brewhouse possibly later this year.

As for his product? Better than it should be, given his amateur status and piecemeal brewing equipment. Roberts offered only two beers at his grand opening, Roo's Red Ale and The Chosen One (a coconut ale). Roo's Red Ale is a bit of a misnomer as at almost 7% ABV one would expect it to be approaching the league of **Peticolas'** Velvet Hammer or **Martin House's** Imperial Texan. Instead, the name is a nod to the local **Austin College** in Sherman (Go **Kangaroos!**) and is more a hoppy, style-bending amber ale, not bitter enough to be an IPA but malty, robust and very drinkable.

Coconut as a brewing adjunct is not unheard of and works very well used in many styles (**Maui Brewing's** CoCoNut



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