



Jason Ankeny took time to donate blood at the Trade Route Brewing Co. & Taphouse last week.

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Pint-for-Pint: Residents donate blood for suds

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Pacific's Trade Route Brewing Co. & Taphouse chipped in for a good cause last Friday, hosting the Cascade Regional Blood Services' Blood-mobile Pint-for-Pint Give Blood Get Beer drive.

The recently opened micro-brewery ponied up vouchers for a free pint of sudsy brew in exchange for a little blood.

"The Cascade Regional Blood people came up and talked at the chamber of commerce, and we just

thought it would be a good idea," master brewer Joe Valvo said. "It's about helping the community. We thought it'd be a good partnership."

Participants, like Auburn's Jason Ankeny, turned out not only to help out a good cause, but also to whet their whistle with the taphouse's roster of specialty brews.

"A friend of mine was talking about this (Pint-for-Pint) so I decided to try it," Ankeny said. "He talked about the Mango

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Weisen, here. I used to (donate blood) all the time, but I stopped for a while."

There is only one catch to the blood-for-beer drive: donors are given vouchers that are good beginning the following day after they give blood.

"The reason that we ask the vouchers be dated for the next day is that it would not be optimal for donors to drink alcohol four to six hours after giving blood," said Cari Dixon, assistant director for Donor Resources. "To be safe, we ask that the vouchers be dated for the next day."

According to Valvo, Trade Route redeemed about 20 vouchers the weekend following the bloodmobile's visit.

Cascade Regional Blood Services began the Give Blood Get Beer campaign in September 2008 at The Swiss tavern in Tacoma. Since then, the bloodmo-

Future stops

The Cascade Regional Service Bloodmobile will be in Auburn the following dates for regular donations.

• **May 1**, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Auburn Lakeland Hills Community, 1408 Lake Tapps Parkway E.

• **May 24**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Auburn Green River Community College at 12401 SE 320th St.

• **May 25**, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School at 4248 S. 288th St.

bile has made more than 15 trips to South Sound taverns and taphouses to collect blood and give away vouchers.

The organizations tries to space their donation drives 56 days apart to give donors the opportunity to donate as maximum time allowed annually.

For more information visit www.cascadeblood-centers.org.