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Beer-loving parents understand this. There are two kinds of local breweries: kid-friendly, or not. Most are not.

For one of those nights when the babysitter falls through but you still want to

go out, [Veracious Brewing Company](#) in Monroe hits the mark, with a totally relaxed taproom, a pile of family games and outstanding craft beer selection.

Open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, the Veracious tasting room has usually eight to 10 rotating beers on tap at any time, by the glass, in flights and growlers. Because they are brilliant, they also sell wine, as well as sodas and mineral water, for the kids and designated drivers.

Don't be fooled by the building's boring beige exterior. Walk inside and it is warm and welcoming. Long lacquered wooden tables and benches made of reclaimed wood lend themselves to conversation. Piles of board games line the entranceway. Folks young and old battle at the giant Connect Four.

“We were in England and we traveled around to taste different beers,” says owner Mark Szamatulski. “In England, children go to the pubs. They hang out with their parents. They have a meal. We wanted it to be like that.”

Other than chips, you can't buy food at Veracious. However, most hours you'll find a food truck cooking up something yummy in the parking lot. And local restaurants – including the neighboring gastro pub, [Tavern](#), and [Sal's Family Pizza](#) – deliver right to your taproom table. Menus are available at the bar.

“Or they can bring their own food and have a picnic here. With kids, sometimes that's easier, we know.”

The Szamatulskis had their own kids and grandkids in mind when they built the tap room, and when they named one of their most popular beers after a beloved family member: “Problem Child.”

“We have three grandkids! There was no way we were going to tell the grandkids they can't come into the brewery!” Szamatulski says. “Our son lives out in Seattle, and we went to out to visit and check out the breweries. They were all very kid-friendly establishments. The adults played games more than the kids did!”

Szamatulski and his wife Tess opened the tasting room on Highway 25 in Monroe in June 2015, next to their beer making supply store, Maltose Express. They've been making beer and supplying home brewers for 25 years. They co-authored two books on home brewing, "[Beer Captured](#)" and [Clone Brews](#).

The Veracious Brewing Company tasting room is located at 246 Main St in Monroe, Conn. It is open Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays from noon to 9 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Veracious is closed Sunday through Wednesday. For a tour of the brew-house, please call (203) 452-7332.