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December 27, 2004 - Good morning and a happy "Last Monday of December and of 2004" to all! I hope everyone had a great Christmas and got everything they needed, which in most of our cases, was nothing... My real hope is that everyone had at least a bit of time to remember and contemplate the real meaning of the holiday... and then had a few beers to celebrate!

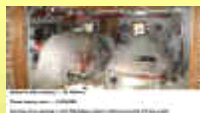
For me the holiday went pretty well. No major catastrophes in my personal life, but very close to home two sisters at St. Joe's in Kellnersville were killed in a fire just two days before the holiday. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers...

As always, the holiday brought our families together for some good times... My outlaws were well behaved and we had a nice time with them, and the Nelson clan had a feast on the big day that would rival many medieval celebrations... there was more food to eat than I could even try... Shrimp, gizzards, meatballs, wings, venison stew, party spuds, crab salad, pies, ribbon jello, and pistachio tort among others... and that's just the stuff I remember trying! And as at any good Nelson gathering, libations flowed... A very nice time...

The group played the "greed" gift game, and I was able to score an incredible pillow... I was VERY nervous when I got it that someone would immediately steal it, so I acted like it wasn't the present for me, hoping everyone would by-pass it. You know what? It worked! Those suckers passed it by and I got to keep my lovely pillow... I'll treasure it always... My god-daughter also fashioned me a survival kit that was also VERY nice (Martini supplies and cigars) that will come in VERY handy because you never know when you need that stuff... Got a couple good books and some nice clothes, including a very cool pair of elk skin gloves... I do like those...

Probably the best gift of the holiday came on Christmas Eve when the Packers whipped up on those Viqueens. THAT was sweet! Division Champs again!!! I also had a chance to head to Madison last week for some meetings and we got to go see the Badger hoop team drill UNC-Green from a very nice corporate box. Those boxes are the only place that serve alcohol in the Kohl center... NICE!!! A very good time!!!

Was it just me, or was it freaking cold last week? Here's what happens when an idiot forgets just how cold it gets:



Not too hard to believe the idiot was from Michigan... the troll from the Jack and Ass team was probably responsible...

The FDA Chair also came thru with a bribe last week to garner an extension on his newsletter article and took my to lunch at The Bar. Awesome pea soup! Good fries too... chow is always better when someone else is footing the bill... Speaking of the FDA Chair, rumor has it his offspring have a couple new friends named Eleanor and Amanda. Now, I can't imagine why neither went out of their way to tell me about these new friends specifically, but I'll do what I can to gather more information on the subject and keep you posted.

I got this last week... can't remember where, but this is my gift to you. It explains all about women from an engineer's point of view:



Well, this week I'll be hard at it putting together our yearly newsletter. I've got one remaining article that has to be submitted, and HE KNOWS WHO HE IS!!! (Well, that's not completely true as the two scrubs I live with owe me something too, but I can strong arm them when the time comes.) Hopefully I'll have the time to get it pretty much done this week because starting next week work gets pretty hectic again as I travel to Texas the first weekend of the month. That also means I'll be out of town for the first Packer playoff game, but I'll survive somehow...

On a side note, the damn [guestbook](#) has been ticking me off lately. Web crawlers keep posting all kinds of crap out there while the folks that SHOULD be posting stuff out there don't use it at all... I'm going to read up on it and see if there's anything I can do to block that crap or at least edit it more easily... otherwise, maybe we'll shut it down... I'll keep you posted.

With the new year coming, I think we all (especially the junior members) need to get off our butts and make the world a better place. Here's what I mean:

A college student challenged a senior citizen, saying it was impossible for their generation to understand his generation. "You grew up in a different world," the student said. "Today we have television, jet planes, space travel, nuclear energy, computers..."

Taking advantage of a pause in the student's litany, the geezer said: "You're right. We didn't have those things when we were young; so we invented them! What are you doing for the next generation?"

Ain't that a fact!

That's all I have time for today. I hope everyone has a very safe and happy New Year's celebration, and all the luck and happiness you can handle in the new year! Before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members:

"Posterity -- you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it." --John Quincy Adams

That goes for most of the generations before us. I hope my generation can live up to those high standards!

Until next time, take care, and have a GREAT week! Happy New Year!!! See you in 2005!!!

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December 21, 2004 - Merry Christmas and a Happy Holidays to all!!! Well, we're back at work after a nice long three day weekend. I took yesterday off to finish up preps for the holidays, and got most of my work done. Just one more gift and some wrapping and I'm all set. Oh yeah, I have to get beer too... Well, that's not just another holiday chore now is it...?

Well, the big news is that the [newsletter](#) article submission deadline has come and gone and everyone expect except two (and YOU KNOW WHO you are!) have either gotten in their submission or requested an extension. The submissions, as always, are excellent and should make for a great publication. Once again, I'll have my hands full editing out the inappropriate material protected by decency and the "North or 64" rule, but that's one of the more pleasant tasks. My one big disappointment is that the annual submission by the SEC-Transportation, usually transacted at approximately 11:56pm, took place shortly after 10pm. What's going on here? What happened to tradition? Well, I think the boy is starting to grow up, and realized that work comes pretty early... That's OK... I got a little more sleep this way too... Well, I'll wait for the late submissions and for the submitters that requested an extension, and then get busy over the next two weeks putting our masterpiece together... should be great!

As I said, I had a great weekend! Saturday night The President's buck slaying daughter graduated from UWO and had a great little party. Funny how The President's beer tastes so good! Good crowd with The President, SEC-Exterior/Interior, AG, SEC-Weights/Measures, Executive Assistant, FM, and FM-Junior all attending. Even the SEC-State's lovely bride and the Mayor of Denmark were there. Had a good time and the First Lady put on a GREAT spread. Awesome food! I did hear that I was lucky to leave when I did as the festivities lasted quite a while... Congrats to Mellisa!!!

Sunday brought the annual Nelson cookie decorating event. Despite total confusion (Zumbo's lovely bride wasn't there to organize) it was good time. Always enjoyable to watch the SEC-Transportation try to figure out ways to get the job done with the least amount of work... His lovely future bride (not official) also made him a very touching heart shaped cookie. Maybe the lad will weld up a ring sooner than he says...

What followed the annual frosting event, the last in a string of debacles at Lambeau, was not as much fun. NUMEROUS errors contributed to another loss and only the second loss by Favre at Lambeau when the temp was less than 34 degrees. Is it just me, or is everyone sick of that stat? I mean, what about when the temp is less than 37 degrees? Or how about 31 degrees? On to the ViQueens on Christmas Eve!!!

How 'bout all that snow this morning? The first snow storm of the winter did make my day off yesterday a little more interesting. But its always fun to get the old snow blower out that first time. Its working pretty good thanks to The President's technique for starting a balky engine. The guy is a genius! Snow blowing/shoveling lost its luster this morning as it took me over an hour to get everything cleaned up. Got me in to work late at least... ;-)

Well, we have the holiday season at hand, but the curtamous page will stay on line. I should have my regular updates right on schedule, so be sure to keep tuned...

Here's a quick on from the FM... pretty good advice...

In 1923, Who Was:

- 1. President of the largest steel company?**
- 2. President of the largest gas company?**
- 3. President of the New York Stock Exchange?**

4. Greatest wheat speculator?

5. President of the Bank of International Settlement?

6. Great Bear of Wall Street?

These men were considered some of the worlds most successful of their days.

Now, 80 years later, the history book asks us, if we know what ultimately became of them.

The Answers:

1. The president of the largest steel company. Charles Schwab, died a pauper.

2. The president of the largest gas company, Edward Hopson, went insane.

3. The president of the NYSE, Richard Whitney, was released from prison to die at home.

4. The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cooger, died abroad, penniless.

5. The president of the Bank of International Settlement, shot himself.

6. The Great Bear of Wall Street, Cosabee Livermore, also committed suicide.

However: in that same year, 1923, the PGA Champion and the winner of the most important golf tournament, the US Open, was Gene Sarazen. What became of him?

He played golf until he was 92, died in 1999 at the age of 95. He was financially secure at the time of his death.

The Moral:

Screw work...

Play golf.

That's all I have time for today. I hope everyone has a very safe, blessed, and enjoyable Christmas!!! Feel free to post your holiday wishes to all out on the [guestbook](#). Before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members:

"The saints are the sinners who keep on trying." --Robert Louis Stevenson

Good goal for all of us...

Until next time, take care, and have a GREAT week! Merry Christmas!!!

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December 13, 2004 - Howdy folks! Welcome to Monday! I don't know about you, but this month goes SO fast, and yet, its SO boring... The hunt is over, and the whole corporate Christmas thing is so anticlimactic. Hopefully I'll get my shopping done soon and then I can

start to enjoy the holiday the way its supposed to be enjoyed... Libations and celebrating!

The Packer game sure was something yesterday! I was VERY close to losing hope in the first half, and in fact, I almost figured "game over" at halftime. Admittedly, the defense isn't good, but when the offense plays SO poorly like it did last week and during the first half, it REALLY exposes them. Second half was a nail biter, but fun. Thankfully the ViQueens lost...

Got the new used car this weekend from the SEC-Weights/Measures. Pretty nice. Hopefully my lovely bride likes it, as I'm sure she already considers it hers. Funny how I arrange for all the transportation needs of my family, I drive the most, but yet I always drive the oldest poorest car... Somebody mentioned something to me about penance the other day, and I think I get my fair share.

Besides the Packer win yesterday, Sunday was also most excellent as The President stopped over, WITH BEER IN HIS POCKETS! Is that guy always prepared or what. I had just finished storing away a bunch of shop lights for the garage when I was contemplating a beer when he walked in. Perfect timing too!!! SEC-Weights/Measures and SEC-Transportation also stopped in to borrow a stapler to assist them in hanging the mayor's Christmas lights. We had a couple beers and a few rude comments. The President also delivered some much needed 5 gallon pails, so I'm all set in that department too.

I also heard from the FM last week a couple times. He filled me in on the latest Denmark basketball news and sent a couple email funnies. Then I had the rare opportunity to see him Thursday night at a local establishment for Parents Night. (Chief Inspector's BB team Parent Night of course!) It was the oddest thing, as he did NOT have any refreshment!!! That's right folks, no refreshments at this local establishment despite the fact that the other parents were indulging at will. Well, he did have another ball game to attend, so that may have had something to do with it... he did stop back in AFTER the game just to make sure no one thought he was dying...

I also got this from the FM. I thought it was pretty funny...

WOMEN'S ASS SIZE STUDY

There is a new study out about women and how they feel about their asses!

I thought the results were pretty interesting:

85% of women think their ass is too big...

10% of women think their ass is too little...

The other 5% say that they don't care, they love him, he's a good man, and they would have married him anyway

Well, I have a lot going on this week and next. I head to Chicago tomorrow for two days of prep work for a trip to Texas in January. Hopefully we behave ourselves. I might take next Monday off to finish off holiday preparations, so the update may be a day late next week.

Oh yeah, there's a new [guestbook](#) out there too... hopefully I have all the crap deleted out of it... And don't forget BBC members, [newsletter articles](#) are due Sunday night!!! Get 'em in!!!

That's all I have time for today, but, before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members:

"Behind every successful man is a surprised woman." --Maryon Pearson

Must be man bashing day here...

Until next time, take care, and have a GREAT week!

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December 6, 2004 - Happy Monday everyone! Well, its not too happy after the SSA kicking the Packers took yesterday... Wow, talk about looking bad. Nuff said about that... How 'bout that snow this morning? Pretty nice, but its that heavy wet crap that's such a pain in the ass to shovel. Plus, there wasn't quite enough to get the snow blowers going, so I actually broke a sweat this morning. Speaking of snow blowers, thanks to SEC-Transportation for getting Pa Nelson's snow blower fixed. One more thing checked off the list...

Not too much going on last week... I did get out the newsletter assignments for this year's [Bob's Buck Camp Newsletter](#), so I'm hoping to start getting articles back soon. Its kinda nice to get some of the publishing done over the holidays, and its usually better to get the articles written while some of the event is still fresh in our minds. Should be as good as always...

Saw the FDA Chair this weekend... he cooked up some fresh pig lever for Ma/Pa Nelson on Saturday... yuck... So he was volunteered to help out putting up the damn Christmas lights there as well. Actually, it went pretty well, so I think he has the job for good now...

Also saw the SEC-Weights/Measures this weekend... that girlfriend of his certainly doesn't fit into his usual category... very nice girl... makes a person wonder... Anyway, he's selling his car to upgrade back to a truck now that's he's back in the construction business, so he brought it over for a test drive... the bride liked it, so we're going to buy it, assuming bank approval. We kinda need something reliable with the winter travel we do to basketball games and such, so it works out pretty good for both of us.

Speaking of basketball, I got the inaugural "What's up with Denmark Basketball" diatribe from the FM last week. Like most programs, Denmark BB has its share of issues, and the FM was kind enough to fill me in on his first impressions. If he'd clean it up a bit, I could publish it. He's actually a pretty good writer, so it would be nice if he'd commit to a weekly column we could post here. We'd have to clear that with his lovely bride first, but you never know...

Didn't hear from The President this week, so I kinda had a bit of withdrawal going on... A whole season of Bob and then nothing... my liver appreciated the break though... I AM a little surprised we didn't see anything from the AG. Two bucks his second season hunting... even I would be smack talking about that... Maybe its just the calm before the storm...

For those of you who might care, I did retire Jack the Cat's [Bow Hunter's Lament](#)" to the [stuff page](#)... its also out on the [November Notes](#) page... don't want to lose that one...

I also scanned in the [Denmark Press article](#) on Bob's Buck Camp, so if you haven't seen it, take a look... If I broke some copy write laws, sorry...

Here's a little something I was going to save for Valentines Day, but I'm low on material again, so here it is...

FEMALE PRAYER:

**Before I lay me down to sleep,
I pray for a man, who's not a creep,**

***One who's handsome, smart and strong,
One who loves to listen long.***

***One who thinks before he speaks,
One who'll call, not wait for weeks.
I pray he's gainfully employed,
When I spend his cash, won't be annoyed,***

***One who pulls out my chair and opens my door,
massages my back and begs to do more.
Send me a man who'll make love to my mind,
knows what to answer to "How big is my behind?"***

***I pray that this man will love me to no end,
And always be my very best friend.***

Amen.

MALE PRAYER:

***I pray for a deaf-mute nymphomaniac with a hot body who owns a liquor store, a
bass boat, and has 100 acres of prime hunting land.***

Amen

***Personally, I would include a private lake on the "500 acres" of hunting land, but that's just me
being greedy...***

That's all I have time for today, but, before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members:

"I drink to make other people interesting." -- George Jean Nathan.

And that REALLY works!

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