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June 28, 2004 - **Howdy Folks! Another Happy Monday in Packerland... when does football season start anyway? Well, it was a relatively quiet week, so this should be a short update... we'll see...**

Not much news on the home front... Did some more work on the deck... installed a "mother-in-law" railing on the steps leading up from the garage. The steps had been open, and were a bit difficult to get up, so Saturday morning I installed the first of two railings. I would have done both, but I didn't have enough materials. (I went on a Menard's run on Sunday to get more materials, and managed to get them home without scattering them on the highway... live and learn...)

I also made some progress on the garage projects... I finished installed the flooring on the east attic. Looks pretty nice, and now I can start filling that space up with junk. Next will be the west attic...

I mentioned my Fathers Day present last week... the Northern Exposure DVD. I opened 'er up on Sunday to take a peak, and the damn thing came with two "Disk 2"s... Just my luck... story of my life actually...

I haven't heard from The President for a week or two, but I did see some of the home improvements he's been working on... Here's his new doorbell:



Had some correspondence with the FM last week. (Junior-junior, you out there? Drop me a line!!!) He sure is a funny guy. In honor of the FM, we have a contest this week. Its called, "Why is the FM so damn happy?". Check out the picture below and post your ideas in the [questbook](#). Results will be shared at the next Bored Meeting. (Unless I don't see a 6 pack of Oil Cans pretty soon...)



Lets see, [T-Bone](#) racing had another eventful night of racing. Young Master SEC-Transportation was in 3rd until some questionable driving sent him and others spinning in less than desirable

directions... I think he took tenth... He has the week off next week, but is considering a nice out in Luxembourg. We're going to have to get planning that Bob's Buck Camp Night at the Races soon too...

Here's a good one that I found on the web. Funny how well we're known...

The President, VP, and SEC-State go to Heaven. They are met at the pearly gates by St. Peter. St. Peter says to them, "Welcome to Heaven, you three will get along hear just fine, as long as you remember our number one rule. Don't harm any deer. God really gets mad if you harm any of his deer"

The three deer hunters thought that was pretty reasonable and they all went off to explore Heaven.

The SEC-State was driving along enjoying the sights of Heaven, and "CRASH" he runs right over a deer and kills it. Then instantly this really ugly nasty woman appears in the seat right next to him. He then realizes that they are shackled together with a heavy chain.

The voice of God rings out "You two will be shackled together for eternity."

The VP heard about this and decided that he better be more careful with his driving. He was driving along enjoying the sights of Heaven, and this buck jumped out of the ditch and "CRASH" he runs right over the buck and kills it. Then instantly this even uglier, nastier, woman appears in the seat right next to him. He then realizes that they are shackled together with a heavy chain.

The voice of God again rings out "You two will be shackled together for eternity."

The President hears about this and, smart man that he is, decides he is going to quit driving. The next day he decides he will go for a walk in the forest. After walking for about a mile he spots a log over looking a meadow and sits down for a rest. Then instantly this beautiful woman appears on the log right next to him. He then realizes that they are shackled together with a heavy chain.

The President says to her "Where did you come from?"

The beautiful woman says "The last thing that I remember, I was just driving along and "CRASH" I hit this deer."

I wonder if he had on his sweater?

Well, that's about it for today... Told you it would be short... Before I go, here's a few words of wisdom for our junior members:

"Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same." -- Oscar Wilde

Yep...

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

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P.S. Got next Monday off for the Fourth, so your update will be at least a day late.

June 21, 2004 - Happy Father's Day to all! I hope all you Dads out there had a great day yesterday. Me? I did OK. I cut the lawn... Even that loud John Deere lawn mower seems like peace and quiet, so no problem there... I got a couple shirts, and a Northern Exposure DVD. Remember Northern Exposure? I loved that show. Not sure why, but I felt almost as bad when it went off the air as I did when Cheers was over... The problem is, even if I find some time to sit down and watch it, how am I going to wrestle the TV and DVD player away from the wife and kids? Tough life I have, huh?

Work has been hectic the last few weeks. Last week I worked a 8am-2am shift, and was in on Saturday morning for a couple hours. Not sure what's going on, but I've been busy. Luckily, I've still had time to keep the site up to date... not that anyone's reading it, but its one thing I get accomplished right away at the start of the week...

Hit a couple more grad parties this weekend. The SEC-State's youngest had her party Saturday, featuring booyah by the FDA Chair. (Can you believe, SEC-State didn't give him a beer till like 2pm?) The beer was cold and the booyah was excellent! All four bowls... Congrats Alicia!!!

On Sunday, the tractor dude's eldest had a pool party to celebrate his induction into adulthood. Again, cold beer, good food, pool volleyball... as a spectator only, of course. Good time! Congrats Chad!!!

More news from the clan... Zumbo's eldest female offspring has made the trek out to the mountainous paradise of Colorado. She will be teaching first grade runts starting next month. Zumbo and his lovely bride are out there with her moving her as best they can. Moving that far out of the state can best be described as a great adventure. I'm sure she'll enjoy it... good luck Laura!!!

Found a couple good ones out there that you might enjoy... first off, if anyone knows me, the are probably aware of my affinity for a certain brand of doughnut. This sums it up quite well:



Next, I am proposing a new outhouse design for deer camp. Senior members upper... junior members lower:



[T-Bone Racing](#) had a fair weekend... a 5th/6th place finish in the feature, no overheating, and no teardown of the motor... Keep up the good work boys...

Heard from the FM last week... As is his manner, he is weaseling out of the WoodChuck Seminar on June 31st... First he announces it, then he backs out... Sometimes I wonder if he knows how lucky he is that we keep him around... Also, he sent me a tidbit that is COMPLETELY irresistible, but that I can't share... I don't know how he could send me something this good, and expect me NOT to post it... I think I can hold off this week, but I don't know how long I can last... we'll see...

Here's a quick one... names used bare no resemblance to know associates:

Steve was going for his morning walk one day when he walked past Ole's house and saw a sign that said Boat For Sale. This confused Steve because he knew that Ole didn't own a boat, so he finally decided to go in and ask Ole about it. Hey Ole, said Steve, I noticed da sign in your yard dat says 'Boat For Sale,' but ya ain't ever been fishun and don't even have a boat. All ya have is your old John Deere tractor and combine. Ole Calmly replied Yup, and they're boat for sale.

Well, that's about it for today... Before I go, here's a few words of wisdom for our junior members. It not really a quote that I'm aware of, but it IS profound:

True bravery is arriving home late after a boy's night out, being assaulted by your wife with a broom, and still having the guts to ask: "Are you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere?"

Bravery or stupidity? It depends on who you are... Can't see the FM ever trying that one...

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

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June 14, 2004 - Good morning all! Happy Monday! For today's update, I tried to get in touch with Noah to do a little interview, but he was so damn busy on his ark that he didn't have time to talk... I think we have enough rain for now, but that ark's not a good sign...

Today's update may be another short one. I spent last Thursday and Friday in Chi-town, and have a lot of catch up to do. Plus, libations were flowing Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, so I can barely remember what I did last week, so it should be quick.

Project work on the home front didn't make much progress last week... I had a lot of other crap to do, and the trip south didn't help. I did make a little progress on the deck, finishing the remaining trim deck boards, but I still have the balusters to do. Hopefully I'll get to that this week.

The Chi-town trip was actually pretty productive. We made quite a bit of progress on the work front, and my buddy BO and I tipped quite a few at a local micro brewery. I was just a little tired on Friday, but managed to make it home OK.

Saturday was a nice day, and I ran into a good crowd at a local grad party. The President, Zumbo, and Ambassador from Crooked Lake were all in attendance. We parked ourselves by the keg and worked out some world problems. The most significant of which is The President's decree concerning this [month's calendar](#). Seems that using up a leap day in February makes NO SENSE at all to him, so the BBC will celebrate Leap Day in June this year. So yes, [June 2004](#) will have [31 days this year](#), and what better time to celebrate [Leap Day](#) than in the middle of summer... I wonder what we'll do? Check out the [guestbook](#) for your invitation...

I ended up attending a nice church picnic Saturday night, where I was spotted by a few ex-students from my CCD class... they were so impressed with my lessons, they filled my with libations... Sunday morning was a tough one...

Sunday afternoon was spent with more libations at my niece's grad party. After the rain ended, it turned out to be very nice... More libations... I'm almost glad the weekend is over... Anyway, Congrats Rachael!!

Results from [T-Bone Racing](#) this weekend included mixed results. A broken armature and an overheated engine proved too much to overcome... Check out their [website](#) for detailed results...

Not to put a damper on things, but I just got a phone call from the wife of a friend and ex-co-worker... Seems they're cracking his chest as I write this to do a triple by-pass. The guy is my age, so this is pretty shocking news. Thoughts and prayers go out to Steve and his family...

With that news, I think I'll wrap things up... Happy Father's Day to all you Dads this Sunday. Have a good day...

A little humor to lighten things up before I sign off, courtesy of the FM:

God said, "You must go to the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer.

I will give you a life span of sixty years." The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. Let me have twenty and I'll give back the other forty."

And God agreed.

On the second day God created the dog.

God said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. I will give you a life span of twenty years." The dog said, "That's too long to be barking. Give me ten years and I'll give you back the other ten."

So God agreed (sigh).

On the third day God created the monkey.

God said, "Entertain people, do monkey tricks, make them laugh. I'll give you a twenty year life span." The monkey said, "How boring, monkey tricks for twenty years? I don't think so. Dog gave you back ten, so that's what I'll do too, okay?"

And God agreed again.

On the fourth day God created man.

God said, "Eat, sleep, play, enjoy. Do nothing, just enjoy, enjoy. I'll give you twenty years." Man said, "What? Only twenty years?" No way man. Tell you what, I'll take my twenty, and the forty the cow gave back, and the ten the dog gave back and the ten the monkey gave back, that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God. "You've got a deal."

So that is why the first twenty years we eat, sleep, play, enjoy, and do nothing; for the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family; for the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren; and for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained.

Well, that's about it for today... Before I go, here's a few words of wisdom for our junior members:

"My advice to you is to get married. If you find a good wife, you'll be happy; if not, you'll become a philosopher." -- Socrates

No wonder I'm so philosophical...

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

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June 7, 2004 - Howdy all! Another week is upon us, but I think summer is finally here... Got my first dose of sun on Saturday watching the Chief Inspector on the basketball court in downtown Green Bay. Beautiful day, but everyone there had thoughts of being somewhere else catching up on chores they were behind on due to all the rain... Turned out OK as they played poorly and we got out of there relatively early.

I hurried back home after the games to continue work on my new deck. Its turning out pretty nice, which is a huge surprise to all that know me. I've just got a couple trim deck boards and the balusters to put up and its done. Its been a fun project despite trying to find time to work on it with many time/schedule conflicts. I'm also quite proud of the fact that I haven't even killed a whole case of beer on it yet... (But its pretty close...)

My deck work was interrupted yesterday when Zumbo called looking for assistance in erecting the new wildlife observation deck out on the ranch. The SEC-Transportation and I traveled out to the farm and helped get the former "fort" up and standing over-looking the north turkey field. It went surprisingly well, so we shared a few libations afterward. We were able to come up with a few "ideas" that even The President would have been proud of. On a side note, you may also want to ask Zumbo about his "extra" contributions to OPEC if you get a chance...

Speaking of the SEC-Transportation, T-Bone racing had a less than spectacular weekend. Despite numerous car troubles which put a damper on the night's efforts, he did get the fastest lap in the warm-up AND in the feature... that doesn't help much though when they keep flagging you off the track for leaking gas. Maybe Zumbo had something to do with that.

Don't know if anyone noticed, but last week my whole page was hosed up due to some technical difficulties at the hosting site. They wouldn't admit to a problem, but a bunch of files from January thru March mysteriously re-appeared. Well, it gave me something to do...

Haven't heard from The President in a bit, which may have something to do with the deck going so well, but I did get this pic detailing The President's new system for measuring fish:



This weekend we received the news of the loss of "The Great Communicator". A good man and probably the greatest President of my time. Even Pa Nelson, a staunch democrat in every respect, had nothing but good comments about him. A loss to us all, and condolences from BBC...

More graduations this week... Denmark High released a new crop into the real world on Saturday morning, and SEC-State's youngest gets released tonight. Congrats to Alicia and all

the graduates.

I haven't heard from the FM in quite sometime, so it was good to hear from him last week. He sent in a contribution (below), which is good because I haven't heard from him OR ANYONE else with material in a LONG TIME!!! The least you guys could do is chime in on the [questbook](#) once in a while so everyone knows you are alive... The only thing I'm getting on there is a bunch of nonsense links from some crazy Norwegian that I have to clean up all the time...

Anyway, I also had the good fortune of seeing the FM last evening. He was on foot heading home due to the lack of combustion in the Mrs. FM's new vehicle. Chatted for a bit before we sent him on his way... Hopefully he can give us an update on his car problems for next week...

In anticipation of fall, which will be coming soon, here's a quick hunting story:

A small village was troubled by a man-eating lion. So its leaders sent a message to the great hunter, Zumbowano, to come and kill the beast.

For several nights the hunter lay in wait for the lion, but it never appeared. Finally, he told the village chief to kill a cow and give him its hide. Draping the skin over his shoulders, he went to the pasture to wait for the lion.

In the middle of the night, the villagers woke to the sound of blood-curdling shrieks coming from the pasture. As they carefully approached, they saw the hunter on the ground, groaning in pain. There was no sign of the lion.

"What happened, Zumbowano? Where is the lion?" asked the chief.

"Forget the damn lion!" he howled. "Which one of you idiots let the bull loose?"

I wonder if this Zumbowano is related to anyone we know?

Well, that's about it for today... Before I go, here's a few words of wisdom for our junior members, courtesy of the FM:

"When I read about the dangers of drinking, I gave up reading." -unknown. (or credit the FM, whichever you prefer)

"Always double-check the hookup on your trailer before pulling a load. And don't forget the safety chains"- curtamous, as told by the Chief Inspector.

A double dose from the FM... everyone's a smart a\$\$...

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P.S. I think SEC-Transportation has a special day this week... Happy 20th!

June 1, 2004 - Happy Day After Memorial Day everyone! I hope everyone took the time to thank those that served and even gave their lives so we can have the freedom do something as stupid as have a web page this pathetic... Thank You to all our vets!

However, the weekend was a washout, literally. Hard to believe how much rain we got... I have a river AND a small lake in my basement, but it gives me time to enjoy some water sports without

leaving the house... The rain kept me from building my deck this weekend, but the Chief Inspector and I did take the time to head to Menards and get the materials on Saturday morning... however, the load decided to take a detour at the intersection of Hwy R and Allouez Avenue... The Inspector is still laughing... luckily, no one was hurt... expect my pride...

I did get some work done on the deck, but mostly it was prep work that I could do in the garage... you know, that beautiful garage of mine... I also put up a new gutter last week that was successfully tested over the weekend, and even put down some flooring on the upstairs attic in the garage. Overall, it wasn't a bad weekend at all...

SEC-State and I had hopes to head north with The President, but both our hopes were dashed. The President did venture north, but I haven't heard reports upon his return. I'm sure he and the AG got all the work done so we can properly enjoy camp this fall...

Sunday was a busy day with the FDA Chair's youngest's grad party. Enjoyed the free beer, good food, and the wisdom of my aunt's and uncles... Soon the FDA Chair will have an empty nest... hope D-Earl can handle that... Congrats Tara!

Later Sunday Zumbo's youngest celebrated her 21st with a trip out on the town... A bunch of her friends, including her special "big guy" were in town to help celebrate... We left the party after a stint at Circle Tap... had a good time though... Happy Birthday Lynette!

Some had a worse weekend... When you get a chance, you'll have to ask the SEC-Transportation how the Mayor's car ended up upside down in two feet of water on Monday... Some in Wisconsin cow-tip; the SEC car tips... Everyone even got a nice bath, and luckily, none were worse off for it...

Once again, I am running out of time... we had a power outage last night, so I lack sleep and ended up getting to work a little late... here's a quick one that I might have sent before, but it still cracks me up:

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"Hunting flies," he responded.

"Oh. Killing any?" she asked.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 Females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked. "How can you tell?"

He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."

How true...

Here's a bonus... Not really a joke or a quote:

"Eric 'Gave Up Meat' Valent."-- ESPN anchor Chris Berman's nickname for the Mets' new leadoff hitter.

That's original! Berman's STILL the man!!!

Well, that's about all I have time for today... Before I go, here's a few words of wisdom for our junior members:

"It's easier to tear a hole than to mend one." -- Russian Proverb

Once again, a deep thought to occupy them for the week...

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