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November 26, 2007 - ***Jak se maj!!! How is everyone? I hope all is well! Deer Camp 2007 is over, sad but true. But we had a GREAT time as always!!!***

After a day off cooking, the SEC-WM headed north on Thursday and it was a good start! WE GOT THE STOVE ISSUE FIXED!!! The new wiring was setup with on of the ground bars not hooked up, and that's what the stove's 220 volt line was using. No idea how it worked at all, but when we set it up correctly, it worked perfectly! Awesome start...

I brought company with me this year too.. twins...



Lots of fun to party with...

You'll get a lot more in the annual Deer Camp newsletter, but we had 13 in camp, including the FM and FM Jr!!! The only regular missing was the Sturgeon General, who was on-call and couldn't make it... We even had visitors from Amber and the Great Sate of Texas!!! We saw some deer but took none to the deer pole. The Jack and Ass team did show up with a REALLY nice buck on Monday so at least they are back to their old ways... The Darwin Trophy will head north for a few days next year...

We had some tense times up north as Jenny headed back to the hospital again with some complications but she came home again Thanksgiving day. She sure has had a rough go of it, so keep her in your prayers...

Most of us headed home on Tuesday for more of the same at home... Thursday brought us Thanksgiving, and the dressing turned out great, thanks to the EXPERT help I received from Uncle Lloyd and the FDA Chair. Thanksgiving is always a nice time to see relatives that you don't always get a lot of opportunities to see. Always a good time and a LOT of food!!!

Friday and the weekend rolled around with hunting around Denville and you won't hardly believe it, but...

I GOT A DEER!!!

Saturday, right before noon, we were pushing "the lane", and saw a blood trail... missed the small doe the first time, but when I went back to check the blood trail the second time, I almost

tripped over her. After a short staring match, I won... She jumped up to exit stage left, and I saw right where she had been previously shot in the left rear flank... I plugged her and the rest is history. Pretty small doe... probably 2nd year, but its still venison and most importantly, a "BUCK Tag" for next year...

So, what else happened... Badgers won a thriller in Minnesota and the Packers took two... The Packers are setup for a match with 10-1 Dallas this week. More on that later... Denville BBall got creamed at Bayport... Could be a long season...

I did "imbibe" PLENTY this past week, but why stop now... what's on tap this week?

26 Casablanca premiered (1942). Strasser: "What's your nationality?" Rick: "I'm a drunkard." **Gin joint gin.**

27 Bruce Lee's Birthday (1940). Rent Enter the Dragon and take a drink every time Lee's feet leave the ground. **Forty of Midnight Dragon.**

28 William Blake's Birthday (1757). "The road of excess leads to the palace of wisdom." **One for the road.**

29 Ice discovered on the Moon (1996). As soon as they discover scotch, I'm building my rocket ship. **Red Rocket Ale.**

30 Winston Churchill's birthday (1874). "I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me." **Churchill Martini (pour the gin and glare across the room at a bottle of vermouth.)**

1 Festival of Poseidon (Greek). Let the Sea God drown your sorrows. **Sea Breeze.**

2 St. Bibiana's Day. Patron saint of hangovers. **Bloody Mary.**

Hey! I never knew Winston Churchill was cool!!!

Celebrated a couple birthdays this past week... Someone turned 41... Also, the SEC-HHS and his cousin Alicia (SEC-State' youngest) celebrated another year on Thanksgiving Day. Congrats to both for surviving!

Kind of a sad day with Deer Camp 2008 so far away (356 days), but I'll survive... I'm actually writing this Sunday evening as I have a REALLY wicked work week ahead. 3 days to catch up from 10 days off AND I have to prepare for a trip to Dallas on Thursday thru Sunday. Yep, that's right, I'll be in Dallas for the big Packer/Cowboy game. We talked about going to the game, but I don't think it'll happen. Tickets are starting at \$350... A little STEEP for me, but I'll try to be sure I'm down there in time to see it...

Then its more work, more work, and then Christmas... then, who knows...

Well, that's all I got... Still kinda bushed from the last 10 days, but before I go a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"...its a "controlled" nap!" - Bob

I think I'm off for one of those right now...

As Red would say, "Keep your stick on the ice!"

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November 12, 2007 - Jak se maj!!! Good day to all!!! Its here! Its here! Its here! Its hard to believe but Deer Camp 2007 is here! What a great two weeks we have in store for us! I have no idea where the fall went (early deer season probably makes it seem worse), but I sure am glad its here...

Well, the great stove saga continues! Sunday the SEC-State and I headed north to deliver a frig and the new stove. Made it up there fine with everything tightly secured to a borrowed trailer. Got the frig in (that deck SURE is nice) and then proceeded to put the stove back in. It started acting funky again... Lights on, lights off, lights dim, some on, some off, the opposite, etc. We scratched out heads for a bit and decided to bring it back home and test it ourselves to see if its the darn stove or the electricity... I got a call last night from the SEC-State, and it tested just fine at his house... The President wasn't pleased... Next time I'm going to have a junior member call him...

BUT THE FRIG WORKS! So we'll have cold beer and ice at least...

Got the truck new tires last week... EXPENSIVE! Plus, they couldn't align the darn thing cause it needs new parts to do that properly... Figures... I got taken again...

Got more work done in the shop... Got the south window all trimmed in... Looks good! Now on to the south window... But that will wait until December...

Good weekend for football... Badgers beat up on poor Michigan... FDA Chair, SEC-State, spouses, Mayor and Comptroller went to the game... I'm sure it was a great time. The Packers had an awesome game yesterday, but I missed most of it... More on that later... Overall, a good weekend for football!!!

What's on tap for Deer Camp... Since I will be in the great north woods next week, there won't be an update, so I'll post TWO WEEKS of drinking...

12 Brotherhood of Fools founded (1381). Haven't you put off your membership long enough? *Old Milwaukee.*

13 Stenia, the Bitching Festival (Wiccans). Let 'em know exactly how you feel.

Bitch On Wheels

2 oz gin

1/2 oz dry vermouth

1/2 oz white creme de menthe

1 tsp Pernod

Stir with ice, strain.

14 Moccas' Day (Celtic). Pig goddess festival. *Blind Pig Ale.*

15 National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day. Make sure you load it with beer before you begin. *As much beer as you can cram in your refrigerator.*

16 W.C. Handy's Birthday (1873). "I think a guy who's had just the right amount of booze can sing the blues a hell of a lot better than a guy who is stone sober."—Charlie Rich. *Bourbon, neat.*

17 Penance Day (Germany). Now, what would the Germans have to be penitent about?

War All the Time

2 1/2 oz vodka
1 oz Aftershock
3 oz tequila
2 oz beer
1 can frozen lemonade
Pour all into a blender. Blend until smooth.

18 Festival of the Nine Lotus Leaves (Chinese). Controlled by the Goddess of Mercy, Guan Yin. *Nine shots of Maotai.*

19 Warlock Day. According to ancient belief, the first stranger you meet on this day dressed entirely in black will be a warlock. *Demon rum.*

20 Revolution Day (Mexico). Drink until you have your own revolution(s). *Tequila Slammer.*

21 Feast of Hathor (Egyptian). The cow goddess Hathor wanted to destroy mankind, but Ra tricked her into drinking beer and passing out instead. *Delicious, humanity-saving beer.*

22 Anniversary of the Founding of the Friendly Sons of St. Vitus (1915). Pro-drinking not-so-secret society founded by journalists in a ship's lounge. *Cape Cod.*

23 First jukebox installed (1889). Threatening the piano player no longer necessary. *Boilermaker.*

24 Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec's Birthday (1864). Raise one to that lovable absinthe-swilling, whoremongering dwarf. *Absinthe.*

25 Women's Merrymaking Day (Wiccan). Live it up, ladies! *Girlie drinks*

I like the 15th... Kinda like National Smoke Out Day, only better!!! And you hafta admit, today is perfect for the BBC!

Well, some more somber news... Zumbo's father Donnie passed away last week and his funeral was yesterday... During the Packer game no less... Actually, it was kinda fitting as he was a big Packer fan. A really wonderful service. Donnie was a good guy and will be missed. HE was getting old and had more issues than any of us would want to deal with, so it was time to move on. One less good Dane... Cheers Donnie!

Well, the week is upon us... I work today and tomorrow, and then I have off of work until the 26th. Wednesday is prep day. Lots of cooking and washing and getting stuff ready... Thursday we head north and open camp, and from there, who knows... Should be a good time as always... 13 are scheduled to be in camp and as always we'll meet Jack and Ass for dinner and other special occasions... So far, the weather sounds good, but that could be a bad omen knowing how seldom the weathermen are right...

I'll be back Tuesday for more fun and games here... Gotta hunt the local woods and of course there's Thanksgiving... Won't seem like long and it'll all be over...

Today is my buddy's birthday... The one from Chicago... His plan was to celebrate downtown last night, so he's probably just getting home... Happy Birthday B...

Well, that's it... I'm off to get my permanent cap put in along with a little drilling... We'll be back in two weeks... Before I go a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"...Deer Camp! My favorite time of year!!!" - "Second Week of Deer Camp"

As Red would say, "Keep your stick on the ice!"

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November 05, 2007 - Jak se maj!!! Happy Monday! I hope all is well out there. Had a pretty good week here despite being on call last week. Work was busy but nothing bad, which kinda leaves you with an uneasy feeling all week... Like you're waiting for all hell to break loose but it never does...

Otherwise, not a terribly busy week... Halloween was OK, but nothing exciting happened. Got my cracked tooth worked on. Got a temporary cap in there and I'll get the new one next Monday (so the update will probably be late). Another \$500 down the drain...

Even though the week was uneventful, we had a good weekend. Headed north with The President, SEC-State, SEC-W/M (w/Tapper) and SEC-HSS. Couldn't head up till Saturday morning but that was better than nothing. Got up there around noon, ate a million pizzas (cooked in the new stove, more on that later), listen to the Badgers until they gave it up, and then worked in the woods. Even though The President is hobbled with a sore knee, we got a bunch of wood made up and tidied up our stands a little. By then it was cocktail hour and all was going well.

Until we started to cook... The President started up his famous onion soup, and that turned out great. We started the burgers on the gas grill, but when The President went to put some fries in the oven the wheels came off. Something was burning, and no, The President didn't forget to take the fries out of the bag. The new stove was not functioning correctly and wires were burning. NOT A GOOD THING!!! Seems like you could run the oven (we cooked all those pizzas) or the burners (soup and other stuff that was warmed up), but not both at the same time. So the stove is now in my truck waiting to go back to the place we got it for repairs...

We got thru though without a stove... Good supper, and of course, The President was able to whip up a great breakfast the next day. Some rain showers on Sunday morning kept us in the cabin pretty much, but we did stick around for the game, which was great. As always, an excellent time...

The cabin sure has had its issues this year... The wind storm, all the repairs due to it, the frig and the stove breaking, the new stove breaking... BUT!!! The deck makes up for all of it... Lets just hope we have a stove and frig for deer camp... The SEC-State and I are planning on going up for the day on Sunday to hopefully deliver both...

What's on the schedule?

5 Guy Fawkes' Day (British). Celebrating the kook who tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament. **Car Bomb.**

6 St. Leonard's Day. Patron saint of prisoners. **Jailhouse Pruno.**

7 Lono's Day (Hawaiian). Party with Hunter S. Thompson's favorite war god. **Blue Hawaiian.**

8 Abet & Aid Punsters Day Mania Festival (Roman). Like those bastards need our help. **A drunk baseball player (a pitcher full of beer).**

9 Feast of the Four Crowned Martyrs (Freemason). I sense a conspiracy. **Crown**

Royal.

**10 Stanley Found Livingstone, he presumed (1871). Seek out long lost bar buddies.
Gin and tonic.**

11 St. Martin's Day. Patron saint of drunkards.

St. Martin Cocktail

1 1/2 oz gin

1 1/2 white rum

1 oz bitter lemon

Dash Angostura Bitters

Pour gin and rum over ice, top with bitter lemon, add angostura, stir.

Kind of a strange week... At first I was all excited cause I thought the 11th was "St. Martini's day", but its only "Martin" with no "i" at the end... Oh well, he still sounds like a great guy...

More from the weekend... The President is looking for some stuff...

#1) A picture to cover the new electrical box. Something appropriate that is 18" Wide x 24" High.

#2) A spice rack that is no more than 15" wide.

Come up with something and impress The President!!!

Awesome Packer game, huh? It was really fun hanging around the cabin and watching the game. Seems like when we go up there for the weekend we usually get up early and head back home for the game, but this was a good time... I suppose if they had lost it wouldn't had been quite as much fun, but it sure was...

Here's one that struck me... kinda mushy but pretty neat...

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of passage?

His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone.

He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night, he is a MAN.

He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man!

Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, our Heavenly Father is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.

Very true...

Hard to believe Deer Camp 2007 is less than 2 weeks away... 12 days precisely to the opener... Where oh where did fall go? I do have the menu and all the lists posted on the site [here](#), so we should be good to go...

Good news last week from Milwaukee... Jenny Penny's heart valve upgrade was a success and from local reports, she is doing pretty good. Obviously anything like that will take a while to recover from, but the early word is she's doing well...

Hopefully a good week ahead... Work until Wednesday and then Thursday and Friday off... Woohoo!!! Next week its work Monday and Tuesday and then it off for Deer Camp 2007!!!

Well, that's all I have for now, and they're bugging me to do work... Before I go a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Whack 'em, stack 'em and pack 'em." - Ted Nugent

Gotta love crazy Teddy!

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