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October 29, 2007 - *Jak se maj!!! Morning everyone! Long time, no post... Been busy, that's for sure! Last week I headed south on Monday and Tuesday for work (and play) so I couldn't get an update in, so today's will be a catch up... Too bad I don't have more time... I'm on-call this week, and this morning I have to get a cracked tooth worked on... the joys!*

How to start? I have big news, but not sure how to headline it... Here are the options:

"I Shot a Big Deer!!"

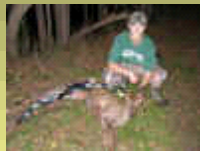
or

"President's Deerslaying Son"

or

"Matt Shot a Dog"

Well, take your pick. A few weeks ago The AG downed his first deer with a bow. It wasn't the "biggest" deer ever, so he's bound to get harassed a little about it, but I must admit, with the bow, he's already one up on me. Here he is...



The best part is the story from the President on the aftermath of the kill. You'll have to get that from him... Like I said, I'm sure the AG will get some grief, but congrats to Matt! Job well done...

The other big news...

FDA Chair Shut Out of Booyah Championship

That's right, our own FDA Chair, after running away with 3 consecutive People's Choice Awards at the Annual World Championship Booyah Cookoff, didn't even place in the top 3! Hard to believe... But, he did go home with a big stainless cook pot (like 100 gallons or something crazy... its HUGE!!!), so I'm not sure he even noticed... I think it was rigged... Can't trust those darn Belgians. But it was another great day for a great cause. Its the last year for the crew that ran the event for the last 10 years, so our hats are off to them!

What else is new? Had a couple days off last week, but didn't get anything really good done... Bowhunted some... Kicked up some deer, but saw nothing else... Yard work... Worked on the shop... Oh yeah! I did head north for the day last Friday. Dropped off the table for the new deck on "A" and did a little hunting. Hard to believe, but there are cottontails up by the cabin now. Well, there's one less now, and should have been two less, but I let the 2nd one go for breeding stock... Deck looks great... Stove looks good... Everything in order... Good time, but wish I could have stayed...

Goofy football season... Packers play tonight... looking good... Badgers are back on track, but we'll see if its for real... Denville made it to level 2 of the playoffs, but got knocked off Saturday. Good season, and congrats to them...

What's to drink? I don't think I had a cocktail all weekend... Go figure... That'll change this week...

*29 Hermit Day. Stay home and drink all by your lonesome. **Yukon Jack.***

*30 Feast of the Dead Children (Toltec). Oh, those creepy, creepy Toltecs. **Mescal.***

*31 Halloween. Suit up as a historical drunk. **Zombie.***

*1 Dia de los Muertos (Mexican). Raise a drink to lost friends. **Dead Guy Ale.***

*2 Festival of Odin (Norse). Vikings believed they went on an eternal drinking binge with Odin if they died in combat. **Glogg.***

*3 First dog goes to space (1957). Laika lasted two hours in orbit. **Flying Dog Ale.***

*4 Cash register patented. Originally created to combat stealing by bartenders in a Dayton, Ohio saloon. **One on the cuff.***

Not a great week, but there is a Mescal Day... Tequila!!!

Hard to believe, but that's all I've done the past couple weeks... But there's a lot in store... My question is, What the heck happened to October???

Well, we're less than a month away from Deer Camp 2007. I gotta start getting ready!!! I'll start working on the menu and various lists list week... Hopefully... I'll get them out as soon as possible... I "think" we're heading north this weekend to prep for camp, make wood, check stands, etc. My schedule is kinda messed up, so I don't know when I'll head north, but I hope to make it up there some time...

Hmmm... Kinda of a weak update, but you get what you pay for... Before leaving a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"I'll bet living in a nudist colony takes all the fun out of Halloween." ~Author Unknown

Unless you live in Wisconsin...

Happy Halloween!!!

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

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October 15, 2007 - Jak se maj!!! Howdy folks! I hope all is well out there... Fall is definitely in the air, and even though I haven't been out in it enough, it still feels good! My trip to Dallas over the weekend was canceled, but not until Thursday, so I really didn't re-plan anything, and based on my accomplishments this weekend, it showed... But it was still better than working all weekend...

What did I do? Well, we got The President a stove last week and I helped him load for the trip north... I haven't heard, but I really hope it works! He headed up with M and the son-in-law for a family weekend. I hope they had a good time...

Back home it was homecoming weekend, but it turned out to be pretty uneventful. Denville won big on Friday night and the Chief and his girl were home early on Saturday night... Go figure...

Due to various conflicts this weekend, despite much better weather, I never got out in the woods... Too lazy in the mornings and something going on every night... Except last night, but the rain took care of that idea... Scared of rain you ask? Well, I really don't mind going out in the rain. If you have decent gear to stay dry its actually pretty nice. BUT... and its a big BUT... what's the point? In the train you cannot track, and as I found out when I once hit a deer right before a rain, that's a pretty major issue... So, I don't bow hunt in the rain... anyway...

Got some more done in the shop... trimmed out the large access door. Kinda funny though... I'm pretty proud of that door. It works well, swings easy, balanced, no issues. To put on the trim I had to remove the hinges so I had a whole plan to make sure it wouldn't move. Basically I screwed the sucker in place while I put the hinge trim in and re-fastened the hinges. But when I went to test it, it would not move. I'm sure the look on my face would have been priceless. From confidence, to amazement, to shock to EXTREME anger... Seems that hinges have a little give in them, and mine gave a little. After an hour of messing around, its as good as new...

Decent football weekend... like a said, Denville won and now has at least a share of the Bay conference title with one game to go. Pretty good for the first year and the smallest team in the conference... Love to see them win this week, but I have a feeling... Anyway... I'm really rambling today...

Back to football... The Badgers didn't play this weekend... Oh, there was a game in Happy Valley, its just that the Badgers didn't bother to show up... They'll drop right out of the top 25, and deservedly so. The only thing that irks me about that is if they were Michigan or OSU, they'd still be top 25 based on name alone... Oh well... Finally, the Packers pulled one out. Not pretty, but a big mark in the "w" column... Now for a week off...

Here's a old one with a new twist from the SEC-W/M... Made me laugh...

Diaries

HER DIARY :

Tonight: I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a bar to have a drink. I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it. Conversation wasn't flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but he didn't say much. I asked him what was wrong; he said, "Nothing." I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me, and not to worry about it. On the way home, I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly, and kept driving. I can't explain his behavior. I don't know why he didn't say, "I love you, too." When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with

me anymore. He just sat there quietly, and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent.

Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. To my surprise, he responded to my caress, and we made love. But I still felt that he was distracted, and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep - I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else.

My life is a disaster.

HIS DIARY:

Missed a big deer today, but at least the wife was in the mood...

How true... Men are from Mars and women are from... well... another dimension...

How about this week's schedule?

*15 UB40's Red Red Wine reached top of U.S. charts (1988). Suddenly drinking vino seemed kind of cool. **Red, red wine.***

*16 Oscar Wilde's Birthday (1854). "Work is the curse of the drinking classes." **Absinthe.***

*17 Anniversary of the First Oktoberfest (1810). Over a million gallons of beer were guzzled at Prince Ludwig's wedding. **Beck's .***

*18 Persons Day (Canada). Celebrates the day women were recognized as "persons." **Pink Lady.***

*19 Reptile Awareness Day. Hold your heads up high, lounge lizards. **Rum and Coke.***

*20 National Brandied Fruit Day. In a pinch, you can mix brandy with a can of fruit cocktail. **You heard me.***

*21 Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar (1805). Grog guzzlers trounce the wine snobs. **Navy Rum and Coke.***

Hmm... kind of a weird week, but it ends with a couple "rum and coke"s... I'm good with that...

Speaking of schedules, this weekend is the 10th Annual World Championship Booyah Cookoff! Starting Sunday at 5am your FDA Chair will again amaze the masses with his championship booyah. I believe the actual serving will begin at 11am, so I would suggest you be there early!!! Should be a great time as always...

Today's a big day!!! My beautiful sister (and SEC-State's lovely bride) celebrates another year today! Tonight we'll get together and head south to honor the occasion. Tough to get wild on a Monday night, but you NEVER know with that crew... If you see her wish Cherie a "Happy Birthday"!!!

Big sis also shared her big day with Mr. Rick... I think he would have been 62 today...

Well, that's enough for today... But not before leaving a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Whatever you are by nature, keep to it; never desert your line of talent. Be what nature intended you for and you will succeed." -- Sydney Smith

Hmm... I have talent for beer, TV, and scratching... I'm VERY successful!!!

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

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October 08, 2007 - Jak se maj!!! Happy Monday... Not so much here... There nothing like losing to the hated Bares (especially when you give the game away), to really ruin your Monday...

So lets get on with it... football... the only good thing about the weekend is that I didn't get to see Denville "almost" lose in overtime to Hortonville... That was the harbinger of bad tidings for the weekend... The Badgers played poorly but really were crushed by the Illini... and the Packers... At least the Badgers deserved to lose, but the Packers just gift wrapped that game and handed it to the Bares... They had to find SO MANY ways to lose that game, and they found them all... Penalties and terrible play calling were bad enough, but 5 TURNOVERS?!?!? And they still had to play poor to lose... The Bares still suck, but its a tough loss to stomach...

On to happier thoughts...

Had a good time Friday night for The Mayor's birthday... Headed to Menchalville for their rural seafood buffet, and it WAS GOOD!!! I've never been so uncomfortable after eating a meal, but it was SOOO worth it. Boiled shrimp, scallops, crab, fish, perch, cod... OH MY!!! I'm surprised I survived... But a good time was had by all... Happy Birthday sis!!

Got a bunch of garbage done over the weekend... I took Friday off, so I had even more time to putz... Planted trees, worked in the shop, painted, painted, and painted some more... Overall a good weekend work-wise... The highlight was when The President called for assistance putting up a ceiling panel on his porch. My trusty air stapler really worked well, and surprisingly we had no issues and only 2 beers to celebrate. A good time!!!

Here's a story a long time in the coming... As you may know, our esteemed FM spent some time "down under" this summer... Here's his story... Its almost believable...

Titled: Australian for Beer

This has been a long time coming, but I really couldn't wait to convey the story. So, while on my exhaustive peace keeping mission Down Under, I am out for a quiet dinner with my hosts in the beautiful city of Melbourne. While we are enjoying our meal, there is quite a commotion a few tables away. One of my hosts observed that one of the gentlemen at the table was none other than John Elliott, who is the president of Carlton United Breweries...the makers of FOSTER'S LAGER! I mention that I would love to have my photo taken with him, as I have an "associate" back in the States who just loves to drink Fosters. We speak to the owner of the restaurant, who obliges to approach Mr. Elliott with the request and take the photo. Mr. Elliott agrees, and right before this picture is taken comes the highlight of the evening.....

ELLIOTT: So, you have a friend who drinks Fosters?

FM: Oh yeah. He's going to get a real kick out of seeing me having my photo taken with the president of the brewery.

ELLIOTT: Mate, your friend is a bloody idiot. Fosters is NOT a good beer. It's totally a product of marketing. We couldn't get anyone here to drink it, so we figured, what the hell, let's sell it in the States. Those blokes will drink anything!

What a hilarious moment! We ended up having a rather lengthy and humorous conversation over a couple pints of Carlton Draft (A REALLY good beer) but, in the end, he's pretty much a cantankerous and crabby old drunk. (I know...probably why we got along so well.)

I still love the part about him calling my friend a "bloody idiot," though. And, he's never even MET you.....

Yeah, I'm the buddy... pretty funny though... The interesting thing is this guy's company is owned by Fosters, not the other way around, and he's a "A drunk, bankrupt, former President of the Liberal Party...", just to give you an idea of the type of guy he is and why the FM and he warmed to each other so quickly... Oh and he did get the picture...



Just in case you were wondering, that's the Foster's mascot in the middle... The FM's "host"...

Speaking of the FM, I attended the "Booyah Cookoff" meeting with the FDA Chair... the FM presided... honestly, I was expecting more... Oh well, we'll make up for it the 21st... BE THERE!!!

What's on the drinking schedule for the week?

8 Anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire (1871). Started by a sober cow. *White Russian.*

9 St. Denis' Day. Patron saint against frenzies and headaches, in that order. *Hair of the dog that mauled you.*

10 Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor remarried (1975). Reuniting the century's finest husband/wife drinking team. *Flat champagne.*

11 Vinalia (Roman). The biggest Roman wine shindig of the year. *Flagons of wine.*

12 Columbus Day. Explore new bars and libations. *Cutty Sark.*

13 Sammy Hagar's Birthday (1947). "Once I tasted really good tequila I became a new man." *Cabo Wabo Tequila.*

14 Mega Kenka Matsui (Japan). Rough house festival in which shrine palanquins jostle each other. Yes! *Sapporo Beer.*

White Russians tonight and "Really good tequila" Saturday... I should be set...

Saw Zumbo over the weekend at the Mayor's birthday bash and at his parents' rummage sale Saturday... In case you haven't heard, he already filled his bow tag...



Nice work Zumbo! Congrats!!!

I was planning all sorts of good stuff for the coming weekend but now I'm scheduled for a trip to Dallas, which kinda sucks... Its finally going to cool down enough to hunt around here and I'll be in 90 degree heat in Dallas... Oh well, I'll survive...

One last note... We sent Aunt Darlene on her way in fashion last Monday... beautiful ceremony with a really nice eulogy by the pastor. The FDA Chair's booyah was even mentioned! We'll miss her but if we live well we'll see her again...

Well, I have more but I'm running low on time and ambition... Did I mention the game last night sucked?

Well, that's it... But not without a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Until you make peace with who you are, you'll never be content with what you have." -- Doris Mortman

Kinda deep so you'll have to think it through...

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

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October 01, 2007 - Jak se maj!!! Good morning to all... Quick update today... My Aunt Darlene passed away on Friday and her funeral is today so time is at a premium. Aunt Darlene spent the last year and a half fighting cancer, and after a courageous battle, she went to her reward. As was her way, she was able to hold on until all her family was with her. I'm sure it was a beautiful thing.

Aunt Darlene was one of the finer ladies I had the pleasure to know in my life and I was very blessed to have her as an Aunt. She was always so friendly and welcoming whenever you met her and always had a good word to say to everyone. She was the kind that always made time for everyone and kept track of what was going on. She will be missed.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to her, her family and friends. Especially keep Uncle Lloyd in your prayers as this will be hard on him going forward. They were a team, and I'm sure he will be lost without her. I have no doubt they'll be together again some day, but I hope we get to keep Uncle Lloyd for quite some time...

I was on my way back from Chicago on Friday when I heard the news. Another "offsite" meeting and I was in rare form... Well, probably not so rare... But the news certainly made for a rough trip back...

I have a good story from the FM I was going to include this week, but I think I'll let it wait

another week...

In fact, I think I'm going to call it a week... But not without a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Only the good die young" -- Billy Joel

Maybe 76 isn't young to some, but Aunt Darlene was a "young" 76... :-)

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