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September 24, 2007 - ***Jak se maj!!! Happy Monday!!! After another 3-0 weekend, things are pretty darn good here in NE Wisconsin!!! But work beckons, so this will be a quick update...***

Went to Chicago Friday for a day of "meetings"... Yes, we played golf... It was such a horrible day for all of us that on the back nine we quit tracking our score with strokes but instead with lost balls... I still lost... But, it was a beautiful coarse and great weather, so it was still a much better day than in the office...

No hunting this weekend... too hot... got a bunch of stuff done in the shop though... things are looking pretty good up there...

Football... How long can this last? Denville pounded Marynet... The Badgers pulled out a squeaker that they should have dominated, and the Pack played well enough to beat a good Chargers team... This weekend its almost got to end... One (and hopefully only one) will get tripped up by a team they should beat... We'll see...

Drinks anyone?

24 F. Scott Fitzgerald's Birthday (1896). "Sometimes I wish I'd went through those good times stone cold sober so I could remember everything—but then again, if I 'd been sober the times probably wouldn't have been worth remembering."

Champagne Cocktail.

25 William Faulkner's Birthday (1897). "There's no such thing as bad whiskey. Some just happen to be better than others." Well whiskey.

26 Gilligan's Island debuts (1964). Fact: 70% of men prefer MaryAnne.

Gilligan's Island

1 oz vodka

1 oz peach schnapps

3 oz orange juice

3 oz cranberry juice

Shake, pour over ice.

27 Samuel Adams' Birthday (1722). Patriot, brewer, boozehead. Sam Adams Lager.

28 Drink As Much Beer As Possible Day. Started in Milwaukee. Case of Old Milwaukee.

29 Festival of Tezcatzonctl (Aztec). All Hail the Chief Aztec God of Intoxication!

Tequila.

30 Cheers debuts (1982). "Terrorists, Sam. They've taken over my stomach and they're demanding beer."—Norm. **A trough of beer and a snorkel.**

Holy cow! What a week!!! Whiskey, Mary Ann, beer, beer, Tequila, and more beer.... Whew! OK, what is it about Mary Ann? ...and does anyone NOT miss Cheers??? Norm is a rock star...

Aunt Darlene went home for the last time this weekend before she goes "home"... So have one on her this week and keep her and the family in your prayers...

Sorry for another short update, but I gotta go... Some quick words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Things are always darkest just before they go pitch black." -- Kelly Robinson

Figure that one out...

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

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September 17, 2007 - **Jak se maj!!! Howdy folks! Hope everyone had a great weekend! Busy here at work, so I better get right too it in case I get cut off...**

Talked to Zumbo over the weekend and he had a good trip out west bowhunting elk, but they brought none home. One shot in the group (a miss) and not a lot of elk seen. Too hot... Zumbo did get to see a large black bear and a wolf... Overall a good trip (with lots of trout) despite the lack of elk...

I had a pretty good weekend... I was mostly stuck around home due to work commitments, but they never called, so everything worked out great... I got quite a bit of putsy stuff done around home and I am 2/3 done with the final coat of paint in the shop... I even did some cooking this weekend, which I haven't done a lot of lately. I whipped up a batch of venison stew and grilled a half a salmon for the SEC-HSS and myself. Everything turned out pretty good, but I think I can do better on the salmon.

We even got out and did a little bowhunting this weekend. The SEC-HSS and I were up early on the opener and in our trees (barely) by first shooting. In the tree I was trying to remember if I've ever seen a deer on opening morning of the bow season, and I couldn't remember ever seeing one. Saturday was no different, but is sure was beautiful out. Pretty cool out but that first sunrise of bow season cannot be beat...

Based on the projections of the AG and the mass quantities of deer going past his stands, the SEC-HSS and I headed over to The President's later in the morning to help with all the processing... We expected deer to be stacked like cord wood... We drove by as The President was not there and the place was quiet... Go figure...

Good football weekend as the locals again went 3-0. That's TWO WEEKS in a row!!! Denville shut down OF, UW snuck by The Citadel, and the surprising Pack manhandled the Giants... How long can this go on? This week Denville goes up to Mary-Net, the Badgers get the Hawkeyes and the Pack gets the Chargers... Surely it comes to a stop this weekend...? We'll see...

The SEC-W/M stopped over this weekend and says HE has a frig for The President... We may have to get a storage facility for all the cooling units... Well, at least the beer stays cold...

From the FDA Chair... Looks like the Appletown schools ran into a little problem with a project in one of their classes...



And clowns no less... yuck!

Anyone looking for a slightly used 1994 Tempo? Its looking pretty good now that I have it all cleaned up...

Let's check out this week's schedule...

17 M.A.S.H. debuts (1972). "Swill gin? Sir, I have sipped, lapped, and taken gin intravenously but I have never swilled." —Hawkeye. *Gin martini, Sahara dry.*

18 Captain Nelson discovered Jeannie in a bottle (1965). Was only slightly disappointed she wasn't bourbon.

Jeannie's Dream

4 oz Malibu Rum

2 oz sloe gin

2 oz orange juice

2 oz pineapple juice

2 oz 7-Up

Mix Malibu, juices and 7-Up. Gently top with sloe gin.

19 Feast of Thoth (Egyptian). The god purported to have taught the Egyptians how to make beer. *Pyramid Pale Ale.*

20 Alexander the Great's Birthday (256 BC). Conquered the world while on a bender. *Tequila Alexander.*

21 Swiss National Yodeling Festival. You never know until you try. *Longneck bottled beer (to defend yourself).*

22 National Wine Week begins. Week-long bender! *MD 20/20.*

23 John Paul Jones victorious (1779). *Declare, "I have not yet begun to drink!" at last call and see how far it gets you.*

Great week!!! M*A*S*H gin, MD 20/20, the birth of beer and "I dream of Jeannie"... I'm kinda wondering what a "Tequila Alexander" is?

Sausage Stuffer's birthday yesterday... Send him a nasty-gram...

Thinking about a "work weekend" at the cabin Oct. 13-14th...

Well, its getting ugly here at work... time to go... That's all have anyway... Before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches keep you down." -- unknown

That should be in the Bible...

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

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September 10, 2007 - Jak se maj!!! Happy Monday! My first on time update in month or so... Hope you're having a good one!

Hey! What a great football weekend! The rare 3-0! The mighty Denville Vikes took out last year's Bay conference champ W-Depere Friday night 26-20. Maybe an upset, maybe not... The vaunted UW-Badgers followed up with a "win" Saturday night/Sunday morning (depending on which time zone you were in)... Poor performance, but as long as you win those games they forget that they were anything but a "W"... Then the Packers followed up with a dramatic win yesterday. The offense looked pretty anemic, but the defense looks good enough to give you hope... If the special teams keep playing "Bares" type ball, it could be a good year...

Now that I'm all fired up, I can't wait to hear from the FM about why the glass is really HALF full... :-)

On other news, the SEC-Transportation was unemployed a whole 14 hours last week... You'll have to catch up to him for details...

Had a chance to head north with The President for a bit, but work again interfered. I kinda got stuck on-call for the weekend, and I just didn't think I'd be able to handle it, even with The President and Julius to help out... So I hung around home...

I am on track to find The President a frig... Circa 1948 too boot! We'll see how that works out... The current owner (a lady I work with) has a good price on it (free) and says its dual purpose... Not only does it keep stuff cold, but if you rig it up right, it draws so much juice that you can use the public service power meter as a fan... But if YOU know where to find a refrigerator for The President, be sure to let him know...

Well, I hung around home all weekend, so I got some painting done up in the shop, started getting ready for hunting and watched quite a bit of football. Looking back, "What a great weekend"!!!

The eldest bought a new-used car last week... Now he drives a better vehicle than I ever had... Nice... Anyone looking for a "slightly" used 1994 Tempo?

Let's check out this week's schedule...

*10 Buy a Regular a Drink Day. Wonder who came up with this one. **Cheapest draft.***

*11 National Tricky Handshake Day. We kid you not. Left **Hand Sawtooth Ale.***

*12 H.L. Mencken's Birthday (1880). H.L. estimated that 17,864,392,788 cocktails could be conceivably mixed from the ingredients a well-stocked bar. **#5,054,458s and lots of 'em.***

*13 National Peanut Day. And you know what goes with peanuts. **Draft beer.***

*14 Slaughter of the Pig at Santa Maria delle Grazie (Italian). When the Italian's have a pig roast, they really do it up. **Negroni.***

*15 Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Perk her up by picking up the tab. **Whatever the lady wants.***

16 Day of the Great Mother (Pagan). We all know a few. **Gran Ma.**

Seems like a strange week for drinking... Well, there's the draft beer...

Did I mention hunting? Yep, the bow opener is this Saturday, and if work cooperates, I may even be out in the woods... The eldest and I spent some time in the woods yesterday checking out some stands, so we should be somewhat ready to go... Seems early due to the hot weather, but the cool morning this morning was better... Can't wait...

Haven't heard from Zumbo yet... I think he was suppose to be back yesterday from his Elk Hunting trip... Hope to have a story or two on that for you next week...

Well, that's all got for today... Before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

*"Last year, I made a refrigerator in my basement. And I needed to because I needed to figure how - you know there is no such thing as "cold." There is only less heat."
-- Alton Brown*

Sounds like something Bob would say...

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

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September 4, 2007 - Jak se maj!!! Happy Day After Labor Day to you!!! Had a great long weekend with Friday off and the holiday yesterday. Zero work calls for 4 days and a nice hangover on Sunday... Awesome weekend!!!

Sorry about the two week hiatus here on the curtamous page. As I mentioned 2 weeks ago, I was heading into an "on-call" week and it was ugly. I was still catching up on Tuesday, so I really didn't have time for an update. Too bad... Did anyone even notice?

Also at issue last Monday was a after affects of the annual church meeting and picnic. Another great time was had. We had a real nice turnout, the weather was beautiful, the FDA Chair made is world famous (and VERY excellent) booyah, and of course we went to the Coop after... By the way, if anyone offers you "apple jacks" in a bar, it AIN'T cereal...

Also from two weeks ago... I was drafted by the Sausage Stuffer to present his zoning request case at the local town board. When he called after the meeting to see how it went, I told him they grilled me for an hour... questioned every aspect... suggested we try six different options... the whole ball of wax... In reality, it took 5 minutes... But I shook him up good...

Did I mention I had a great weekend? Got quite a bit of stuff done around home... The PORCH is officially done!!! Got the last of the trim painted yesterday and it officially complete. What a mess that was!!! Also got my deck and fence sealed, so over all it was a pretty good 4 days...

The highlight of the weekend was Saturday night's racing at 141. The President picked me up, and after only one stop, we headed to the track. Good racing and no "incidents" despite some bad blood. A little choppiness in the superstock heats but that was it... The SEC-Transportation took 3 in the feature to finish 3rd overall and his beautiful bride-to-be took 8th to finish 9th overall. We all hope racing continues next year at 141 but with the current management getting out of it, you never know...

Post races had us welcoming back my nephew the Captain from his docked aircraft carrier. He

was back for the weekend and on a roll. Actually, he wasn't feeling to well which turned out good for my liver. Had a few in the pits and then the young crowd talked me into heading up the hill for a few more. Been a while since I was out till bar time... Made for a rough Sunday, but I had all day to be hung over... Good to see the Captain though!

Hey, how about those Badgers!!! A little iffy on defense, but that QB was more than I expected... Should be a fun season...

What's on the schedule this week?

*3 Lost Day. Good day to start a bender. **Pint of rye.***

*4 Looking For the Boundaries Day (Cuchumatán Indians, Guatemala Highlands). Test the boundaries of last call. **Mescal.***

*5 On the Road published. Barhop like Cassady and Kerouac. **Cheap beer.***

*6 Read a Book Day. See if they have a bartender's bible behind the bar. **Flop the guide open and see what you get.***

*7 Keith Moon overdosed on drugs prescribed to combat his alcohol problem (1978). Well, it cured his drinking. **Booze, hold the drugs.***

*8 Star Trek debuts (1966). Kirk and his lusty band of drunks are unleashed on the universe. **Romulan Ale.***

*9 Horned Dance Festival (Pagan). Ah yes, the horned dance. You know the one. **Sex on the Beach.***

Hey! Its September!!! And a good start too... I wonder if you can get any good Romulan Ale these days? Just stay off the beach...

Here's a "priceless" story...

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer.

The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects. He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk.

Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car."

Priceless.

How true is that?

Well, that's all I can think of for now... Before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"If the Phone Doesn't Ring, It's Me" -- Jimmy Buffett

That one always cracks me up...

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

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