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Dec 28, 2009 - ***Jak se maj!!! Good morning everyone and Happy Monday! I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas and got everything they needed... As Mic sang, "You can't always get what you want... And if you try sometime... You just might find... You get what you need..." I had a really good Christmas and weekend, except for the rain Christmas morning (more on that later) and actually am OK with being back to work... Go figure...***

First off, the FM sent in a note last week:

I'm sure you and your readers are curious as to how Red would say it in Walloon Belgian, so I thought I'd help you out.... "Gardez votre bâton sur la glace."

Yeah... I'm sure all three readers are quite relieved to have that info...

Anyone else thought that the rain storm Christmas morning really sucked? Woke up to a quiet house (both boys at their significant others) and padded down to the basement to find a rather large river running across my basement floor... Not unusual for my basement, but not real common in winter, ESPECIALLY on Christmas... Anyway, I was picking things up to get them out of the wet and I heard water running... Tracked the sound and found a small pea sized hole behind the wood burning leaking water... Not just dribbling either, it was like a spigot shooting water out. Oh boy... So I dressed up and heading out in the pouring rain to find my down spouts frozen and the rain off the roof running right down my sidewalk to the chimney, where it was likely running right down the foundation into my basement. So I got the heavy equipment out and started chipping ice and cleared out the downspouts and soon had the rain running away

from the house again... I was soaked but problem solved... Pretty weird for Christmas morning though...

Otherwise Christmas was pretty nice... Got my cooking done on Christmas Eve so I had a ton of shrimp hiding from my lovely bride... That night we headed to Mass in Green Bay with the in-laws and then spent the evening with them. My sister-in-law's spaghetti was again really really excellent! Cocktails were also good... LOL! Got home at a reasonable hour too. Actually, looking back, the rain was yucky, but if that rain had been snow it would have been ugly travelling... So that was a blessing...

Christmas brought a nice morning despite the rain issues and I headed for noon Mass at our little church... Oh yeah, my lovely bride made her annual breakfast... and as the tradition holds, I got none... HA! Mass was nice with a good crowd and then we headed down to the Sausage Stuffer's abode from Christmas day... Nice time... The gift "exchange" was a little subdued... A lot of nice gifts but not a lot of "stealing" this year. Interestingly, my lovely bride got what I would normally consider a GREAT gift... for a guy... One of those small rotary tools. Like a Dremmel, but an off brand. Normally, I would have LOVED it, but I had bought myself one a year ago... Then, I figured for SURE some guy would steal it, but no one did... So now she has a rotary tool as do I... Wonder what she'll do with that... lol...

The food was FANTASICALLY INCREDIBLY great! The shrimp turned out good, so we had that going for us, but there was some other really good stuff too, much of which the next generation provided. The SEC-W/M "almost" has Grandma's german potato salad perfected. It is "almost" as good as hers... Not sure who was responsible for what, but the green beans were awesome and whatever the sweet potato thing was turned out excellent as well. To top it all off, the FDA Chair made some modifications to his gizzards and they are definitely getting close to Nimrod quality. Again, not "quite" as good, but I still had three helpings... We even had grasshoppers for dessert! Man, what a feast!

A few missing from the festivities I wanted to send a shout out to... The young Sec-D'Fence had to work so he missed out, but I'm sure he had an "interesting" Christmas at WalG's... My lovely blonde sister headed east Christmas morning to spend the holiday with Captain Chuck. Despite the crappy weather and a flat tire on the plane, she made it there OK. They were going snowmobiling... Cool... So, to those we missed, Merry Christmas!

To end the day, I got a call from the Thompson residence at about 11pm. Scared the crap out of my lovely bride, but no big deal. Anyway, I had helped out the Mayor with picking up/delivering/wrapping presents for the Thompson boys, so they were calling me for clues since the mayor was making them guess what they were before she would let them open them. Since I knew what they were I provided a suitable clue they completely threw them off track. Cool! But you won't get any more info from me on what they were... You'll have to track that info down yourself...

I made out pretty well... Got some awesome books! One is a King (Desperation) and I'm already half way through that... I also ended up with "hunting crap" from the gift exchange. My sister got it early in the event and was sitting with it through most of exchange. OBVIOUSLY it wasn't something she was in need of, so when it got to my turn, toward the end of the game, I stole it. Hunting socks, a big pack of hand warmers, and a really good insulated blaze hunting cap. Perfect for me, and I think she ended up with something more appropriate too... I love the way we do that gift exchange...

Big football week past and week coming... Badgers play this week in the Champs Sports Bowl... Tuesday evening I think... I better look that up and get it on my schedule... Go Big Red!!! Packers had a HUGE win yesterday. I was getting a little worried late in the game as I was having trouble keeping up with the beer for a score rule. Made me think of the good old days sitting at grandma/grandpa's farm with Mr. Rick watching them during their Super Bowl

run. They scored a lot back then too! With the win and the Giant's loss they are in the playoffs, so we got that going for us. Now as long as that whiney hiney Brent Fart gets beat, the season will be a success...

One more thing from last week... Went out Tuesday night for my eldest sister's official birthday dinner. The place was called something like "A'Brava"... Donald Driver owns it... Kinda of a fancy cafe/bistro type place. A little pricey, but really good food... Service was a little suspect, but not terrible. Overall, a great evening... Happy Birthday sis!!! Crap, that reminds me... I forgot her gift that night... I better get on that... Or maybe I'll put it away and use it next year... :-)

So, as always, with the holidays in full gear, let's check out the libations!

28 Bairns' Day. Considered the unluckiest day of the year. **Lucky Lager.**

29 Rasputin assassinated (1916). He drank enough cyanide-spiked wine to kill six men, partied until the wee hours, then finally succumbed after being shot three times and drowned in a freezing river. **Fortified wine.**

30 Miracle Day. Order a Pousse Cafe in a sports bar. **Pousse Cafe.**

31 Guinness Brewery was founded (1759). There are 20 different variations of Guinness worldwide. **Guinness by the gallon.**

1 National Day of Resolutions. Can't break 'em unless you make 'em. **Bloody Mary.**

2 Drinking Straw patented (1888). Fact: You get drunk faster if you drink through a straw. **Mind Eraser.**

3 Sergio Leone's Birthday (1929). Perfect day for a spaghetti western boozefest. **Italian vino.**

Bloody Mary's on New Year's Day... How PERFECT is that???

Still on the topic of libations, you know what I miss? Tom and Jerry's... I don't think I've had one since we used to spend Christmas Eve at Mom and Dad's... I just thought of that... I'm going to have to get some next year... I should probably put in a calendar reminder or I'll forget... :-)

Not too much on schedule for this week... Badger's game is big... New Year's Eve is usually pretty tame but I'm sure I'll ring in the New Year with a Foster's Lager as usual... New Year's Day we're tree hopping with the in-laws and the day after with the Nelsons... Packers play what will probably be a somewhat meaningless game on Sunday... I think that's about it...

Oh yeah, I've got a couple birthdays coming up to mention... The FM_Jr is home from basic training and will be celebrating his birthday this week. Haven't seen him yet, but I wouldn't be surprised to find him up in my shop some night this week. Also the Attorney General celebrates a birthday this week. Same day I think... Anyway, Happy Birthday boys!!!

Haven't heard from The President... I'll have to stop over there sometime this week to spread some holiday cheer...

Looking to start on the BBC newsletter soon, but I'm waiting for one more submission... He better get with it!

So, anyone making New Year's resolutions?



Ditto!

I think that's it for today... But before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"The proper behavior all through the holiday season is to be drunk. This drunkenness culminates on New Year's Eve, when you get so drunk you kiss the person you're married to." ~ P. J. O'Rourke

Yeah, I've used that one before, but it's timeless... With that, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!!!

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

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Dec 21, 2009 - Jak se maj!!! Vesele Vanoce!!! (Merry Christmas) How's everyone doing? Ready for Christmas? I'm getting there... Had my shoes full yesterday, so my training for the holidays is going well, but more on that later... Let's get to it!

Four more days until Christmas and I'm almost ready, at least as far as I know. I've got one more gift to get, but I'm sure my beautiful bride will come up with a dozen or more items to pick up at the last minute. My list has been pretty small, so I guess that's not a big deal. My one concern this morning is that we still don't have a tree up. Not sure what the deal is with my beautiful bride... This is her self proclaimed favorite time of the year, so why doesn't she have the tree up? I was going to do it this weekend, but she said that she and the boys were going to get one, but you know how that works... So nothing... So I'm wondering do I do it or let the whole season go without a Christmas tree? Women are such and unpredictable quandary... Like that needs to be said...

Maybe this explains it?



I even drove my lovely bride to Appletown on Saturday night to that hell of a mall... It was "snowing" so she couldn't drive herself... An hour there and an hour back for 45 minutes of pushing through the crowds at that place... Score me any points? NOT! Well, my good deed of the season... Have you been to that mall? It's pretty big, and the shops are all full of overpriced crap that I'm assuming people think they need to make themselves look better, or cool, or rich, or something... What a waste of time, space, and money... At least they could have had a Fleet Farm connected to the place so there would be some semblance of common sense... Oh well... Live and learn...

Sunday was a BIG BIG BIG day as we threw a surprise birthday party for my big sister... Her "Not Quite 60" birthday... We got her good too! The Sausage Stuffer somehow got her to take a nap so we all drove in and snuck in the house and woke her up. PRICELESS!!! What followed was a really nice party with great food and drink and wonderful company. Had a really great time. I ate and drank well, so I had one shoe full by the time I left... Filled the other at home... I

was thirsty... Meatballs must have been salty or something... Anyway, I was a little tired this morning...

One "slight" downer... We didn't go ahead with our annual caroling... Likely a good decision as everyone was having a great time at the party, but I feel kinda bad that we will miss it this year... Oh well, there's next year to look forward to all the more!

Another "slight" downer... The Packers loss yesterday... Not sure why I wasn't more disappointed, but it wasn't a big deal... Maybe I was just expecting a loss... But unless they completely unravel, they should make the playoffs, which is all that matters... Especially sweet would be a rematch with Brent Fart and the Viqueens... They got spanked last night and Brent got into a tiff with his boss Mr. Burns... (See The Simpsons) What a whiner... Anyway...

How funny would it be if Brent Fart made a cameo appearance on "The Simpsons" and he actually retired and worked with Homer for Mr. Burns? They GOTTA make that happen!

Still on football... Hey, am I the only one that thinks Ben Roethlisberger is starting to look just like Will Farrell? Especially the pics of him after his concussion... He's got that dazed Will Farrell look and that big fat head... Maybe it's just me, but I find it quite hilarious... Tell me this isn't weird?



No Badger news... Gridironers getting ready for Miami... Hockey team taking finals... All good...

Last Tuesday I stopped in for the visitation for Jim Sipiorski's father. Nice to see Jim and I want to again extend condolences from all the BBC... Tom was also there, so the Jack/Ass team was complete... Had a nice chat with Tom and he gave me some pretty big news... He will be venturing to Africa for six months as part of a program through his employer... Basically a program to help out in third world/underdeveloped countries with health and human services. He'll be going to Swaziland... He's a link to a web site for the program if you are interested... "www.psi.org" Hopefully he'll be able to get us some updates while he is there... What an opportunity of a lifetime... Good luck Tom!!!

Not much else going on... Burned a lot more wood in the wood burner this last week. My lovely wife even commented that it really keeps the house nice and cozy... Not cozy with me, but nice anyway... Brownie points? Not... Kinda wondering how my wood supply is going to last, but I guess I might as well burn it as I have a lot of it and I'll see how it holds out. If it starts to get low, I'll just have to cut back later in the season, but I kinda doubt it...

Think this would be an inappropriate gift? Its a belt buckle...



Me either...

So, on that note, what's on tap for the holidays???

21 Jack Daniels' Birthday (1850). Started distilling 13 years later. *Gentleman Jack.*

22 Willpower Day. Test yours at the bar. *Well tequila.*

23 Van Gogh cut off his ear (1888). He ran out of absinthe, so he got into the turpentine and next thing you know . . . *Van Gogh Vodka.*

24 National Eggnog Day. Nog is an Old English word for ale, an original ingredient. *Bottle of scotch, then eggs for breakfast.*

25 Shane MacGowan's Birthday (1957). "Whenever I need a light inside me, I walk into a pub and drink 15 pints of beer." *Fifteen pints of beer.*

26 Henry Miller's Birthday (1891). "Ah yes, yes, once in a while indulge...spree and pee...a look at the girls and a brawl...not too bloody...ring around the rosie...you know...shake the bugs out of the rug." *MGD.*

27 National Fruitcake Day. Fruitcakes survive so long because of the high alcohol content. *Fruit-flavored vodka.*

Purdy good week as you would expect for the holidays... But what is up with Henry Miller and his birthday? Must be some story there....

No update on the new "BBC" section of the site... But I'm working on it... Hope to start working on the newsletter too... If a certain junior member ever gets his article in, I'll get going on it...

Despite the early surprise party yesterday, my eldest sister's birthday is actually tomorrow... So we'll do the newly traditional birthday dinner for her at some place in Bellevue... She "says" its really great... I verified they do serve meat, so I guess it can't be too bad... LOL! I'll report back next week, but if you see my sis tomorrow, be sure to wish her a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Not much else but Christmas going on... Thursday I'll cook up the shrimp and anything else that needs cooking... Then we'll venture to GB for Christmas Eve Mass... I think this year we're going to 4pm service, and then we'll head to the in-laws for Christmas Eve dinner. My sister-in-law makes a really good spaghetti... Kinda weird for Christmas, but it's really really good and has become a bit of a tradition there... Should be fun... Christmas Day my lovely bride will likely make her annual breakfast (The only breakfast she makes all year) and then it's on to noon church at Holy Trinity and then back to the Sausage Stuffer's for Christmas with the Nelsons... Always a good time... Then it's a long weekend and back to work... Oh well...

So, that's all I have... Before I go, as always, here are a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"The one thing women don't want to find in their stockings on Christmas morning is their husband." ~ Joan Rivers.

Well, at least not my beautiful bride...

With that, I would like to wish everyone a happy, joyous, and MERRY CHRISTMAS!

As Red would say, if he were Bohemian, "Prejeme Vam Vesele Vanoce a stastny Novy Rok"!

or...

As Red would say, if he were Danish, "Glaedelig Jul"!

curtamous

Dec 14, 2009 - Jak se maj!!! Howdy everyone! Hope you're all having a happy Monday! Damp, icy and cold here... Freezing rain bites... Even when it isn't actually freezing but knuckle heads driving on the highway think it is and are going 25 mph... SIDE BY SIDE!!! Gotta love Wisconsin... I find it amazing that it takes so many so long to remember how to drive in winter weather... Then there's always the few that never figure it out... Darn junior members! JK...

The big news from last week of course was the BIG STORM! I'll admit it was a doozy too! 14 inches... I'd bet more in Denville!!! It was without a doubt the longest time it ever took me to snow blow the driveway. I was out there over 3 hours! The fact that I had issues with the snow blower the first hour didn't help though, but after I cleaned the spark plug, which had a nasty mushroom shaped bubble of corrosion on it, it ran fine. (I have NO idea how it even worked the way it looked) But even with the blower running fine, it STILL took forever to get done. The snow was wet and heavy AND deeper than my snow blower intake so it was quite an undertaking. Kinda fun too, but in a sick twisted way... But I got 'er cleaned out and then cleaned it out again that night, which wasn't nearly as hard. Pretty glad we didn't have any snow before or it would have been really bad... Glad winter is here though...

Funny story from The President... Talked to him over the weekend and asked how HIS snow blower was. He had a bad bearing on it (since last winter of course and never got to it) so I wondered how he got through the storm. We'll, he never fixed it, so he called the SEC-Transportation and contracted him to clear his driveway the day of "the storm". While that was going on, The President decided to look at his bearings. They were shot on one side, but he recalled having an old axel from some sort of Airens equipment store "somewhere" that he was going to make a trailer out of. Yeah right... Anyway, he trudged his way through multiple feet of snow to his back shed and found the axel. Took a look and it looked like it might fit, so he got at it... Had everything apart but it didn't seem to fit... He was about to give up when he flipped it around and it was perfect! That axel that sat around for ten years (more likely 20) saved the day! He said that The First Lady even said it was a good thing he kept that piece of junk around... But he didn't get it on tape recorder, so I have my doubts... Anyway, The President's stock pile of junk will likely go back on the increase after that success story!

Received some sad news over the weekend... Jim Sipiorski's father passed away last week. Jim is part of the "Jack/Ass" team often mentioned that we spend Thursday night, Friday afternoon, and assorted other opportunities with during Deer Camp. Jim used to be the "youngster" that traveled north to deer camp with my dad and Bob Debroux in the old days. (Those stories can't be told here or anywhere else "south of 64"...) Services for Jim's dad will be tomorrow, 12/15, at Prince of Peace... Our condolences from the BBC. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

On another serious note, I ran across a web site sponsored by Xerox that allows you to send out a card to a soldier for the holidays. It's kinda cookie cutter, but it's free to you, so it might be a nice thing to do. Something to check out... There are some really cute cards there... Here's the site: <http://www.letssaythanks.com/>

Not much in the way of football this weekend... Oh yeah, it WAS Packer/Bare week, but the game was a bit miserable... On the bright side, the Packers ended up with the win and a sweep of the hated Bares, but it was pretty ugly. A win is a win is a win... Looking good to make it to the playoffs now... Other sports notes: Badger hockey team still looking good getting 3 points

in North Dakota... Badger hoops lost to UWGB... that probably means the UWGB coach is safe another year... Great... He's not my favorite...

On the hunting front... Nothing... BUT, I do have a picture of Zumbo's buck... This is the mount, and it's pretty cool... The background thingy is really neat... Congrats again Zumbo!



My lovely eldest sister called yesterday morning to report on her "Mystery Trip". Sounds like the Sausage Stuffer really outdid himself. They traveled to Hawaii, and the trip included all sorts of neat things including part of it on a cruise ship. You could tell sis was pretty tired from the trip but really excited. Congrats to the Sausage Stuffer from making her "Almost 60" trip so wonderful and memorable. Numerous "DEMERITS" however for setting the damn bar so high for the rest of us... WHAT WAS HE THINKING?!?!??!

A couple reports back on the [ELVES](#) video... First, my color scheme above is VERY UGLY.... OK, I guess that is true... Perhaps next week I will care enough to change it... On the video though, I have received some pretty high marks. I tell you, I can watch it every day and it STILL cracks me up... I hear that I am not the only one... Too funny...

Not much else going on... Got some stuff done this weekend... Tuned up the snow blower (including a new sparkplug), which I should have done in fall... Cleaned up more snow... I also built another firewood stand... The one I built last week worked out really nice in that I have this firewood carrying thing that fits in it real nice... So I just go fill it up and then set it in there and take the firewood out. But I found this weekend that I kept having to make trips, so I built another one that I'll fill up with just wood so I can make a couple trips all at once instead of one trip every couple hours... We'll see how that goes...

Need a cocktail? Me too... Let's check out our options...

*14 The "Shot Heard Around the World" is fired in an exchange between American revolutionaries and British soldiers. Celebrate with the #1 shot drank around world. **Jagermeister.***

*15 Walt Disney's head cryogenically frozen (1966). Here's to hoping he reanimates in time to kick Eisner's ass. **Frozen Daiquiri.***

*16 Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party (1773). They tossed the tea and stole the rum. **Long Island Iced Tea.***

*17 Wright Brothers take the 1st airplane flight at Kitty Hawk (1903). Soar like a drunken eagle. **Grey Goose Vodka.***

*18 Feast of Our Lady of Solitude (Mexico). Buy the barlot at the end of the bar a drink. **Blue Moon Belgium White.***

*19 Underdog Day. Challenge the fattest bastard in the bar to a drinking contest. **Salty Dog.***

20 National Sangria Day. Introduced to the U.S. at the 1964 World's Fair. Sangria.

Jaggy today? Long Island Iced Tea on Wednesday? Sangria on Sunday? Could be a good, but tough, week!

Pretty good stuff coming in for the newsletter... Kinda weak response from the junior membership, but the senior membership seems to be making up for it with some REALLY quality material. Waiting for a couple stragglers and then I hope to start putting it together...

Speaking of BBC projects... I've had NUMEROUS inquiries over the years about the BBC (Bob's Buck Camp), its membership, history, organization, etc. Pretty much the story behind it and who is who and all that stuff... Well, I've tossed the idea around for a few years, but now I'm actually working on it. No guarantees or anything, but keep checking the site for updates and hopefully I'll have some stuff soon...

We've got Mass Thursday night out at Holy Trinity for Ma and Pa Nelson as well as my brothers Chuck and Chris... 7:30 pm... Be great to see you out there...

Other than that, not much else... Christmas, like always, is speeding at us like a runaway train. 12 days away??? I haven't even STARTED thinking about shopping, and my beautiful bride has already emptied the bank accounts... Oh oh... Well, I better at least start my lists... I did get one item completed... A "special" project, but that will have to wait until Christmas to be unveiled...

So, I guess that's about it... Before I go, as I always do, here are a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Snow and adolescence are the only problems that disappear if you ignore them long enough." ~ Earl Wilson

Good point, but I doubt it... But I can't come up with anything off hand... Can you???

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

curtamous

Dec 07, 2009 - Jak se maj!!! Happy Monday everyone and welcome to winter in Wisconsin! I actually had to do a little snow shoveling (scraping actually) this morning! Awesome! If those decrepit weathermen have any competency, I'll actually be able to get the snow blower running this week! Awesome! But along with the snow and fun, it sounds like some seriously cold weather will follow the snow. I'm gonna have to get my winter coat out... Oh well, it was bound to happen eventually!

Well, I think the Christmas holiday season is officially here! With that, it's time to break out the official BBC holiday Elf Video! Definitely the #1 best selling BBC production to date! Personally, I find it HILARIOUS!!! Click [HERE](#) to play or click on a link above... (Email me with issues playing it... I can email you a copy if needed...) Merry Christmas!!!

With the Christmas season here, I started some of my Santa's little elf projects... Got the "Nelson" Christmas cross out of storage and hung prominently on my garage. Looks good... also have the "Happy Holiday" sign up. Not sure how I ended up with them, but I have them hung proudly! I also started on some "secret" workshop projects. Can't tell you what they are, but if you're good little girls/boys, you may find something from Santa's shop in your stocking!

Along with my projects, I had a busy weekend at home doing pretty much nothing. Kept a fire

going in the basement woodstove most of the weekend, so that made things nice and cozy. Also put up/shut the rest of my storm windows (not a fun project by the way) so I'm sure that helped keep the house cozy. Built a new "firewood" stand for the basement, and it turned out pretty good. Cleaned out and shut down the garage refrigerator for the winter... Talked to The President... Overall, a good weekend! The only task I failed/avoided was getting the guns cleaned... Not sure why that has become such a yucky task, but the past few years I've really procrastinated on it. I'll get to it... Maybe next weekend... Or March... One of the two...

NOTE TO TURKEY HUNTERS! Spring turkey hunting applications are due to the DNR no later than Thursday December 10th. Get them in if you're planning on chasing Mr. Tom Turkey this spring. I find it easiest just to apply online at the [DNR website](#)...

Speaking of the DNR, I heard a good one last week:

Question: So, how many reindeer does Santa have?

Answer: The DNR count shows 108

HAH! Good one! Not gonna spend time vilifying the DNR today, but they did take the 16-day proposed season off the table... Good thinking!

Hey, did you see the 30 pointer?



Not a great picture, but you get the idea. More pictures online at the [GB Press](#)... Could you imagine seeing THAT on opening morning? Lately I have a hard time imagining seeing a deer on opening morning, much less that... Nice job!

Big football weekend... Not really... **TOTALLY** forgot about the Badger/Hawaii game Saturday night, but was pleasantly surprised (and well rested since as I didn't stay up to watch it) Sunday morning to find they won big. But, their loss against Northwestern cost them a Jan 1 bowl bid and they are again in the Champs Bowl on 12/29. Get to play Miami, which has actually become a respectable program. Hope the Badgers play respectably unlike last year... Should be fun! Another sports note: Badger roundballers had a **HUGE** win against Duke last week and the Badger hockey team is doing well as they crushed MichTech last weekend. Gotta love Badger sports!

Packers play tonight... Should be interesting to see which team shows up... I hope they continue their "upswing" and at least play well... We'll see... Fun watching Brent Fart throw a couple INT's last night wasn't it?

The Sausage Stuffer, his beautiful bride (my eldest sister) and lovely daughter are on their annual "Mystery Trip" pilgrimage. No idea "where" they went, but I hope they are having fun and enjoying "warm" weather!!!

Thirsty? Let's see what's on this week's cocktail menu!

7 Tom Waits Birthday (1949). "I'd rather have a bottle in front of me than a frontal lobotomy." **Guinness Stout.**

8 Sammy Davis Jr.'s Birthday (1925). "The day they stop making fun of you is the

day they don't give a damn about you."

Sammy Davis Jr.

1 1/2 oz Stoli Vanilla

Chilled espresso

Shake with ice and serve with a twist of lemon.

9 Redd Foxx's Birthday(1922). "Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals, dying of nothing." Ripple.

10 Nobel Prize Awards Day. Drink away your disappointment.

Mad Scientist

1 1/3 oz blueberry schnapps

1 1/3 oz raspberry schnapps

1/4 oz Bailey's Irish Cream

1/4 oz grenadine

Mix the schnapps in a shot glass, slowly top with grenadine. Dribble a small amount of Bailey's on top.

11 Jerry Lee Lewis secretly married his 13-year-old third cousin Myra Gale Brown. When Jerry breaks the rules, he breaks all the rules.

Great Balls of Fire

2 oz Goldschlager

1/2 oz Hotdamn 100 Proof

1/2 oz Aftershock

Mix and shoot.

12 Frank Sinatra's Birthday (1915). "I'm for anything that gets you through the night—be it prayer, tranquilizers or a bottle of Jack Daniels." Jack rocks.

13 St. Lucy's Day. Patron saint of writers, people with eye trouble and lamplighters.

Drink yourself blind and in the morning you shall be magically healed.

Must be "Celebrity Drinking Week" or something... I'm intrigued by the 13th's St' Lucy's Day... I will try to find time to study this saint sometime today... :-)

Big birthday out west last week... Sorry I forgot to post it last week... Happy Belated Birthday to Laura out in Denver! Hope she had a GREAT birthday!!!

Had a quick discussion with The President yesterday. Nothing big... But he is planning on heading north this weekend with his nephews to finish some cabinet making and to make some wood. Anyone wanting some extra credit (and extra work) is encouraged to book a spot... I may try to make it up for the day, but we'll see what the schedule is like and how much snow we get... If any...

The BBC has undertaken the annual "[newsletter](#)" production... I've spent the week BEGGING members to submit an article or other such info... Got a couple along with a couple promises... We'll see how it turns out. The little I've gotten has looked REALLY good, so I'm hopefully...

I think that's about it... Not a real great effort, but I'm saving myself for the newsletter.... But before I go, as always, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"In the old days, it was not called the Holiday Season; the Christians called it 'Christmas' and went to church; the Jews called it 'Hanukka' and went to synagogue; the atheists went to parties and drank. People passing each other on the street would say 'Merry Christmas!' or 'Happy

Hanukka!' or (to the atheists) 'Look out for the wall!'" ~ Dave Barry

It'll be "Merry Christmas" from me...

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

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