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Nov 30, 2009 - *Jak se maj!!! We're back!!! Welcome everyone! Back from the annual two week deer hunting hiatus. I hope everyone enjoyed their two weeks off. Back at work and into the swing of things and feeling pretty good. Work is already busy though and I'm "starting" this in the PM... Hope to get it posted yet today...*

You'll have to wait for the newsletter to find out details on Deer Camp 2009, but overall it was a "quiet" year. A smaller crew (My condolences to those not able or not smart enough to attend) and some colds and coughs and sniffles contributed, but it might just have been one of those years. But don't get me wrong, we had a GREAT time, just not as wild as some other years. Schedule-wise everything went well. I arrived, with the SEC-D'Fence in tow, at the cabin on A before noon on Thursday. Wet and rainy, but we still got all our "chores" done... The meal at The Nimrod (in downtown Athelstane) was as good as ever and the gizzards were once again SPECTACULAR! Friday was the usual push with no issues concerning blinkers on the blink. The hunt was good, but the deer (if there are any in that area) did not cooperate. Some issues with other hunters in our stands too... Despite that and some foggy weather, we spent a lot of time in the woods not seeing deer. Monday we took a road trip and did see the only deer up north west of the Debroux camp, and then "hunted" back toward the cabin. Nice scenery in East Athelstane... The pork chops and potatoes, while a curious challenge to prepare, were great... The boys up the road saw deer but nothing hanging... Tough year it was... But as I said, it was GREAT!!!

One small downer... As you may know, I spent my formative years hunting up at the Debroux cabin before being accepted into The President's crew. Debroux's was a "real" hunting shack in the old fashioned sense and I had times there I will NEVER forget... (Although some I forgot as they happened...) When we hunted there on Monday, I sneaked in to take a look at the place (mistakenly of course) and the old hunting shack was flattened... Gone... All that is left is the trailer and a couple campers. Very sad... Well, the memories live on...

Got back home on Tuesday and the hunting around home was almost worse than up north... We saw NOTHING west or south of Denville... We did kick a couple up at Lott's but had no shooting, which is typical for us at that location. I spent Sunday afternoon out at Zumbo's, in the rain, and again saw nothing... Nice stands he has though, as the wind and rain would have been miserable without the enclosed perches... Nice afternoon anyway, and a good way to close the season... Can't wait for next year...

Zumbo scored on opening day and took a nice little 7 pointer, but he and the junior members that spent time out there saw little else, so even the does are sparse there as well... (Zumbo saw little in Michigan either) Not a good sign for deer hunting in the area and most of Wisconsin. By and large I'm a supporter of the DNR... It's a tough job and like anything else, it's impossible to keep everyone happy much less anyone, but from my perspective and if what I hear around the

area is true, they've messed up the deer herd in a lot of ways. I'm in it cause I love the season and being with the guys and in the woods, but like one of the guys I hunted with on Saturday said, it's sad for the young hunters just coming up. Kinda hard to get them excited about deer hunting when there are none... Hopefully the people in charge see that and make some changes... We will see...

Had a great Thanksgiving! Tuesday I prepped for the annual Thanksgiving dressing cooking and Wednesday my Uncle Lloyd showed up and we were able to throw together one of the best batches I've been a part of. For whatever reason, it turned out really good, at least in "my" opinion. You know, other than deer hunting and fish camp, it's one of my favorite days. My Uncle Lloyd is a pretty special guy and it's really nice to spend time with him. When we were done cooking we sat down and chatted over some coffee which I really enjoyed. If you know Uncle Lloyd, you know he had places to be and things to do, so it never lasts long enough... So I'll just wait for next year...

Thanksgiving Day was nice too with a big crowd at the Nelson (Nelsen?) gathering at the VFW in Bellevue. Almost 80 sat down for noon lunch, and the food was AWESOME! The Jorgenson's hosted this year and did a fabulous job. It's always nice to see everyone, especially those we don't get to see too often. And as always, we had a lot to be thankful for!

My beautiful bride didn't get to come with us on Thanksgiving Day as she was with her mom who had her knee replaced that Monday. Thanksgiving morning she got the help move her from the hospital to a local home for rehab so she spent the day with her getting her settled in. So far she is doing well, but keep her in your thoughts and prayers anyway...

Big birthday week!!! The eldest, the SEC-HHS, turned 25 on opening weekend, and Alicia, the SEC-State's youngest celebrated the same day. This past Saturday, my beautiful bride celebrated HER birthday, and according to her, she is now "old". All I can say is if she's old, what the heck am I??? We did take her out to eat and she had no problem spending like a young girl, so she has that going for her. The Wednesday before turkeyday we even went out to celebrate an old man's birthday, which was a lot of fun. Busy week, so here's a collective "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to all!!!

Pretty good football the last couple weeks with the Packers doing well, but the Badger game on opening day was a pretty big disappointment. They should do well in Hawaii though... The Packers? I'm guessing now that they have everyone's hopes up, they will now crush those hopes with a couple nasty losses... We will see... As far as the traitor out west is doing, well, the numbers are impressive, but this is the type of thing he's caused:



Makes you want a drink huh? Well, let's have one!

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.**

3 Cold War officially ends (1989). The dawn of the New World Disorder. *The spoils of war—vodka.*

4 First man killed by a bowling ball (1982). Kinda surprised it took so long. *Bowling alley beer.*

5 Drunkard Liberation Day (1933). National prohibition is repealed in the U.S. *Everything you can get your hands on.*

6 National Pawnbrokers Day. The launching pad of many an impromptu bender. *As much booze as your guitar speaker will buy.*

Hmmm... A good bloody mary from the Nimrod would go good right now, but it will have to wait until Wednesday... :-)

Can you believe its December tomorrow??? My goodness!

Here's one from Jack/Ass... A pretty good one! (Names have been changed to protect the guilty)

The Hunt

Don, Tom, Richie, Mike and Steve spend months planning the perfect backwoods elk hunting trip.

Two days before the group is to leave Richie's wife puts her foot down and tells him he isn't going.

Don, Tom, Mike and Steve are very upset that he can't go, but what can they do.

Two days later they get to elk camp only to find Richie sitting there with a tent set up, firewood gathered, and steaks cooking on the fire.

Damn Richie, how long have you been here and how did you talk your wife into letting you go?

Well, I've been here since early this morning.

Yesterday evening I was sitting in my chair and the wife came up behind me and put her hands over my eyes and said guess who?

I pulled her hands off and she was wearing a brand new see through nightie.

She took my hand and took me to our bedroom.

The room had two dozen candles and rose pedals all over.

She had on the bed handcuffs and ropes!

***She told me to tie and cuff her to the bed and I did. And then she said:
"Do whatever you want!"***

So here I am.

So... "Richie" is my new favorite hero... After The President of course... What else would you expect him to do?

Well, tomorrow it's December, so it's almost time for Christmas... Time to empty the bank accounts again... Wait, they're already empty, so it could be an interesting month! Once all the money focus is out of the way though, it's a nice time of the year...

Not much else to work on... Gonna try to get one more Deer Camp newsletter published which will make it the 9th edition. I hope to make it to 10, but it's been harder and hard to get articles submitted, so it may be at the end of its line. We will see...

I guess that's it... But as always, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"The thinking deer hunter should mature through three phases during his hunting life. First phase, "I need to kill a deer. Second phase, I want to harvest a nice deer. And last phase, we must manage this resource so our children and their children can experience the grand tradition of good deer hunting." Author, Jim Slinsky

Well said...

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

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Nov 16, 2009 - Jak se maj!!!! Howdy All!!!! It's here! Deer Camp 2009 opens this week! What a great time of the year!

We spent this past weekend up at the little cabin on A getting ready for the season. Senior membership was almost in full attendance! (Guess who WASN'T there?) We arrived on Friday afternoon/evening and warmed up the cabin and practiced cracking the first beer. Hmmm! Spent some time making lists and straightening and then made a road trip for supper. Went to see Diane who made us a fine plate of perch. Made a stop or two more and ended up back at the shack... Strangely, the elder statesmen of the BBC, except The President, made an early dash for bed... Turns out (According to The President) the SEC-M/W stopped in for a visit with his pretty little sidekick and her brother for a nightcap. He didn't (or couldn't) wake us! So The President entertained... Wish I hadn't been so damn tired!

Saturday was a big day in the woods prepping deer stands. As The President reported, the area between his stand and mine has been pretty thoroughly logged and all the pines are gone. Except for my stand just being over the end of the next ridge, we could see each other... We decided against moving The President's stand but did spruce it up considerably. When we arrived at my stand, we found that the logger machine had rolled right over it! That was OK, as it needed to be moved 10 feet back anyway... So we got that accomplished and shooting lanes cut. The SEC-Transportation's stand was also checked. We then took a rest at the rest stop intersection at the Comptroller's old stand and then headed back and spruced up the SEC-State's stand. Finally, we headed a bit north and found the remnants of an old stand of ours and set that back up for a possible option in the case of heavy hunting pressure. From there we headed back. Not much sign but some tracks here and there... No rubs or scrapes were found...

That's not good...

The President did manage to remember to bring his trail cams up north this time so we did spend some time figuring those out and putting them up for Saturday night. Sunday checks of them showed no results, but we did leave them up so hopefully we'll have some viewing when we head back up this week...

Saturday evening's meal was pretty awesome... Chicken and Ribs!!! Smoke chicken thighs on the Weber and country style ribs over the open fire. A couple baked potatoes and we were almost all set. Thankfully, The President's lovely wife and First Lady sent up some of her awesome coleslaw so the meal was complete!!! Not sure what it is, but we sure do seem to eat well North of 64!

Sunday had us up early to finish up the weekend. The FDA Chair started us out right with his new recipe... Biscuits and Gravy! And it is AWESOME! I really like biscuits and gravy and I'll often get it when I go out, but this was the BEST I ever had, so it's on the [menu](#) for next week! Woohoo!!! Then we went out and checked the cameras (nothing) and pretty much closed up camp and went our separate ways... VERY eager for our return later in the week!!! More on that later...

Zumbo headed WAY north on Friday for the Michigan opener... Lake Gogebic was his destination and from the weather we had in Athelstane on Sunday, I would assume he had a pretty good opener up there. I haven't heard from him, but I hope he's doing well... He'll be back for next weekend's opener at the latest...

Big football weekend... Interesting high school scores from the state playoffs... Waunakee High is making another trip back to state... Good luck Warriors!!! The Badgers took care of the Weasel's Wolverines on Saturday pulling away decisively in the second half. If Rodriguts isn't the biggest weasel and worse coach in Big Ten history, I don't know who is. I don't know if Don Morton could have done as bad a job with the players Michigan gets... I actually feel a little (very little) sorry for UM... Then there was the shocker at Lambeau on Sunday. Just when pretty much everyone is SURE the Packers will get killed, they go and beat a decent Cowgirl team pretty decisively. What is up with that? Talk radio was pretty funny this morning... Last week it was like the world ended in Green Bay and EVERYONE had to be fired... Today, all is forgiven and THEY ARE TALKING PLAYOFFS! Only in Wisconsin... Well, if nothing else, I hope it keeps the Packer season interesting unlike last year...

Go a report from the FM... South of the border...

Dateline, Bogota:

The whitetail population is pretty sparse down here, too. But, I can kind of understand why, with armed guards standing on every frickin' street corner, the deer don't have a chance! Haven't tracked down the Prez's tiller yet, but the conditions appear that I might be on to something down here. I'm keeping my eyes and ears open. And, Columbian beer is not bad at all.

P.S....FM attendance at BBC North is "tenuous" at this point. Will keep you posted.

Funny that the FM found a beer he likes, but if he finds that tiller, there's going to be ONE HELL of a celebration!

Hey, any one read the Denmark Diaper last week? How about Arvie's article... His favorite website has a "Weekly Diatribe"??? HEY!!! THAT'S MY LINE!!! Gonna have to get myself a copyright lawyer...

By the way, I got a deer last week...

So what's on tap this week? Well, other than the usual Deer Camp libations?

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.**

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.**

Two weeks for the price of one! How do you like that??? Scrolling through the list I see Rum, Tequila, Absinthe, Gin, and "One for the road"... Even "girlie drinks, for the night before Thanksgiving... But the most outstanding listing is for the Deer Hunting opener, November 21, 2009: DELICIOUS, HUMANITY-SAVING BEER!!! Now that's more like it!

Missed a birthday last week... BO, my buddy from Chicago turned another page, but as long as he keeps acting like he's 16, he'll be fine! Also, my buddy Jack the Cat from the Carolinas is again gainfully employed. Congrats Jack!!! In your honor, here's an old one you sent in... Perhaps the best "original" ever sent in to the site...

Bow Hunter's Lament
I shot an arrow in the air
Where it lands I do not care

Every bow-hunting season I stalk my deer
Maybe just maybe ... this could be the year

I aim. I shoot. I come up short.
I make no excuses. I have no retort.

I'm a piss poor archer ... that I know
And that is why I prefer GUN to BOW.

-Jack the Cat

Well, the week is finally here... Deer Camp 2009! I work today and tomorrow (if you call it work) and then I'll "work from home" on Wednesday while I prepare for Deer Camp. Mostly cooking and packing on the to-do list for that day. Thursday morning I'll get the rest of the groceries and then the SEC-D'Fence will meet me in Denville to head north to camp. Yes, you heard me right, the SEC-D'Fence!!! It's gonna be a GREAT DAY!!! We'll spend the day prepping camp and making sure it's ready for the rest of the crew's arrival. The SEC-State should arrive later in the afternoon followed (or possibly proceeded) by the Comptroller. Then we'll head north to downtown Athelstane to meet up with Jack/Ass for the annual Thursday night meal at The Nimrod! From there, Deer Camp is pretty much on!

Most of the crew will arrive by Friday night and most of camp will head out on Sunday... A few hard souls will stay until Tuesday with The President closing camp on Wednesday... By far, "The Best Week of the Year"!!!

If you're interesting in this year's menu, schedules, and lists, you can find them [HERE!](#) I would suggest checking them again later in the week cause I've been pretty much changing them by the hour, but they are pretty much set...

Well, since I'm in Deer Camp next week, there won't be an update... But look for news the following Monday... Assuming we survive!

Well, that's about it... I got more "prep" work to do for this week and I'm sick of typing... Funny though, I just wanted to scroll back through the years and see what "Words of Wisdom" I left for our junior members over the years on my last update before Deer Camp... Guess what? I've been writing this drivel for over 7 years... Wow! Started in [2002](#)... Back in those days Jack/Ass was referred to as "Butt Face and his queer brother from up the road"... Anyway, here are the

"words", and darn good words to live by!

"...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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Nov 9, 2009 - Jak se maj!!! Good morning everyone. I hope everyone is doing well, but it is a sad day here in the world of the BBC. The SEC-State's mother Bea passes away last week Thursday after a losing fight with cancer. Her wake was last night and funeral is this morning. Bea and her husband the barber were as much a part of the family as I am. We were always invited to their annual 4th of July party and they were often present up at Kingsbury Kottage. Over the years we've had a lot of fun and good times and a get together was always a little better if Bea was around. Bea was a dear sweet lady and she will be missed very much by all who knew her. Please keep Bea and her family in your thoughts and prayers as we wish her a good journey and look forward to the day when we'll see her again...

Not much else going on over the week. Friday I had off but ended up working from home most of the morning... In the afternoon I did put up some new lights in the basement. I got sick of the florescent lights burning out all the time so I put up some regular light fixtures. That involved some new wiring and stuff but overall it turned out pretty good. I have four florescent fixtures still down there so they may get replaced eventually as well...

Saturday I headed out to Zumbo's ranch to sight in guns. No one else was available so it was just me and Zumbo. It was a beautiful day but a little windy so that made sighting in a little tough. I built a new target and that worked out pretty good. All my guns were pretty much on target, so I didn't have to make any adjustments. Likely the last time I'll shoot them this year anyway... Zumbo had some changes to make but they turned out pretty good too... Overall a nice day...

I didn't get out bow hunting at all so I doubt I'll get out at all this early season. Friday I got busy with the lights and some insurance issues and Saturday I had mother-in-law church duty, so I was 0-2. This might end up being the first year in a long time not to get out... Just no urge at all, but I did get a lot of wood made and other projects done, so I got that going for me... Next year...

The FDA Chair borrowed my router this past week to work on a new coat hanger for his daughter Tara... Turned out pretty good... He's got more talent that I imagined...

Football... Should I even bring up football? Well, the Badgers won in Indiana, so at least they beat teams they should beat... They are actually ranked 20th in the BCS... If they would win out, which is possible, and get a bunch of help from other teams, they could actually be a BCS Bowl team candidate... The Packers on the other hand suck... Enough said...

What's on tap this week?

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.

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.*

Did you know they still made Old Milwaukee? I had to look it up but they do... Old Milwaukee Light (Yes, they make a light beer too) is the leading award winning light beer in America... Go figure...

THESE ARE ENTRIES TO A WASHINGTON POST COMPETITION ASKING FOR A TWO-LINE RHYME WITH THE MOST ROMANTIC FIRST LINE, AND THE LEAST ROMANTIC SECOND LINE:

1. My darling, my lover, my beautiful wife: Marrying you has screwed up my life.

2. I see your face when I am dreaming. That's why I always wake up screaming.

3. Kind, intelligent, loving and hot; This describes everything you are not.

6. Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet, and so are you. But the roses are wilting, the violets are dead, the sugar bowl's empty and so is your head.

7. I want to feel your sweet embrace; But don't take that paper bag off your face.

8. I love your smile, your face, and your eyes I'm good at telling lies!

9. My love, you take my breath away. What have you stepped in to smell this way?

11. What inspired this amorous rhyme? Two parts vodka, one part lime.

How messed up is that? Definitely not your normal Hallmark type messages...

Got Friday off again this week as I'm trying to use up vacation time. Hope to head north over the weekend too for the annual trip to the cabin on A to prepare for Deer Camp. Yes, Deer Camp is RIGHT around the corner. I hope we get some good weather as I think we have some extensive work to do on deer stands. As The President reported a couple weeks ago, they did some logging right between my stand and his, so we'll likely have to move them around a bit. Should be a good time if nothing else....

That's about it... Kinda of a sad update, but it goes with the mood of the day... Next week we'll have the final "Pre-Deer Camp" update and then it will be off for a couple weeks while I head north. But for today, as always, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Let no one weep for me, or celebrate my funeral with mourning; for I still live, as I pass to and fro through the mouths of men." ~ Quintus Ennius

Ah yes, we will remember...

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

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Nov 2, 2009 - Jak se maj!!! Happy Monday everyone! Welcome to November, the GREATEST month of the year! Can't believe it's November already... The time change this weekend was kinda nice though. At least it won't be dark on the way to work, but now it'll be dark on the way home... For a few months at least...

Sorry I took last week off, but I was Up North with The President. I ended up going on Saturday morning and staying until Monday afternoon. Needless to say, I had a GREAT time. It was just me and The President and as shocking as it may sound, my liver is no worse for it. Saturday we had a pretty nice day. Got out in the woods looking for birds and squirrels on the back road, but only saw one partridge. Logging didn't look to extensive, so that's good, but we didn't get back to our deer stands. (More on that later) Then we headed north and stopped at the Anderson Compound for a visit. There were deer exiting his yard and crossing the road so we missed the driveway... No wonder they always have venison! Tom was busy painting but we pried a beverage out of him. His beautiful bride was down with the flu so we only had Tom to talk to, but we did the best we could. Caught up on the news and got to see a beautiful bucksaw he had painted. WOW! Good to see the old boy! Then we headed west and took a walk by Debroux's cabin. Not much wildlife but we did see sign... Stopped at the Nimrod on the way back as we were PARCHED! The President cooked up pea soup, fresh garden baked potatoes, and steak on the grill. Pretty awesome meal when the third best thing on your plate is the steak. The pea soup came compliments of the First Lady and may be the best I've ever had... After dinner drinks capped a spectacular day!

Sunday was a wet slow day... Got up on the roof and checked out the antenna for TV coverage and ended up with more questions than answers... Had a late breakfast and took a ride west... Oh Well... Found the Wrigley Ranch, some new roads, and ended up in Crooked Lake. Stopped by Uncle Dallas's cabin and saw the lake is REALLY REALLY low. Stopped in Crooked Lake to get the news from Farmer the Mayor. Then home and the Packer game had to be watched... We did get the main viewing window washed and cleaned during the game, so that was a pretty significant project to get done. Supper consisted of The President's new stew concoction which is really pretty fantastic, especially with venison.

Monday was again wet but we did get a bunch of pine split up for the woodstove/campfire. Sipiorski is seldom right, but there is something to be said about the smell of pine... Good stuff... I headed home mid afternoon and got back to reality. Had a GREAT weekend!!!

One downer for the weekend... Spent too much time on work... Got paged on Sunday and had to spend time on that... Took about 5 calls on Monday and that cut into my time too... Plus, my cell coverage up there is pretty spotty, so anything I try to do takes two or three times longer... Oh well, rather be up there and work than to be home...

The President also reported later in the week that he got out to our stands on Tuesday (He stayed up an extra day as he was off all week) and found that the loggers took out the pines and

some oak between his stand and mine. Kinda weird the way they did it as we had been close to the area Saturday and couldn't tell they had been back in there... So that will affect our hunt for sure...

Last week was pretty uneventful except for work which is still busy. Spent two nights up most of the evening/morning working on issues, so I was a tired puppy. This last weekend I spent time in the yard. The leaves finally started falling off the maple in the yard and they pretty much all fell in a week. Got the rest of them cleaned up and on the curb Saturday along with the last mowing and fertilizing. Even started up the snow blower and it sounds fine! Spent a good chunk of Saturday making the last of the wood for the winter. Got the woodshed full! Overflowing actually...



It took two more loads from Zumbo's ranch to clear out what I had cut and a fair amount of splitting (all during the Badger game), but I should be good for the winter! I sure do love that splitter! Now we'll see how much we burn this season. I hope to go through most of it as Zumbo has a LOT more trees to take down. Thanks again to Zumbo for all the free heating!

Some progress on the car issue... Got the info from the insurance company and sent them off the title and keys. Now we are waiting on the final check from them. One downer from the delay is a car we had been looking at (and was going to purchase) is gone. I am going with the story that it just wasn't meant to be, but now we have to start our search kinda over again... Should be a busy week with that!

I'm not going into football... The Denville 11's year is over... The Badgers rocked Purdue, which was nice... Yesterday's game? No comments...

Saw Skipper last week! His mom dropped off her PC to look at and I cleaned it up and got it running again and when I dropped it off he was at her house working on his boat. So I got a tour of that and got the latest news from Montford. He's doing well, but was too busy over the weekend to go get a few beverages... Next time! My liver cringes...

Speaking of beverages, how will we kick off the greatest month of the year?

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.**

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).*

Kind of a strange week... I may stick with Mudslides... My new after dinner drink of choice!

With the great month of November here it means Deer Camp is right around the corner. CANNOT WAIT!!! Think about getting the troops together next weekend to sight in guns. Gotta work on a new idea for a target this week. Hope some have time to head out to Zumbo's to get that done... Hope the weather cooperates!

The following weekend we'll head north to the cabin on A to prep for Deer Camp. We'll get the cabin and bunkhouse ready and head out to our stands to get them ship shape. Based on the logging done, that may be a bigger task as we may need to move stands around to take advantage of new sightlines. The four core stands are pretty close together so if it's too cleared out we may even have to make some significant moves. We shall see...

Then it's Deer Camp 2009! Did I mentioned I CANNOT WAIT?!?!?!?

On a more somber note, the SEC-State's mom Bea is not doing very well. Please keep her, the SEC-State, the barber and their whole family in your prayers...

I think that's about it... I would expect more after two weeks, but I lead a pretty boring life... But as always, a few words of wisdom for our junior members before I go...

"When you see a married couple walking down the street, the one that's a few steps ahead is the one that's mad." ~ Helen Hayes

I was looking for a good quote and came across this... I found it to be funny as it's quite true!

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

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