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Sept 28, 2009 - Jak se maj!!! Hi everyone! A late afternoon start to the update... A busy morning here in Mudville! Work is good and no complaints! But I figured I could take about 5 minutes and tell you what I think... I could tell you what I know, but we'd be done already... :-) Somewhat of a quiet week... Not much to report on really, so I may have to go to other sources for info... We will see...

I guess the biggest thing is a great football weekend! Not perfect though... The Denville 11 got whooped up on by arch rival LC Friday night... NOT what I would call a good start to the weekend... But Saturday the Badgers took it to a good Michigan State team, and it wasn't quite as close as the score led you to believe. Ask the AG just how good Mich State is... Yuck! Yesterday the mighty Packers, still looking sluggish and iffy, took it to the St. Louis Lambs... Mondays are ALWAYS better after Packer win... Too bad Brent found a way to luck out in the Minehaha Dome...

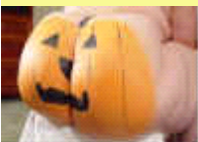
The President's new wood splitter works FANTASTIC!!! Works quick, very safe, and MUCH MUCH better than the old fashioned way. It's still a work out though, but not as much. Lots of bending and stacking and such, but much more efficient than a splitting maul. I'm very happy with it. Can't wait to cut some more!!!

Word from north of the border... The Sausage Stuffer and his beautiful bride had a very nice trip... No details, and when those two are involved, the less detail THE BETTER!!!

The Goldwing is working good, but I'm definitely not getting out on it as much as I'd like. With today's fall-like weather, I know my time on it is limited, so I'll have to try to get as much time out on it as possible. I did get out for a night ride last week, and that was pretty cool. Not something I'll do a lot of, especially in fall with the deer running everywhere, but pretty nice to be out after dark. Something I hope to do more of next summer...

The weatherman was home AGAIN this weekend... And he spent his Sunday afternoon (DURING the Packer game) at the mall... I am at a loss...

My lovely bride is into Halloween, so even though it's not even October yet, our house is decked out... Here's a view from our back deck...



{Actually courtesy of Jack/Ass}

...and here's what the cost of all that Halloween craps makes me do...



...and finally, one of Jack/Ass's relatives...



...and again...



So late in the day, it feels just like cocktail hour!!! Let's see!

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

29 Festival of Tezcatzonct! (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.*

1 The Tonight Show starring Johnny Carson and world-class drunkard Ed McMahon debuted (1962). Hi-yooooo! *Bourbon in a coffee cup.*

2 Groucho Marx's Birthday (1890). "I don't care to belong to a club that accepts people like me as members." *Country Club Malt Liquor.*

3 St. Dionysus Day. The drunk monk, not the wine god. *Chimay Ale.*

4 Vodka Day. "Vodka is our enemy, so we must utterly consume it!"—Russian idiom in response to Soviet anti-vodka campaign. *The enemy.*

What a great week, but after a case of Old Swill, how could one handle the rest of the week???

More early Halloween info...

Why Pumpkins Are Better Than Men

1. Every year you get a brand new crop to choose from.

- 2. No matter what your mood is, pumpkins are always ready to greet you with a smile.**
- 3. One usually makes a better pie.**
- 4. They are always on the doorstep there waiting for you!**
- 5. If you don't like the way he looks, you just carve up another face.**
- 6. If he starts smelling up your place, you can just throw him out.**
- 7. From the start you know a pumpkin has an empty, mush filled head to begin with.**
- 8. A pumpkin is turned on (lit-up) only when you want him to be.**

Hmmm... Interesting... No wonder the wife likes Halloween...

A big weekend coming up... Making wood up at the cabin. Gotta get ready for Deer Camp and the woodshed is pretty empty... We haven't gotten a very good response from the junior membership (or FM) but those of us attending will no doubt put in enough work for everyone! Monday is a big day too!!! The mayor's birthday AND the Packers play against the Minehaha Brents on Monday Night football! Sounds like a great weekend!!!

Well, that's about all I got... Not bad for late in the day...

Not sure how this update ended up with so much Halloween crap, but we might as well end it in style with a few words of wisdom for our junior members on the same subject...

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

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

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Sept 21, 2009 - Jak se maj!!! Happy Monday all! A little rain this morning to help brighten up the lawn and clean up all the dust in Denville. Good stuff! It is REALLY dry out there, so it is much needed for sure... What we got today was pretty much soaked up by the dry ground immediately, so we could use even more... We will see...

Top of the list... I missed the Sausage Stuffer's birthday last week. The big guy turned another page last Wednesday... He celebrated by taking his beautiful bride (and my oldest sister) north of the border on ANOTHER fishing expedition. Did the guy marry well or what?!?!?! I think they got back over the weekend, but I haven't heard anything, so I hope they had a great time! So anyway, here's wishing the Sausage Stuffing King a Happy Belated Birthday!!!

Other than that, not a real big week for news or updates, that's for sure, but here's trying...

Busy Saturday... Put together my list and got pretty much everything checked off... Cut the grass... CHECK! Changed the oil on the motorcycle... CHECK! Cleaned the chimney... CHECK! Cough! Fixed the basement light... CHECK! Oops... another one is dead... crap... (Watched a little football) Cut wood out at Zumbo's... Gasp... CHECK! Changed the filters on the furnace... CHECK!

Quite a day, huh? The cycle oil change was interesting... I heard about adding a little Seafoam, which I am an ARDENT fan of as a gas additive, to the oil and running it about five miles before the oil change. Before I added it the oil was just getting dark... Not bad, but time to go... Took it for a spin and proceed to dump the oil... It came out BLACK!!! Oh my God! What did I do...? How much of that black stuff was holding the engine together??? Well, I changed the filter and put 'er back together. Took 'er for a run to Fleet yesterday and so far so good, but the new oil looks a little dark already... How much crap did that stuff take off??? I'll keep you posted on my progress on that front...

Wood cutting out at Zumbo's has been going good. My new sharpened blades have worked GREAT! I was out one day after work last week too, so the blades are definitely sharp. Between the two days I must have another dozen trees down, but they are smaller trees so there's a lot of work and not so much wood involved, but it's still good... Much more to go...

The President picked up a new electric wood splitter (which we split, ha ha!) this weekend and he has pronounced it good. Good price for what we need and it seems to do a good job. Planning on borrowing it sometime this week to get my stuff all split up so I get more moved home and in the wood shed... Hope to have enough to stack a bunch up against the house too. We'll see if it goes THAT good!

The chimney cleaning went surprisingly well... Been in the house for 11 years and never cleaned the chimney... YIKES! I've been "meaning" to get it done, but never pulled the trigger. I checked on sweeps and we're talking \$50-\$75... I figured I could do it for less myself, and I was RIGHT! I had to get two brushes (to different flues) and 20 feet of the fiberglass rods, and all together it was less than \$50. (One of the brushes was one sale, YES!) I climbed up there and got to it. As far as I could see, the inside was black, but didn't look too bad... Got the brushes in there and gave 'er hell. Looked again and the inside was nicely orange (the color of the flue). BE-A-U-TI-FUL! Pretty easy job, only slightly messy, and we're good for another 11 years... JUST KIDDING! Glad to have that done' though, just for peace of mind...

The weatherman was home AGAIN... I think he kinda likes that girl of his... Or he misses his mother, one of the two... But clearly UW-M is WAY too close to home... lol... Just kidding... Much nicer than last year when we didn't see him for a month at a time... Now I just gotta pry him away so we can do some hunting...

Big football weekend, or so it looked up to Sunday... Friday night the Denville Vikes cruised into Mary-net and left with a win... NOTHING in the paper on it though, so I'll have to wait for this week's Denville Diaper to find out the scoop... Then the Badgers crushed poor Wolford on Saturday. That's the first Badger action I've been able to watch so far this season, and except for constant fumbling, they looked pretty good. Their new QB actually "looks" like a QB... Nice game and a nice win... 3-0 to start the year, and you can't ask for more than that...

Then came Sunday... The perfect storm hit Lambeau Field... Cincy did play pretty well, so you gotta hand it to them... but even though the Packers didn't play that well, they needed a few key plays to wrap up the loss... The 3rd and 34 they gave up sucked... And the Grant fumble... the 4 dropped passes... the 60 yard punt return against them... Well, it was a challenge, allowing that many keys plays, but they were up to the task... Even though, they made to the 10 yard line when time expired... So close... Makes for a tough Monday...

So, what do YOU think about kicking the field goal and then the onside kick and THEN going for the tying touchdown? Obviously, it almost worked, and I get the concept, but it always "seems" easier to get that long field goal at the end... Also, is the positive of doing it ass-backwards putting doubt in the minds of the opponent... But it just doesn't feel quite right... Interesting quandary...

Kinda like this... This is a drawing of Jack/Ass's grandpa just "before" he got that huge bump on his head...



So what's on tap this week?

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.**

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.**

So? Ginger or Mary Ann? The older I get, the more I like Ginger... What is up with that??? MD 20/20 makes it WORSE! Tuesday could be a rough one!

A story to ponder...

One afternoon, three close friends named Hercules, Sleeping Beauty and Don Juan, sat by the river contemplating their lives.

Bold and arrogant, Hercules exclaimed that he was surely the strongest person in the world.

"That may be true", said Sleeping Beauty, "but I am better because I am obviously the most beautiful person in the world".

Don Juan laughed at both of them and said that without a doubt, he must be the greatest person alive simply because he had been with the most women.

After several hours of argument, they decided to consult a Guru for the truth.

First, Hercules went into Guru's cave. A few moments later he came out with a massive grin on his face. The Guru had said that he was, in fact, the strongest person in the world. He was very pleased.

Sleeping beauty came out of the cave with a lovely smile, "It is true! I am the most beautiful woman in the world!"

Moments later a distraught Don Juan came stomping out of the cave, "Who the hell is Bill Clinton!?!??"

Big Bill (aka Slick Willy) was on the tube the other night... Made me think of this one...

Not much going on this week... Work... Got a gig in Milwaukee Wednesday, so that'll spice things up a little... More wood cutting (and splitting) hopefully... Maybe some more time on the bike... Nothing special that I can think of...

So, with that, we are off... but before I go, as always, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"The only really good place to buy lumber is at a store where the lumber has already been cut and attached together in the form of furniture, finished, and put inside boxes." ~ Dave Barry

That'll stump those juniors...

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

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Sept 14, 2009 - Jak se maj!!! Howdy folks! After another two week hiatus due to the holiday, I'm back! I was no doubt missed by many... Or none... While I had no update last week, that doesn't mean I wasn't busy... Lots to report on, so let's get started!

Got the weatherman moved down to college a couple weeks ago. Took the day off and we headed south. Had a pretty nice day! The SEC-State once mentioned using a hand truck to move his litter in and out of dorm rooms, so I borrowed one from a buddy at work, and I tell you what... GREAT IDEA! Definitely made the move MUCH easier. It also helped that the move was much closer than his last move to Iowa. He didn't need to have EVERYTHING with him, so it made things much less hectic. However, his mother (my beautiful bride) did spring on me that he would need a new TV stand and dresser... So after getting most his stuff in, we headed to the evil store (Wal-Muck) and emptied my bank accounts. Then while they went off on other errands, I got stuck putting everything together. It actually went well, but these companies that make this stuff must sit around and laugh their tail ends off at the ludicrous instructions they

include. Well, they have to enjoy life too... Anyway, he has a pretty nice place and should be good to go. I hope he gets his coin soon (the official weather forecasting tool)!

Labor Day weekend was fun! Saturday started off with a call from Zumbo that he had a "couple" trees to knock down, so I rearranged my schedule and headed out there. Well, he has a small forest to take down. BUT, it's good wood and a nice area, so I dug right in. I got a bunch of knockdowns cut up and about 4 other trees before I headed out. Then I even got my beautiful bride to come out Sunday night and help me get some more. About two face cords done, and it almost looks like we started! Zumbo treated us to a tour of the ranch and a bucket full of wild apples, so we are definitely WAY out ahead on this deal. Hopefully more cutting this week.

Speaking of cutting, all that wood definitely dulled my chainsaw blade (my usual excuse for stopping other than heat stroke), so instead of the two week wait to get the blade sharpened, I picked up an attachment for my dremmel knock off tool to sharpen blades. Works pretty slick, but we'll see if it actually did the job the next time I get out there...

So that Saturday, after cutting wood, we headed out to a wedding celebration. Young lumberjack and welding expert Timmy was tying the knot. The SEC-Transportation was standing up for the wedding, and our whole family was invited, so off we went. Very nice time, good food (at least ours was), and nothing but the best wishes to the young couple. Congratulations Tim and Amanda!

Labor Day itself I had the option of more wood cutting or heading north on the bike... I got on the bike... The SEC-State and FDA Chair had 5lbs of side pork they were cooking over an open fire, and I could "almost" smell the aroma from Denville. Actually took the highway up, which was a first for me on the motorcycle, and had a really nice ride. Of course, the side pork was OUT OF THIS WORLD, and the FDA Chair had some AWESOME bean soup to accompany it. A ten hour drive would have been worth it! Sat around enjoying the weather and headed home. What a perfect day!

Labor Day meant a "short" work week. Well, what it really meant is getting 5 days of work done in 4 days... but it was still a good week, especially after you get that extra day off...

Last weekend was a big weekend as I scheduled my motorcycle rider class. Spent 16 hours over the weekend in the classroom and on the motorcycle range driving, 3 hours on Friday night and 6+ hours each on Saturday and Sunday. It turned out pretty good. Yes, I passed... I aced the written test and only lost a few points on the driving test for "not cornering" fast enough... I found that strange, as I was told more than once going through exercises and practice that even though I can handle higher speeds, that testing is conducted at a certain speed and I should get "used" to it... Oh well... But they did say they never failed any one for that, even though you lose points, unless it's ridiculously slow, because it is better slow and safe than fast and reckless... Plus I learned a lot, and I enjoyed buzzing around on that little Yamaha TW200 I was assigned for the driving portion. I would defiantly recommend the course (it could have been even better though) to ANYONE who rides a bike!

So now I have my license, so look out...

Missed out on the transmission for my truck... It was sold... Back on the search...

The next generation of Nelsons had their "cousin's weekend" up at Kingsbury Kottage this past weekend. Not a lot of details, but it sounded like everyone had a good time and came home safe and sound. Hope they keep that kind of stuff up... Family stuff is important. With smaller families these days, I would hope that group of cousins would be close like my (wonderful) brothers and sisters. The more family you can lean on and help out the better...

Been in contact with The President this past week. Sounds like he had a great trip to Canada fishing. He also has his eye on an electric wood splitter, and to be honest, with all the wood I'm making these days, I'm interested too. Kinda thought of splitting the costs between us and see how that works out. I took a look at the unit at Menards last week and it looked ok, and he was going to do some checking over the weekend. If he was satisfied, he was going to pick one up. I tried to track him down yesterday after my class was over, but it looked like his truck was at a local establishment. My foot never even hesitated toward the brake... So, I'll track him down this week and see...

GREAT football weekend for the local gridiron teams. Friday night the local Denville 11 got their first win of the year over hapless Oconto Falls. Saturday, the Badgers squeaked out a "W" in double overtime. I got out of class just in time to hear the start of overtime on the radio. Considering the flu bug they dealt with this week, that was a great win. Of course, this morning I'm a little tired after the Packers pulled out a big win over the Bares. The Packers were pretty much awful! Well, that's not true... The defense was pretty great except for a couple series, and the special teams were better than average... But the offense was horrid, except of course for their final drive. But thankfully, The Bares Still Suck, and sucked more than the Packers. I would hate to be in Chicago today after their big new QB who was brought in to save the day threw 4 interceptions. I also thought the Bares looked really sloppy, and the coaching terrible. That whole fake punt thing should cost some jobs... But the Pack starts out 1-0... Good deal!

So what's to be tipped this week?

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.**

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.

Captain Nelson and I Dream of Jeanie! Awesome... The Feast of Thoth? What a great god... We all know God really loves us and wants us to be happy... Beer is proof... And just what IS a Tequila Alexander? Well, it's just like a Brandy Alexander but with... Yes! Tequila!

Here's one I got from the SEC-W/M... It's actually pretty funny if you imagine that "the man" is

The President...

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A lady about 8 months pregnant got on a bus. She noticed the man opposite her was smiling at her. She immediately moved to another seat. This time the smile turned into a grin, so she moved again. The man seemed more amused. When on the fourth move, the man burst out laughing, she complained to the driver and he had the man arrested.

The case came up in court.

The judge asked the man what he had to say for himself.

The man replied, 'Well your Honor, it was like this: when the lady got on the bus, I couldn't help but notice her condition. She sat down under a sign that said, 'The Double Mint Twins are coming' and I grinned. Then she moved and sat under a sign that said, 'Logan's Liniment will reduce the swelling,' and I had to smile.. Then she placed herself under a deodorant sign that said, 'William's Big Stick Did the Trick,' and I could hardly contain myself. But, Your Honor, when she moved the fourth time and sat under a sign that said, 'Goodyear Rubber could have prevented this Accident!' ... I just lost it.'

'CASE DISMISSED!!'

Not many insults being exchanged yet, but it sounds like there will be some pretty intense competition at this year's World Championship Cookoff. Yes, the rumors are true and the FDA Chairman will be back with his world famous booyah. As you've also been warned, the FM will be making HIS Belgian swill. Should be interesting with the FM involved. I anticipate either sabotage or ballot box stuffing. Oh, who am I kidding... the FM will attempt both... and likely more...

The BBC is trying to coordinate a woodcutting weekend in early October. The date is "kinda" set, but we're waiting to hear from the strong backs (and four wheelers) of a couple junior members. Since the wood shed is pretty empty, we need to get on it!

Bow season opened this weekend and I had no chance to get out. Shocking! We'll see what this week brings us. I still don't have the "bug" yet... It's been an ongoing issue for a while now. Perhaps I'll just be patient and wait for some real fall weather...

So, what do you think? Pretty good update if I do say so myself... Maybe a little "hiatus" is good for a person once in a while...

Well, I hope everyone had a safe and fun Labor Day... Before I go, as always, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile." ~ William Cullen Bryant

Ah, so true!

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

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