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**May 31, 2010 - Jak se maj!!! Happy Memorial Day everyone. Getting in a "quick" update this week as I don't think I'll get one in next week. I am planning on heading to Detroit on the 6th or 7th, so time will not allow. I'm planning on driving to Detroit (flights are ridiculously expensive and will take almost as much time) so it should be an interesting adventure. I'll let you know...**

**Been a BUSY week! Work as always is busy, but other stuff has kept me running too. We got the work on the church done! It looks pretty good too. I got the caulking done Monday and the final coat of paint on Tuesday, and it really looks nice. Good story from Monday... I just got down off the ladder and was cleaning up when something "BANGED" on the door from the inside. SCARED the CRAP out of me!!! Good thing I wasn't ON the ladder or I would have landed 20 feet away. Turns out there was a bird, a large starling, trapped inside, probably from us fixing the soffit. So after I calmed down I went inside and spent 20 minutes chasing the darn thing around trying to get it out. Don't TELL me God doesn't have a sense of humor... HE's probably still giggling...**

**Got through the week and into the long weekend. Nice... Pretty much just worked around the house but had some nice side notes to mention later... Work stuff... Let's see, I cut and fertilized the lawn, mulched, tilled and planted the garden, fixed the deck, too care of our "ant" problem, swept a ton of Maple tree "whirly birds" off the roof and then raked up two large bags of them, cleaned all the gutters, and steam cleaned the carpets... Holy Cow! When you type it all out, that looks like a lot! But good to get all the stuff done!**

**Saturday afternoon I did bug out and head out on the bike up to Kingsbury Kottage. Bike's running OK and had a beautiful trip up there. The only issue is I could NOT find a cooler for my soda. SO I took an ice cream pail and loaded it with ice. T and the crew up at the Kottage had a good laugh at that one. The Nelsons were there as the Rollins were at a wedding. I only stayed a short while but it sure was beautiful up there and a nice stop. Tara was in a funky mood as she was in the middle of report cards. Very humorous! Even got to see the Sturgeon General and his beautiful bride, so it was a great but short trip!**

**Sunday we had Sunday Mass at our little church and despite the holiday, we had a nice turnout. Beautiful day and always great to get together with the folks out there. My lovely bride even attended! After Mass The Mayor of Denville asked us over for lunch and were served a spectacular meal. Grilled steak, burgers, and veggies. The Thompson boys did the grilling and they did a fine fine job. Little George provided the entertainment. Sure is a cute kid... Had a great time... Thanks sis!**

**After my work was done today (Memorial Day) I pried my lovely bride off the coach and we took a nice tour on the bike... Headed east to the lake, where it was a LOT cooler, down to Manty, out to Clarke's Mills, and back through Whitelaw, Kellnersville and Maribel. Great trip. Hard to believe, and even harder to admit, but I kinda like her on the back of the bike with me... Go figure...**

*I think that's it for the week... Or so... Anyway, let's see why you are fat...*

Calskrove

Hamburger and fries baked whole inside of a calzone.

**What?? Only a hamburger??? Not a cheeseburger???**

**Any this week's liquid menu:**

**1 Latrobe Brewing Co. founded (1939). The "33" on Rolling Rock bottles is an homage to a copywriting typo. *Rolling Rock.***

**2 Vandals sack Rome (477). Rally your tribe and invade a snooty wine bar.**

***Fall of Rome***

***2 oz Dry vermouth***

***1 oz Brandy***

***Dash Sherry***

***Dash Rose's Lime Juice***

***Orange juice***

***Pour vermouth and brandy into glass, add lime, fill with orange juice, stir. Splash brandy on top, serve with straw.***

**3 Cain murdered Abel (Hebrew). Stick your bro with the tab. *Top shelf liquor.***

**4 Socrates' Birthday (469 BC). Beware of cocktails mixed by enemies.**

***Poison Cocktail***

***1 oz vodka***

***1 oz Parfait D'Amour***

***1 oz bitter lemon.***

***Mix the liquor, top with bitter lemon.***

**5 Pancho Villa's Birthday (1878). Last words: "Don't let it end like this. Tell them I said something." *Pancho Villa Tequila.***

**6 Anniversary of D-Day. Fullbore drunkards FDR and Churchill drive stake in that evil teetotaler Hitler's heart. *Steel Reserve 211.***

**Tuesday... *Rolling Rock...* ROCK ME!!!**

**Hard to believe its June already...**

**The coming week will be a busy one with the short week, and trying to get ahead and prepared for my trip to Detroit. Not really looking forward to it, but I kinda am, if you know what I mean... I'm really hoping to get stuff done early cause if I have time I'm going to come home over the "top" of the lake... We'll see...**

**The Sausage Stuffer and his lovely librarian are down in New Orleans visiting his brother and family. They should be home today or tomorrow... Something like that... Hope they had a good trip too...**

**Nothing from Zumbo on his travels, but I hear they went down to Milwaukee for more Brew action this weekend. Lynny's birthday... which leads me to... Happy Birthday Lynette!!! I almost forgot! (I gotta get that on my calendar... If they aren't there to remind me, I forget...) Hope you had a great day!**

**With that, I'm out of here... But a little something different to sign off this week... Yes, it's still really for the junior members, but we all can get something out of this one... It is WAY too true...**

## **REFLECTIONS (AND IT'S WINTER BEFORE WE KNOW IT)**

**You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. And yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all... And I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams... But, here it is...the winter of my life and it hit me by surprise...**

**How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my babies go? And where did my youth go? I remember well... Seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like... But, here it is...wife retired and she's really getting gray...she moves slower and I see an older woman now. She's in better shape than me... But, I see the great change... Not the one I married who was young and vibrant... But, like me, her age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore...it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will...I just fall asleep**

**And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things. But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last... This I know, that when it's over...it's over.... Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done, things I should have done. But indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done it all in a lifetime. So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Life goes by quickly, so, do what you can today, because you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not!**

**You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life... so, live for good today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...Life is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who came after. Make it a fantastic one." LIVE IT WELL!! ~author unknown~**

**Yes, live your life the best you can... Time DOES fly, so do those things you really want to do... Winter's coming...**

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

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**May 24, 2010 - Jak se maj!!! Happy hot Sunday evening everyone! Sorry for the two week layoff. I was all set to get the update started last week when it got REALLY busy at work. Yes, I "should" have done it Sunday night like I am now, but I was just too darn tired... Happens... Why was I tired? Well, we'll get into that later...**

**Pretty darn hot today! Looks like summer is here... I just got home from a nice ride on the bike with my hot biker chick wife. Well, she's really not into the biker chick thing. She doesn't even really like the bike, but it was a nice evening for a ride so she went along. The bike has been working OK. I've had it out 4 or 5 times over the last two weeks and had no problems. After researching, I think my biggest issue with the bike has been what is called "hydro-lock". That's where fuel seeps into the cylinder when it's parked, and it won't turn over because the cylinder can't compress the gasoline. Now I don't turn off the petcock (which seems to working now) whenever I shutdown, and now it fires up perfectly. We'll see if that holds up. Hopefully next weekend I can take a longer trip...**

**Well, let's start over at the beginning... Last weekend we moved the weatherman down to Milwaukee. Well, some of his stuff at least as some was already there. The biggest issue was the sectional/couch he bought. No big deal right? We got it down there fine and went to haul it in. He's on the 8th floor, and guess what. IT WOULD NOT FIT IN THE ELEVATOR!!! Strangely, we just hauled it up the stairs. We didn't even take time to consider options... We took it to the stairwell to see if it would fit (it BARELY did) and just kept going. Good thing too, cause if we would have thought about it, we probably would have sold it right there on the street...**

**Anyway, it's a pretty nice apartment, small, but cozy, and it's just off Lake Michigan. You can see the lake from the apartment. Pretty cool. Considering how hot it was today, I hope REALLY cool. We got all their stuff in and took a 3 hour trip to Walmart (expensive!!!) and limped back home. Literally... I was sore on Sunday, but it got worse as the day went on. Hence, the too tire for the update issue... Anyway, we got them moved and I hope they like it...**

**Let's see, somewhere along the line it was Jake's birthday. Of course, he wanted to go to BWW, which is one of my least favorite restaurants. Not sure why, but I could never find anything I really liked there. It was OK food, just nothing great. So this time I went simple and had a dozen wings with their two mildest sauces. You know what? They were pretty good. So I'm good to go there from now on. Happy birthday Jake!**

**The Sturgeon General also celebrated his "29th" birthday last Monday. I was lucky enough to get a couple emails from him and he's REALLY busy, but doing pretty well. His residency is progressing well and he's "no longer the low man on the totem pole" which means better assignments in surgery. He also reports he's only two years away from "done" and is already looking for jobs. Cool! Prime deer hunting land is getting closer and closer. Between him and his pill pushing brother, we should be seeing deer in 15 to 20 years... :-) Anyway, Happy Birthday Tony!**

**Hey, got a note from my eldest sister, the boss. Seems she's gets senior rates at the movies now. I found that quite hilarious!**

**Somewhere along the line over the last two weeks, can't remember which day exactly, I headed out to Waymor for another, and last of the season, fishing expedition. No fish, and the carp are moving in, but it was fun while it lasted. No fish this year, but it's always a great time and brings back good memories of Mr. Rick. Priceless...**

**Last week, no, two weeks ago, we celebrated SRC Day at work. We set aside some time to celebrate our 2nd anniversary in business. We're pretty busy, so we kept it simple. Couple hands of sheephead, a foosball tournament (I was on the winning team), some snacks and a few beers. Good time and great that we're into our 3rd year and still solvent. We are busy and getting busier, so I think we might be in store for some growth. Of course, along with that comes growing pains, but that is a good thing... Keep pulling for us out there!**

**Been spending a lot of time working on our church website project. Things are coming along nicely, if not slower than I expected. Who knew a website could be this difficult? But there is a lot too it and getting this many people together on the same page isn't at all easy. Last week I presented a demo/training session to the teachers at school, and from my perspective it was pretty much a disaster. The interface kept freezing so I couldn't show them much. But, they said it was good and I was able to get them all logged in, so I hope they spend some time on it over the summer and are ready for school next year. Now it's on to getting all the parish stuff loaded and then training and rollout. Could be an interesting couple weeks/months...**

**This weekend the FDA Chairman, SEC-W/M and I spent some time out at our little church on NN fixing the front door. The trim work was looking REALLY bad and needed a bunch of work. Surprisingly, it went EXTREMELY well and all the woodworking turned out great. Then we started prepping for priming and painting. I "thought" it would just be a simple "slap on some paint and go", but after we started scraping, it turned out the whole thing needed paint. The FDA Chair and I spend an hour scraping, and then I spent another 2 painting AND I WASN'T DONE! I had to go back today for 2 more hours today and finish the priming! I figure I have at "least" 4 more hours of painting, so lets hope the weather holds this week. I'm going to finish caulking tomorrow night, and then hit the final coat on Tuesday-Wednesday... I hope! My goal is that it looks so good no one really notices.... Thanks again go out to Carl and Ric. GREAT JOB!**

**Seems like a lot of my update has to do with work... Doesn't seem right... So let's get into the fun stuff. Let's find out "Why You're Fat" first...**

## Breakfast Cabin

A cabin made of sausage with bacon curtains and a waffle roof.

**OK, how can we NOT attempt that one at Deer Camp this year? The only issue would be the SEC-Transportation eating the raw materials before we get the structure finished... :-)**

**For you drinker outs there, and you don't want to get dehydrated, here's this week's schedule!**

**24 International Jazz Day. Booze it up with the be-bop. *Wine-spidodi.***

**25 National Wine Day. The only day of the year men can drink wine in a bar without feeling all sissified. *House wine.***

**26 John Wayne's birthday (1907). "He drank enough whiskey to float a PT boat."—Ronald Reagan. *Shot of redeye in a dirty glass.***

**27 Throw the Bastards Out Day. Don't bring this up at last call. *Arrogant Bastard Ale.***

**28 Ian Fleming's Birthday (1908). Bond creator had more effect on U.S. drinking habits than all the prohibitionists in the world. *Martini, shaken not stirred***

**29 Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas unleashed on the reading public. "What? No! We can't stop here! This is bat country!" *Barcardi Rum.***

**30 Feast of the Queen of the Underworld Begins (Roman). You may have a date with her later, so you best suck up now.**

***Hell Mary***

***1 oz aquavit***

***1/2 oz tequila***

***2 oz Spicy V-8***

**Dash bitters**

**Dash Tabasco Sauce**

**Dash horseradish sauce**

**Shake vigorously, add black pepper to taste and garnish with celery and lemon wedge. Serve in Collins glass filled with ice.**

**31 Clint Eastwood's Birthday (1930). The question is, do you feel thirsty, punk? Well, do you? *Magnum Malt Liquor***

**Due to the pending holiday, I ran 'er right up to next Tuesday... Pretty good looking schedule, especially the martinis to start the weekend, but could anyone miss the 30th? A Hell Mary? What the heck is Aquavit? I thought it was aftershave! I had to look it up, and it's some kind of Viking standard and is part of the "Scandinavian drinking culture". Here's an excerpt from Wiki...**

**Aquavit is often drunk during a formal procedure called "drinking snaps".**

**Aquavit is often drunk quickly from a small shot glass. This is usually attributed to tradition ("drinking snaps").**

**Aquavit arguably complements beer well, and its consumption is very often preceded (or followed) by a swig of beer. Enthusiasts generally lament this practice, claiming that the beer will ruin the flavor and aftertaste.**

**Hey, I'm sure I have some Danish ancestors that had something to do with getting that started, so I'm getting some! Throw in some tequila for some kind of crazy Bloody Mary and I'd guess you have something. I'll let you know what I find...**

**The Skipper called me this weekend to go do some fishing out on Lake Michigan, but between the work I did at church and actual work stuff I had to do at home for my real job, I couldn't make it. I feel really bad, cause I REALLY wanted to go, plus it's REALLY hard to pass up an invite from The Skipper! Hopefully there will be more invites and I'll have time to go... Looking forward to it!**

**Haven't gotten an update, but I think this weekend Zumbo was out on the road chasing after Captain Chuck between ballparks. I think the plan was the Captain was heading to Minnehaha to see the Brewers play up there in the new stadium... Then somewhere along the line head back to beertown, catch another game or two, and fly home... something like that... Hopefully I'll get the story and pass it on.... I'm SURE they had a good time...**

**Well, next weekend is Memorial Day weekend... I'm looking forward to a long weekend, that's for sure. Got lots to do at home, and hopefully some extra time to play as well... Somewhere along the line I have to head to Detroit for 3-4 days, so that might cause havoc with my schedule as well, so if you don't see an update over the next week or so, drop me a line to say Hi anyway...**

**With that, I think I'll hit the road...Hope everyone has a great week and an even GREATER Memorial Day weekend! See ya!**

**Oh, before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...**

**"Although no sculptured marble should rise to their memory, nor engraved stone bear record of their deeds, yet will their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored." ~ Daniel Webster**

**Memorial Day isn't just a 3 day weekend... Spend at least a few minutes remembering, and honoring, those that paid for your freedom...**

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

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**May 10, 2010 - Jak se maj!!! Well, it's Monday evening, and it's been a busy day. I have work to do as well as stuff for the church web site, but I figured, "I can't go another week without an update!" So here I am... But I think it will be a pretty quick update...**

**First off, Happy Mother's Day to all you moms out there! Compared to the weather the rest of the weekend, you sure had a beautiful day yesterday. A very much deserved beautiful day for all you beautiful moms! I hope you all had a great day. If you still have your mom, and I miss mine, I hope you showed her how much she means to you!**

**Yesterday's beautiful day ended my not so beautiful turkey hunt for this year. Oh, I had another great hunt, and I would consider it a great success, but I have no gobbler to speak for it. I spent nearly 30 hours in the stand last week and only saw ten birds, only one of which was definitely a gobbler. Not nearly as many as last year, that's for sure! But Friday morning we did see one dandy tom that was just too smart to step into the field and meet his maker. That alone made it a great hunt.**

**Zumbo as always was a gracious host and fantastic guide. His hunt went MUCH better, of course!!! I would have to say I put a pretty significant jinx on him. He spent most of the time in the stand with me, other than Saturday when he traveled to Stevens Point to move L & L, and he saw more turkeys without me than with me! But for some reason you just can beat turkey hunt for the pure pleasure of the hunt. Don't get me wrong, I would never trade it for Deer Camp, but just the hunt itself is fantastic. I can sit for hours in stand and time just flies by. I truly love it... Even when I go home wet, cold, and empty handed. And I was wet and cold Friday and Saturday, that's for sure. Saturday morning was the first time I ever hunted turkey in the snow! But it was still great, and I look forward to next year!**

**It's been two weeks, and I still haven't told any tales of Fish Camp 2010! Well, we travelled north to Kingsbury Kottage for the annual weekend on Friday the day before the opener. We were all fired up and ready for the weekend. We had a good crew, had a great time, and ate like kings! Steak on Friday night was outstanding, but I don't remember the potatoes for some reason. Saturday's fish boil is to absolutely die for. The SEC-State added shrimp to the mix this year and it was just over the top! We hit the road on Sunday night for some local burgers to top off the weekend. Oh, the breakfasts were incredible as well. Just really fantastic...**

**Oh yeah, we fished some too, but that wasn't as successful. The Sausage Stuffer's boat sure is something though. An absolutely top of the line fishing vehicle. Too bad it doesn't catch he fish for you too, otherwise it would be perfect! It was another great weekend, and now I have Deer Camp 2010 to look forward to! Thanks to our great hosts the FDA Chair and SEC-State as well!**

**If you were on my mailing list, I hope you received my annual May Day greeting! Hope everything worked out for you!**

**Not much else going on... I think I've been busy enough! Been too busy and too cold to get the bike out, so that's been waiting for me for a bit. Work has been really busy too, which as I always say, is a great thing!**

**Oh yeah, I did make it out for a single trip to Way-Mor Park to fish Northerns. Headed out there**



*the same day I got back from fish camp, but the results were the same. Well, I did get one hit and one follow up, so that was exciting. I'm hoping with the cold weather they'll stay up there and the carp won't move in yet and I'll get another chance... We'll see...*

*Well, let's move on to the reason you're not very skinny...*



IHOP Pancake Stacker

*A layer of cheesecake filling sandwiched between two buttermilk pancakes smothered in strawberry, blueberry or cinnamon apple compote and syrup topped with whipped cream.*

*Yeah, I could go for that...*

**For you skinny people that rather drink, here's your schedule!**

**10 Human Kindness Day. Alert your bartender. *Shot on the house.***

**11 Baron von Munchausen's Birthday (1720). German adventurer/storyteller drank his way around the world. *Something adventurous.***

**12 International Limerick Day. Revive the lost art of barroom ribaldry. *Irish whiskey.***

**13 Word "cocktail" first used in print (1806). Replaced the less toothsome term "bittered sling." *As many different cocktails as you can stand.***

**14 Anniversary of Geronimo's Corn Liquor Rebellion (1885). Apaches rose up against a ban on reservation moonshine. *Firewater.***

**15 Las Vegas founded (1905). Took the mob to make it fun. *Ten High Whiskey.***

**16 Animal Day. "He who makes a beast of himself gets rid of the pain of being a man."—Dr. Johnson. *Road Dog Ale.***

*International Limerick Day on Wednesday! I love limericks, but I'll be darned if I'm drinking Irish whiskey to celebrate...*

*This fishing is really uncool  
the way they hang out in a school  
I know what they're taught:  
how NOT to get caught...  
and they label us fishermen cruel!*

*I have some better ones, but this is a PG website... Kinda...*

*Here's one for the Sausage Stuffer...*

*My lure was the best you can buy  
I flicked back my rod and let fly  
my knot though was slack  
it never came back  
I sat down and had a good cry!*

*Very fitting for his kind of fishing... :-)*

*Big week for birthdays! My beautiful god-daughter Amber turned a page yesterday. I felt bad I didn't get to see her and wish her Happy Birthday personally yesterday, but that's another story. Happy Birthday Amber!*

*The boy turns 20 on Wednesday. As Chief Inspector he should be buying, but I am guessing we'll be taking him out to eat. Considering the presents his mother bought for him along with it, I may need a second job. But I hope you have a great day Jake! Happy Birthday!*

*The next one could wait until Monday, but you never know if I'll get an update done or not, so we'll "git 'er dun!" My god-son the Sturgeon General turns another page on Monday, so just in case, Happy Birthday Tony! I hope you have a fantastic day! Come to think of it, I wonder how old he's going to be... I did a search and couldn't find out. Could he be 30 pretty soon? Hmm.... Anyway, Happy Birthday Tony!*

*So I think that's it... Well, it's all I have for now at least... Got stuff to do and people to see... But as always, before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior membership...*

*"I fish better with a lit cigar; some people fish better with talent." ~ Nick Lyons*

*Yeah, me too!*

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

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