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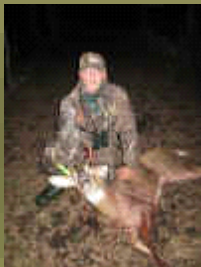
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November 28, 2010 - ***Jak se maj!!! Howdy folks! Welcome back everyone from a GREAT two week hiatus! Deer Camp 2010 has come and gone, along with the Thanksgiving Holiday, and now we're "almost" back to work and into the Christmas season. Kinda hard to believe. Happens every year, but this last week and a half seems to just fly by and it's such a huge change going from mid-November to early December. Seems like "everything" changes including the weather, season, work, family, etc. But it's a good time of the year, so let's get at it!***

We'll start out with the "pre-hunt" items. Spent Wednesday before Deer Camp working at home and cooking for camp. In the late afternoon I got a call from Zumbo looking for help dragging out his bow harvested deer. He got another nice buck just days before the gun season opened and I was lucky enough to be around to help him get it home. Not that it was a big deal, but I sure did enjoy. Here he is:



Congrats Zumbo!

Well, Deer Camp 2010 was pretty typical... Meaning FANTASTIC! Had a great time as always and certainly enjoyed my time up north despite having to come home a day early for work and not seeing a single deer. Read my quote at the bottom as it pretty much sums up the deer camp experience! The crew was a "little" small but certainly a great group and we ate, drank, played, and enjoyed ourselves immensely! I am already looking forward to NEXT year!!! Deer Camp 2011, just 50 short weeks away!

The local hunt was more successful as news out of east Denville tells of Zumbo again scoring on opening morning. Another nice 8 pointer from what I hear. The SEC-W/M also hunted out at the ranch and reported seeing deer, including one small buck, but no shooting. The area around Zumbo sounds like it was one of the only holdouts for whitetails, as other hunters in the area report seeing little to nothing. It did not inspire me to get out in the woods around home, so I didn't... That is a first... Oh well, hopefully next year will include more time afield!

Got home on Monday from camp and spent a LOT of time catching up with work related issues, and then had some more piled on. Not fun, and the next month will be incredibly hectic. Should make Christmas very interesting to say the least. We shall see...

Thursday my Uncle Lloyd and I made Thanksgiving dressing together which has become an annual event. Good time as always! We have it down to a science and spend a lot more time drinking coffee and conversing afterward than we do actually making the dressing. Definitely one of my favorite moments of the year!

On Thanksgiving Eve we went out on the annual birthday run with the family and were greeted by some fantastic news! The SEC-W/M announced he is engaged! He proposed and Haley agreed (not sure how much cash was involved) and they will be planning a wedding I "think" sometime in 2011. Wonderful news and we wish you much joy in your lives! Congrats Ric and Haley!!!

Thanksgiving Day was extremely hectic as we "hosted" the annual Nelson Thanksgiving along with my lovely sister the librarian and her hubby the Sausage Stuffer. They were fantastic as they pretty much got EVERYTHING ready and prepared for the day. The day started early with getting the turkeys on to cook followed by an interesting but fantastic breakfast. Then the hams had to go on and the potatoes needed to get done as well as the gravy. Then it got crazy trying to get everything carved and everyone's dishes ready to serve. WOW! I had forgotten how wild that part was! But it all came off perfectly and we had a great time. The after dinner cleaning was quite a chore and then we had some time to relax and catch up with everyone after being stuck in the kitchen most of the day. But soon it was time for supper and cleanup and then the day was done. It's really a great event and a great chance to see everyone on that side of the family at least once a year. Waiting for next year already!

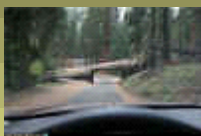
I want to catch up on some missed well wishes as November is a BIG month for birthdays and such. The weatherman turned another page on Monday the 22nd along with his cousin Alicia. Today is my lovely bride's birthday as well (which we celebrated last night with the in-laws). Happy Birthday Chris, Alicia and Kay! Also a shout out to the FM and his lovely bride on their wedding anniversary. Happy 29th Paul and Nancy!

What a football weekend! Well, Saturday was GREAT with the Badgers rolling over Northwestern and pretty much (well, hopefully) wrapping up a Rose Bowl birth! Great game and a lot of fun. Then today the Packers came out and played in a great game, but it didn't end up in GB's favor as Hotlanta was just a bit too much for the mistakes they made. That could be a great NFC Championship if it would come to that. We'll see...

Been kinda of a blah weekend other than that. Kinda had drag butt all week and it continued through the weekend. I REALLY hope my ambition comes back when I head to work tomorrow...

Got my chainsaw fixed... \$60 for a \$100 chainsaw (that now retails for \$150). Not sure if it was the right move, but I'll let you know the next time it breaks down...

Spent a fair amount of time in the woods, so I found this pretty interesting... From ThereIFixedIt.com...



Now THAT'S ingenuity!

With the holiday season and LOTS of work ahead of me, I better be prepared with some libations... Let's see what's on the liquor menu this week!

29 Ice discovered on the Moon (1996). As soon as they discover scotch, I'm building my rocket ship. **Red Rocket Ale.**

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.**

Hmm... Bloody Mary's on the menu... That sounds like a nice sensible nutritional beverage! That Churchill Martini looks good too, but I prefer to look across the room lovingly... lol!

Very busy week ahead. Work will be crazy and could include a trip to Chicago and Madison, not to mention 3 other projects overdue. Can't wait! My lovely bride is also going on a shopping trip to Minnehaha this week to further complicate things. Could be a very crazy time...

Also, The President goes under the knife this week Thursday, so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a successful procedure and quick recovery! I really hope everything goes well for him!

Well, that's all I have. No idea when the next update will be forthcoming, but I hope its sooner than later. Until then I bid you farewell. With that, as promised, I leave you with a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Hunters these days ultimately hunt memories as much as meat to put on the table. Memories feed dreams, and hunters must have dreams to keep them motivated. When you lose your dreams, you lose your mind."
~ James Swan (In Defense of Hunting, 1994)

How VERY VERY true!!!

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

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November 15, 2010 - Jak se maj!!! Howdy folks! Coming to you as one tired puppy... It's Sunday night and The President, FDA Chairman, and I made a run up to the cabin today for last minute preparations for Deer Camp 2010... Big day, so I'm pretty beat, so no idea how this update will turn out... We'll see...

Did I mention this week is DEER CAMP 2010?!?!? Woohoo!

Anyway, it was an early start to the day, and a pretty day it was not... Misty wet and cold pretty much from dawn to dusk, with a few snowflakes thrown in. Yucky... Anyway, The President headed up ahead of us, so the FDA Chair and I met at the Men's Mall in GB and drove up together. Stopped in Lena at the little blue diner for an awesome breakfast. Well, "I" had an

awesome breakfast... The FDA Chair had a large platter of biscuits and gravy that would have fed a small village in Africa for a few days. Anyway, good stuff!

The President had the cabin warmed up when we arrived, so we pretty much got right to work. Installed a new power strip in the bedroom and a new shelf/night stand. Looks pretty good! Then we replaced the TV antenna connectors and cable in an effort to improve the TV reception. It went OK, but the reception was only a "little" better, so we're on to the next attempt: A new high gain amplifier. I'm checking with the Jack/Ass team to see what they used and we'll go with that. Hopefully that works, cause if it doesn't, the next step is a new, higher antenna. That would have to wait until next year...

Next up was deer stands... The President is going to use Mr. Rick's stand this year, so we got that all spruced up and ready. The President had an afternoon date with The First Lady, so he headed in to get back to Denville. The FDA Chair and I ventured out to the devastation that is our hunting grounds. We rebuilt or built up three stands... Mine, the SEC-Transportation's, and The President's old one. There's LOTS of material out there, but it's a lot of work. Went better than I expected, but we were pretty beat, so we headed back in... To top it off, on the way back, I went to move an old tree blocking the path, and the darn thing broke in half and the top half cracked my right across the back of the neck. OUCH! Thank goodness the FDA Chair didn't have a video camera or I'd be on that Funniest Videos Show next week... So that meant Miller Time... To the cabin we went...

After a couple beers we checked out the electrical box The President requested... After much investigation, we both agreed a power strip with a 6 foot cord would work out much better and be significantly more versatile, and would definitely work, unlike the idea of putty that outlet in... We celebrated our decision with another beer... At halftime of the ViQueen/Bare game we ventured out and installed the digital camera in front of The President's stand... This way we'll have proof that there ARE deer out there... Hopefully... After another beer, we headed home, tired and sore... And we only stopped once on the way home...

Made it home in time to visit with the weatherman and his squeeze for a bit as they were home for the weekend. Seems like it's been a while since they were home, so it was nice to see them... But I was glad they had a drive to Milwaukee and not me... I was destined for a power nap before I got busy on this... Over all, a GREAT day!!!

Almost forgot... Big highlight early in the day... On my way up north I stopped for coffee and soda and ran into the FM Jr. He and his new family were on their way back to the base after a nice extended time off back home. Great to see him and he and his family are looking great. I shook his hand and wished him well and his trip and future deployment. I forgot to tell him that if he meets up with any bad guys not to tell them how stupid they are... But I'm sure they taught him that... Good luck Joe!

Pretty good football weekend with the Badgers winning HUGE and the Packers on bye week. The Badger game was insane... At one point I had to run around the house to find a light bulb that burned out and I MISSED TWO TOUCHDOWNS!!! It only took me like 5 minutes... Wow... Pretty fun when whatever they tried worked... With the Packer, the NFL games were pretty enjoyable and much less hectic. Had to like that... One other football side note... The Waunakee Warriors won this weekend and will again appear in the Wisconsin D2 Championship game... GO WARRIORS!!!

Bad hockey weekend... The Badgers got swept at North Dakota...

SEC-W/M stopped over yesterday after he spent the day out at Zumbo's working on deer stands... Learned all about the ways of the world and then sent him and his brother on their way... I was especially glad to see them too! Not that I don't always like to see them, but I spent

most of the day yesterday working and I needed a good excuse to take a break... Perfect!

Did I mention this week is DEER CAMP 2010??? Woohoo!!!

Been pretty crazy at work on a whole lot of fronts, but so far it looks like I will make deer camp on time... I am pretty sure I'm going to cut my stay short one day and return Monday, but I think I can live with that as long as I can make it up there Thursday... Sometimes you gotta give to get, so I'm in...

I got a pretty good "deer camp" picture that I'd love to share with you, but it's one of those "North of 64" pictures and not appropriate for this PG-13 rated site... Sorry...

Let's see what great ideas they have at ThereIFixedIt.com... Hey, here's a good one!



I swear that is NOT the cabin... But it sure could be!

Well, let's see what we SHOULD be drinking this week and during DEER CAMP 2010!!!

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.**

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.

Pretty sure they guy that publishes this doesn't go to deer camp or this would be better... Pretty weak, but he makes up for it with Tequila Slammers on Opening Day and "delicious humanity saving" beer during the Packer game! Go Pack Go!

So, not much going on this week... NOT!!!IT'S DEER CAMP 2010!!!

If you're interested, the menu, schedules and lists are here... Feel free to check them out...

So Wednesday I'm going to "work from home" and pack and get my cooking done... Ma Nelson's Swiss Steak, Turkey Stew, and Smoked Salmon Dip. That should keep me busy for the day. Thursday I have an early conference call, and then I'll grocery shop, pack, and HEAD NORTH!!! Might be me alone, or I might have subconsciously convinced the FDA Chairman to come up with me... Hope so. As I mentioned, I think I'll cut the trip a day short, but I can live with that... Work calls, and I should probably start helping my lovely sister with Thanksgiving preparations...

Well, I think that's it. Obviously, don't expect an update next week, so you'll hear from me sometime over the Thanksgiving Holiday. My work schedule is about to get crazy, so don't expect regular updates in December either, but I'll get some up when I get time... So, have a great week, Happy Deer Hunting, and before I go a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"...Deer Camp! My favorite time of year!!!" ~ Da Yoopers

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

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November 8, 2010 - Jak se maj!!! Hi all! Welcome to Central Standard Time! Sitting here before the Packer game to start the update and it is dark WAY TOO early! For me, this clock switch pretty much means winter is pretty much here... Oh well, at least it won't be dark when we wake up tomorrow... and it hasn't snowed yet... :-)

HUGE BREAKING NEWS out of the Nelson clan this past week! Our ranks are expanding not by just one but two!!! Wednesday night, the Sturgeon General, nephew and favorite godson, called me "personally" to let me know that he and his lovely bride at expecting! YEAH!!! VERY exciting news to be sure! About time all the medical knowledge gets some utilization! Then that evening, I heard that the SEC-Transportation and HIS lovely bride are expecting #2!!! Holy Cow! So with Laura and Al expecting in April, Tony and Tracy in May, and Greg and Ashley in June, we're going to have ALL SORTS of babies for the aunts to spoil!

Well, I must say, this next generation of Nelsons is doing a great job out there in the world and we're all glad to see they're continuing the blood lines! Sure wish Ma and Pa Nelson could be around to enjoy, but I have a sneaking suspicion they are watching down on us and are very proud! Great job kids!

Kinda hard to follow that sort of news, but I had a pleasant surprise on the way home from work the other day. I always listen to The Fan sports radio in the truck, and they had another contest last week and they have the guy doing commercials for it. And as I'm listening, I'm thinking "I know that guy!" That's The President's son, the one and only SEC-Interior. The AG confirmed it too... Turns out he won the contest and he and Molly get a trip to Atlanta for the Packer/Falcon game! How cool is that? So listen to The Fan and you'll hear the SEC-Interior's "Go-Pack-Go"!

Busy week for me as usual... Work was the same, but this week we also rolled out the church

website I've been working on all spring, summer, and fall. Thursday was our "Go-Live" launch date and it went pretty well. The usual technical glitches, but for the most part smooth sailing. This weekend it was announced at all the Masses and so far no one has complained about any major screw-up's, so that's good! VERY VERY VERY GLAD that is finally done! Well, it's not really every done, as a website needs constant updates to keep people coming back, but just getting it up and running was a major accomplishment. We're taking some time off after all the work and then we'll start on "Phase 2", which will involve new things and ideas to keep people coming back. If you're interested, [drop me a line](#) and you can check it out...

Busy weekend too... More or less got the rest of the "fall" tasks done. Leaves are all gone, three more loads of wood are home (but waiting to be split), screens are off, and the snow blower is prepped and ready! Yes! One bad note, my chainsaw won't start. Wasn't the usual culprits, so I had to take it to the local shop to get looked at. Hope that's not too expensive.... Getting tired of repair bills...

Along with all the other fall tasks, today was the last day of the year for the motorcycle. But I was blessed with a BE-A-U-TIFUL Day and got a 40 mile ride in. It wasn't too chilly either, and got to see some nice sights. Then I topped the tank, prepped it, and parked it for winter... Pretty sad... But spring will be here sooner than you think! Can't wait!

So far, a pretty good football weekend! Badgers overcame a first half that they didn't show up for and took it to Purdue in the second and walked away with it! The way it started, I was pretty nervous, but very glad for the win... Crappy games today with the ViQueens pulling a win out of their butt and the Jets winning at the end. Hope the Packers do well... Hate to see them lose to a terrible Cowgirl team tonight...

I was wrong last week about the Denville girl's volleyball team still on their way to state... they got "bumped" out in the sectional... Too bad, but they had a GREAT year! Congrats girls!

Anyone else THRILLED the elections are over? I have no hope of any real improvement, but in honor of 50 less phone calls a day for a bit, here's an oldie but a goodie:

A woman in a hot air balloon realized she was lost. She lowered her altitude and spotted a man in a boat below. She shouted to him, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am."

The man consulted his portable GPS and replied, "You're in a hot air balloon, approximately 30 feet above a ground elevation of 2346 feet above sea level. You are at 31 degrees, 14.97 minutes north latitude and 100 degrees, 49.09 minutes west longitude."

She rolled her eyes and said, "You must be a Republican."

"I am!" replied the man. "How did you know?"

"Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, but I have no idea what to do with your information, and I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help to me."

The man smiled and expounded, "You must be a Democrat."

"I am!" replied the balloonist. "How did you know?"

"Well," said the man, "you don't know where you are or where you are going. You've risen to where you are, due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise that you have no idea how to keep, and you expect me to solve your

problem. You're in exactly the same position you were in before we met; but somehow now it's my fault."

Personally, I find BOTH of them to be useless... Democrats and Republicans that is...

Well, if we're talking politics, that must mean it's time for a drink! Let's see what we have...

After a weekend of abundant libations, I really don't "need" a drink, but let's see what's on the list anyway...

8 Abet & Aid Punsters Day Mania Festival (Roman). Like those bastards need our help. **A drunk baseball player (a pitcher full of beer).**

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

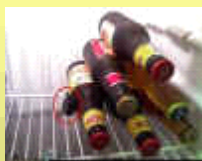
1 tsp Pernod

Stir with ice, strain.

14 Moccas' Day (Celtic). Pig goddess festival. **Blind Pig Ale.**

Hmmm... St. Martin huh? Shouldn't that just be a martini? It would be easier!

I missed a segment! Let's see what is on ThereIFixedIt.com... (Yeah, you gotta click on the image to see it bigger...)



Now THAT'S thinking!!! Can't wait to find out if that's The President's frig!

Not too much going on this week... I HOPE to get those 3 face cords of wood in my driveway split up and stacked. Other than that, it's just work stuff... Next weekend we "may" sight in guns on Saturday. The SEC-W/M called today to ask me about it and we're looking at late morning. I

may also try to find some time to run up north and do some quick work on deer stands, since that didn't happen this week. Other than that it's just getting ready for Deer Camp 2010!!!

Speaking of deer camp, I received some rather strange texts on Friday, supposedly from the locality of the Lee Lake Bar... Some very strange suggestions for menu changes for deer camp... Not sure what was up with that, but I hope to find out tomorrow... All I know is I "doubt" The President could stomach (literally) "Mexican Night" at the cabin... and I KNOW the outhouse would half to be replaced...

**Well, I think that's all I have for this week... Actually, there's more, but kickoff is approaching... :-)
For all you junior members, those reproducing and those not, here are some words of wisdom for the week.**

**"For the hunter, fall is the island and the rest of the year is the swim." ~
Charles Fergus - A Rough-Shooting Dog, 1991**

I am SWIMMING hard baby!!!

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

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PS. Welcome to November! The GREATEST month of the year!

November 1, 2010 - Jak se maj!!! Happy Halloween everyone! Pretty darn good day with that uneventful and somewhat boring Packer game and a somewhat limited trick or treating turnout. Plus, it was somewhat of a four day weekend for me wrapping up, so I got all that going for me tonight... Let's roll...

Let's start off with last Monday... The weatherman made his debut on PantherVision TV and did a pretty darn good job if you ask me. (I may be somewhat biased though.) Considering it was his first time doing anything like that it was pretty amazing. I don't think he's quite ready for The Weather Channel yet, but I told him he was every bit as good as the guys you see out of Wausau or Rhinelander. So congrats Chris!

His video is out on their website, and he should have another weathercast tomorrow... You can see it here:

<http://panthertv3.imt.uwm.edu/panthervision/panthervision.html>

I hope he gets that gig pretty soon... As I mentioned last week, his car was up getting work done on it, and it was NOT a cheap repair. Ouch... Luckily he didn't need it back right away and is still here... Sadly, that turned out for the best too as I needed to borrow his car as my truck died on Thursday night. Had to get it towed back to Denmark on Friday morning, and hopefully it's not bad and will be fixed early this week... When it rains it pours...

Last Monday we also made the "Go!" decision to roll out our church website this week on Thursday the 4th. Great news, but also a lot of extra work associated with that as well. Kinda burning the candle at both ends and melting it in the middle... If you're interested in the site when we roll it out, drop me an email and I'll send you the link. It's pretty nice and I'm pretty proud of the effort and accomplishment of the team that put it all together. I hope I feel the same way next week after it's rolled out...

As I mentioned, I had a pseudo 4 day weekend this past week. I scheduled Thursday and Friday off, and got to actually take some of it! Thursday I had meetings most of the morning

(conference calls), but that worked out ok. I did everything from home, so it wasn't bad at all. After lunch I headed outside and raked the rest of the leaves, cut the lawn and winterized it, so other than putting the bike away and prepping the snow blower, I am pretty much ready for winter. Overall a really good day, until the truck died of course...

Friday I had one meeting in the morning, but I also had the added excitement of trying to get the truck towed and then getting all my stuff packed into the weatherman's car to head up north. Yeah, it was a work weekend getting ready for Deer Camp, but work at Deer Camp is like no work at all! I got everything done at home, truck towed, and I was packed and out the door by 10:30am. It was a little weird heading north in a car like that, as I have had a truck for a long time, but it worked out fine and I rolled into the cabin at noon... SWEET!

With the North of 64 rule in full effect, I can supply all the details, but we sure had a good time. The SEC-STATE arrive Friday night follow shortly after by the SEC-Transportation and his buddy Isaiah. Saturday two of the Mathies boys, Whitey and Dan, made the trip, and we even had a visit by the Jack/Ass team Saturday afternoon. What a great weekend!

We got a lot of work done and stacked up or hauled about 5 face cords of wood. The Mathies boys got a new bench installed in the bedroom, and we ate like kings! Friday night's stuffed pork chops were Awesome! And we had a roasted chicken for an APPETIZER!!! Saturday's breakfast and sloppy joes were excellent, and we didn't even have the FDA Chairman there to feed us. (But we did miss him! He does dishes EXCELLENTLY!) We taught young Isaiah how to play cards and he even won money and we had a rousing game of sheephead on Saturday night! Fun stuff!

The only downer of the weekend, and it was a MAJOR downer, was the walk back to the deer stands. This is the year they finally decided to pretty much clear cut the rest of the public land that we hunt. It's like a big field out there now. Most of our deer stands are gone, and with all the trees gone, you realized how close together we actually hunted all these years. Not that out hunting was very good to start with, but this will have a MAJOR impact on our hunt for many years to come. Yeah, it has to be done, but it's kinda sad... Somehow we will survive...

I guess the best news of the weekend was that The President is doing pretty good. He's back to his old self for the most part, but he does have to take it easy. His behavior is a little better too, but not much! As long as he takes it easy he should be just fine for Deer Camp!

Good football weekend too! The Packers win, as I said, was somewhat boring, but I was pretty much waiting for the other shoe to drop, but it never did. The defense played well and was very opportunistic and the offense, though it looked sluggish, did just enough to win. The Badgers were off this weekend, but they got good news too with the Michigan State loss, which puts them back on the path to a possible Rose Bowl. should be fun watching them the rest of the year... I hope...

The Denville volleyball team is still making its way to state, so that's good, and the Badger hockey team swept Michigan Tech this weekend... Overall, a really good sports week!!!

Pretty nice day for Halloween trick or treating today. The highlight was little George Thompson stopping by to show off his Gnome outfit... Pretty hilarious. DEFINETELY have to keep a picture of that for his wedding day!

After all the work this weekend, let's see what out on TheIFixedIt.com...



HEY, that's pretty good... If the cabin starts leaning again, we might need to do that!

After a weekend of abundant libations, I really don't "need" a drink, but let's see what's on the list anyway...

1 Dia de los Muertos (Mexican). Raise a drink to lost friends. *Dead Guy Ale.*

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.*

Not a single thing that makes me thirsty, but I tell you what, this morning I felt like I had a case of Dead Guy Ale the night before!

Not a lot coming up this week... Lots of work of course, but that's standard. Have to start getting things prepped for Deer Camp of course. Need to get the bike prepped for storage and the snow blower prepped for snow. Also need to get some more wood home and split up. Also going to try to find a day over the next two weekends to get up north and piece together some new deer stands... We'll see if that works out...

That's all I have for today... Not much, but better than nothing... As always, before I go, here are some words of wisdom for our junior members... This is a good one too!

"Some people ask why men go hunting. They must be the kind of people who seldom get far from highways. What do they know of the tryst a hunting man keeps with the wind and the trees and the sky? Hunting? The means are greater than the end, and every hunter knows it." ~Gordon MacQuarrie - *Field & Stream*, 1939

Perhaps my favorite author... He's good... and that is SO true!

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

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