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**Sept. 26, 2010 - Jak se maj!!! Howdy all! One tired puppy here coming to you on a Sunday night. Spent a very long day Saturday working that spanned into Sunday morning, and continued into Sunday afternoon after a brief nap. Been extremely busy at work (back to back 60 hour weeks) which is my only excuse for not getting an update done last week. No, I wasn't hung over, but more on that later... Yeah work has been hectic, but I have hopes that it will improve as we're hiring a new network guy and he starts this week... I used to work with Greg, and now he's coming over to SRC. CAN'T WAIT!!!**

**Let's get started with the big news...**

### **HEADLINE DENVILLE: PRESIDENT IN HOSPITAL - FM STAGES COUPE AND ASSUMES BBC POWER**

**Yeah, it's true, The President is in the hospital. I had heard via the grapevine he had been sick, but I heard the news this morning that he actually checked in. After a few texts from the FM about his supposed coupe attempt, I was lucky enough to get a call from The President himself from his suite at a local hospital. Obviously he was bored, as we talked for over 12 minutes. WOW! Anyway, he has been fighting some gastro-intestinal issues (Sturgeon General, did I get that right) and is quite sick. He'll probably end up losing some of his intestine, but as full of "you-know-what" as he is, I doubt he'll miss it. Hopefully all goes well and he's back in shape in time for Deer Camp 2010!!!**

**As for the FM's supposed coupe attempt? Just more ravings from a mad man...**

**...but a man who is now a very proud grandpa! Yes, the FM Jr's lovely bride popped on the 16th and they were blessed with a beautiful baby girl. Many congratulations from the BBC to the proud parents and grandparents... Here's their new addition with grandpa...**



**Poor little thing is likely scared to death in that guy's arms... Could you imagine being born and finding out THAT'S your grandpa?**

**With the blessed new arrival, the FM was once again able to supply another excuse for missing an event. Last Sunday was the Circle of Faith Picnic and Booyah cookoff, and of COURSE the FM backed out. Sure, he had a valid excuse, but he ALWAYS has a valid excuse! Anyway, we had a great time without him, and the FDA Chair whipped another "Top 5" batch of the best bohemian booyah in the area. As is often the case, his expertise was not rewarded and another**

**chef took 1st place, but it was a great time, and with the FM not attending, ALL the booyah was actually good... Due to work constraints, I even behaved myself! Can't wait for next year!**

**Despite the wet and cool fall weather, I've managed to get to get out on the bike a few times over the last two weeks. No major trips or anything, but very nice spins around the area. Best part? The bike is working GREAT!!! But motorcycle season is definitely waning, so I need to get out there as much as possible...**

**The rest of my life has been a bit of a tale of woe lately... Had plumbing issues two weeks ago that required some extensive work, but luckily I could do everything myself, and the bathroom drain now works and nothing leaks... (Anymore...) Last weekend I cracked a tooth, and I had to have that repaired this week. I just had it filled, but it will require a crown sooner or later... rats... Finally, the truck when on the fritz... I had been hearing a squealing for about a week, and Tuesday as I approached work, it turned into a scraping/grinding noise. Not good! So I had it towed and I am the proud owner of a new water pump... Fun! So, with this stuff, the bike expenses I had this summer and keeping my lovely bride flush with cash, I'm pretty sure I'm almost broke... Good thing too, with that "money is the root of evil" thing...**

**Made a lot of progress on our church website project, which is hard to believe considering all the hours I've been putting in at work, but we are at a point where we think we'll be able to roll the site out in a month or so. YES!!! Can't WAIT to get that done.... It'll be pretty nice too...**

**News from beer town too... The Weatherman is going to be on TV! Yep, he reports that he will be filling the meteorologist anchor position on [UW-Milwaukee TV](#) this fall. We should be able to get his broadcasts over the internet, so it should be a lot of fun to see. If his physics class keep going well, he may even be able to get a gig like that someday that PAYS!!! Congrats Chris...**

**Football... Well, the Packers and Badgers are doing pretty well, and I really hope they keep it up. I had TWO chances to go to the Badger game yesterday, but both were pre-empted by work commitments. Hopefully next time... The Packer game tomorrow night against the Bares will be big. We're working with a new customer in Chicago, and we already have a bet with them... That should make it a little more interesting... and fun... Go Packers!!! The Denville 11? Not so good...**

**Hey, anyone remember the TV show Northern Exposure? Definitely one of my all time favorites, but I've often wondered why it's not on reruns... Still not sure, but my buddy at work heard me talking about it and was able to secure some discount copies of all the episodes for me. I have NO idea when I'll have time to watch them, but at least I have them... Kinda looking forward to watching once in a while... It was definitely a "feel good" show...**

**Here's something that's "kinda" feel good... But definitely wisdom...**

### **NOT FROM PAUL HARVEY, BUT WORTH READING:**

**We tried so hard to make things better for our kids that we made them worse. For my grandchildren, I'd like better.**

**When you learn to use computers, I hope you also learn to add and subtract in your head.**

**I hope you get teased by your friends when you have your first crush on a boy/girl, and when you talk back to your mother that you learn what ivory soap tastes like.**

**May you skin your knee climbing a mountain, burn your hand on a stove and stick your tongue on a frozen flagpole.**

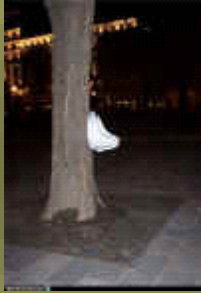
*I don't care if you try a beer once, but I hope you don't like it..*

*And if a friend offers you dope or a joint, I hope you realize he is not your friend.*

*I sure hope you make time to sit on a porch with your Grandma/Grandpa and go fishing with your Uncle.*

**There! All you nieces and nephews of mine... Read that and memorize it! ESPECIALLY THAT LAST PART!!!**

*In honor of The President, from the IFixedIt.com site...*



**We "NEED" one of those at deer camp!!!**

**Haven't had much time OR inkling for drinking lately, but here's the schedule for all you drunks out there...**

**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.***

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

**29 Festival of Tezcatzoncti (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.***

*I threw in today's in honor of one of the all time hit sitcoms, Gilligan's Island Mary Ann or Ginger? The rest of the week looks good too, so I may have to tip a few this week...*

*Some MORE wisdom...*

***I HAVE OFTEN WONDERED:***

*I have often wondered why it is, that the conservatives are called the "right" and the liberals are called the "left."*

*Ecclesiastes 10:2 (NIV) "The heart of the wise inclines to the right, but the heart of the fool to the left."*

*Bet you never knew that!*

*Got a note from the Jack/Ass team last week...*

*There is something really good to be said about taking a lunch break and having a Bloody Mary, a bowl of soup and a burger at The Nimrod Inn.....on a Tuesday*

*Thanks,  
Tom*

*NOW THAT'S JUST MEAN!!! (But I would have done the same to him...)*

*Yep, fall is in the air... It's time to start thinking about deer camp... During my conversation with The President today, he mentioned he "may" be heading north this weekend (Good luck with that Bob) and his nephews will be leading the charge. Cutting some wood and maybe putting up a new storage shed. I doubt work commitments would allow me to tag along, but you never know!!!*

*Well, I think that's it for today... Not a bad little update... For two weeks, I guess it should be... But as always, before I go, here are some words of wisdom for our junior members...*

***"Be open to your dreams, people. Embrace that distant shore. Because our mortal journey is over all too soon." ~ Character Chris Steven - Northern Exposure***

*One of MANY memorable lines from that show...*

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

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*PS. Just spell checked this, and it's amazing to me that I can NOT spell the word "definitely" correctly... Ever... So weird... But no time to proof today... Sorry...*

*Sept. 13, 2010 - Jak se maj!!! Hi everyone! Coming to you on a Sunday night... It's already late, so this is likely going to be a quick one!*

*Great weekend with the Badgers winning yesterday, ugly though it was, and a big Packer win today. The Badgers looked pretty rough but there were many previous years where that might have turned into a much closer game or even a loss, so I'll take it and hope they keep progressing... The Packers weren't too "shiney" either, but to get a win on the road in Philly is*

**big no matter HOW it gets done... I never really had adverse feelings about Vick, but I sure hate when we play against him. He's not really much of a quarterback, but he IS dangerous... Good win, and hopefully another next week!**

**That Bare's win kinda sucked today... Not that I'm any kind of Liun fan, but I always like to see the Bares lose... Plus the Liun's deserved that one... Crummy rule...**

**The Denville 11 got beat again...**

**Pretty good week for the bike too! Got it out for a spin Friday night, Saturday evening, and early this morning... This morning I headed out early and went west and stopped in at the "Double C" diner and had a GREAT breakfast! It's located on 96 west of Denville on the corner of HWY W where the old Red Arrow Bar was and is run by some old neighbors of ours. Nice place and good stuff! From there I headed back south and east and then home, but it was a beautiful day for a ride! AND the bike is working great!**

**Been REALLY busy at work putting in a lot of extra hours trying to keep up, but work is good and still enjoying it and the folks I work with. We're hiring another network guy so that will be nice to have someone else on the "on-call" rotation, even if it's just two of us. Two and a half years of being on continual 24X7 on-call is enough...**

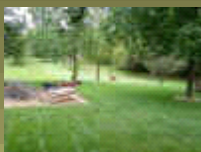
**I was "supposed" to head to Chicago tomorrow, but we're too busy, so I get to stay in the office and work... Woohoo!**

**In other news, I saw The President's truck this morning while I was out walking the dog, but didn't see The President himself... Maybe a good thing... You never know...**

**My lovely sister and her Sausage Stuffing husband are in Canada this week on their annual fall trip to celebrate Larry's birthday... I imagine its kinda cool temp-wise up there, but I bet it's still pretty darn nice. Kinda wish I was there... Hope they enjoy their time off... Happy Birthday Larry!!!**

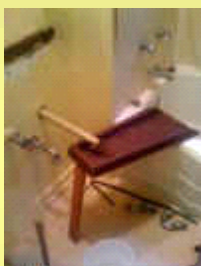
**New tavern opened in town this week... Well, an old one was "re-opened" to be more accurate... Now I gotta guess where The President and FM are hanging out when I need to track them down...**

**Got this on my cell phone the other day...**



**Looks like the SEC-State's backyard... I think he has his deer hunting stand in the wrong spot... We'll have to work on that... Wouldn't his lovely bride be shocked to find on on his back deck come opening morning!**

**So, from the IFixedIt.com site...**





**Here's the footnote: "You can't choose the flow strength, temperature or color of the water, but I promised my family a hot tub and I'm a man of my word. ~ Not-So-Handy Andy"**

**Tell me that guy's not related to Bob...**

**I think its cocktail time... You know I didn't even have ONE beer during the Packer game today? Didn't even THINK of it... So I better catch up...**

**13 National Peanut Day. And you know what goes with peanuts. *Draft beer.***

**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.***

**Captain Nelson? Aren't we related to that guy??? Gotta make sure I have a 'tini in honor of Hawkeye Peirce on the 17th...**

**Well, another busy work week ahead, but not much else... Bowhunting opens on Saturday, but I kinda doubt I'll get out there... Too bad, but I still don't have that itch, but I did have good intentions of getting my bow and hunting stuff out this weekend, (Too bad work interfered!) but never got around to it. Hopefully one night this week... With the days getting shorter, I'll need something to do "out in the garage", and that's a likely candidate... Didn't get any wood made AGAIN this week, so that's another thing on the "maybe" list to get done... We'll see...**

**Big parish booyah cook-off this weekend! The FDA Chairman will be pitting his award winning bohemian booyah against the FM's belgian swill, as well as 3 other parish contestants... Gonna be an early day as we'll probably have to start around 5am, so let's hope for good weather, even if it's a bit cool... Should be a LOT of fun!**

**Well, I said it would be a short update... Sorry about that, but you get what you pay for...**

**But before I sign off, here are some words of wisdom for our junior members...**

***"When the game is over it is really just beginning." ~ Ron Kramer***

***Ron Kramer, great tight end of the Packers in the '60's, passed away this weekend... Rest in Peace...***

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

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***Sept. 6, 2010 - Jak se maj!!! Hi everyone and Happy Labor Day! Another busy morning here at the Nelson abode... Busy working... I've certainly been busy these past few weeks, but it's getting busier... I almost wrote, "It's getting worse", but I'd prefer to point out the positive. I've got a lot on my plate these days and I spent about seven hours on Saturday working, including a stint until 2am doing a client "cutover" and will probably have something similar today. All just to get caught up, so I can do all my normal stuff during this short week. All good stuff, but I hope it slows down by Christmas... :-)***

***How about the weather we're having... Kinda rainy this morning, but the sun is peeking out now... But the big news is the very cool air that has been dragged down from Canada to visit us for the last week. Makes for nice sleeping weather, but is sure a big change from the muggy stuff we'd been having. Well, with school back in session, I guess it is time for fall weather...***

***Big news on my Goldwing! It's BACK baby!!! My fantastic mechanic called with relatively good news early last week in that he got the clutch out (without having to pull the engine) and found the issue. One of the plates was more or less shot and needed replacement. So he basically replaced most of the working parts and got it back together and my baby was back home on Wednesday night and its working great! He also cut me a pretty sweet deal since he had it in there once already, so I threw him a nice tip to hopefully help make up for that. After all, he DID get it done really quick, and he's a great guy to boot! Thanks Tom!!!***

***So with the bike back I took her out for a quick cruise on Friday to "just make sure" everything was cool, and it was. The clutch is a little "tighter" than before, which is to be expected, but is actually a little easier to engage, if you know what I mean. Good maiden voyage though and I was very happy! Based on the fact that this is a "wet clutch" and uses crank case oil, I decided to change oil in her to get out any remnants of the old clutch. Did that Friday night with some tunes and a few beers so I'd have her ready for the weekend...***

***I took her for a quick spin Saturday to make sure the oil change was good and nothing leaked, but only for a few miles... But on Sunday my beautiful bride was game for a ride so off we went...***

***Actually, my buddy Skipper was at his boat, so we headed first to T'Rivers where he has it docked to check it out and visit. We ended up going for a nice ride out of the harbor and to check out the local T'Rivers kite flying festival on the beach. Very nice little ride and had a great time. Funny though, as we talked, we both mentioned that here we had lived in the area pretty much our whole lives and had never seen that area, at least from the water. Too bad, but at least now we have... Thanks Skipper!***

***From T'Rivers we headed north along the lakeshore on Hwy 42... We stopped quick in Kewaunee to add a jacket, and then took a quick detour around Alaska to check out those lakes. Not as impressed as I expected... Then north through Algoma, where every other lakeside home/lot was for sale. Weird... Also, I had never been through "downtown" Algoma, and was pleasantly surprised... Then we headed north to Forestville and then a bit west to Door County park where we took a break and checked out the dam there... From there it was home via Duvall and Luxemburg. About 110 miles, and a very nice ride... REALLY, REALLY, REALLY happy to have the bike back and in working condition...***

*Kinda disappointed I couldn't make it up to Kingsbury Kottage this weekend for the annual Labor Day fun, but with all the work and stuff, I just couldn't make the time. But I'm sure they had a GREAT time as I received a few texts from the team up there... Sounds like they made it over to The President's place on Saturday, and returned with GREAT inspiration! Here's a great example of what can happen when The President is involved:*



*Now that's pretty cool... Only took a "little" bit of work too, at least from the story told... Next they will need to add a motor and get those dogs rotating... I'm sure that's not far down the road...*

*Great that football season is back isn't it! Well, the Packers were "interesting" on Thursday, but you can't expect much more for that last pre-season game. Their cuts were pretty interesting too... Kept all those tight ends, but Havener wasn't one of them... Then kept only 2 running backs... Other stuff was a little weird too, but I'm sure they know what they are doing... Saturday night, very late, the Badgers looked really good except for two plays, big turnovers that led to points, but overall I was pretty impressed. But having those kind of mistakes against a "good team" will doom them... Finally, the Denville 11 got killed again... Oh well...*

*Well, let's see another interesting example of The President's type of "repair"...*



*Now I could CERTIANLY see something like that in the cabin... Maybe not anymore, but somewhere in its history...*

*Time for cocktail hour! (I wish!) Here's what's on the menu...*

**6 Read a Book Day.** See if they have a bartender's bible behind the bar. **Flop the guide open and see what you get.**

**7 Keith Moon overdosed on drugs prescribed to combat his alcohol problem (1978).** Well, it cured his drinking. **Booze, hold the drugs.**

**8 Star Trek debuts (1966).** Kirk and his lusty band of drunks are unleashed on the universe. **Romulan Ale.**

**9 Horned Dance Festival (Pagan).** Ah yes, the horned dance. You know the one. **Sex on the Beach.**

**10 Buy a Regular a Drink Day.** Wonder who came up with this one. **Cheapest draft.**

**11 National Tricky Handshake Day.** We kid you not. **Left Hand Sawtooth Ale.**

**12 H.L. Mencken's Birthday (1880).** H.L. estimated that 17,864,392,788 cocktails



**could be conceivably mixed from the ingredients a well-stocked bar. #5,054,458s  
and lots of 'em.**

**"Read a Book Day" today? Hey, I have one of those bartender guides... I'll have to check it out later... As for the 9th, it's a little cold out, but I'm always game to try!**

**Been trying to fire up that "spark" for hunting, but it just hasn't happened... Between work and the bike, I haven't had much time for anything else, so maybe that's my problem... Gonna "try" to get the bow out today or maybe sometime this week and practice a little. We'll see if that helps... Kinda hoping the weatherman gets an itch and then I'll "have to" help him out a little... We'll see... He doesn't get home much, and school is back in swing for him, so I have no idea how much time he'll have. Plus no idea if he has a place to hunt...**

**Just took a look at my "to-do" list, and it doesn't look good... I need to make sure I get rolling on my "fall getting ready for winter" stuff, but that means the summer list is probably pretty much done for and will roll over into next year. The only thing I GOTTA get moving on is getting some wood made. I got pallets for stacking, so the next thing is just to "get out there". Hope to get a cord or two cut in the next two weeks, and get what is already cut hauled back and split and stacked. Then just repeat until I have as much as last year... It won't be as dry as it should be, but if I burn last year's leftover wood first, I hope I won't get into the new stuff until 2011. That would give it 4 months or so of drying, and will just have to do... That's assuming I get to making it SOON!**

**Well, that's about it for now... I need to get back to my work-work and other assorted things on my honey-do list for today... Like making potato soup and removing at air conditioner... I just LOVE moving that air conditioner... :-)**

**So with that, I'll head off into the sunset... As always, here are some words of wisdom for our junior members...**

**"Camping: nature's way of promoting the motel industry." ~Dave Barry**

**Many a city dweller's motto!**

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

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