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January 30, 2011 - ***Jak se maj! Hi everyone... Sitting here Sunday night watching the Pro Bowl and bringing you my weekly drivel... Not much really going on, but we sure are waiting for next Sunday, aren't we? Oh yeah, bring on the Stealers...***

Big news of the week was that I got my spring turkey permit, but I'm not sure if it's good news or bad news... See, I was awarded the 6th week, the latest possible... That's not so bad, because I kinda like those late weeks too, depending on how the spring weather is. Not that I don't like hunting in snow, but it's usually just more spring-like by then. The BIG surprise was that I was award a hunt in Zone 5, which ISN'T Zumbo's zone!!! That means I likely won't be hunting out at Zumbo's this spring! WHAT???

Well, obviously, hunting out at Zumbo's is the best of all worlds... Close by, great hunting, and the chance to hunt with the best turkey hunter I know, ZUMBO!!! That's the bad news... The good news is that I'll likely be looking at a new adventure... Probably head up to The President's and try my luck there. Maybe even head over to The Nelsen cabins on Nelligan... I've seen and heard turkeys at both areas, but I have NO IDEA how or where to hunt them in either place... Everything I've learned about turkey hunting so far has been out at Zumbo's hunting farmland... Both areas up north are more woodland hunting...

So first I gotta secure a spot at one or both locations... Hopefully I can secure a hunting buddy as well to tag along... Then I have to start reading up on how to scout that type of area and "hopefully" find some time to actually scout... Then I need to start planning and figuring out what I want to do... Then I actually have to get off work and hopefully pull the whole thing off... So, it could be a whole lot of fun... OR, it could turn out to be a lot of hassle and a pain in the butt... We shall see what time brings...

Speaking of "up north" we should probably start thinking along the lines of a fish camp meeting... Lent is late this year, so I should have enough time to put something together in February... Fisherman, look for an invite soon...

Work has been busy but good, and not quite as hectic as it has been... Last week was actually kind of tolerable, but I found that having some free time left me a little lost. I've gotten into such a habit of going to work, working every night, working every weekend, that I found myself a little lost as to what to do... Hopefully the pace stays decent like this, and I will find my groove again...

Yesterday the SEC-W/M kind of saved me as he called for some help on a project... The mayor had a busted drawer that he needed to rebuild. So he brought his stuff over and we took care of it. I'm no expert, but I know how to build a drawer and build it pretty good. I had some good leftover material too, so within 45 minutes or so we had that sucker done... He still had to install and everything, but it turned out pretty nice if you ask me. He reported back that he had issues

with installation due to the cheap original hardware, but with some new screws and such, it should be as good as or even better than new. Hope she likes it...

Last week we had to head to church to get our pictures taken for a new directory. No big deal... I took my beautiful bride and the Chief, as the Weatherman was at school and boycotting anyway, and off we went... Nice folks, but the pictures were REALLY expensive... I know that's how they make a living and make it worthwhile to give the church free directories, but sheesh... Anyway it was all good... The wife looked great, the Chief looked great, but if you ask me, I looked like an old man... Wow... Is that what all of you have to see all the time? My apologies... :-)

Great if not surprising news from up the hill in Denville... The SEC-Transportation and his lovely bride report their little bundle of joy expected in June will be a Baby Girl Thompson! What? A girl? I thought those Thompsons only shot "Y's"! Great news though... Congrats to the happy family... Can't wait to see little "Georgette" driving a stock car...

Got this from the Jack/Ass team... SO very fitting! (Click on it for a larger image)



So what are YOU doing for the Superbowl? I have no idea what I am doing yet... Maybe just sitting home and watching it like all the other games... For my part, I'm OK with that... The Chief is sticking to his "routine" and going to his squeeze's sisters for the game like he has all year... The Weatherman is back in town but I think he's going out on the town, perhaps with the SEC-W/M... Personally, I'm not at all interested in going to a bar to watch the game, so unless something good comes up, it may be just me and a 12'er of New Castle... Maybe my lovely bride too, but that's debatable... We shall see...

Back to the Pro Bowl... 28-0 NFC already... BO-RING!!!

Let's see what's on our drink schedule leading up to and for the BIG GAME!

31 National Brandy Alexander Day. Think the brandy distillers had anything to do with this one?

Brandy Alexander

1 1/2 oz brandy

1 oz dark creme de cacao

1 oz half-and-half

1/4 tsp grated nutmeg

Shake the brandy, creme de cacao, and half-and-half with ice. Strain, garnish with nutmeg

1 Boris Yeltsin's Birthday (1931). Doing multiple shots of vodka on stage was one of his populist campaign tricks. Chilled double Stolis.

2 Groundhog Day. If he sees his shadow, get loaded. If he doesn't see his shadow, get loaded.

The Shadow Knows

1 oz black sambuca

1 oz Bailey's Irish Cream

1/2 oz Bacardi 151 Rum

Layer Bailey's over sambuca. Top with Bacardi.

3 Heroes Day (Mozambique). "Claret is the liquor for boys; port for men; but he

who aspires to be a hero must drink brandy.”—Samuel Johnson. **Heroic amounts of brandy.**

4 The Bacardi Distillery is founded in Cuba (1862). There’s a bat on the label because bats would pass out in the distillery’s vats. **Bacardi and Coke.**

5 Bob Marley Day (Jamaica). Touch base with your weedhead buddies. **Red Stripe.**

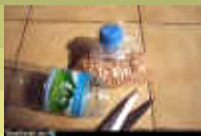
6 Babe Ruth’s Birthday (1895). Contrary to popular belief, he wasn’t really pointing to where he was going to hit the ball. He was just trying to get a beer vendor’s attention. **Overpriced crappy beer in a plastic cup.**

Hmmm... How entirely fitting... The Superbowl is on Babe Ruth's birthday... The drink of the day? Overpriced crappy beer in a plastic cup! Maybe we DO have to go to a bar for the game!!! Shame the game didn't fall on Groundhog's Day (No offense to the FM intended)... Having a "The Shadow Knows" on every score would have been EPIC!!!

January is almost over and I haven't hit the woods yet for bunny hunting... I am thinking about heading out the weekend of February 12-13. Don't think I'll be able to before, and I'm off call that weekend, so I'm kinda, tentatively, maybe planning on it... We shall see...

Here's one that is supposed to be funny, but when you look at it twice, it’s pretty smart... So **MAYBE** it IS an original Presidential Invention???

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I actually think that could work!

Speaking of The President, I saw the "other" President this week... He was down in Manty for a dog and pony show and must have flown out of Green Bay cause we were walking out of our building at work around 1pm last Wednesday and right overhead freaking Airforce1 took off right above us! Pretty cool! We saw someone waving, but weren't sure if it was a wave or we got flipped off, but either way it was kinda cool and great timing...

Well, I think that's it... Busy week ahead and a lot of hype to keep up on with the big game and all... Hope it all goes well... Doubt I'll have an on-time update next week, if one at all... Packers win and I'll be celebrating... The lose and I'll be ticked off... So maybe better to skip... We'll see...

Before I head off into the sunset... Well, its dark already, so whatever... Anyway, a few words of "wisdom" for our junior members... This quote probably originated on a Friday night before Deer Camp...

"Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein." ~ Joe Theismann, ESPN announcer and retired NFL quarterback

Clearly, Joe could have been a junior member... But would have been fired...

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

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January 24, 2011 - Jak se maj! Howdy Folks! What a GREAT day!!! Coming to you on a Monday morning, and thanks to those incredible Green Bay Packers, I'm a little "slower" than usual... So don't expect much...

Yeah, as hard as it is to believe, "we", meaning the Green Bay Packers, are SuperBowl bound... The Weatherman was home for the game and I really enjoyed spending a little extra time with him. But that 4th quarter was pretty tough on the nerves, that's for sure...

Best part of the post game? There must have been SO MANY Packer fans texting that I could not get any of my text messages to go out for almost a half hour after the game! How cool is that???

We did our fair share of celebrating and knocked off a kegger of New Castle as well as more than a few bottles of the High Life, so that kinda explains my being slow today... Ouch... sure is a great day to be hungover though!!!

Kinda feel sorry for the Bare's Cutler this morning... No he's not my favorite guy, and he probably deserves some of the abuse he's getting due to the way he acts and carries himself... But jeez, does the guy really deserve to be crucified over a game? I mean really... Get a life...

Anyway...

Not too much else to report on, but we did have a really great time going out for my blonde sister's birthday last Friday. AWESOME family style chicken and fish at Susters and then a losing effort at sheephead after at the Mayor's. Lot's of fun though...

...and that's all I have time for... Sorry!

Just a few words from "The Master" for our junior members...

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will." ~Vince Lombardi

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January 16, 2011 - Jak se maj! Howdy folks! What a great weekend! Not really anything spectacular in my personal life, but a win by the Packers sure made it great overall! Plus we had decent weather, got a lot of work done, and no major catastrophes... Pretty much a happy camper here!

Starting off with the top story... Packers Win!!! What a really great game... Well, really great after the first quarter! They started slow with that fumble and then the big kickoff return they gave up for a touchdown, but it was all good after that. So much more fun than nail biting until the final gun! Can't wait for next weekend! The Weatherman reports he'll be home for the game, so that just puts icing on the top!

The Bares won today too, and that was OK... I can't really ever bring myself to cheer for the Bares, but I'm just fine with them winning and hosting the NFC Championship. Should be a good game, plus I have a lot of ties in the Chicago area with former work buddies and new client

down there, so that just adds to the fun. As a side bonus, the Patsies just got beat, and I dislike them even more than the Jets, so I'm pretty happy there. Plus they are the last team I was worried about. Everyone else left in the playoffs the Packers can beat "if" they play well. If they don't it won't matter anyway... So here's to a great NFL weekend!

More good news... Stopped over at The President's today for a quick beer and caught up on what's going on over there. He's doing pretty good, other than a nerve issue in his hand and wrist due to some medicines he was on, and he'll be back at work tomorrow. He's pretty much back to his old self except he is still a little limited in what he can do as he's getting back into shape. Taking it easy for this long has taken its toll, but knowing him, he'll be back at a normal pace in no time. Good to see him doing so well!

More good news... Work has been as hectic as ever, but things have been going really well. Got a lot accomplished last week, including a successful trip to Manteno Illinois (Just south of Chicago). We have things coming online with our new client and we're getting closer and closer to being "up and running". Lots more to do, but the progress is starting to show, so that's always cool...

Didn't get any plumbing done this week with the SEC-Transportation, but that was OK as I was pretty busy with work stuff. Plus, it's not leaking anymore, so until it starts gushing, nothing urgent there... Maybe next week...

I did have some "not so fun things" this week... Paid taxes... that always bites... Plus, the Chief's car is having issues AGAIN, so into the shop it goes tomorrow. Sounds like fouled plugs again. Actually, I hope that's all it is and nothing worse. We shall see... That car seems like kind of a lemon... Maybe it's time to go...

Tomorrow is MLK Day, but as I reported last week, "we" don't have it off anymore... Kinda miss that about the old job, but that's about all I miss. Even though we're working, that doesn't mean we can't celebrate... What's on the drink menu this week?

16 US Prohibition begins (1920). AKA What the Hell Were We Thinking Day. **Rum Runner.**

17 Benjamin Franklin's Birthday (1706). "Beer is proof that God loves us." **Anchor Liberty Ale.**

18 Festival of Women as Cultivators (Persian). Bet the ladies were excited about this one.

Farmer's Cocktail

1/2 oz dry vermouth

1/2 oz sweet vermouth

1 oz gin

2 dashes bitters

Stir ingredients with ice, strain.

19 Neon advertising sign patented (1889). Never again would drunks wonder, "Is that a bar?" **The first alcohol you see advertised in neon.**

20 International Hat Day. Your chance to finally wear that fedora in public.

Mad Hatter

1 oz vodka

1 oz peach schnapps

1 oz lemonade

1 oz Coca-Cola

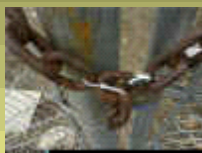
Shake with ice, strain.

21 National Hugging Day. Don't forget to hug your toilet at the end of the night. Get acquainted with the liquor you hate the most.

22 Lord Byron's Birthday (1788). "Man, being reasonable, must get drunk; the best of life is but intoxication." Brandy.

Hmmm... January 21st... National Hugging Day... The liquor I hate the most? That's tough... Yukon jack? Maybe... Southern Comfort? Close... No, that has to be Extra Sharp Ginger Brandy... NO GOING THERE! Taking that day off...

So, in talking to The President today, I was "waiting" to hear about all his great ideas that he has come up with during his recuperative period... I got nothing... I think the FM was "mistaken" again... But I did find this:



That looks like something The President would do... NOT!!! That's a "junior member" fix for sure!

A few big events this week other than the big Packer game...

TODAY is the Comptroller's birthday! Happy birthday Adam! Hope you had a great day and enjoyed your present... (THE PACKER WIN!)

Also today would have been Ma and Pa Nelson's wedding anniversary. Hope they still server Kingsbury in heaven so Ma and Pa can enjoy a cold one and celebrate today!

This Friday is my blonde sister's birthday as well! As is our tradition, we'll be going out and celebrating as a family. This time we're heading to Susters Arcade! Yes! Their Friday night family style chicken and fish is to die for. In fact, I usually eat so much I WANT TO DIE! Should be fun... Hope you have a great day! Happy Birthday Connie!!!

Tuesday I have another celebration. The team that worked on the church website and rolled it out this past November is going to go out to dinner together to celebrate. Heading to The Ridge in Maribel, which I haven't been to since they re-opened, so that should be fun... It's a great group and they did a fantastic job, so it will be nice to kick back and enjoy their company some...

Nice and short report this week... Nothing special, but not bad either... Sure is nice to have a lot of "good" to report on... But that's all I have, so off I go... But before I do, as always a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

In honor of Dr. King... A few skeletons in the man's closet does not lessen the good he did for all... That statement says it all...

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January 9, 2011 - Jak se maj! Hi everyone! Coming to you after a great, if not nail biting, Packer victory! YEAH!!! Packers looked good today but just couldn't put quite enough together to put those pesky Eagles away until the very end. You could almost hear a collective sigh of relief coming from across Wisconsin after Tramon's interception! But a win is a win and any "issues" will be forgotten by tomorrow afternoon. On to Atlanta!

I really don't have much to cover this week... I usually start off with a quick outline, and this week I came up with very little, so don't expect much!

As usual, it's been pretty hectic at work, but things are coming together with the two bug clients we're bringing online. We have a huge week coming up, but "hopefully" after that it becomes a little more manageable. This week we're bringing a bunch of stuff "online" and into production and will include at least one trip to Chicago... Well, south of Chicago actually, but more or less the same thing. Lots of planning and meetings and prep work, but as its coming together, it's pretty exciting. I just hope everything goes well and we didn't forget something crucial. We shall see...

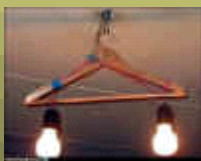
Last night (Saturday) we had our annual work Christmas party. Very nice time and an absolutely "excellent" spread of food. Everyone brought a dish to pass, some of which were AWESOME, and then we had prime rib for the main course. We even had Sushi for appetizers! Raw fish! Not sure what everyone raves about it for, but it was edible. Had a nice time, but I ate WAY too much! I was so full I was seriously uncomfortable. I gotta learn I'm not 20 anymore! We did end up splitting a little early as my beautiful bride had some allergic issues with their cats, but overall a great time. Plus a really great year for the company and hopefully many more!

The SEC-Transportation stopped over today to look over my plumbing project, and I think we have everything worked out and ready to go. I have all the parts and the copper cut to fit so it "should" be a straightforward job. We hope to tackle it next weekend... Wish us luck!

More car problems this week... I'm really on a roll... the Chief reported issues with "his" heater, but it started working again... I'm sure that issue will come back to haunt me. Then yesterday my beautiful bride's car had a flat tire! As if that's not bad enough, she was just leaving to go to a shower in Luxembourg, so then I HAD TO DRIVE HER THERE! That's 90 minutes of my life I'll never get back... At least the tire was a simple puncture and only cost me \$10 to fix, but still... Will it never end?!?!

Got a great report on the FDA Chairman's trip to the Rose Bowl, but that is destined for the BBC Newsletter so you will have to catch it there... "IF" there's a BBC Newsletter this year... So far the article submissions are WAY WAY down and I don't even know if we'll get enough to put together a respectable edition. I'll get another email out to the crew this week and see if anyone intends to add anything else. If not, it may be a short and final edition....

Speaking of the BBC, let's see what The President has been up to...



Say, that might actually add some class to the 'ol Cabin on A!!!

This week's libation list:

9 Chingay Procession in Honor of Kwan Ying (Chinese). Best Chingay Procession of the year. Trust me.

Procession of Pink Elephants

2 oz vodka

1/2 oz Midori Melon Liqueur

4 oz pink lemonade

Mix, drink fast, wait for the parade.

10 National Day of Loneliness. Elvis records Heartbreak Hotel (1956). *Whiskey sour.*

11 First American discotheque opens (1963). Another gift from the treacherous French. *Harvey Wallbangers.*

12 Jack London's Birthday (1876). Answer the call of the wild. *Yukon Jack Whiskey.*

13 Blame Someone Else Day. Shift that accumulated shame elsewhere. *Your roommate's good scotch.*

14 Sanford & Son debuted (1972). When you get your bar tab, pretend to have a heart attack. *Ripple.*

15 Feast of the Ass (Roman). We're 90% sure they were talking about a donkey.

Jamaican Ass-Kicker

2 oz Barcardi 151 Rum

6 oz chilled Jolt Cola

Pour the rum over ice, top with cola.

The one for next Sunday (Feast of the Ass) sounds like something we should celebrate up at Deer Camp! Just what we would need... Rum and Jolt Cola!

Say, when is MLK Day? Must be coming up... It is probably the only thing I miss about my days at ACNielsen, other than some of the cool people I used to work with. Use to be kinda nice to have that day off in the middle of January to go bunny hunting. Definitely "not" going to happen this year, but I may bring up the option at our next company meeting... Maybe, if things go well, I'll take a personal day for President's Day in February...

Did I mention I'm having a "Christmas" New Castle right now to celebrate the Packer win? Oh yeah... and it is DELICIOUS!

Awfully weak report, but it's all I got... Before I come up with more drivel, I'm just gonna sign off... As usual a few words of wisdom for our junior members before I go...

"The richest man is not he who has the most, but he who needs the least." ~ Unknown Author

So incredible true!!!

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

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January 2, 2011 - Jak se maj! šťastný nový rok! Yes, a Happy New Year to you all! Welcome to 2011! Hard to believe, but its true... The earth has survived MUCH longer that I ever thought it would when I was 16 years old... THAT was a long time ago!

Hope you like the Czech phrases... Reminds me of Ma Nelson... Anyway, I am working with one

of our clients who have facilities in the Czech Republic, so I've been "testing" some of my Bohemian on my contact there. He has been VERY impressed despite my poor spelling and terrible pronunciation... Very nice guy though... Maybe I'll get a trip out of this gig and get to visit him and see the old country... Doubt it, but you never know... :-)

Anyone out there have any New Year's resolutions? Me neither... I think it's stupid...

Well, the big news of the weekend, as far as I am concerned, was football...

The Badgers rolled into Pasadena and I was VERY confident they would roll over the Horned Frogs... Boy was I wrong... I wasn't mad or upset over the loss, just very disappointed. What a lost opportunity! Yeah, TCU is a good team and they deserved to win considering how they game unfolded, but the Badgers just did not play well at all. It happens, and against a good football team (even Michigan State) you will get beat. Pretty sad when you get that far and it slips away... Oh well, there IS next year... At least Michigan got crushed!

Still not sure who headed out to the Rose Bowl with the FDA Chair, but I think the SEC-D'Fence went for sure and the Comptroller did not. Something like that... Anyway, if "I" was hugely disappointed, I can't imagine how he felt... I hope he survived!

Today the mighty Packers, well, the not so mighty Packers version, got past the hated Bares and are in the playoffs. I was "pretty" confident about this one too, so after the Badger loss, I was worried... But they managed to pull it off despite lousy play on offense. But now it's a whole new season and the Phillies are RIPE for the picken! Go Pack!

It's been a very busy holiday week here. Over the last few months I've been spending a pretty substantial amount of time "working from home" after hours... It's kinda like homework if you ask me... Anyway, I expected the same this week, but that went down the tubes with visiting and company and such. So much so that I had the old laptop out during the game today trying to catch up! But it is the holidays, and I will admit I enjoyed them very much this year...

Monday I did work some, but then Tuesday we went out to visit my lovely bride's uncle out on the farm. Been a while since we were there, so it was really great to visit. They've done a lot with the old farm house and it looks very nice. Hope to get out there in summer to check it out some more... Wednesday my lovely bride surprised me by having the "kids" and mother-in-law over for supper and cards. Had a great meal and played some sheephead, so it turned out to be a great evening. Thursday I was "supposed" to go out with the family, but they failed to mention it to me. Had to work anyway... Till about 2am that night. Maintenance stuff out in Virginia... Yuck... But done with...

Friday (New Years Eve) I slept in and got a bunch of stuff done around the house and ran errands and things like that. Got a little work done, but not much. Overall a wasted day. I DID make it up to both the east coast and central "midnights" so that was good. Then I made the mistake of watching a movie. (Avatar... Better than I expected... I liked it a lot) That kept me up to the Pacific New Year... Ouch... So I slept in again the next day...

New Years Day we had the In-Laws round robin and then ended up at my lovely bride's brother's for the game... Enough said about that... This morning I WAS a little tired though, but still made it just fine to 8am church... then there was work and the Packer game and here I am...

Sure was some funky weather we had this last week, huh? Well, at least all the snow on my roof melted BEFORE the rain started leaking into my house again, so I had that going for me. But after the warm temps this cold blast seems REALLY cold!!! Back to winter for us all!

More car problems... The Chief's car has had a bad "burning" smell over the past few weeks

whenever he ran the heater. It got better, and then it got worse again... Luckily, the mechanic found the issue, and it only cost \$77! Can you believe that? It didn't think ANY repair was that cheap anymore... Whew!

This morning I threw the "ham" in the oven finally! This is the ham the Chief bagged during deer camp this year. It was kinda fatty, but it SURE IS GOOD!!! I miss having old fashioned bone-in ham, so this was a real treat. But I did forget what a pain it is to carve up... Still worth it, but I'll be eating ham for a week... Not very tough penance... :-)

So now that I have food, let's check out the drink schedule... I've been slowly taking care of the New Castle I got for Christmas, but it won't last long. I really like it too! AWESOME BREW!!! So when that is gone, here are some options:

2 Drinking Straw patented (1888). Fact: You get drunk faster if you drink through a straw. **Mind Eraser.**

3 Sergio Leone's Birthday (1929). Perfect day for a spaghetti western boozefest. **Italian vino.**

4 Electric blender invented (1910). AKA Annoy the Bartender Day. **Blender drinks.**

5 Ulysses S. Grant elected president (1872). Fullbore drunkard seizes power. **Presidential Margarita**

1 1/2 oz El Presidente Brandy

1 1/2 oz Cointreau

1 1/2 oz Tequila

Juice of 1 Lime

Pour ingredients into a large glass. Add ice and let sit while preparing drinking glass. Rim glass with lime and salt, fill with ice and add a lime slice. Pour contents of large glass into salted glass.

6 Anniversary of Jimmy Carter's encounter with a UFO (1969). Swears he wasn't drunk. **Crazy Horse Malt Liquor and a bowl of peanuts.**

7 Flying V guitar invented (1958). Like musicians weren't getting enough chicks already. **Vodka tonics.**

8 Elvis Presley's Birthday (1935). Hail to the King.

Hunka Hunka Burnin' Luv

6 oz vodka

6 oz water

2 tblsp Cherry Kool-Aid

Combine and shake it like Elvis for 30 seconds.

Hmmm... Other than that Mind Eraser, which is some combination of Kahlua and Vodka, I don't see a single thing that interests me... Have to get me some more New Castle!

Other than work, I don't think there's a lot going on this week. I know we have our work Christmas party on Saturday, but we'll have to see how that works out with the Packer game. Actually, it might be GREAT. We're having the party at "Doug's" house, and he has a PREMIUM media room... Huge screen, stadium seating, the whole works... This could be good...

Wait! Crap, I just checked the playoff schedule, and now the Packers don't play until Sunday... Rats!!! Oh well, as long as they win, who cares...

Not much else going on... Got a text from The President ("Go Bucky"-Must have taken him a week to get that one spelled out) but haven't heard from him otherwise... Funny, I thought by now he would have had quite a list of "things" to explain to me... But I'm not opening THAT can of worms on my own... I'll wait for it to come to me... :-)

But it IS that time of year... Been dreaming about the bike again... I did that some last year too... Not just day dreams either... Full blown rides on the bike in my sleep. How cool is that? But I always seem to go places I been before... LOL! Well, it's about 4 months and counting down until the "real" thing...

That should do it for this week... I wish everyone the BEST in this New Year! As is often the case, I'll close with some words of wisdom for our junior members.

"New Year's Resolution: To tolerate fools more gladly, provided this does not encourage them to take up more of my time." ~ James Agate

Yeah, we're talking about YOU!

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