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**May 30, 2011 - Jak se maj! Howdy everyone and Happy Memorial Day! I hope you all enjoyed the extended weekend and the average to great weather we had. Considering the lousy spring we had, it was INCREDIBLY GREAT weather... Hope you had a good one too!**

**Not much of an update, so don't expect much...**

**Really didn't do much of interest this weekend, but that made it a good one. Put together a list on Friday and pretty much got it all done... Got the lawn cut and fertilized, the garden planted and put some finishing touches on the patio... Got a bunch of stuff done on the bike and even got a couple good rides in, but there are troubles... (More on that later...) I got to church and even splurged and got pizza for my beautiful bride and I on Sunday... DeGrand's pizza is pretty good! That's about it for the highlights... Boring huh? But very nice...**

**Bike stuff... I gave the old girl a "thorough" washing and polishing and she looks "really" nice... I didn't get crazy with the polishing (What is it they say about pigs ears and silk purses?) but she's very presentable for a 28 year old Goldwing. Got out for a couple short rides and a nice long 60+ miler today. I had the trunk off to wash her so I rode without it today and that was actually kinda nice. Makes her a little less top heavy and easier to handle... Might have to do more of that... Today's ride was awesome with the weather being just about perfect. I didn't stray far from home but sure enjoyed the countryside. The weather can stay like today for just about the entire summer...**

**This morning I had most of my "to-do's" checked off so I started working on the bike's trunk project. My first step is to get some ABS plastic pipe melted so I can form it to the inside of the trunk to be glued for re-enforcement. I figured the first logical step would be to get it heated up and flattened to see how it would work. Based on the instructions I'm following of the interweb, heating it up in the kitchen oven might not go over well, so I used Ma/Pa Nelson's old gas grill. I set the two half pipes on a rack covered with aluminum foil and started heating. Took more heat than I expected, and it didn't want to heat evenly so some of it REALLY melted and stuck to the foil, but I did manage to get two half pipes of ABS pretty much flattened out and ready for the molding step before running out of gas. For the next step, maybe next weekend, I may try to find a flat chuck of steel and pre-heat that to even up the heating process. But first I need more gas... Should be interesting... If I think of it, I'll take some pictures.**

**I also have other issues with the bike. I am pretty sure I need a new battery, which sucks, cause they are not cheap. I also noticed a possible issue with the back brakes, which I'm pretty sure I had done two years ago, cause they are making a rubbing sound, and I checked, and the disc doesn't look too good. That could be a big issue. But you can't ride without brakes, or being able to start the engine, so I'll have to deal with it...**

**Not much else going on... I did get out to Way-Mor for one last try for Northerns last week and I got one strike but nothing else. Fun anyways...**

**Since there's not much going on, let's see what there is to drink this week...**

**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.****

**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.****

**June is looking to be a good month with a little Rolling Rock (Rock me!) followed up with some Tequila... Can't go wrong there...**

**Haven't heard from The President for a bit, so let's see what he's up to...**



*I have no idea what that is, what it's supposed to be, or what it's fixing, but I'm pretty sure it's The President's work...*

*Update on my glasses... Finally made it over to the eye doctor's Friday morning and the young lady there adjusted them to work much better... However, they were still a little too close, so I wanted to head back and have them done again, but I also noticed they looked WAY TOO low on my face. My co-workers mentioned the fact as well. So I went back and we talked about it in the afternoon, so she did some measurements and was pretty sure they were right, but thought maybe she saw an issue, so I have to go back next week when the doc and manager are there. So she adjusted them back the way they "should be" and asked that I try them for the weekend. Well, they are un-wearable that way, so back to the drawing board. Either they are setup wrong, they were made wrong, or I am just wrong for that type of lens... We'll see, but it's kinda frustrating. Thanks to my big sister for her story and words of encouragement!*

*I think we have a couple of birthday's coming up with L&L in Steven's Point celebrating this week... Happy birthday Lynnette and Luke! Also hope to be reporting about the first Thompson baby girl in quite some time soon... Maybe this week?*

*Pretty poor update, but I can only report on what I have going on, and that's not much... At least not much of interest... So have a great week! Before I go, a few words of "wisdom" for our junior members...*

***"When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,  
For Their Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today"***

***~ The Kohima Epitaph***

***God bless those who served and gave for our freedom in days past and today...***

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

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***May 22, 2011 - Jak se maj! Hi all! Happy Sunday... Sitting here after the thunderstorms just went through and glad that the doomsayers were wrong about May 21... Been a pretty good two weeks, so we better get right too it since there's a lot of catching up to do...***

***First off... **BIG NEWS!!!*****

***The Sturgeon General and his lovely bride gave birth to a fine and healthy bouncing baby boy Thursday! So the Sturgeon General has reproduced and the FDA Chairman is now a Grandpa! Holy cow!!! Hope to meet the little shaver soon and congratulate the proud parents and grandparents in person. But until then, congratulations to all!!!***

***Kinda tough to beat that news, but the 2nd biggest event of the year took place last weekend... Fish Camp 2011!***

**Fish Camp 2011 was again held at the legendary Kingsbury Kottage and it was as great as ever... Most of which cannot be safely publicized south of the highway 64 line, but needless to say, it was a great time. I can tell you that we eat like kings. I may have had the 2 best meals of my life... Friday was the SEC-State's world famous fish boil, and it was one of his best... Then Saturday night we had prime rib on the grill... I got the prime rib from a work buddy that also runs TimSans, so I've had them before, and they are delicious... But on the grill they are beyond that... Truly awesome! On top of those incredible meals the FDA Chairman's was ON HIS GAME and his breakfasts were top of the line... Eggs Bob and biscuits and gravy... I'm surprised I didn't come back 20 lbs heavier...**

**...and the beer and cocktails hours were outstanding too! The fishing? So-so... But I think I need to start focusing more on the fishing and less on the "extracurricular" activities in the future, because I was feeling rough for two days... But it was a GREAT weekend, so thanks to all the guys and our incredible hosts! Now I'm waiting for Deer Camp 2011!!!**

**So if you've been paying attention the past few months, you know the story about my turkey permit... I received a permit up north, so it was up to Bob's or nothing... Well, I HAD planned on a couple days at least, but work and family interfered BIG time! I ended up getting shipped to Weyauwega on Tuesday and Milwaukee on Wednesday for work... By then I was SO FAR behind I had to work Thursday too... I had to be home Friday night for The Chief's party (more on that later) so it was Friday or nothing...**

**I considered going up late Thursday, but did the church thing instead and was too wiped to pack and go, so I decided to head up early Friday and be back in time for Jake's party... I was up around 3:30 and packed and on the road by 4:15 or so with coffee in hand... Had a really nice ride up as it was a gorgeous day... Got to the cabin by 5:45 and I was walking the woods by 6am... Late by turkey hunting standards, but my expectations were REALLY low anyway, so whatever happened happened...**

**I walked the back roads, sitting for 5 minutes, calling, walking 100 yards, waiting 5, walking another 100 yards, calling, and on and on... All the time HOPING to hear a gobble or hens chirping, but also scanning the sandy road for any turkey sign... Well, I heard nothing, saw nothing, and only noticed two sets of tracks... Better than nothing, but by 9am it got REALLY hot, so I finished the circuit, came back via Moonshine Hill Road, and took a nap at the cabin to catch up on some needed sleep... Too hot to go out again, so my hunt was done... Miserable failure, right?**

**Not a chance... What I didn't fill you in on was on the way up I SAW a REALLY nice Tom and he was as HAPPY as could be! I was past Crivitz just a couple miles before the cabin going over those last rolling hills... I crested a hill, and saw something big on the side of the road... Dead deer was my first thought... Then I saw it was moving... Great, hit deer that's not dead... Then as I approached, I saw it was a Tom turkey "catching one" on the side of the road with his favorite hen!!! He was flapping his wings and had this big old smile on his face! The poor hen was mortified with her red face covered up... I would have stopped and gave him a "high five" except I had some local tailgating me, so I had to keep going...**

**Something I've never seen before, and if I hadn't been messed up by work I would have never seen it... Great memory and definitely made the season worthwhile!**

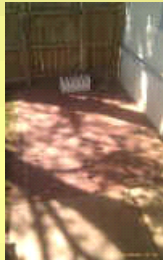
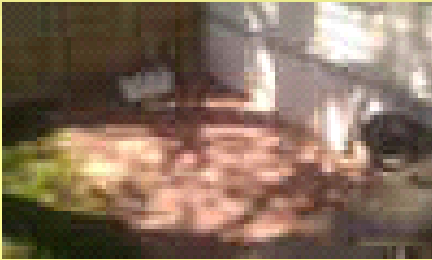
**I had a good rest of the day despite it being too hot to hunt... I took a drive down to Uncle Dallas's cabin and had lunch on his dock. No one was there, but the water, just like on Leigh Flowage, is back up to normal levels... Amazing what one year of rain can do... I then headed down to Kingsbury Kottage to see if anyone was home, but it was locked tight, so I headed home... Took the back roads down through Oconto Falls and I was home by 3pm... Kinda short**



*day and lots of driving, but overall I was pretty happy... Lucky I am easy to please...*

*As I mentioned in my last update, the Chief turned 21 recently. The night of his birthday we headed out for wings and a few brews and had a good time... Not too late or anything, but I did feel a "little" rough the next day, which was the opener for Fish Camp... Nothing like starting a little early... Then he has his "nig party" with his buddy Hooter who also turned 21 this past Friday, and the reason I had to be back from Turkey hunting... The crew gathered at the 20 Century and had a bunch of beers and a good time... Again, home "relatively" early (1am-ish?) but of course we had to have a nightcap or two at home... Which was immediately followed by me getting paged by work... THAT was interesting... Kinda of a big deal, but luckily it got resolved quickly... But again, I felt a "little" rough the next day... Well worth it though... Happy 21 Jake!*

*Not a whole lot else going on... We DID get the patio completed this weekend though, including getting the rest of the dirt hauled out... THANK GOD the boys helped (A LOT!) or I would be dead right now... Here are some crappy pictures to show how it looks... Click on them for full size...*



*Got some work done on the bike today so she is all ready for the summer... New oil, filter and plugs, so I should be able to put some miles on soon... It would have been a nice night for a ride but the thunderstorms took that option out... I'll get out some this week though and then start thinking about those tires...*

*The only other thing I can think of is I got new glasses last week... Due to my old age, my vision is starting to deteriorate, both near and far, so instead of bi-focals, I went with the new "progressive" lens... THEY SUCK! Either they are done wrong, or they are a complete sham... I have to tilt my head down slightly to see far, like when I'm driving, and my peripheral vision is gone... I have to turn my head AND tilt more to see to my left or right... Gonna go back to the eye doc this week and see what they say... They BETTER fix 'em or they're getting them back... We'll see...*

*I must say that I've had enough drinking for a day or two, but there may be some of you (tough odds with only a few loyal readers) that are still thirsty... So here's the schedule...*

**22 American astronauts walk on Mars (1962). According to that kook in the film *Slackers*.**

**Fuzzy Astronaut**

**1/2 tsp Tang, powdered**

**1 oz vodka**

**1 oz shot peach schnapps.**

**Shake and shoot.**

**23 Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i). Bab was the herald of the Beer Bellied One (Buddha). *Full calorie beer.***

**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.***

*Good thing I don't need a drink cause that's a pretty crappy line up... Except for the martini of course...*

*This just in... Literally... Just got this in my inbox from my buddy Denny in Iowa...*

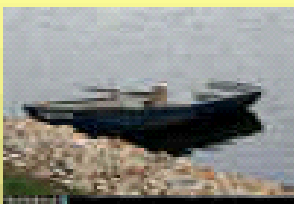
### ***In Memoriam***

***With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed last week. Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Pokey", died peacefully at age 93.***

***The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in. And then the trouble started..***

*I don't know about you, but that's kinda funny...*

***So anyway, I hear The President got a new row boat... It was a heck of a deal, as you would imagine, but it came without oars... Well, The President took care of that... (Click on it for full size)***



***He is one clever guy... Can't dig anymore holes, but he can row in circles with the best of them...***

***Well, not much else going on... Next weekend is Memorial Day, so I don't know if there will be an update or not... But here's a big shout out to all our military personnel, veterans, and especially those that have given their lives for our country. Salute!***

***So that's it... But before I go, a few words of "wisdom" for our junior members...***

***"I am so clever that sometimes I don't understand a single word of what I am saying." ~Oscar Wilde***

***There was a LOT of "Oscar Wilde" going on at Fish Camp...***

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

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**May 9, 2011 - Jak se maj! Happy Mom's Day to all you wonderful moms out there! I hope you all had a great day and enjoyed the incredible weather we had here in NE Wisconsin. If you're not in NE Wisconsin, I hope it was a great day wherever you are!**

**Coming to you on a Monday morning for a change, so this update may be a bit shorter than some... Just ran out of gas last night and couldn't muster up the energy to even type this out... Why you ask? Well, we'll get into that in a minute...**

**Mother's Day was pretty nice, and I don't just mean the weather. The boys are old enough and mature enough now to realize life will be a living hell if they don't handle Mother's Day appropriately, so that takes a little pressure off me... Started the day early and we all headed to church out in suburban Glenmore where we ran into my lovely bride's uncle and wife and her brother the grocer and bride and other assorted family. We decided to head over to Coaches Corner on The Ledge for some libations and breakfast and had a really nice time. Then it was off to bowling (Mom's choice, right?) followed by dinner at "The Rite Place". Pretty good day over all, but I must say I felt bad for the waitress at dinner, cause she couldn't get anything right... I don't think it was her fault so much as just everything that could go wrong did, to the point of being a little funny... Good time anyway!**

**Then we went home, got in a quick power nap, and "finally" celebrated opening weekend of fishing by heading out to Waymor to see if the Northerns were biting... They weren't, but shockingly, my lovely bride accompanied me, and though she didn't fish, she did cheer on my efforts. I'll hafta see if she'll wear the whole "cheerleader" outfit next time... HA!!!**

**So that was our Sunday... Not so bad, so why was I so tired...? and sore...? and wiped out??? Well...**

**They boys decided they were giving their mother a new "patio" in the backyard for Mother's Day, and that is how I spent my "entire" Saturday. I am surprised I survived... I had an idea of how huge the effort would be, but I heard the crew mention numerous times how much harder this was than they thought... Started at 6am with coffee, walked the dog, and by 7am we had shovels in operation. The patio is 8' x 12', which meant digging out 6"-8" of soil (which is still piled in my backyard), hauling in about 4 yards of sand (hailed in 5 trips using 8 5-gallon pails at a time), and then a LOT of time trying to get everything level. The boys did a LOT of work and we did have a really good time at it, but the Chief had a ball tournament to coach at and left at about 2pm. The weatherman had plans in the evening with his sidekick and main squeeze and was out but 4pm... That left the rest up to me and my lovely bride... But I gotta admit, she really worked hard and was a huge help...**

**We did have everything level and ready to go by the time the Chief left, but then it was going to Menards and hauling brick back and forth. It was about two tons of bricks, so I had to make two trips... By the time we had the first load unloaded and half set, the Weatherman bugged out, so the rest of the setting and the whole next load (loading up and unloading) was left to my lovely bride and I... I got the main set done by a little after 8, and by the time I had everything cleaned up it was after 9pm... and I was pretty much dead...**

**I'm pretty sure I'll be sore the rest of the week... The best move I made was by the end of the night I was pretty tired and really smashed my thumb, which "seems" pretty dumb, but it hurts enough still that it kinda makes the rest of the body aches not so bad... It's all relevant, so I got that going for me...**

**Anyway, it looks really nice, but I still have a LOT of work to do on it... I have to finish the edge on it, as well as the entire side up against the fence. That will mean quite a bit of brick cutting,**

*which is about as easy as it sounds... Then I have about 5 yards of dirt to haul out, 5 galloon pails at a time... That will no doubt be a BLAST... Then, to top things off, my lovely bride would like another 4x4 area done... THAT is going to have to wait... When it's completely done, I'll see if I can get some pictures posted...*

*So that is why I'm so tired and sore and why the update is a day later than normal...*

*So what else is new? Well, the big news of the week is they got Bin Laden...*

*Lots of news about what happened, but I'm guessing we'll never hear the "rest of the story"... Here's my take...*

*As you know the FM Jr. is over in Afghanistan... Knowing the young man as we do, here's what I am pretty sure what happened. The news described the area where they found the world's most wanted man as a very nice area... Almost a vacation spot... I'm guessing the FM Jr. snuck away to enjoy some time off, as that is his specialty... The way I imagine it, he found this little section of paradise and "stumbled" upon the target and reported back to his superiors... Now I don't know for sure if he was enlisted into the now infamous "Team 6", but I wouldn't be surprised if he was. Likely served as the official bartender, but you have to go with your strengths. They said they lost a helicopter in the raid, so I am also guessing he was pouring them a "bit strong", most likely well over the prescribed "4 count", but they got their man, and the FM Jr. was instrumental in the process. Congratulations!!!*

*So now you know the rest of the story... Perhaps we'll learn more in the distant future, or maybe the FM has other theories, but that's my story for now, and I'm sticking with it...*

*Not much else going on... Didn't get out on the bike at all last week, but I did get tires prices out (EXPENSIVE!!!) and working on figuring out if I need a new battery or not. Hope to get that done this week so she is ready to go for summer. Due to other things in the schedule (more on that later) I doubt I'll get very far on it, but I'll do what I can...*

*So what's on the schedule this week?*

*09 Victory Day (USSR). Better luck next time, Ivan. **Black Russian.***

*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.***

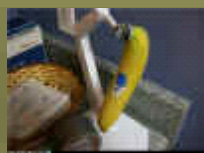
*16 Animal Day. "He who makes a beast of himself gets rid of the pain of being a man."—Dr. Johnson. **Road Dog Ale.***

*Hmmm... That's quite a list... I think on Friday (Fish Camp opener) we will celebrate the "cocktail" hour extensively... Think if that had not come to pass... We'd be celebrating the*



**"Bittered Sling Hour" instead... That just wouldn't be the same...**

**Here's an interesting picture... It's not really all that interesting, but I add it in honor of The President... Not only is it ingenious to duck tape (yes, "DUCK" tape) a single banana to a banana holder, but it also serves as a reminder in case The President sees another water skiing banana man this weekend fishing...**



**Speaking of fishing... FISH CAMP 2011 is here!!! Yes, this weekend kicks off the annual [Fish Camp 2011](#) trip. We've got a great weekend planned with most of the crew heading up Friday throughout the day and holding out until the last stragglers head home on Monday. The FDA Chairman and SEC-State will again host the event and have an incredible menu planned for us. HOPEFULLY we'll have some fish to eat too!!! Gotta work through the schedule yet, but I don't think we'll have a huge crew there, but definitely enough to have a great time... I can't wait!!!**

**Obviously, I didn't get much done on the [newsletter](#) this past week as my schedule was pretty full, but it is getting close... I am again waiting for some material from various members, but it can wait as I will likely not get back to it for a week or two... Why you ask?**

**Well, not only is Fish Camp 2011 this weekend, but the following week is my "turkey season". That's already a little messed up, but I hope to get north Wednesday or Thursday but then I have to be home by Friday night... So I may get a day or two in at the most, which isn't bad... We'll report back on things in a couple weeks...**

**Other big news to report... Its Amber Lynn's birthday today!!! I am guessing my lovely God-daughter turns 27 or 28 today, but I could be wrong... Until you turn 30, it really doesn't matter anyway... Either way, HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMBER!!!**

**Speaking of turning 30, the Sturgeon General will be turning the BIG 3-0 next week! I am hoping very much he is will also be getting the best present of all in a healthy little papoose by then as his lovely bride is due to pop very soon... Good luck Tracy and Happy birthday Tony!!!**

**Finally, my youngest will be turning 21 this week! The last of Ma and Pa Nelson's grandchildren will finally be of (legal) drinking age! His birthday is Thursday, but he will be "taking it easy" as he is coaching an out of town tournament over the weekend, but we'll go out to eat and meet up with whoever is free for a few drinks... I believe he has a "bash" planned for the following week, so we'll see how "THAT" goes...**

**May sure is a busy month...**

**Well, I think that's it... Not bad for a Monday morning while I'm working... Or at least supposed to be.... Don't expect an update next week as I'll be north fishing, but in two weeks I should have reports on Fish Camp 2011 as well as my turkey season... Hope I'm no longer sore by then...**

**So have a great couple weeks... I'm out, but before I go, a few words of "wisdom" for our junior members...**

**"A woman who has never seen her husband fishing, doesn't know what a patient man she married!" ~ anonymous**

**I'm not sure what that says about me, but it seems appropriate...**

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

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**May 1, 2011 - Jak se maj! Happy Sunday Everyone! I'm having a GREAT day! Not only is it May Day, but I just spent an hour or so working on the [newsletter](#). I got a WHOLE bunch done, but I was just working on a "Best of" section, so I had to go back through a bunch of the [old newsletters](#)... AND THEY ARE HILARIOUS!!! Oh man, if I knew it would be this much fun, I would have started this long ago... Good news though... You may actually "see" a newsletter soon...**

**Anyway... I had to stop and get to work on this week's update, because I don't want to disappoint the FM again... He is alive and well, and lodged a complaint about the "lameness" of last week's update... I thought it was clear it really "wasn't" an update, but you know how he can be... Anyway, I hope this week will meet the low expectations I have set for everyone...**

**The FM "did" remind me of a significant event I missed... The "Ax Man" has procreated! Yes, it's true... The Ax Man and his lovely bride gave birth a few weeks ago and Tim is definitely a "proud" papa... I just hope and pray the little one is "nothing" like him... That is, until the teenage years, when he gets his... Anyway, congrats to The Ax Man!**

**So today is May Day! Have you celebrated yet? (Yeah, me either...)**

**Big Packer draft this week... I was kinda into it and am pretty happy with the results. I tend to always see the positions that are in need and weren't addressed, but I would say we're looking pretty good. Could always use more help and depth in areas, but we should be ok I think... Now let's get the labor strife over with and get on with football!**

**Been out on the bike two more times and I've got over 100 miles on the old girl so far. She's running pretty good, but she sure doesn't like to start in this cold weather. I hope that condition improves with the warmer weather. I haven't made any big trips yet, just bumming around in the area, but I'm looking forward to my first 70 degree day when I can hit the road. Got some work done her and the new trunk rack is shined up and ready for install, but I have more spring work to do. She needs a really good washing, oil and filter change, maybe a coolant flush, and new plugs. Also thinking it's time for new tires, so I may price some out and maybe get one this year and another the next. We'll see...**

**Works been good, but I'm on call this week (we go on call Wednesday 8am to Wednesday 8am) and it has been horrific. I bet I've been paged over 50 times so far. I've got three chronic issues that I keep getting paged on, but I've had all sorts of issues. Luckily, they haven't been all night long, but I have gotten paged every night at least once, and 4 times Friday night... Yuck! Hopefully it's just making up for the past few months when on-call has been pretty event free... Hope to get back to that soon!!!**

**As I mentioned last week, I have a new feature on the website... The [Weatherman](#)" pages... I've downloaded his forecasts from UWM-Panthervision, edited them down to just his forecast, and then posted them. If anyone tries them, [drop me a line](#) and let me know if they work ok...**

**The Royal Wedding... Yawn... Does anyone really care???**

**Hey! Lent and Easter are over! Let's celebrate!!**

**1 May Day. Comrade drunkards of the world, unite! We've nothing to lose but our outstanding bar tabs! *Red wine.***

2 Manfred Von Richthofen's Birthday (1892). The Red Baron drank a shot of schnapps for every one of the 80 aircraft he downed. **Schnapps.**

3 James Brown's birthday (1928). Get up on your drunk foot! **Night Train Wine.**

4 National Homebrew Day. No, really it's . . . it's . . . good! Where'd you say your bathroom was? **Homebrew.**

5 Cinco de Mayo. Like St. Patty's, except the Mexicans chased out frogs instead of snakes. **Tequila.**

6 Orson Welles' Birthday (1915). Drink no wine before its time. And it's time. **Paul Masson Wine.**

7 Homespun History Day. Remember that time you drank a keg all by yourself? Let the world know!

**Truth Serum**

**1 oz Courvoisier**

**1 oz Cointreau**

**Juice of one lemon.**

**Shake with ice, shoot and tell the troot**

National Home Brew Day (See the FDA Chairman for more info) and Cinco de Mayo... Tequila!!! I am set!!!

OK... The President finally found a use for that old broken gas grill "and" he's solved the problem of the snowplows smashing his mailbox...



Now THAT'S ingenuity!

Not much else going on that I can recall... (Perhaps the FM can remind me of anything missing) Lot's of little stuff going on, but nothing really that I can think of that anyone would want to hear about...

Seriously though, if you are a BBC member and either have some free time or need a "pick-me-up" go back and read some of the old [newsletters](#)... If you don't get a chuckle at the very least, you should go see your shrink...

Speaking of good times, Fish Camp 2011 is right around the corner and less than 2 weeks away... I can't wait... Word is the boys headed up this weekend to get the new and improved dock in, so we should be good to go. Got the [menus and lists published here](#), and I think everything is ready to go... Should be a good time...

So that's it... I'm done here, but before I go, a few words of "wisdom" for our junior members...

**"Once you learn to quit, it becomes a habit." ~ Vince Lombardi**

Just finished "When Pride Still Mattered", a Christmas gift from the Weatherman and his sidekick... I HIGHLY recommend it...

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

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