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October 30, 2011 - ***Jak se maj! Happy, dreary, fall Sunday to all of you! It's one of those days that it's hard to get anything done, but I'm trying... Hopefully this update goes well!***

Had a pretty great weekend so far! I had Friday off and only "worked" about half the day... On work-work... Then I got to do some on my own work and got a few things done on the "fall list". More on that later... We did make a fantastic trip to the "Lake House"! As mentioned last week, we were invited to the weatherman's sidekick's parent's lake house and made the most of it...

We headed out Saturday morning, dropped off the dog in Green Bay, and had a really nice ride to rural Nekoosa. The "lake house" is not a cabin and it's not a cottage. It's a house, in fact much nicer than what I live in... But it's not an "up north" type of place, so it works and it's really great... It's right on the lake with frontage and a great view but it's tucked into the woods enough to be rustic. They have a great little bar in the garage and to make an understatement, they are GREAT hosts! Ate great and drank as well, and the only downer was the football game we tried to watch... Didn't get too out of hand (other than I ate WAY too much) and was up early for an incredible breakfast and on the way home by late morning...

Can't say enough about our hosts and the time we had. To top it off, the new dog, Toby, kept us entertained when all else failed, which was very seldom. Hope to get a chance to do it again... Thanks so much Dan-O and Cathie!!!

Speaking of the weatherman, if you didn't catch last week's late update, he's got a new video out... [Weather - October 24, 2011](#) (Hopefully that works... If not, check him out on [PantherVision](#) ...)

To add to it, the weatherman has rigged up an internship at [WTMJ](#) in Milwaukee this spring with legendary John Malen, which is a pretty big deal considering it's kind of "the" station in Milwaukee. Hope that goes well for him...

On to less interesting news... Got quite a bit done on the "fall list" so far... Chimney is cleaned and I have a bunch of leaves raked up and by the road, but there are a LOT left on the maple out back. One sour note is I got the snow blower running, but it definitely has carburetor issues. It runs, but only on full choke, and not well. I think I'll have to take it in to get looked at... Which sucks...

Football... Well, the Packers had a bye, so that made for a weird day today, but nice enough... The Badgers? I don't know what to say, other than the last two weeks have been incredibly disappointing. That's probably another huge understatement... But the FDA Chairman has some open tickets for this week's Purdue game, so I better get over it so we can go and enjoy it. More on it next week...

SEC-W/M has been up north and texting me periodically with various updates... In his honor, let's get into this week's drink lineup!

31 Halloween. Suit up as a historical drunk. *Zombie.*

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.*

Can't believe we're almost into November already... I think tomorrow I'll have a few *Zombie's* and try to forget the *Fall of 2011* that I missed...

But with November, we have *Deer Camp 2011!* The best time of the year! With that too I am hopelessly behind schedule, but I hope to get an email out to the BBC tomorrow to start preparations... In the good old days, that email would go out in September... Oh well...

Another item of interest to report on is that the BBC Newsletter of 2010 is drafted and WILL be on newsstands by the opening of the 2011 season... Well, at least I hope it will be... Got some last minute help from a couple senior members and put the rest of the framework and content together Friday. Now I have to go back and do a final edit and then recruit someone else to do some real proof reading... Anyway, there is hope...

With that "air of hope" I will sign off... But before I go, a few words of wisdom for the junior members...

"There can be no happiness if the things we believe in are different from the things we do." ~ Freya Stark

THAT my friends, is very deep, but VERY true!

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

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October 24, 2011 - *Jak se maj!* Special Monday edition... The Weatherman makes his *Fall 2011* debut! Click below, or right click and "Save As" and play it locally...

[Weather - October 24, 2011](#)

Hopefully something works... If not, check him out on [PantherVision](#)...

October 23, 2011 - *Jak se maj!* Hi all... Should be a quick update since I don't have much to talk about... Been busy, but nothing fun...

Good weekend/Bad weekend for football... Packers looked so-so but pulled out a win... Badgers found about 10 ways to lose last night and applied them all.. Pretty sad, but that's football... Hopefully that makes them focus and we still get a shot at the Big Ten championship game and then the Rose Bowl!

Work was REALLY busy this week, including two late night maintenance windows and I'm on call, and will be busy for some time to come, but it's been fun. Tuesday we had our "Open House" at the new building and it went REALLY well. Had a great time, had a nice turn out, and no major issues... Let's hope business stays good!

Yesterday was a nice day and got some stuff done around the house, but the list is bigger than ever... Can't wait for the leaves to fall off the big maple in the backyard either... But the Chief has been helping out, so that make quicker and more fun work!

Put a "new" bed liner in the truck... Had some very large pieces of cardboard from work, cut them to fit, glued and duct taped them like crazy to hold together and protect the edges, and it's good to go... The old one was SHOT! After ONLY 6 years! Hard to believe people spend tons of money on expensive ones when this works great...

Log splitter is still broke, so that gives me a good reason not to make wood... Gotta get it over to the SEC-Transportation to get fixed...

Got in a REALLY nice little motorcycle ride yesterday. The day was beautiful so I jumped on and took a 60+ mile spin. Temps were in the low 60's, so it was perfect. Headed south, then east to the lakeshore, north a ways, and then home... Beautiful ride... But sad, as it will likely be the last of the year other than when I warm it up to service it, fill the gas tank, and put it way... Been a good year, but not nearly as many miles as the past few... I hope that's not a trend...

Went to church out in Glenmore this morning. Mass was for the in-laws and we went out for breakfast with Uncle Jerry and Diane after at the Townline in Bellevue. Really nice place and a really nice time... Had the "buffet" and actually behaved myself... Uncle Jerry and Diane are really fine people... Hope we do that more often...

The weatherman was home on Friday to get some stuff taken care of, which was nice, but he didn't bring his sidekick along... Home watching the dog no doubt... But it was good because he ordered potato soup for dinner, that that worked out for me...

Spent the Packer game working on a church laptop, so I hope that works out and makes up for a couple of my indiscretions in life... Better line up a WHOLE bunch to make up for them all...

Speaking of which, what's on the drink menu?

24 United Nations Day. Unite the liquors of the world into one body—yours. *Long Island Ice Tea.*

25 Anniversary of the Charge of the Light Brigade (1854). "Their's not to reason why, their's but to do and die." *Light beer.*

26 Anniversary of the Gunfight at the OK Corral (1881). Doc Holliday's last words while drinking a glass of whiskey: "This is funny." *Whiskey (but not funny whiskey).*

27 Dylan Thomas' Birthday (1914). "An alcoholic is someone you don't like who drinks as much as you do." *White Horse Scotch.*

28 St. Jude's Day. Patron saint of hopeless causes. **Tequila.**

29 Hermit Day. Stay home and drink all by your lonesome. **Yukon Jack.**

30 Feast of the Dead Children (Toltec). Oh, those creepy, creepy Toltecs. **Mescal.**

Oh oh... Better call the FDA Chairman and the Mayor... Next Sunday is Tequila Day!!!

Haven't talked to The President this week, but I hear he ordered this for the outhouse:



Hope it's heated and waterproof! I'd hate to freeze my behind to that if it's cold during Deer Camp!

Speaking of Deer Camp 2011, IT'S LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY!!! And no, I have not made any progress on the [newsletter](#)... But I DO have a reminder to get back to it tomorrow night after work... I've tried that before and failed, but it's getting to be crunch time, so it may actually work...

Next weekend I have extra days off from work scheduled, but I already lost one... I'm hoping to get Friday and Monday off the next two weekends... We'll see... I've got my entire FALL LIST to get done, and would kinda like to get up north or at least out in the woods some...

But we're also making a trip to "The Lake House" next weekend... The weatherman's sidekick's parents have a place out near Nekoosa (I think) so we're heading there for Saturday and Sunday. Should be fun! Maybe I'll even bring my fishing pole and see if I can soak a worm or two, just for fun...

But with the trip and the time off, no idea if there will be an update next week...

Don't think there's anything else going on... Like I said, pretty quick (and boring) update... But before I go, a few words of wisdom for the junior members...

"If there are no stupid questions, then what kind of questions do stupid people ask? Do they get smart just in time to ask questions?" ~ Scott Adams

Hmmm... Gotta ask The President about that one... He'll know...

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

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October 16, 2011 - *Jak se maj! Happy Sunday everyone! So far a great day! Packers won and hopefully the Brewers follow suite and force game 7... Sorry about the lack of an update last week, but the Booyah Cook-Off had me a bit "tired" and I had to watch the game... You're lucky you're getting one today... :-)*

This was a big weekend as we headed north to make wood for deer camp... I took Friday off so the Chief and I left early, got a GREAT breakfast in Lena, and then stopped at Kingsbury Kottage to help get the boat and dock in. Other than a telephone pole being in the way, and WAY too many milestones, everything went very well there. We then headed over to the cabin on A to find The President and AG hard at work. Luckily, we were able to get them off that train of thought and right to cocktail hour... When the SEC-Transportation and sidekick arrived, we headed out for supper. Went to a new place (for me at least) called the Country Inn on Newton Lake Road, just down from the Copper Palace. Neat little place and we had GREAT food, including some awesome gizzards on the salad bar. Fantastic... The rest of the night was a bit blurry, but I know I lost money playing cards and was really "tired" in the morning...

Saturday, despite being tired, we were up early, ate breakfast and got at the wood making. Took down a couple problem trees and in total cut 6 down and filled the woodshed to the brim with some overflow. Good days work! Then we hit the kitchen... Pork and kraut and roast chicken with baked potatoes. IT WAS AWESOME! Not sure what it is, but we always eat REALLY good up north... Since SEC-State and FDA Chair had to leave early for the game in the morning, we behaved a little better... Up early this morning and back home by 10:30... Had a great weekend for sure! Can't wait for deer camp!!!

One little issue, other than the telephone pole... My battery on the truck finally died... Had to jump start it to get home and then I had to head to the Man's Mall to get a new one after the game. Batteries sure have gotten expensive...

Tonight we're heading to town to celebrate Cherie's birthday... Going to Tucson's with the family and should have a nice time. Happy Birthday sis!!!

Work's been ridiculously busy, but it better than being bored... Got our Open House scheduled for this Tuesday, so that should be cool. We're getting settled in the new digs and certainly enjoy it!

Sports-wise things have been going great... Packers and Badgers are both undefeated and on a roll... Next couple weeks could be interesting for both... Brewers are on the edge of elimination, but I have high hopes for them tonight... We'll see...

Here's a good one from the FDA Chairman...

The year is 2016 and the United States has just elected the first woman president, who happens to be from Wisconsin. A few days after the election the president-elect, whose name is Susan, calls her Father and says, 'So, Dad, I assume you will be coming to my inauguration?'

'I don't think so. It's an 18 hour drive.'

'Don't worry about it Dad, I'll send Air Force One. And a limousine will pick you up at your door.'

'I don't know. Everybody will be so fancy. What would your mother wear?'

Oh Dad," replies Susan, 'I'll make sure she has a wonderful gown custom-made by the best designer in Washington...'

'Honey,' Dad complains, 'you know I can't eat those rich foods you eat.' Do they serve tap beer????

The President-to-be responds, 'Don't worry Dad. The entire affair will be handled

by the best caterer in Washington; I'll ensure your meals are salt free. You and mom just have to be there.'

So Dad reluctantly agrees and on January 20, 2017, Susan is being sworn in as President of the United States. In the front row sits the new president's Dad and Mom. Dad noticing the senator sitting next to him leans over and whispers, 'You see that woman over there with her hand on the Bible, becoming President of the United States.'

The Senator whispers back, 'You bet I do.'

Dad says proudly, "Her brother played football for the Green Bay Packers."

Don't know about you, but that cracked me up...

Don't really need a drink after this weekend, but let's see what's on the menu anyway..

*16 Oscar Wilde's Birthday (1854). "Work is the curse of the drinking classes."
Absinthe.*

*17 Anniversary of the First Oktoberfest (1810). Over a million gallons of beer were guzzled at Prince Ludwig's wedding. **Beck's.***

*18 Persons Day (Canada). Celebrates the day women were recognized as "persons." **Pink Lady.***

*19 Reptile Awareness Day. Hold your heads up high, lounge lizards. **Rum and Coke.***

*20 National Brandied Fruit Day. **In a pinch, you can mix brandy with a can of fruit cocktail. You heard me.***

*21 Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar (1805). Grog guzzlers trounce the wine snobs. **Navy Rum neat.***

*22 National Nut Day. You know who you are. **Nut Brown Ale.***

*23 Hungarian Independence Day. So long vodka; hello sweet, sweet freedom.
The Mad Hungarian
4oz shots Rum
12 oz Root beer
Pour rum over ice in a beer mug. Top with root beer.*

Nothing too interesting, but it'll do...

Well, it is certainly hard to believe, but Deer Camp 2011 is only a month away... Can't wait... But it DOES mean I gotta get that newsletter done!!! Maybe I'll get to it this week... No meetings that I'm aware of, so I should have some time... Pray for me...

Well, that's all I have time for... Lousy, but definitely worth what you paying for... Before I head out, a few words of wisdom for the junior members...

"Just the fact that some geniuses were laughed at does not imply that all who are laughed at are geniuses. They laughed at Columbus, they laughed at Fulton, they laughed at the Wright brothers. But they also

laughed at Bozo the Clown." ~ Carl Sagan

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October 02, 2011 - Jak se maj! Howdy all... Coming to you on a Sunday evening and I am a hurting unit... Skipper was in town this weekend and he and I walked downtown for the Badger game and met up with the SEC-W/M, his lovely fiancé, and some of his homeys... We have a fantastic time, the game was great, but Skipper WAS THIRSTY!!! Keeping up with him and the rest of the crew was no small task... Got home who knows when and the rest is history... But it was a rough day and still not up to par... Getting old... But enough of that and on with the update... But beware the typos... :-)

Major Breaking News: Madison Lynn Joins the Family!!!

This Wednesday little Madison Lynn (Maddie for short) reluctantly joined us! I say reluctantly as our new Mommy Amber described it as quite a long process. But Mom and Maddie are doing great and Maddie is just as cute as a button! My lovely bride and I stopped over Friday after they got home to visit and had a nice time meeting our new addition. So congrats to Mom, Dad, Grams, Granny, Uncles and Aunts!!!

As far as I know, that should be the last addition to the family this year... Hope the next generation (married ones ONLY) get busy turning out more for next year!!!

Sorry about the missed update last week, but we headed down to Brewtown for the Packer games last Sunday and by the time I got home I was in no mood to get the update started... But hopefully that gave everyone the chance to check out Captain Chuck's "pinning"... Congrats to Chuck as well!!!

More on the Brewtown trip last weekend... So it started out as a nice trip with my lovely bride to visit the weatherman and his sidekick to watch the game and meet their new dog Toby. Well, we thought it would be nice to have the mother-in-law come along so she could visit and see their place as well... THEN the sister-in-law and nephew got in on it too, so it turned out to be quite a crew heading down in our tiny little Cavalier... But we made it and had a really nice time. The dog is cute, the Packers won, and our hosts made a fantastic supper for us. Hope to do it again soon...

The past two weeks work-wise were pretty brutal. First we moved our customers out of our new building to their new building downtown and got them all setup. Then we MOVE us from our offices at NWTC to our new building. Actually everything really went well, but it was a ton of work for sure... Our new office is great and I think we're really going to like it there... Kinda funny though that we had a power outage from that windstorm that went through on our first day in the office... Hope that's not an indicator of things to come... :-)

With all the work stuff I haven't gotten much time on the bike lately, and with the weather cooling off and the days getting shorter, not sure how much more riding I'll get in... I did take a spin yesterday to the new office though, so that was a nice little trip. The weather forecast looks good for this week too so maybe I'll get to drive it in once or twice... We'll see...

It's been a couple of fantastic weeks for Wisconsin sports with the Brewers in the playoffs and doing great (2-0), the Badgers rolling including last night's demolition of Nebraska, and the Packers looking pretty unbeatable at this point... REALLY a fun time to be a fan... Except for the Denville 11 who likely go un-feated (winless) this year... Oh well, can't have everything...

Oh yeah, I think I'm still sore from that sidewalk work two weeks ago... Actually not "sore" but I definitely did something to my right arm... It's just not right, so I must have really messed something up in it... Oh well...

Not that I am up for it AT ALL, but the SEC-W/M requested that I be more diligent with the drink specials... So here's this week's line up:

*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 Liqueur.***

*3 St. Dionysus Day. The drunk monk, not the wine god. **Chimay Ale.***

*4 Vodka Day. "Vodka is our enemy, so we must utterly consume it!"—Russian idiom in response to Soviet anti-vodka campaign. **The enemy.***

*5 Monty Python's Flying Circus debuts (1969). "American Beer is a lot like making love in a row boat—it's fucking close to water." —Eric Idle. **Holy Grail Ale.***

*6 National German-American Day. Their beer tastes so much better when they're not shooting at us. **Bourbon and schnapps.***

*7 The Budweiser (Czech version) brewery begins operations (1895). You guys wanna trade? **Czech Budweiser.***

*8 Anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire (1871). Started by a sober cow. **White Russian.***

*9 St. Denis' Day. Patron saint against frenzies and headaches, in that order. **Hair of the dog that mauled you.***

Hey, looks like a pretty awesome week! Friday night we get to fire up some "real" Czech brewed Budweiser... Here it's branded as Czechvar... Yummy stuff! Then Saturday its White Russians until you can stand up to make any more... Could be a rough week!

Had a quick talk with The President the other day... He broke his zipper...



Actually, he's on a roll with getting the wood making weekend set. Looks like we're on for the October 15-16 weekend, so get calendar cleared and make the trip... It will likely be a good time... :-)

Also have the World Championship booyah cook-off this weekend, so Sunday will be a fun time out in Hebel's Corners. Wonder if the FM is gonna show up and make some of his Belgian swill? Hope so, cause its kinda fun watch The President try to keep up with both soups! Anyway, make sure you stop out at Circle Tap Sunday and get some booyah!

Got a birthday this week with the Mayor turning another page on Wednesday. We're going to her favorite Chinese Buffet to celebrate... Happy Birthday Sis!!!

I think that's it... Hard to believe its October already, but off we go...But before I go, a few words of wisdom for the junior membership...

"We are what we repeatedly do; excellence, then, is not an act but a habit." ~ Aristotle

So very true!

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