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April 22, 2012 - Jak se maj! Hi all and Happy Sunday! Feel a bit "tired" today after a fantastic celebration last night in honor of our latest newlyweds Alicia and Andy Foy! They had great weather for their big day! Very nice and timely ceremony, great reception at Mackinaw's and a top rate meal, all followed by a pretty great party! The bride's request for "EVERYONE" to dance sure came to fruition as the dance floor was pretty much packed all night. My lovely bride even had me dancing... and we both enjoyed it! Really was a great time a kickoff to what will hopefully be a long and happy marriage. Congrats to the new couple, Alicia and Andy, as well as their parents, as well as thanks for a great time!

Got out turkey hunting on Friday despite the pretty much opposite weather of the wedding day. It was cold, wet, and windy. But, IT WAS GREAT!!! Only made it out for 5 hours or so, but we did see ten turkeys, including one jake and two bearded hens, which was cool. So despite the short duration and crappy weather, it was a huge success. I had hoped to get out Friday afternoon, but work again interfered, and yesterday and today are shot, so my season is pretty much over, but I'm really glad I got out. Thanks as always to Zumbo and his awesome hospitality.

Speaking of Zumbo, Captain Chuck was home for the wedding and as always it was great to see him. The boy sure looks sharp in his uniform!

Got some good feedback on "April Fools" posting over the weekend. Didn't think anyone got it, but it turns out it was much better than I thought... For you readers out there that got "got", sorry for the scare but you can look forward to next year!

I was actually just out in the shop working on Skipper's new planer boards. I just put a fresh coat of primer on them and they are looking pretty good. But as is always the case, I am by far the sloppiest painter ever. For such a little job, I can't believe how much paint I have everywhere. Oh well, only two coast to go!

Saw The President and First Lady at the wedding last night and then The President called today to help out with cutting down a section of his apple tree. Good thing he called too, cause I think his plan may have ended up with the tree on his garage. So we swung it the other way and it came down great. Good quick job, as I had to be home for lunch with the Weatherman, Sidekick, and Toby-T. We had tacos... Not as good as the ones at the "after-bar" party last night I'm sure, but they hit the spot...

So, let's move on to this week's drink schedule.

22 Jack Nicholson's Birthday (1937). Heeeeeere's Johnny! *Johnny Walker Black.*

23 The Reinheitsgebot is adopted (1516). German purity law demands that beer only be made of malt, yeast, hops and water. *Good German beer.*

24 National Remembrance of Man's Inhumanity To Man Day. Atone for your barroom behavior. *Solemn shots of tequila.*

25 Cuckoo Day (English). Get cuckoo for cocoa shots!

Cocoa Shot

1 1/2 oz cognac

1/2 oz white chocolate liqueur

1/2 oz amaretto

1/2 oz cream

1 Maraschino cherry

Shake with ice, strain, garnish with a maraschino cherry, shoot.

26 Richter Scale Day. Shake it, baby, shake it!

Earthquake

1/3 gin

1/3 whisky

1/3 Pernod (Absinthe if you got it)

Shake with ice, strain.

27 Ulysses S. Grant's Birthday (1822). When informed that Grant was a drunkard, Lincoln retorted: "Find out what brand of whiskey Grant drinks, because I want to send a barrel of it to each one of my generals." *Old Crow Whiskey.*

28 Crew of the HMS Bounty mutinied (1789). Among other outrages, the Captain cut off their grog. *Rum.*

I think I may have had one of those Earthquake things last night... Sure felt like it this morning...

One in honor of The President. I would swear this is his expect it a power plug from overseas. But, it does prove he has relatives in "the old country"



I just got the Fish Camp 2012 documents updated and initial emails sent out. Hard to believe it's only two weeks away and I haven't even started getting ready. Based on the schedule coming up, I may not start getting ready until I'm there, but when I get the docs set, I'll get them posted...

So, work is still crazy busy, and actually gonna be crazier over the next two weeks or so. I'm heading out to Philly Wednesday until next Monday for a big project we have going on out there. On top of that I have a hole heap of other stuff still going on, so it'll be business as usual for the next few at least. I hope to be able to get off for the full Fish Camp weekend, but we'll just have to see how everything works out. Hope for the best, expect the worst!

Obviously, with me being out of town next week, don't expect an update. If it goes "really" well, perhaps I'll have time on Sunday, but I'm not planning on it...

I thought I'd have more, but that'll have to do... But I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior

members...

"Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards." ~ Benjamin Franklin

Hear that kids?

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

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PS. Monster TV = Still in dining room!

April 15, 2012 - Howdy! How's everyone doing? I hope you've had a great week and finished up with a great weekend! Sorry about the bare bones update last week, but the Easter holiday had me pretty worn out... But it was a great Easter! Spent a lot of time in church, which I need, and enjoyed the holiday very much. Ate at Potts/Beverly Gardens for Easter brunch, and that had as much to do with my lack of an update as anything. I really didn't go all out, but I was still stuffed! Great meal as always!

The Weatherman, sidekick, and Toby-T were home for the holiday too and it was good to see them. Their schedule was pretty booked, which is understandable, so we only got to see them for a few hours Sunday afternoon, but as they say, quality time is often better than quantity. We'll get to see them next weekend too, but more on that later...

So, going back two weeks... How did everyone like my April Fools? I only had one comment, which was disappointing... but I thought it was funny, which is what really matters...

The theme of my life as of late continues on... Work, and lots of it... and a lot more on the horizon. More on my plate than I can imagine... I have a large global project to finish by month end and to top it off, I have a project out in Philly that will have me traveling there from April 25th through the 30th. Hopefully once I get through this tough span, it'll lighten up a bit...

Speaking of lightening up a bit, I took the time this weekend to get the motorcycle out. Put her out in the sun yesterday, washed her up and let her dry. Checked everything out and then she fired up pretty easy. Took maybe 10-15 seconds for her to fire and then she was running nice. I let her warm up for about 10 minutes and took a spin. Ran be-a-u-ti-fully... Until I came back through town at a low idle and then she started missing... and wouldn't stop. So I likely have a stuck carb. When I get more time, whenever that will be, I'll check the cylinders and go from there. Sometimes I just need to run the first tank through with a half can of Seaform and then we're good. I hope that's the case this year...

In other good news, despite the craziness at work, I got my taxes done! YEAH!!! They look just like last year, with different numbers of course, so assuming last year was right I should be good to go. I got money back, and that's all that I really care about...

The President had a birthday last week and I didn't hear a word from him or the police, so I assume it went well...

The Skipper stopped over last night to chat and have a few beers. He was in town to work on his boat, so he stopped over to check on the status of his planer boards, which by the way, still aren't done... (BUT I'M MAKING PROGRESS!!!) Really, he just stopped over to shoot the breeze over a few beers, and that is exactly what I needed. I had lots of work to do, but it waited... So Thanks Skipper!

I'd been very remiss in working on the SEC-Transportations PC too, so I stopped over there yesterday to go through the next steps... Guess what? It went GREAT! His PC is pretty much all set (except for a couple email issues) and he should be able to print invoices remotely. I say "should" because he was in Minnehaha and had his wireless adapter with him so I couldn't test it. Funny, cause he didn't have his laptop... Just the wireless adapter... Ha!!!

15 Tax Day. If you ever needed a reason to drink, here it is. *Whatever you can afford.*

16 Kingsley Amis' Birthday (1922). Writer's epitaph saluted him as a "supreme clubman, boozier and blimp." *Fat Bastard Chardonnay.*

17 Daffy Duck makes his debut (1937). Do your best imitation. *Cold Duck (burgundy and champagne).*

18 Paul Revere makes his midnight ride (1775). Make your own ride before the liquor stores close. *White Horse Scotch.*

19 Homer Simpson makes his first appearance on television. "Woo-hoo!" *Sweet, sweet beer.*

20 National Karaoke Week begins. Ever notice how getting drunk makes you sound like Sinatra and everyone else sound like retards? *Shot of courage.*

21 Alferd G. Packer Day. University of Colorado's cafeteria is named after the famous cannibal. *Dead Guy Ale.*

Well, it's not officially Tax Day because it's Sunday, but we can, and should, drink anyway...

Busy week coming up, along with work taking up all my time, I think this is my turkey hunting week... Which reminds me, pretty much too late, to catch up with Zumbo, see how he did this week, and see if I'm still allowed out on the ranch...

Saturday the SEC-State marries off his first offspring as Alicia and Andy will be wed, which will be the first of 4 weddings this year in the Nelson clan. Should be a blast but will likely take up a good portion of the weekend, which is good. Best of wishes to the "to-be" happy couple!

Before I forget... Got an email from the SEC-W/M with a few "Bob-isms"... Here's one... More to come...



Hey, that one makes sense!!!

That's all I have, so I'm out of here.., See you soon... But before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

***"To the bride and groom... I love you guys! Good luck!" ~ Wedding Toast
- Various Best Men***

I've heard a lot of good ones, but as a best man, you can NEVER go wrong with short and sweet...

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

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PS. The monster TV is "still" here...

April 8, 2012 - Jak se maj! Happy Easter all!!

Sorry for the lack of update, but the holiday weekend had me occupied...

Wanted to wish everyone a Great Easter!!!

Spent last week working and going to church... Couldn't get into too much trouble that way, but still did find a little mischief... :-)

Happy Bithday wishes going out to Mr President!!! I hope he has a great day... If you run into him, pick him back up, and wish him a great day! I'm pretty sure he likes whiskey, so you could catch him one as well...

That's all I have time for...

Have a great week!

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April 1, 2012 - Hi all... I'd like to say it's been going great and that I hope you are all the same, but some things have really shaken my world this past week...

To start the week, my tranny finally died on the truck. Luckily I limped home but its shot... The next day the car was smoking and I found a puddle of oil under. Checking the engine, I can see that it blew a rod right through the side of the engine block. TWO vehicles in one week? It gets better... or worse I guess...

Friday we found out our business is going under and after four years of struggles, we are closing our doors in a few weeks. We are working through helping our customers transition and then we are done... Pretty shocking as we all thought things were going well, but there's more to it I can share later...

When my lovely bride found out she got pretty upset and left the house. I think she's OK as she's responded to a couple texts but won't tell me where she is. She says she's at a "friends", but won't say who "he" is...

I have no vehicles, so I tried to start the bike today, but that'll only fire on 2 cylinders... So I have NO vehicles... Well, at least none that run... Maybe I should go try the MG.

To really top it all off, it turns out my 12 year old dog was pregnant and had a litter of puppies. I have 8 lab/retriever mix puppies whining in the corner right now... Not only was the dog fixed, but she's 12 YEARS OLD! What the heck?!?! Maybe I can sell them...

What can I possible say after all that? Just Happy April 1st...

Jak se maj! Hi everyone! In reality, the cars are fine, work is great, my lovely bride is snoozing in front of the TV, and there are no miracle puppies in the house. I did charge the battery on the bike this weekend, but I can't say its running, so who knows...

Hope I didn't scare anyone... or jinx myself talking smart... Hope you had a good Fools Day...

So what's really up? Not much...

Got my taxes started... The Chief's are done, but they are pretty simple. Mine are a MESS! It went WAY too smoothly entering the data. Got my numbers and they actually looked pretty close to what I expected. Then I compared line items with last year, and now I'm lost... This whole S-Corp/small business thing is crazy. Well, what's crazy is either the tax code changes, the software I'm using, or both. I checked everything compared to last year, and other than us actually showing a profit (on paper) this year, it should all be the same... But it's not... LOTS more work to do there...

Not going to say much about work other than it's the company's (and my) four year anniversary. We just had our shareholder meeting last Friday and things look good. Not great... Not bad... Just good... Personally, I think our biggest obstacle is growing pains. Our sales area is still an issue, but to be honest, if we grew a lot faster, we'd have a lot of issues, so hopefully it stays steady growth-wise and away we go... I'll look back at this in 10 years and see what I think then...

Not only been working a lot but also been working on an upgrade on the church website I help out with. We're upgrading the calendar application and it's been a work in progress for something like 9 months... We are "hopefully" rolling it out today, but I haven't heard anything from the technical guy yet. I took a nap today "just in case" I'm up late tonight checking on it... The nap was nice regardless...

I am finally getting the business on the monster TV sitting in the corner of the dining room. I guess I'll have to deal with it now.

Not much else going on. Lent is almost over and we are into Holy Week, which means I probably won't partake much, but you never know... Here are the drink specials this week:

*2 Anniversary of Battle of the Flowers (French). Only the French would fight over flowers. **Fernet Branca.***

*3 Festival of Min (Egyptian). Min was the god of wheat and sex. **Wheat beer in a sexy glass.***

*4 First home phone installed (1877). Making it ridiculously easy for the hungover masses to call in sick. **Bloody Mary.***

*5 Tomb Sweeping Day (Chinese). Because, you know, those tombs can get awfully dusty. **Tombstone Whiskey.***

*6 Merle Haggard's Birthday (1937). Songs included "Whiskey Bent and Hellbound" and "The Whiskey Ain't Working." Hope he was right. **George Dickel Whiskey.***

*7 Robert Peary reaches the North Pole (1909). His provisions included a case of Guinness. **Ice cold Guinness.***

*8 International Feng Shui Awareness Day. Just think how much your personal energy would improve if you moved the beer in your fridge to your stomach. **A refrigerator of beer***

Some on Easter we have a "Refrigerator of Beer". THAT sounds like a plan...

So, I hear The President is upgrading again at the cabin... New Lawn Furniture...



Cable spools and pallets... Jeez, that would make Uncle Dallas proud!!!

Well, that's all I can come up with this week... I hope you all have a good Holy Week and a Great Easter! See you soon...

But wait, before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"He who laughs last, thinks slowest." ~ Anonymous

Usually it's a contest a deer camp to see who IS the slowest...

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

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