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August 19 , 2012 - ***Jak se maj! Howdy folks! Coming to you on a Sunday night... Spent the day puttering around and watching Little League baseball... Other than the short downpour we had earlier, it's been a pretty great day!***

Also spent some time working on the bike today. Last week I had some issues on the way home from work involving something smoking and loss of rear brakes. It was pretty strange to say the least, but I did make it home just fine. I went over everything this morning and couldn't find anything specifically wrong other than the back brakes seem to be bad. I'm guessing an issue with the master cylinder or caliper. I have a message into my mechanic and I hope to hear back tomorrow. Kind of a bummer...

Yesterday I fixed my leaky rubber roof on my porch and also headed out to Zumbo's to make some wood. I only got a little wood made as I only had a couple hours, but I took a ride with Zumbo and he pointed out enough trees to keep me in wood for a few years. One on a fence line is a real dandy... Should keep me busy for the fall at the least... Didn't get to play with the new splitter yet, but at least I have some wood to split now.

Speaking of wood making, the cardboard box I used to carry my wood making stuff around (gas, chain oil, tools, etc.) ripped, so I made a new wooden one. Used old leftover scraps from my wooden fence. Turned out OK... Here's a picture.



Haven't heard from The President since he returned from his Canada fishing trip. I'm sure it went, if they let him back in the country... Looks like he has a new job though... Here's evidence...



Friday night I took my lovely bride out to eat and we checked out Gibbs on the Lake. Gibbs has been closed for a few years but they've re-opened. It was always one of my favorite places, and it seems to be back in style. I'd say it's a little pricier and higher class than the normal supper club around here, but the food was plentiful and REALLY good! I'm sure we'll be back there again...

My tooth is getting a little better... Either getting used to it or it's starting to heal a little. "Next" Wednesday I get it drilled and get my temporary cap fitted. That's always fun, but it'll be much better when it's all done...

Had a nice service and time at Mass last Thursday. The highlight was not having to watch that crappy Packer pre-season game... Not sad I missed most of it... They better get their act together soon...

Have had quite a bit on my plate and now I'm helping out with computer stuff at the church and school here in Denville. They are in need of the help, but it's gonna be a challenge to have time for that and everything else going on. If I keep at it, maybe I'll have some shot at heaven... Better make a lot of time available to them... :-)

Saturday I sent in for an antlerless permit for the area around the BBC. Lots were available and I had no issues getting the application done. This way we'll have one just in case there's a miracle and we actually seen a deer...

Speaking of the BBC, let's see what's on the drink menu...

20 National Homeless Animals Day. If activists tied a bottle of scotch around every stray's neck, they would all be adopted immediately. And named Lucky. **Lucky Lager.**

21 National Forgiveness Day. Good day to test the endurance of those 86s. **Whatever you can get away with.**

22 Dorothy Parker's Birthday (1893). "I like to have a martini, two at the very most. After three I'm under the table, after four I'm under my host." **At least four martinis.**

23 Anniversary of the Death of William "Braveheart" Wallace. When they cruelly drag you out of the pub, make sure you roar, "Freedom! Freedom!" **Scotch.**

24 Festival of Vulcan and the Nymphs (Roman). Vulcan was a forerunner of Hef. **Jello shot.**

25 Sean Connery's Birthday (1930). The one true Bond. **Martini.**

26 Woman's Equality Day. Let the ladies pick up the tab. **Top shelf.**

It sounds like its martini week. I like Wednesday best... Dorothy Parker must have been some fun...

Next weekend is the Annual Church Meeting and Picnic. Saturday the FDA Chairman and staff will be cooking booyah at the mayor's house, and Sunday we have Mass at noon, followed by lunch and the meeting.

Other than that, I have work-work, church work, work around the house, wood to make, and other assorted tasks... My lists don't seem to be getting any shorter and my list of jobs done doesn't grow nearly fast enough... Must be getting old or something...

So, I'm gonna go get buys... Probably watching Little League, but that's work too... So I'm out of here, but before I go, here are a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"If you want to know what God thinks of money, just look at the people he gave it to." ~ Dorothy Parker

See, Dorothy Parker is cool... She had some other good lines, but I like this one best... Well, second best after the Martini quote...

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

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PS. Monster TV... No progress...

August 12 , 2012 - Jak se maj! Been two weeks, so there's lots to catch up on. Last week I missed the update to take my lovely bride for a ride to Manty and out to eat at Culvers. By the time we got home, it was late and I had stuff to prepare for my vacation day on Monday... More on that later... Anyway, here we go...

Last weekend was the Nelson Family Camping weekend and I headed up for the day on Saturday and had a great time! Kinda iffy weather, so I didn't take the bike up, but that was just as well as I could have a few drinks and still be OK to drive home. I brought "John Daily's" (Which are Arnold Palmers with booze) for a refreshing drink and they turned out pretty good. But they were nothing compared to the various fare provided for the "Cooking Completion". I don't know who won, but everything was awesome! Had a good time, hated to go home, but hopefully next year my lovely bride will agree to go up for the weekend.

Last Sunday was pretty uneventful other than some work around the house. I re-did all my down-spouts to have a "tilt-up" so you can move them out of the way, which turned out pretty good. Got various other stuff done too, and then took my lovely bride for a ride and out to eat.

I had decided to take Monday off to take a ride on the motorcycle and the weather cooperated delivering a BE-A-U-TI-FUL day! My original hope was to go all the way up Door County and take the ferry to Washington Island, but realized I probably didn't have enough time, so I just decided to drive up to the tip of the peninsula. Good move too!

Headed up on 42 through Kewaunee and Algoma and hit Hwy U to Sturgeon Bay. Hwy U is VERY nice! From there I went up the east side of the county on 57 all the way to where the ferry docks. There's a little park (Kenosha I believe) near there where I took a break. It's just a tiny little park, really just a turn around with a picnic table, couple of benches, grill and pot-a-potty. But WHAT A VIEW this place has... Here are some pics:



REALLY pretty place... Almost looks like the Caribbean... If you look really close on a couple pictures (click on them for more detail) you can see the ferry going back and forth... Sweet!

From there I headed home on the west side of the county. Even though it was Monday, the little "bay" towns are still a pain in the butt. Took about a half hour longer going home due to that, but overall a great day. I will admit though, it took me about 5 and a half hours and after 4 and a

half my butt was PRETTY sore... Now I know my limit though, which is good. Not sure I'll get another long ride like that in this year, but this one was great!

The bike REALLY rode nice with the new tires, but I did have some issues with the carbs again. Getting that "sputter" again while I'm cruising and it just "seemed" to sound a little funny. With the rain and other conflicts, I didn't get it out again this week, so I'll have to see, but I might need another carb tuning appointment...

Finished the transaction for the splitter this week, but sadly I haven't been able to go play with it at all. Again, weather and schedules have kept me from making any wood, but hopefully in the next week or two we'll get out... Luckily, Zumbo said it's OK to store it there for a bit, but it might get costly... :-)

Packers played Thursday... Blah... Not too exciting...

On call this week, so I've been sleep deprived since a nasty Thursday night... Between 10pm and 6am, I had one change at midnight that took an hour, 4 pages, and two phone calls... BRUTAL night, and then off to work at 8am... Luckily the last couple days have been better, but it takes me a bit to recover from that these days...

Got a bad tooth to make my end of summer more interesting. It's been REALLY REALLY REALLY sensitive to hot and cold, to the point where I have been skipping my somewhat normal dish of ice cream in the evening. So I went to see the doc and I have a cracked molar. I'll need a new crown, so that should be fun, but it won't happen for a few weeks due to insurance. He did file it down some which was supposed to help, but it really hasn't... Oh well, only a week or three to go...

I really haven't spent much time watching the Olympics, but Little League is under way, so I've been watching that. In fact, it's on right now... (One of my yearly pleasures along with the NCAA Lacrosse Championship...) They've been showing regionals, so next weekend will be the World Series... Actually, it may be the next two weekends... Always fun to watch!

With the missed update last week, I failed to get out birthday wishes to the SEC-W/M. So here's a belated birthday shout out! Happy Birthday Ric!!!

With that, we'll move on to the SEC-W/M's favorite section of the update... The weekly drink specials!

*12 International Youth Day. When they march past the pub, taunt them with your drink. **Aged scotch.***

*13 Don Ho's Birthday (1930). Patron saint of fat drunk guys in loud Hawaiian shirts. **Tiki drinks.***

*14 Trifon Zaresan Festival. Bulgarian wine drinking celebration. **Bulgarian wine.***

15 Liechtenstein National Day. The populace of this tiny monarchy drink more per capita than anyone on the planet.

Mighty Mouse

1 oz Vodka

3/4 oz Triple sec

3/4 oz Grenadine

Mix and shoot.

*16 Charles Bukowski's Birthday (1920). Open and close a dive. **Thunderbird.***

17 Feast of the Hungry Ghosts (China). Remember: Ghosts are afraid of whiskey. *Whiskey.*

18 Bad Poetry Day. That's every day for some of you. *Port.*

19 Burn Witch Burn Day (1609). Among the crimes the Salem witches were accused of was making good beer go bad.

Frisky Witch

1 1/2 oz Black Sambuca

1 1/2 oz Vodka

Mix and shoot.

There's all SORTS of great ideas for the SEC-W/M to go for. I'll suggest the "Mighty Mouse" in honor of his little brother... He's more litley to go for the "Tiki Drinks"...

Speaking of the SEC-Transportation, I stopped out to see him yesterday to drop off some work for Skipper's boat. Needs some repairs and adjustments to the boat trailer winch, and I'm sure he'll do a great job!

This week we have Mass for Ma and Pa Nelson and the boys, so I hope to see you there. Thursday at the little church on NN at 7:30pm.

For you BBC deer hunters, the antlerless permit selection begins on Saturday the 18th. Be sure to check out the directions so you know what you're doing. 49B (BBC Central) has the usual excess of permits, so if you want to get one not to use, go for it...

I think that's it... Can't think of anything else that went on or is on the schedule, so I'm out... But before I go, here are a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"A real vacation is having nothing to do and all day to do it in." ~ Robert Orben

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

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PS. Monster TV... New plan in mind, I just need to implement...

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