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July 29, 2012 - Jak se maj! Hi all! Been a relatively quiet week, so it should be a quick update... We'll see how it goes...

Let's start off with some good news... THE FENCE IS DONE! I spent a couple hours Monday and Tuesday night and finished the staining project. Looks pretty good... Here's a sample, but feel free to stop by and check it out:



Next up is a good news/bad news story... Starting out with the good... The motorcycle is back home! After all the issues I had with it, it was done on Monday and I picked it up. And it ran SWEET and SMOOTH! The new tires are great and everything was purring along. Got out on Friday afternoon for a short 40 mile ride and all was well. Until today... I headed out this morning to get in a quick ride before any rain showed up. Stopped first to gas up, and when I went to start it, it started hard, which is strange of late. Got about two miles down the road and it started to run rough and sputter, so I turned around and headed home. By the time I got there, it would barely idle. Not sure if it was the gas (the pump "was" acting funny) or if it was another carb issue. So I drained the gas, which is not fun and got some new fresh gas and it's still doing it. It does almost appear to be a barb/cylinder lock issue again, so I'm gonna let it sit for a day and see. The first cylinder did seem a little cooler than the others, so it could be... I hope that's it...

Another interesting story... Skipper called Friday looking for a fisherman on Saturday... First he had an opening during the evening, but then he called back and asked if I could go in the morning... It was the first time I'd been out with him on the morning fish, so I was pretty pumped up. He picked me up at 3:30am and we were on the water heading out by 4:30. Gorgeous out at that time of day, but we ended up with some engine issues so it was a very slow ride out. Plus there were some pretty good size rollers that grew to 3-4 footers by 7am. As we were rigging the lines, we got a quick hit on one and I reeled and Skipper ran the net. We got it to the side of the boat but we had some issues and lost it.

By the time we got reset, my stomach was turning. BIG TIME! To the point that I had to hurl over the side of the boat. So the rest of the morning was a bit of a struggle. I was OK if I had my head up, so I did most of the driving, but I never really did get rid of the queasiness. Both Skipper and his cousin were also a little green, but they kept their cookies down...

So it wasn't the best fishing trip I ever went on, and the first time I really got sea sick. I think it was a combination of the big rollers and the fact I had two cups of coffee on an empty stomach.

Next time I'll try eating before I leave and see if that helps... Skipper also had to take his boat in to get the engine fixed, so I hope that goes well...

Oh yeah, the fishing... We did catch three salmon, but we lost six others, including the one we lost at the side of the boat. The other 5 we all lost further out, so it seemed to be a pretty light bite that morning. But 3 at this time of the year, especially considering the waves, isn't bad at all...

We're a done deal with the new splitter! I talked to Arlin and we have a deal, so we are all set except the final transaction. Kingsbury Kottage is gonna kick in too so it'll be a 3 way deal. I'll settle up this week and then we'll have to plan a weekend to go play with it... Should be very nice compared to splitting by hand...

Look what I found...



It's a Wisconsin plate too, so I'm pretty sure The President had his hands in this one...

## So what's on the menu?

- 30 All American Soap Box Derby Day. Recapture those forgotten memories of childhood glory. Gin and ginger ale.
- 31 Jimmy Hoffa disappears (1975). Left behind a lotta outstanding bar tabs. Union-made beer.
- 1 Modern Drunkard Magazine was unleashed on the drinking public (1996). Rise up, boozehead! Anything and everything.
- 2 Peter O'Toole's Birthday (1932). "I was so drunk I thought I was Peter O'Toole."—Richard Burton. Irish whiskey.
- 3 Feast of Caligo (Roman). All hail the Mother of Chaos! Mix whatever's on hand in a bucket.
- 4 St. Sithney's Day. Patron saint of mad dogs. Something frothy.
- 5 Andy Capp debuted in Britain's Daily Mirror (1957). Best comic strip ever. As many pints as your lady will buy you.

Gin and Ginger Ale... I wonder what THAT tastes like...

Can you believe it's almost August??? Holy crap where did the first 2/3rd of summer go???

With that though comes the annual Nelson family camping. The crew will head to Kingsbury Kottage for the event. My family is pretty booked, but I hope to make it up for the day on Saturday at the least. With any luck the bike will be running better by then and I can take that up. We'll see... But I KNOW everyone else will have a great time!!!

I don't see anything else on my calendar, and nothing else comes to mind, so off I go...But before I do, here are a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"I didn't fall. The floor just needed a hug." ~ Unknown Drunk

Wouldn't be surprised if I knew that drunk...

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

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PS. Monster TV... No update

July 22,2012 - Jak se maj! Howdy Folks... I swear I started an update last week... In fact, here is my start...

From July 16: A late and quick Monday update! Busy and tired yesterday, so I didn't get an update done... But I figured I'd better get something out there...

Saturday we went crabbing maintained the tradition of celebrating Ma Nelson's birthday in style. Had a great time despite a somewhat low turnout. Lot's be people busy or otherwise tied up, but those that showed made it a great day! The FDA Chairman, Chief Inspector and I met at 1pm and headed to the crick. Weather was warm but not unbearable, and due to the drought conditions we were a little worried about water levels but it turns out our concerns were unfounded. Water was low but perfect and in about 20 minutes we had close to a 5 gallon pail full. We proceeded to "sort" them on site and had a half cooler full when done. After returning home and cleaning, we had a fairly full pot of really nice sized crabs. AWESOME!!!

The Mayor stopped in for a bit to check out the action before heading to her side job at the track and shortly after the SEC-State arrived. That was pretty much it until the weatherman and sidekick got home from a rather hilarious trip "kayaking" on Lake Michigan. I'll leave that story to be told at another time...

We got the crabs cooked up and chilled and ordered Susters chicken and had a REALLY nice meal, including a fine desert my lovely bride threw together. Overall a really really great day! If you're interested, I do have some crabs left over, so if you want some, drop me a line...

After the crabbing crew cleared out my lovely bride and the rest of my clan decided it would be a great idea to bar hop in downtown Denville. I was beat tired, but was not allowed the option of guarding the house, so we headed up the hill and then back down before retiring at a reasonable time. Despite the best behavior, I was still quite tired all day Sunday. Not good personally, but a good time was had by all...

Sunday I spent under the weather laying low, dealing with the dogs and working on wedding plans. The weatherman's dog Toby was up and my lovely bride was very much on top of keeping an eye on him and Cassie. Which means I was involved quite extensively. The dogs were fine, but that didn't lessen the intensity of the watching required... Made for a somewhat long day, and certainly contributed to the lack of a Sunday update...:-)

Not much else going on, but I did get this is from the Sausage Stuffer via the Librarian... According to reports, it's one of the Sausage Stuffer's favorites!

MAN RULES AT LAST A GUY HAS TAKEN THE TIME TO WRITE THIS ALL DOWN

FINALLY, THE GUYS' SIDE OF THE STORY. (I MUST ADMIT, IT'S PRETTY GOOD.) WE ALWAYS HEAR 'THE RULES'FROM THE FEMALE SIDE

NOW HERE ARE THE RULES FROM THE MALE SIDE

THESE ARE OUR RULES!
PLEASE NOTE.. THESE ARE ALL NUMBERED #1 ON PURPOSE!

- 1. MEN ARE NOT MIND READERS.
- 1. LEARN TO WORK THE TOILET SEAT. YOU'RE A BIG GIRL. IF IT'S UP, PUT IT DOWN. WE NEED IT UP, YOU NEED IT DOWN. YOU DON'T HEAR US COMPLAINING ABOUT YOU LEAVING IT DOWN.
- 1. CRYING IS BLACKMAIL.
- 1. ASK FOR WHAT YOU WANT. LET US BE CLEAR ON THIS ONE: SUBTLE HINTS DO NOT WORK!
  STRONG HINTS DO NOT WORK!
  OBVIOUS HINTS DO NOT WORK!
  JUST SAY IT!
- 1. YES AND NO ARE PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE ANSWERS TO ALMOST EVERY QUESTION.
- 1.. COME TO US WITH A PROBLEM only IF YOU WANT HELP SOLVING IT. THAT'S WHAT WE DO. SYMPATHY IS WHAT YOUR GIRLFRIENDS ARE FOR.
- 1. ANYTHING WE SAID 6 MONTHS AGO IS INADMISSIBLE IN AN ARGUMENT. IN FACT, ALL COMMENTS BECOME NULL AND VOID AFTER 7 DAYS.
- 1. IF YOU THINK YOU'RE FAT, YOU PROBABLY ARE. DON'T ASK US...
- 1. IF SOMETHING WE SAID CAN BE INTERPRETED TWO WAYS AND ONE OF THE WAYS MAKES YOU SAD OR ANGRY, WE MEANT THE OTHER ONE
- 1. YOU CAN EITHER ASK US TO DO SOMETHING OR TELL US HOW YOU WANT IT DONE. NOT BOTH. IF YOU ALREADY KNOW BEST HOW TO DO IT, JUST DO IT YOURSELF.

- 1. WHENEVER POSSIBLE, PLEASE SAY WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO SAY DURING COMMERCIALS.
- 1. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DID NOT NEED DIRECTIONS AND NEITHER DO WE...
- 1. ALL MEN SEE IN ONLY 16 COLORS, LIKE WINDOWS DEFAULT SETTINGS... PEACH, FOR EXAMPLE, IS A FRUIT, NOT A color. Pumpkin is also a fruit. We have NO IDEA WHAT MAUVE IS.
- 1. IF WE ASK WHAT IS WRONG AND YOU SAY 'NOTHING,' WE WILL ACT LIKE NOTHING'S WRONG. WE KNOW YOU ARE LYING, BUT IT IS JUST NOT WORTH THE HASSLE.
- 1. IF YOU ASK A QUESTION YOU DON'T WANT AN ANSWER TO, EXPECT AN ANSWER YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR..
- 1. WHEN WE HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE, ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING YOU WEAR IS FINE...REALLY.
- 1. DON'T ASK US WHAT WE'RE THINKING ABOUT UNLESS YOU ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUCH TOPICS AS FOOTBALL OR MOTOR SPORTS.
- 1. YOU HAVE ENOUGH CLOTHES.
- 1. YOU HAVE TOO MANY SHOES.
- 1. I AM IN SHAPE. ROUND IS A SHAPE!
- 1. THANK YOU FOR READING THIS. YES, I KNOW, I HAVE TO SLEEP ON THE COUCH TONIGHT.. BUT DID YOU KNOW MEN REALLY DON'T MIND THAT? IT'S LIKE CAMPING...

PASS THIS TO AS MANY MEN AS YOU CAN - TO GIVE THEM A LAUGH...

PASS THIS TO AS MANY WOMEN AS YOU CAN - TO GIVE THEM A BIGGER LAUGH, BECAUSE ITS TRUE!

True? Yes, all TOO TRUE!!!

So that's all the further I got last week... I TRIED!!! But it's a good start for this week... So we can move on from there...

The Kapinos Reunion was this week Thursday. We meet up at the Sausage Stuffer's abode for our yearly get together. As always, it was a good time and great to see the cousins from that side of the family. One of the discussions every year revolves around who's retired and how old everyone is... Well, I am the youngest on that side, and its shows as every year the party ends earlier and earlier. After church the FDA Chair and I stopped back and everyone had been gone for an hour. Too bad, but it's certainly better than not seeing everyone at all... Can't wait for next year...

This is an on-call week for me so I'm stuck pretty close to home... So I sent the weekend trying to finish staining my fence. I got pretty far with the whole far side done and only 3 more sections on my side. Those go a little quicker, so I hope to get time after work a couple days

this week to get it done...

The big Lions Fest was this weekend and I hardly got to see any of it... Didn't go down to the park at all, and only caught about half of the parade... From my porch where it was much cooler... Maybe next year...

Zumbo has been on the prowl for a splitter for us and I think he scored. He has one a neighbor asked him to store for him and is willing to sell. It's a pretty big one, but he has a pretty reasonable price on it so I think we're gonna get it. I talked to The President about it and he is now FULL of ideas for fundraisers to help pay for it. It should be a pretty fun time a Deer Camp and Fish Camp if it goes through... Hope to have more news on it next week...

After a tough weekend last week, I've been beerless this weekend. So with that in mind let's see what's on the menu...

23 Raymond Chandler's Birthday (1888). Literary father of the booze-belting P.I. Rye whiskey.

24 National Tequila Day. AKA Wake Up In Jail Day. Tequila.

25 St. Christopher's Day. Patron saint of bikers and bachelors.

Confirmed Bachelor
1 1/2 oz Gin
1 tsp Grenadine
1/2 tsp Rose's Lime Juice
1 Egg white
Shake with ice, strain.

26 Revolution Day (Cuba). Fidel continues to revolt. Cuba Libre.

27 National Scotch Day. "Well, between scotch and nothin', I suppose I'd take scotch. It's the nearest thing to good moonshine I can find." —William Faulkner. Scotch (if there's no 'shine on hand).

28 Hurricane Supplication Day (Virgin Islands). Fight fire with fire. Hurricanes.

29 Rasputin's Birthday (1871). Wino monk held sway over the Russian empire. Madeira wine (his favorite).

Woohoo! Tequila Tuesday!!! The FDA Chairman will be in his full glory!!!

Not much else going on, but I do have news on the motorcycle... Interesting...

Week before last I took it to work and on the way home it rode a little funny. So the next night I had some time to I went over it only to find out that the front tire had ZERO pressure in it. It didn't "look" flat, and was firm to the touch, but the pressure gauge said ZERO. So I pumped it up only to find the valve stem was leaking. So, I'm wondering if I drove it home on a flat? My mechanic didn't think so but agreed the tire was very sturdy even flat... So, that was my tap on the shoulder that I need to pull the trigger and get my new tires...

So I go it into my mechanic and he worked on it... But he was REALLY busy so it took to the weekend, but he said he'd have it done Friday or Saturday. Saturday he called and said he had the tires on but that my final drive was leaking oil. Actually it was empty. But he had a good used one for a decent rate and said it would be ready by noon. At 11:30 he called AGAIN and asked how old my battery was cause it was dead. When I told him it was 5 years old, he said

well that's good since they usually only last 2 or 3... He had one and said he'd have it charged and ready at 2pm...

We got there at a quarter to 2 and found him with a puzzled look on his face... The new battery was dead too!!! Go figure! So we were stuck... He offered me a spare for the weekend but I told him it could wait until Monday...

So that's my story... Lucky the tire didn't blow or the final drive didn't seize or I'd probably be writing this from the hospital... Don't try to tell me church isn't worth it... Well, at least for a guy like me...

Not much else going on... There's something going on next weekend, but I can't recall what it is right now... The weekend after is Nelson Family Camping up at Kingsbury Kottage and it sounds like we might actually go! My lovely bride hasn't committed yet, and now that the Weatherman and sidekick/future bride aren't going, she's waffling, but I still have hope... We shall see...

That's all I got for this week... Well, for two weeks, but whatever... But before I go, here are a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"These things I warmly wish for you: someone to love, some work to do, a bit o' sun, a bit o' cheer, and a guardian angel always near." ~ Irish Blessing

True, so it's kinda hard to believe that's an Irish Blessing...

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

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PS. Monster TV... Still in the garage... But it was in my way this weekend, so I may have to deal with it soon...

July 08, 2012 - Jak se maj! Hi all and a Happy Sunday to you! It's been a great week, although a hot one, and I have a few tales I best share with you before I forget. I would rather be napping to be honest...

Feeling a bit tired after a GREAT celebration yesterday. Lynette and Luke were wed yesterday in a beautiful ceremony and a great party followed. Had a fine time and despite taking a pretty easy on the intake department, I still felt a bit under the weather this morning. To be expected at my age I guess...

Can't say enough about our new couple and the latest addition to the family. Most couples are happy and show it, but there's something about Luke's constant grin and the way he looks at his new bride that made it a little extra special. So, congrats to Mr. and Mrs. Luke and Lynette Larsen! I mean Simonar... HA!!!

The other big news of the week was the crazy heat wave we had. Luckily it broke just in time for the wedding, but the work week and the holiday were pretty brutal. As I mentioned, on the 4th we headed down to the Brewer game, and it was ridiculously hot there. We tailgated, and the parking lot was like an oven, literally! I'd bet it was easily 120 there. It actually made inside the park seem cool. Our seats were in the left field bleachers in the direct sun, but we sat in the top row instead in the shade. There was a decent breeze and it wasn't bad at all. The baseball wasn't great, but we had a good time. But it was a long day and with the heat all week I've been pretty tuckered out... Hope to begin recovering...

It was so hot this week, I didn't even get out on the bike at all. Actually, schedules and circumstances had more to do with not getting on the bike, but still, it's been a while now. I hope to take it to work more than once this week...

Tuesday before the 4th I cut out of work early and headed out on Lake Michigan with Skipper and his new "First Mate in-training" looking for some King Salmon. Had to get gas and oil before embarking, so we didn't get on the water until after 6 and it was probably after 7 when we got all the lines set and in the water... and then nothing... Not a bump and at 9pm Skipper said we'd go another half hour and call it... Well, at 9:15 it got crazy... One hit, and then another so we had two on... Then ANOTHER hit while we were working the first two... Then another hit after the first one was in, and in the tangled lines we had another!!! All within about 20 minutes. WHAT FUN! I'm sure we resembled 3 monkeys chasing a football! We got them all in and had two nice ones, one a little smaller, and two tiny ones... Nice work!!! We headed off the lake and cleaned the fish and was home in bed by half past midnight. Had a great time and can't wait till next time! Thanks Skipper!!!

Speaking of fish the FM texted me that he was smoking salmon yesterday so I stopped in the morning to check his progress and then after the wedding ceremony the SEC-W/M and his fiancé and I stopped over for a sample. VERY tasty I must say! He may need to work just a touch on the brine, but he got 'em done exactly the way I like 'em. Nice work and thanks for the beer Mr. FM!!!

Been busy with the wedding plans for the weatherman and his intended sidekick. They have a date picked out (October 5th 2013) and a venue for the reception. The only other key items are to make sure the church and our priest are available. But they plan to wed at Holy Trinity, our little church on NN, and I would be shocked if that were booked. In the equally odd circumstance that Fr. Ron is booked, perhaps our new Deacon would be available... We'll see what works out and keep you posted. Otherwise, once this update is done, I'm off to finish the list on who to invite. Yuck...

Not that I am in need of a drink, but let's check the schedule anyway... I may need one soon...

8 Julius Caesar's Birthday (100 BC). Et tu, boozus?

**Bloody Caesar** 

2 oz vodka

1 dash worcestershire sauce

1 dash Tabasco Sauce

1 oz Clamato Juice

Celery salt

**Pepper** 

Rim tall glass with celery salt, fill with ice and ingredients. Garnish with a celery stick and lime.

9 National POW/MIA Day. Raise a glass to brothers lost. Colt .45 Malt Liquor.

10 National Pina Colada Day. "Yes, I like Pina Coladas, and getting caught in the rain. I'm not much into health food, I am into champagne."—Rupert Holmes. Pina Colada.

11 Buffalo Bill Day. Saved our young nation from marauding bison. Buffalo Trace Whiskey.

12 Milton Berle's Birthday. "If it wasn't for the olives in his martinis, he'd starve to death." Martinis, extra olives.

13 Fool's Paradise Day. See you at the bar. Whatever you're buying.

14 Bastille Day (French). Fourth of July for francophiles. Cognac.

15 Respect Canada Day. Okay, but only because of hockey and the Mackenzie brothers, eh? Molson.

Perhaps I'll have a Martini on Thursday in honor of Uncle Milty, but Molsen on July 15th, Ma Nelson's birthday? I guess I can live with that...

The SEC-State also celebrates another birthday this week. My guess is he's about 55 going on 25... If you see him, buy him a glass of wine, but make him show his wrist band... Happy Birthday Keith!

We've got crabbing planned for this coming weekend so we'll celebrate Ma Nelson's birthday, Molsen or not, and I'm sure we'll lift a glass or two to the SEC-State as well... Should be a good time... We're starting around 1pm and plan on crabs and Susters... I'm hungry already... But that expedition too may leave me a bit tired next Sunday, so again no promises on an update...

One last item... Doesn't anyone ready this anymore? I can't believe I got ZERO comments on the banana suit from last week... It still has me chuckling...

So that's it... It's all I can dump from my congested brain... So off I go... But before I do, here are a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"What dreadful hot weather we have! It keeps me in a continual state of inelegance" ~Jane Austen

Perhaps the ONLY joy of the hot weather...:-)

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

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PS. Monster TV... Plan failed... Working on plan B!

July 01, 2012 - Jak se maj! Howdy everyone! Benn a couple weeks since I had a real update, and I actually think I might have quite a bit to bore everyone with...

First off, to those who missed the late update last week, the Sturgeon General is officially a doctor!!! Here's the official word from the FDA Chairman:

"I have an update for the curtamous page. There was something very significant going on the past weekend. My Son, your God-Son, and the guy we all lovingly refer to as the Sturgeon General had his final graduation ceremony. He has finished up his residency, and after a couple weeks to recharge his batteries after a long 5 years, he will be starting his career with Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare in Milwaukee. Congrats to him, to Tracey for helping him get through the past few years, and to Jack for being the coolest Grandson in the world." ~ The FDA Chairman

Congratulations Tony-Baloney!!!

In other big news, we got a call last night from the weatherman and he and his beautiful sidekick are making it official. That's right, Jackie asked him and he said YES!!! Sorry, but it

was the other way around...:-) So we're pretty excited here at the Nelson abode! Sounds like perhaps a fall 2013 date, but nothing official. Can't wait to have Jackie officially as one of the Nelsons!!!

As far as good news is concerned, I'm pretty sure I can't top those two items with a 1000 foot ladder!!! I should probably just stop here and sign off, but we'll continue on more items from my normally droll life...

Spent the last two weekends working on projects around the house. Last Sunday, it was the picnic table refurbishing. Turned out REALLY nice. This weekend, since I was on call and stuck around home any way, I figured I tackle staining the fence. Well, as usual, it's gonna take me twice as long as I figured. I thought I could get it done in two days... I got about HALF done in two days... AND I AM SORE!!! But what I have done looks pretty good... Here's a picture of the table and the fence behind... (click on it for a full sized picture)



Been a bad week for cars... Last weekend we headed to Beertown to drop off the weatherman's car after it was repaired up here (at no small cost mind you, but probably half of what he would have paid down there). My beautiful bride and mother-in-law tagged along and we had a nice time. But on the way home we noticed a few noises with in the little white car that didn't go away. Well, I had a transmission leak in the truck that had to get fixed first (nothing major) but then the car went in and that was major... So I hadn't been to my local mechanic for about a half a year, and all of a sudden I have three cars fixed...

To top it off, the Chief said his "check engine" light was on again... JEEZ... That'll half to wait...

But with all the repairs and the hot but beautiful weather we had the last couple weeks, I got to drive the motorcycle in to work quite a bit. Three days each of the last two weeks, so I've been enjoying that. I miss my coffee on the way into work, but the great ride makes up for it...

Speaking of work, I don't want to jinx it, but it's been pretty manageable the last two weeks. No major issues or overtime... Kinda nice to work "normally" again... Normal is probably twice what the FM puts in, but that just means he's clever... Notice I didn't say smart... Not too many smart Belgians out there, but I know a couple...

Speaking of smart, here's one in honor of The President... He's a banana suit lover... This is a bit PG-13, but you'll live...



	No banana suit	Banana suit
Get too drunk	Obnoxious	Hilarious
Dance with random girls	Creepy	Hilarious
Sing bad karaoke	Embarrassing	Hilarious
Get into a fight	Dangerous	Hilarious
Public urination	Illegal	Hilarious
Pass out and shit yourself	Horrifying	Hilarious
Photo-bombing	Hilarious	Rib-crushingly hilarious

Can't say I've ever seen anyone in a banana suit, but there are tales of them water skiing, so let's add that... But people only see that after a few cocktails... Speaking of which, here's this week's menu...

- 1 The Feast of the Most Precious Blood. Creepy Catholic celebration celebrates Christ bleeding. Rusty Nail.
- 2 National Literacy Day. Attempt to write the Great American Novel on bar napkins—one drink at a time. Booker's Bourbon.
- 3 International Civil Disobedience Day. No, I will not show you my ID! Screwdrivers at home.
- 4 Independence Day (USA). Celebrate our freedom to drink crappy American beer. Bud.
- 5 Peace and Unity Day (Rwanda). Seethe irony and sarcasm. Virgin Bloody Mary, except with vodka.
- 6 The Running of the Bulls Festival begins. Substitute bouncers for bulls. Schlitz Malt Liquor.
- 7 Great Gatsby Festival. Suit up and drink like you got a million bucks. Cosmopolitan.

Holy catfish! It's July!!! Where the heck did June go???

So, while I'm sure the FDA Chairman and SEC-State will be going with Bud all week, I'm going with the Virgin Bloody Mary, but I like 'em with vodka too... and just a splash of gin on top... But after a long night of imbibing, there's nothing like topping the night off with a Cosmo or two... I've done it a few times, and there's nothing like it... Cause you'll be sick for three days...

LOTS of great stuff going on this week... Of course it's the 4th of July week, and with it being on a Wednesday, it makes things all sorts of screwy. But that makes it fun too...

Tuesday I hope to get out on Lake Michigan fishing with Skipper. He's got multiple days open, but that's the only one I can swing... Wednesday my lovely bride has be tied up (not in a fun way) going to a Brewer game. Oh, it'll be a fun time (going with our family and some of the inlaws), but it's gonna be HOT, and we're on the 3rd base line, and to be honest, I'm still ticked at MLB... But I'll go and have funny no matter what...

Then, to top off a GREAT week, Saturday we'll be celebrating Lynette and Luke Larsen's wedding! I assume that Luke will show up, but Vegas is not giving odds that he'll be on time... A Nelson family wedding and we're bringing Luke into the fold. That will be entertainment all day long!!! Can't wait, and the best of luck to both on their wedding day!

One more quick item... We've set crabbing for July 14th... Stop on over if you got a hankering for some crabs!

Well, that's it! Pretty good update considering the source... Depending on the shape I'm in next Sunday after the wedding, I'm not guaranteeing an update next week...

So I'm off... But before I shove, here are a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"I have learned that only two things are necessary to keep one's wife happy. First, let her think she's having her own way. And second, let her have it." -Lyndon B. Johnson

For the boys on their way to the altar...

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

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PS. Monster TV... Still in the garage, but I have a plan... Think Wedding Gift...

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