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March 26, 2012 - *Oh my goodness!!! It's Monday and I forgot to do an update this week!!! Let me see if I can sum this up quick...*

Wild Game feed was great! Thanks Zumbo!

Work is Busy...

No progress on my taxes...

Monster TV is still in dining room, but it "was" mentioned last week...

Uncle Dallas passed away last week... Sorry to see him go, but I'm sure his smile and helping hand are both welcome in heaven. Beautiful service too... Very proud of his family as I'm sure he would be as well... Thanks for all the great times Uncle Dallas! Rest well... We will miss you!

More sad news in Denville as young Luke Watzka was killed in a car crash Saturday. Out thoughts and prayers go out to his family and many friends...

After that sobering news, you might need a cocktail...

26 Leonard Nimoy's Birthday (1931). Lush long and proper.

Vulcan Mind Probe

1/2 oz Ouzo

1/2 oz 151 proof rum

Mix ,shoot.

*27 The corkscrew is patented (1860). Making it no longer necessary to push the cork down into the bottle with a stick. **Decent wine.***

28 Festival of the Sacrifice at the Tombs (Roman). Graveyard party! Woo-hoo!

Zombie.

29 Expulsion of the Demons of Bad Luck Festival (Tibet). Demonic possession is bad enough, but bad luck demons? Believe me, you don't want 'em.

Exorcism By Fire

1 1/2 oz Pernod

1 lemon wedge

6 dashes Tabasco Sauce

Coat the lemon wedge with sugar. Douse the lemon wedge with the 6 dashes of Tabasco. Shoot the Pernod and suck the lemon.

*30 Doctor's Day. Me, I prefer to follow Dr. Hunter S. Thompson's advice. **Apple schnapps.***

31 Tater Day. Potato growers are notoriously informal. *Potato vodka.*

1 April Fool's Day. AKA The Day of Abject Cruelty Posing as Good Natured Hijinks. *Zima. (Gotcha!)*

The Vulcan Mind Probes are... Well... Mind probing...

The [Weatherman has a new show out](#) from last week...

Beautiful bride was out of town over the weekend, so the lovely sound of silence is my only excuse for this terrible and very late update...

I was gonna have a closing quote for our junior members of "Only the Good Die Young" from Billy Joel, but that isn't quite what I want with Uncle Dallas passing away, even though he might agree and was quite young at heart... I think this is much more fitting for both men...

***"Cowards die many times before their deaths,
The valiant never taste of death but once."
~WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE***

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

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March 18, 2012 - Jak se maj! Hi everyone! Coming to you on a beautiful Sunday evening! Have we had some incredible weather or what? It is so hard to believe its March! This is mid-May type weather, but I don't hear anyone complaining. I did kinda take the day off today and only did a little work, but I didn't give in to the urge to get the bike out and running. Took a spin today with my beautiful bride to get some ice cream and there were motorcycles "everywhere"! I REALLY got the itch, but I don't want to jinx it for everyone else either... I do tend to have that affect... So I've drawn a line in the sand... Not getting it out before April... Maybe Easter weekend if the weather holds, but not before...

Had another REALLY busy work week. On top of everything else, I was down in Manteno Illinois Friday and Saturday. Everything went really well, but it's still a really long two days on top of a busy week. I woke up this morning to a long list of "to-do's" but for a change I just ignored them. I need a little down time... I even got some reading in today... Nice...

Work won't be letting up either for the next month or so, but I hope after that it'll start to calm a little. I sure hope so, cause it gets old working all the time... I'm working on cool stuff, but still...

The President called me a bit ago and jacked me up. We have the Wild Game Feed this Tuesday with Zumbo... Yeah, "THIS TUESDAY"!!! I knew that, but for some reason it just didn't register. To top it off, I really never let The President know exact details on when and where. I know it's Tuesday, but I don't even know the time myself. So I have a call into Zumbo to figure out where we'll have cocktails and then when we need to arrive...

Called Zumbo but got my blonde sister as Zumbo was outside. I left a message, but I got to chat with her, which was nice. Got some of the local and family gossip... Turns out the SEC-D'Fence's wedding is 10/19... Uncle Dallas isn't doing the best, so keep him in your prayers, and the birthday bash Friday night was a bit convoluted... Always good to catch up on the latest news...

Oh yeah... Zumbo and my blonde sister are going to be grandparents again. Al and Laura are

expecting. Congrats to all!!!

The SEC-W/M dropped me another note last week... He's asking for a call out to all the BBC members that he needs addresses... Seriously? Does he think anyone actually reads this drivel... Well, if you're one that does, and you don't want to send Ric your address directly, feel free to send it to me and I'll pass it along... How's that sound?

Got what I think is my final tax form... So it's officially crunch time... Can't wait... Pretty much expecting to need the Sausage Stuffer's assistance this year, but you never know...

Still Lent, but what the heck... Here are your drink specials for the week:

19 Minerva's Day (Roman). Celebrates Roman Goddess of Crafts, Trades — and War. Just in case you were thinking about frontin'. **Warsteiner Beer.**

20 Martini Season begins. The triumphant return of the Stemmed Glass Satan. **Martini.**

21 End of the World Day (Iran). Better drink up while you can.

End of the World

1 oz Bacardi 151

1 oz Wild Turkey 101

1 oz vodka

Serve warm in a shot glass.

22 Kaiser Wilhelm I's Birthday (1797). "Give me a woman who loves beer and I will conquer the world." **St. Pauli Girl.**

23 Rally For Decency Day. Hear that, you savages? **Country Club Malt Liquor in civilized company.**

24 Day of Blood (Roman). Watch your back. **St. Ides (of March).**

25 Waffle Day (Sweden). Double waffles all around! I'm buying!

Warsaw Waffle

2 oz vodka

1 oz maple syrup

Mix, shoot.

HEY!!! IT'S MARTINI SEASON starting Tuesday! Woohoo!!!

Speaking of drink, I was a little disappointed in my beautiful bride tonight. I was gonna mix up an old fashion or two for us and she has no sour soda. I thought I had something going here, but alas not...

Saw a good one on the internet... OK, first, I have to teach The President how to actually use his Deer Camera... Then, somehow, I have to actually get him to use it... Then, here's THE PLAN!!!
(Click on it for full size)



I have this all figured out... First couple times, I'll put in big bucks, maybe a moose, and then a saber tooth tiger. Next I'll up the ante to include local dancers... Finally, I'll Photoshop in a picture of The President in "The Sweater"...

I'll be giggling about that all night...

Well, this is a lot more than I planned on, but it turned out ok... But I'm out of here... But before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience." ~ Kurt Wilson

I worked with Kurt this week in Illinois... Not really his quote, but he used it at a perfect time on Friday...

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

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PS. The old monster TV? Still in the corner of the dining room...

March 11, 2012 - Jak se maj! Howdy all! Welcome aboard on this BE-A-U-TI-FUL Sunday evening! Sure is nice outside and I wish I had more time to spend out there. Perhaps a walk with the dog in a bit, but we'll see...

Been a REALLY quiet weekend as my lovely bride spent it down south in Brewtown. My nephew was in a hockey tournament down in Brookfield and a bunch were going down for the festivities. The Chief met the Weatherman "halfway" on Friday afternoon and they made the handoff of their mother and she hasn't been seen since... Well, not here in Denville. Me, I got stuck home on dog duty, but actually I had a LOT of work to do, so it all worked out really well. And I'm sure they all had a great time.

With the great weather, I was REALLY tempted to try to get the bike out. 50 degrees is kinda my threshold, and we were WELL above that (and it sounds like we'll be well over that all week) but I had a lot to do and it takes a bit to get it un-winterized and ready to ride. Plus, I doubt I'll have time for a ride in the next 3 or 4 weeks, so what's the point...? I'm sure I'll regret it...

Pretty busy week ahead of me work-wise... Still working that global project and we have a lot due by the end of the month. Got another client project that's "hot" right now... To top it off, another client decided that this weekend would be great to do an onsite installation, which means Friday and Saturday out of town... At the least... Busy is good.. CRAZY busy can be a bit hectic. Hope to get through these next couple weeks and have it calm down to just normal

crazy...

This week I had two people remark about my truck being parked in the same spot at work... In the back row... Always there, like it's broke or something... I think maybe I should work from home more often...

Talked to The President on Friday night. He called to see what's up and he was well into "Friday Night" mode, if you know what I mean.. He wanted to check on fish camp plans so I filled him in. He also outlined the huge issue of all the time he has to take off this year, so I tried to feel his pain. He's also looking to head north one of the next two weekends to make wood. I explained my schedule is booked but that he's free to try to get a few junior members in line. Not sure that went over well... Anyway, he was having a great night!

It's almost tax season, yet I have no taxes to do. Strange... With the partial ownership, we need to wait for some crazy forms that don't show up with the normal w-2's, so it'll come later... All of a sudden it'll be a wild rush to get them done... Can't wait...

Not much else going on, so I might as well get into this week's drink specials:

12 Jack Kerouac's Birthday (1922). Road trip! **Gas station beer.**

13 Runic Half-Month of Tyr ends. I was beginning to think that was never going to end. **Fat Tire.**

14 Veturius Mamurius (Roman). A festival celebrating armor. Those Romans weren't exactly picky when looking for an excuse to get housed on the vino. **Italian wine.**

15 Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor marry for the first time (1964). Forming the greatest husband/wife drinking team of the century. **Vodka tonic and champagne.**

16 Bacchus Day. Christmas for drunkards. **Flagons and flagons of wine.**

17 St. Patrick's Day. Chase the snakes out of your mind. **Green beer.**

18 Sheelah's Day (Ireland). Honors the woman who historians reckon was either the mother or wife of St. Patrick.

****Forbidden Taboo Cocktail****

****1 oz white rum****

****1 oz Midori Melon Liqueur****

****1 oz pineapple juice****

****2 tsps lemon juice****

****2 drops grenadine****

****Combine in blender with crushed ice. Blend until smooth.****

Not much going on there, but the old "St. Patrick's Day" theme of green beer sounds great! I hope work doesn't interfere with any possibility of festivities...

But that list of dates certainly brings up some pretty significant events this week! Wednesday, the FM and SEC-D'Fence celebrate birthdays. So if you see either this week, be sure to raise a glass of brew and wish them a great day! Happy Birthday Paul and Casey!

Of course, that means Thursday is the FDA Chairman's birthday! We have Mass out at our little church that night, so feel free to stop out and say Hi! I'm sure a little arm twisting could get the FDA Chair to stop down at the corner tavern if you try. Friday night the Nelson clan will be

going out in force to celebrate his birthday. Sadly, I'll be in downtown Manteno Illinois by then, but I'm sure a great time will be had by all. They'll be heading to The Darboy Club in downtown Darboy for what the FDA Chair claims is the best Fish Fry around. I hope they all have a great time!

So, if you see the FDA Chairman this week, be sure to raise a shot of tequila with him and wish him a great day! Happy Birthday Carl!!

Well, I hope you all have a GREAT week and enjoy this early spring weather... This is all I have, so "Adios"! But before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of eighty and gradually approach eighteen." ~ Mark Twain

True, but that would be way too easy...

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PS. Yep, the old monster TV is "still" in the corner of the dining room...

March 4, 2012 - Jak se maj! Hey everyone! Welcome to a quiet Sunday evening... Not much going on here, so it should be a quick update...

Work's been busy but things are cool and going pretty well. Lot's going on but things are coming together on a few projects, so that's always nice... But with everything going on it usually means working over the weekend to catch up on all the stuff I didn't get done during the week. That kinda sucks, but I'm sure you all know how it is...

Work did throw in one major monkey wrench this week though. The FDA Chairman's birthday is coming up and I'm in charge of arrangements for the Nelson clan going to for dinner to celebrate. Well, the FDA Chair and I actually were on top of things this year (thanks to our sister) and had everything arranged to go out on the 16th to celebrate. Well, turns out I need to be in Manteno, IL on a work trip the 16th and 17th, so that failed. But instead of trying to re-arrange everything around my schedule, they'll just plug on without me. I doubt I'll have Old Fashions in Illinois, but be assured I'll have "something" to send good wishes north...

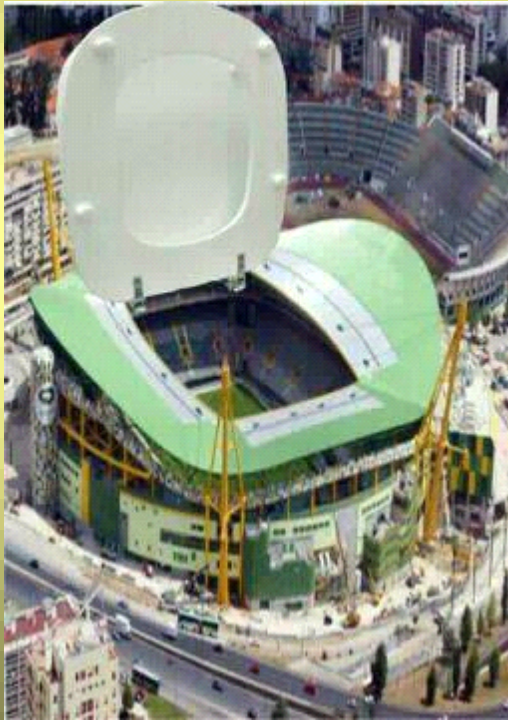
Well, we did have a nice snowfall this week... Finally... After the first big storm blew by with little to report, we did get quite a bit Friday and yesterday. Enough that I actually needed the snow blower Saturday morning. Just for fun, I had it out this morning too, but it wasn't really needed... Nice to see it all white outside, even though it won't last... Maybe next year...

This weekend the boys headed down south and east to do some book shopping. The Chief headed down to Brewtown on Thursday and he and the Weatherman headed to Iowa Friday. Word is they got a lot of books for not a lot of money, so that's a good sign. They didn't abuse my credit card too much either, so that's a double bonus. Sounds like they had fun and both got home safe...

That meant a weekend home alone with my beautiful bride... Did I mention our new TV is really great?

Actually, the weekend was fine... But I was notified that I am no longer allowed to mention my lovely spouse and our online dress shopping. But her purchase was delivered... She looks pretty good too... She usually does... But you didn't hear that here...

Word out of Minnehaha is that the ViQueens might have a new stadium deal... The Jack and Ass team got an exclusive picture of the new design...



Gotta give a shout out to Lukage in Plover... Well, half a shout... See, he's the one that brought the idea of Maple Syrup in Old Fashions to the BBC. He'd get a full shout, but he's never brought Maple Syrup with him again. However, when the pollack I work with had some homemade Maple Syrup for sale, I got a jar. It makes DELICIOUS Old Fashions... So with that in mind, what's on this week's drink menu?

5 Failed Coup Day (Equatorial Guinea). At least when you \$#%^ up they don't commemorate it with a goshdarn national holiday. *Pisco.*

6 Anniversary of the Battle of the Alamo (1836). Whiskey drinkers fight to the death for Texas. *Lone Star Beer.*

7 Switzerland gave women the right to vote (1971). Better late than never, eh, ladies? *Ladies choice.*

8 International Women's Day. Hear that, you goddamn Swiss? Who's in charge now? *Foo-foo drinks.*

9 Feast of the 40 Martyrs (Greek). New slang: "I'm gonna get as drunk as 40 Greek martyrs." *Forty of your choice.*

10 Junoalia (Roman). Celebrates Juno, Roman Goddess of Art, Love, Light, Hearth and a buncha other sissy stuff.

Tattooed Love Goddess

1 oz vodka

1 oz vanilla schnapps

1 1/2 oz Godiva Liqueur

1 oz cream

Fill glass with ice, add liqueurs, top with cream, shake well.

11 Hercules' Day (Greek). Hercules was known for whipping up on mutants.

Murphy's Stout.

Wow... Not a one of 'em that sounds better than an Old Fashion... Gonna mix one up soon...

Sadly, that's about all I have... Well, at least all I can think of... Perhaps one of the weakest updates in memory...

But, as I've often said, you get what you pay for... So I'm out, but not before a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

***"I'm bored of being bored because being bored is so boring." ~
Anonymous***

Uhh... Yeah, I guess...

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