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April 28, 2013 - Jak se maj! Hi all! Back from my usually 2 week hiatus to bring you good news! The WEATHER is awesome!!! Finally, spring appears to be here, and from the weather report (as if you can believe THOSE guys), it sounds like it here to stay!!! What a world of difference it makes to have it nice outside... But it will no doubt be short lived... By the next update I'll be barking about how hot it is... LOL!!!

Thank God for the nice weather because Fish Camp 2013 is nearly here!!! Further info from the Kingsbury Krew that ventured north last weekend reported not only ice on the lake but LOTS of snow too. Like enough snow that they got stuck in the driveway!!! (4 wheel drive my BUTT!!!) 70 degree weather can do a lot of melting in a hurry though, so the SEC-State's prediction of a miracle on "No-ICE" may yet come to fruition. But worse case is we'll spend quality time watching it melt!

Due to my lack of appropriate planning and last minute uncertainty whether we should postpone a week, things are a bit behind schedule. But as long as we show up and have beer (and fishing rods OF COURSE) we'll be fine. The menu is set and I expect another culinary extravaganza. Still waiting on a final list of who is making it, but the menu and lists are [HERE!](#) Can't wait!!!

With the fine weather I got out and did some yard work yesterday starting with planting my new asparagus bed. I put it in my 2X8 garden bed next to my garage and I even installed in-ground irrigation. (I think it's gonna work too!!!) Then I put in some compost and set the new asparagus crowns... As they sprout I'll add soil until its back up to the 6 inch depth and then I'm done... Just wait 3 years and then eat!!! Should be a fun project though... I hope it works...

With the temps FINALLY over 50 I got the bike out this weekend and it ran fine. (Except for that little episode on the side of the road when I forgot to turn on the gas petcock, but the SEC-Transportation can fill you in on that.) She took a little bit to start the first time, but that's normal. Otherwise it ran pretty much perfect. Maybe that carb rebuild last fall will be more worthwhile than I thought. I got a 30 mile trip in today (after the gas thing) including a stop at the Sausage Stuffer's for a cold drink. I am hoping for a great year on two wheels!!!

Had a REALLY nice surprise yesterday while doing yard work... I walked out front and up the sidewalk comes a guy yelling Hey Curt! At first I didn't even recognize him (the sunglasses and hat didn't help) but I was my buddy Spicoli from high school. He and his lovely bride moved back to Madison from California % years ago and I'm not I've seen him since. Spent about an hour chatting on the front lawn... Good thing it was 10am and he was hungover because we both had a real hankering for a beer or six... Definitely have to get together soon...

Jeez!!! Six paragraphs in and I forgot the BIG NEWS!!! The SEC-W/M and his lovely bride are expecting a new addition!!! Very happy for the couple and that we're looking at another birthday in the great month of November! But Ric thinks it means no Deer Camp this year, which I just

don't understand, other than because his bride will be hunting instead... Either way, we'll figure it out. Congrats Ric and Haley!!!

More good news... Got my taxes back already... Big brother seems to be getting a little more efficient these days. I would hope so since it goes right into a big old computer... But I am a "little" concerned because my state refund was a few dollars less than I submitted. I don't know what that means, but if it's important I assume they'll let me know... If there's jail time involved, perhaps I'll get updates out more regularly?

Work's still busy, but good... but makes me thirsty... Let's see what's on the drink menu for the week, including those key days at Fish Camp 2013:

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

29 Casse Canarie (Haitian Voodoo). AKA Breaking the Jugs, so as to free lost souls from purgatory. Makes sure you empty them first. *Jug of rum.*

30 Willie Nelson's Birthday (1933). Talk about follow through: He not only sings about whiskey, he distills the stuff. *Whiskey River Whiskey.*

1 May Day. Comrade drunkards of the world, unite! We've nothing to lose but our outstanding bar tabs! *Red wine.*

2 Manfred Von Richthofen's Birthday (1892). The Red Baron drank a shot of schnapps for every one of the 80 aircraft he downed. *Schnapps.*

3 James Brown's birthday (1928). Get up on your drunk foot! *Night Train Wine.*

4 National Homebrew Day. No, really it's . . . it's . . . good! Where'd you say your bathroom was? *Homebrew.*

5 Cinco de Mayo. Like St. Patty's, except the Mexicans chased out frogs instead of snakes. *Tequila.*

6 Orson Welles' Birthday (1915). Drink no wine before its time. And it's time. *Paul Masson Wine.*

Oh my... Home Brew on the eve of Fish Camp and the opener is Cinco de Mayo... Could be a rough weekend!!!

Hey, May Day is almost here! One of my favorite holidays!!!

Sorry, took a bit of a break there... My lovely wife made ribs and twice baked spuds. I had to do the final grilling of the ribs... Oooooooh... They were GOOD!!!

The next couple weeks are gonna be good ones... Fish Camp next weekend... The weekend after I have my turkey permit so I hope to get some hunting in... The week after that The Weatherman graduates... and the weekend after that is Memorial Day weekend! Wow, May isn't even here yet and its almost over... (Sounds like something The President would say...) But all good things... I would venture to guess that I'll stay to my now normal update every two weeks, especially based on the schedule above...

So that's it for this week... Stay happy and healthy!

Before I go, I bring you a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"It has always been my private conviction that any man who pits his intelligence against a fish and loses has it coming." ~John Steinbeck

Why does that make me think of the Sausage Stuffer with a boat full of junior members?

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

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April 14, 2013 - Jak se maj! Hi everyone! It has been QUITE some time since I did a proper update... Doing this has become more and more arduous... I need to get my butt in gear and get some ambition... So let's see what's going on...

Well, it sounds as if my "last" update, the short one after Easter, did have its intended affect. My annual [April Fools Edition](#) did result in various inquiries as to "What's up?!" Well, nothing new of course, just April Fools!!!

Easter was great! The services are beautiful and they were made extra special with The Chief getting confirmed at the Easter Vigil. It all went well and we had a really nice time. Thanks to all that came or sent well wishes! Special thanks from Jake and me for everything you've all done to help us get to that point. We appreciate it! Congrats Jake!

I'd comment on the weather we've been having but that topic has been covered over and over... I'm sure none of you cares to hear that I would prefer a change for the better...

Work's been going well. Busy as usual... Had a tough night/morning Wednesday... I got paged at 9:30pm and wasn't done until after 8am the next morning... (I did get a short nap in, but not much) Luckily I wasn't too late for work... I had to go in as meetings were scheduled and we had our 5th Anniversary gathering that day. Yes, SRCTechnologies is 5 years old. Hard to believe... We've grown over 3 fold in employees and well over 10 fold in revenue, so we're doing well. I hope to be telling you the same 5, 10, and 25 years from now. In 25 years, I hope to be able to at least be considering retirement... :-)

Speaking of retirement, more good news... The Sausage Stuffer retired!!! IT'S TRUE!!! Good Friday was his last day of work. I haven't heard how it's going, but I know they have been out of town, so it's likely not sunk in yet. Even though we never thought it would happen, we're happy for ya! Congrats Larry!

Not sure if I got the word out, but The President celebrated a birthday recently... If you didn't get a chance to celebrate, I suggest going right down to the "Drink of the Week" section, picking your favorite, and have at it! Happy Birthday Bob!

Skipper's been around the last couple weekends working on his boat and I've been helping. Which kinda explains the lack of updates... He's getting everything ready to get out on the big lake. Mostly we've been working on new support platforms for his downriggers and rod holders. Got most of them done last weekend, but he must have stayed home this weekend as I didn't get a call to help him with the install... Hopefully next weekend!

Truck's been doing good but I have been a little disappointed in the mileage, but that is to be expected. I also had to get new front shocks on it yesterday, so its already costing me money. But I do like it! Kinda surprised how many people gave me grief about it and my "old" truck. Good thing the old one was dying because I'd still be driving it...

Let's get back to celebrating The President's birthday with the Drink of the Week special!

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.**

Hey tomorrow's Tax Day! All the more reason to get smashed! Are YOUR taxes done? I finished mine yesterday. They are getting harder and harder to do. Once again, I swear that next year I'm going to pay someone to do mine... HA!!!

Got my turkey permit so I hope to make it out in the woods in May to chase some gobblers. I hunted turkeys in the snow a few years ago, but even though I have the last week of the season (May 15-21), I think it's very possible it will happen again this year. Can't wait!

Well, our Fish Camp meeting is set and we'll be assembling for all the pomp and circumstance this Friday up in my shop. We'll be going over the same intricate and complicated agenda as always, so get there early for a good seat...

Well, I am happy to say that I made a new friend. He's Belgian and he's passed away, but he's already high on my list of people I really like. Let me explain...

My sister the Librarian heard about a book the FM's family put together of columns their father, OJ Lancelle, wrote back in the late 70's and early 80's for the Denmark Diaper. I remember them (and him) vaguely but fondly. I especially remember one article that was on Ma and Pa's refrigerator for ages concerning Bohemians and mushroom picking. Anyway, sis picked up some copies and I got one... It's wonderful! No doubt that is where the FM (aka Mumbles) got his writing talents.

I'm reading the book quite slowly, at least for me, as I find myself very "something" after a reading few columns... Not sure what that something is... Maybe full or satisfied? Anyway, it's like the ending of a good book... You kind of want to savor it... Plus it works well, being put together one column at a time, to just read a few and put it down for later...

All I can say is they have goldmine there, and I don't mean in a monetary sense. Mr. Lancelle was funny, serious, kind, thoughtful, thought provoking, generous, loving, and... well... Belgian! (I actually mean that as a compliment!) I know Mr. Lancelle never wanted his writings to be made into a book to make money, but to not share his unique thoughts and good hearted insights into the world in some way isn't right either. Mumbles, some day we need to discuss

this!!! But I do want to thank you and your family for my new friend...

By the way, I just read the column on the Bohemian mushroom pickers last night... I'll be giggling for a week...

So I end things on a high note again... So I'm out, but before I go, I bring you a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Anyway, when bedtime comes, I say a prayer of thanks to God for giving me the chance to be a part of His beautiful creation." ~ A. Hayshaker

Good Advice...

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

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April 1, 2013 - Hi all! Sorry for the lack of update, but after the ruckas last night, you probably won't be hearing from me for a while... Shutting down for a bit and heading out of town...

Oh yeah... Happy Easter!!!

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