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February 17, 2013 - Jak se maj! Howdy everyone! It's a red letter week as I come to you with an update without a week off! Woohoo!!! Well, the readership is up (more on that later) so I figured I better get back to it... Let's see what's going on...

Busy day today! The Chief is in the RCIA program at church and I'm his sponsor and today we had our regular session after Sunday Mass but we also had a special "Rite of Election" with all RCIA catechumens and candidates in the diocese of Green Bay. There are over 300 new adults coming into "full" participation in the church. The service was pretty cool with the Bishop as the celebrant.

Also, the Weatherman and sidekick are in town and they are stopping over soon to visit and to have some pizza. The Weatherman was actually over last night but he and The Chief went out on the town so it hardly counts based on what he remembers... But it will be good to see the trio (Little dog Toby is home too!) as they haven't been home since the holidays. Plus, I'm hungry for pizza...

Saw The President yesterday as he stopped over to drop off his money for the Annual Wild Game Feed. I say the readership is up as he actually read my comments about him in last week's column. YIKES!!! I was just kidding about the money Bob! I know you're good for it! As he left I felt kinda bad as we chatted for a while and I never offered him a beer. It is Lent, but still! Somewhere along the line I figure I'll make it up to him... LOL!!!

Ash Wednesday was a little hectic as I went to Mass in the morning and got to work much later than usual and a "fun filled day" ensured. That which left me too late to make the Annual Smelt Fry. I was VERY disappointed but I guess it's just part of my penance... Hopefully next year!

The Truck is still running!!! But I am in full bore mode trying to find a replacement but it is awfully frustrating. What they want for used trucks these days is appalling! I know I'm kinda cheap, but I looked at a nice Dakota, nine years newer than my present on and they want \$7K. It has 160,000 miles on it!!! It's like that all over... Part of the issue is I really want a truck with 4WD, but still... I'm guessing I'll have to settle for something but I'll keep on it... Hopefully something falls in my lap...

Work's about the same... Pretty busy but not killing me yet. I'm making an effort to work a normal number of hours and it seems to help, but it does seem to mean I'm falling behind on stuff. But we're talking adding more staff so that's a good thing... We'll see...

Just got word the Weatherman and Sidekick(s) aren't coming after all... Bummer... Don't get to see them and no pizza... Well, we'll just have to order our own...

Read a good book this week. I'm sure I've mentioned the Dick Proenneke documentary "Alone in the Wilderness". Well, I bought the book. It's called One Man's Wilderness. It's good... Diary

style writing which I kinda like... Lots of insight the movie doesn't have... I'd recommend it...

Hey, tomorrow is President's Day. In the old days at Nielsen that would mean a day off and possibly bunny hunting... No more, but that seems to be the way of a lot of things in the world these days...

But not cocktails... Let's see what's on the menu...

18 Spenta Armaiti (Zoroastrian). Ancient hippy festival. **Jug wine.**

19 Lee Marvin's Birthday (1924). Drink like a man, goddamn you. **Bourbon from the bottle.**

20 Northern Hemisphere Hoodie-Hoo Day. At high noon everyone yells "Hoodie-Hoo" to chase away winter and usher in spring.

Crazy Swede

1 oz ouzo

1 oz vodka

1 tblsp cinnamon schnapps

Shake with ice, strain, shout Hoodie-Hoo and shoot.

21 Polaroid Camera introduced (1947). Drunken foolishness now readily transferable to bar walls. **Shot of Beam while flipping the bird.**

22 National Margarita Day. Gee, what shall we drink? Margarita.

23 Terminalia (Roman). Celebration of the Roman God of Boundaries, superseding the Feast of That God Who Collected Oddly Shaped Rocks.

The Terminator

1 1/2 oz Rurple Minze

1 1/2 oz black sambuca

Half fill shot glass with Rurple, top off with sambuca.

24 Flight of Kings Feast (Roman). Chase your boss down the street with a stick.

Little Kings Cream Ale.

With it being Lent you'd think there would be one non-alcoholic drink... Or at least something fishy for Friday... Yuck, just kidding... But I may have a beer later with pizza...

I just checked my calendar and I have little or nothing going on this week... Weird... Not unheard of though... Same old same old I guess... Mostly keep looking for a truck...

Nothing else... I can't even find a "Bob-ism" funny picture to post... Oh well...

I guess I'm out... But before I go, I bring you a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Money in the bank is like toothpaste in the tube. Easy to take out, hard to put back." ~ Earl Wilson

True words...

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

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February 10, 2013 - Jak se maj! Hi All! Once again, a two week layoff... BUT IT WASN'T MY FAULT!!! Seriously! Last Sunday was a pretty quiet day and I had every intention to do an update... But then I started having PC issues... A weird adware/virus type thing and it tied up my PC most of the day... Well, that's my story anyway, and I'm sticking to it! On with the update...

Right now it's a rainy crappy evening... But it could be much worse if we had gotten ice instead of rain... Still slick out there though. I just got home as I took my big sister (The Mayor) out to our little church on NN to drop off some Missals and to clean for the funeral Tuesday... Main roads are fine, but anything that was snow covered is now ice, so be careful out there!!!

Zumbo called a couple weeks ago to inquire about the Annual Our Saviors Game Feed in March and The President and I are both in. So not only did I get to talk to Zumbo, but I also heard from The President. He didn't pay for his ticket yet, but at least he acknowledged that he owes me... LOL!!!

Speaking of The President, I have his official "Home Fixit According to Bob, Vol 1" here for all...



Started taxes last weekend and began The Chief's annual return. Started pretty good but the whole college thing has us at a standstill right now... Hopefully he can get that straightened out in the next couple weeks...

The Truck is still running!!! But it does appear to be getting worse... The "clicking" sound from the engine starts sooner and sooner after warming up... At first I could get darn near to work (especially on REALLY cold days) but then it was 3/4 of the way, then half, and now less than that... Working on funding and ended up heading for a refinancing deal on my mortgage. It's a pretty sweet deal, but it sure takes a while... Hopefully it's done in a week or two and I can start shopping for real...

Works been busy but good... Not crazy but definitely enough to keep me out of trouble. Had to head into town today at noon to do a 15 minute job. Glad it went well, but was even "gladder" that the weather cooperated... More work in the future, and that is a GOOD thing!

Couple special birthdays to bring up... Both brothers Chuck (this week) and Chris (last week) celebrate birthdays. Well, I hope that if it's true that "In Heaven There Is No Beer" that at least they got to go crabbing or to deer camp or something... Happy birthday guys!!!

Oh yeah... Celebrated an Anniversary this past week as well... As requested, I brought home Godfather's Taco Pizza and champagne... The pizza was great and the champagne is still corked and in the fridge... Pretty uneventful, but another year is another year!

This that said, let's see what's on tap...

10 Creation Day (Mayan). On this day in 3641 B.C. the Mayans reckoned Tepeu and Gucumatz created the world.

God's Great Creation

2 1/2 oz whiskey

1 oz peach schnapps

5 tblsp orange-banana fruit punch (frozen)

Juice of one lemon

Pepsi

Pour whiskey and peach schnapps over ice cubes in a highball glass. Add frozen punch (no water). Squeeze in lemon juice and top with Pepsi. Stir well.

11 Empire Day (Japan). Yeah, maybe next time, Tojo. Kamikaze.

12 Charles Darwin's Birthday (1809). Celebrate the genius who made monkeys of us all...

Dirty Monkey

1 1/2 oz Irish cream

1 oz Dark rum

1 1/2 oz Cognac

Mix in order. Do not stir. Serve in brandy snifter.

13 Oliver Reed's Birthday (1938). His check still hangs on the wall of the Malta bar where he drank nearly two bottles of rum and 20 pints with British sailors. Old Navy Rum.

14 St. Valentine's Day. Patron saint of kidney disease and, uh, romantic stuff.

Champagne at a fancy restaurant or whiskey sours with your cat.

15 National Sea Monkey Day. I am not making this up. Brass Monkey.

16 The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was formed from The Jolly Corks, a drinking society. If my uncle's behavior is any indication, the only thing they changed was the name. Jagermeister.

17 Feast of Fools (Ancient Rome). Take your friends to dinner, then pretend to have forgotten your wallet. Expensive wine.

We got a couple monkey drinks and a Feast of the Fools to celebrate... I thought we celebrated THAT at Deer Camp!!! I guess I'll just stick with the Dirty Monkey...

Speaking of monkeys and naughty little elves, Ma Nelson left us 7 years ago yesterday... I think the best thing I can say about her is that she left me so much and I see so much of her every day that I hardly miss her... Of course I do, but I hope you know what I mean...

Couple items going on this week... Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) is the annual Smelt Fry at the Eagles Club. I don't go for their liver Tuesdays, but I sure do like their smelt fry! Plus it's great to see Uncle Lloyd and Ray and the guys... Can't wait!

Next weekend the Weatherman and Sidekick will be home, for the first time since the holidays I think. It will be good to see them. Sounds like we have some wedding stuff to go over and the boys want to go out. I'm skipping that part of the plan, but I am looking forward to it.

This week begins Lent with Ash Wednesday. Not sure if I have anything specific to "give up", but I am going to try to be a better person. I have a long way to go, so that should be easy... I hope I have a soul changing season...

For the rest of you, I give you Pascal's wager. Look it up if you haven't heard... Obviously as a believer, I find the logic perfect and faultless. As one of my favorite columnist Gregg Easterbrook says yearly "Attend worship services of any faith, bearing in mind Pascal's wager". Well he says something to that affect... Faith "is" good for you...

So with that, I will sign off...

As a parting gift, I bring you a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

***"All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen." ~
Ralph Waldo Emerson***

I like Ralph... Had no idea he said that...

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

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