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May 26, 2013 - Jak se maj! Hi all! Happy Memorial Day weekend! I know my last update started off by whining that it's hectic, but it still is, so get used to it... (That advice as much for me as anyone!) Let's get into it!

Last weekend was spent in Brewtown for graduation and confirmation. My lovely bride and I headed down Saturday afternoon, got out hotel set, and headed down to the Weatherman and Sidekick's. The future in-laws (Dan and Kathy, AWESOME people by the way!) had already arrived and the Chief arrived later. Had a few beers, nice conversation, and a nice "light" late dinner (I found late dinners can only be light if you don't eat a ton) before heading back to the hotel for the night.

Sunday we were up early and back at the apartment for a quick breakfast. The Nelson crew arrived around 8am, got a quick tour of the place, and then we headed downtown for the ceremony. Traffic was little wild but we got parked and in our seats with time to spare for the start of the ceremony. Considering the number of grads, it was a pretty nice deal and organized well. We all got to see the new Weatherman get announced and accept his diploma... Pretty exciting and gratifying moment for my lovely bride and me. Chris hasn't taken the straightest paths to his goals, but it appears to be the path he was meant to take. We're very happy for him and proud of his accomplishments! Congrats Chris!

After the ceremony we headed back "uptown" and had lunch at the "World Market" deli. Nice lunch with good food and the best company in town! From there we parted ways as the Nelson clan was headed west to inspect the Sturgeon General's new hours. We headed back downtown for "the sidekick's" confirmation at the Cathedral.

The Milwaukee Cathedral is pretty impressive but it's kinda hard to tell if it's old, new, or some of both. Some day when things calm down I'll have to look up its history. The ceremony was very nice but pretty long for attendees. For confirmants, I think it was pretty special. The Mass was pretty normal time-wise, but when Archbishop Listeke began conferring the sacrament, he took about a minute with each new confirmant and sponsor. I figured there were about 115 new confirmants, because that's about how long it took to get through them all. But Jackie said it was well worth the wait and the time spent not only getting the sacrament for also the time the bishop took with each of them was very special and memorable. Perhaps my favorite moment? Right after Jackie was confirms and they were heading back to their seats, Jackie's Mom leaned over, a little misty eyed, and said that she'd been waiting for this for a long time. We are all very happy to have Jackie on "the team"! Congrats Jackie!

With that we headed back to the apartment and then hit the road back home... It was a beautiful weekend to be sure!

It was quite a weekend for the future couple, so it's hard to believe they have even more big stuff coming up! If you haven't heard (and didn't get the hint in the last update) the Weatherman

has landed a job at [KTNV Channel 13](#) in Las Vegas. He'll be the weekend morning weather guy and starts on June 3rd. Yeah, next Monday...

So this Wednesday my lovely bride and I will head down to Brewtown, help him pack a U-Haul, and Thursday morning we'll be hitting the highway heading for "Vegas or Bust!". We hope to hit Colorado by the end of the first day and Vegas by Friday night. If all goes well, Saturday he'll get the keys to their house (yes, they are hoping to rent a house), and by Sunday I hope to have him all moved in. Monday he starts work and I'll be flying back to Green Bay. His mother is gonna stay with him for a week to help him and the Toby-T (their dog) acclimated...

His poor sidekick will be staying back in Brewtown for two weeks until she's done with her job and can fly out to meet him to officially start their adventure together. So after my lovely bride leaves, it'll be Toby-T and the Weatherman bacheloring it for a week... Sound like a crazy hectic couple weeks or what???

We'll try to keep everyone posted on our progress, and we'll let everyone know when Chris will have his first broadcast. [KTNV streams](#) live via the internet so we should be able to see him pretty much whenever he's on... Should be interesting!!!

So with all that, is there ANYTHING else going on? Of course... With everything else going on, yesterday was "work day" here at the Nelsons. Lots of yard work for the most part... Had to get a huge limb off my roof that sagged after the last ice storm, cleaned gutters, took down storms and put up screens, fertilized the lawn (twice), and did the garden. Oh yeah, I also fixed the dehumidifiers... Pretty wild day... To top it off, Skipper stopped by at night and we polished off a few brews. Prefect way to cap the day!!!

The garden is looking pretty good! All 10 asparagus crowns have sprouted so that looks like it may just work out. We'll know for sure in two years when we can start harvesting! Yesterday I also planted my other garden bed with new parsley (my parsley plants died after making it through the previous two winters), kohlrabi, spinach and kale. Yes, kale, at the request of my lovely bride. My guess is that the rabbits will end up LOVING the spinach and kale, but it's worth a shot anyway... Hopefully it's all sprouted by the time I get back from Vegas...

Oh yeah, also got the motorcycle ready for the year. Got the first 100 miles on her so it was time for oil change, filter and new plugs. Kind of a process, but nothing tough. After last week's carb rebuilding, it really is running pretty good this year. Awesome in fact... Took it for another spin today (50 miles) and its purring like a kitten. Now I just need to find time to ride it more... :-)

Today we had Mass out at our little church for Holy Trinity Sunday, so that was nice... The Weatherman and Sidekick also stopped over (they had to go meet with Fr. Ron our priest) and we went over more move details. They just got in this morning from their house hunting trip in Vegas, so they were pretty tired so they didn't stay long. They headed back to Jackie's parents to spend some time with Toby-T and rest up a bit.

We've got more birthdays going on and I want to send out best wishes. (I don't have a real good record of everyone's birthday's anymore, so if I ever miss anyone, please let me know!!!) This week the Simonars "both" celebrate their GOLDEN BIRTHDAYS!!! In fact, they are partying hard this weekend (I wish I could have made it) so I hope you all had a GREAT time!

Well, for those of you not driving 1800 miles this week, let's see what's on the drink menu to celebrate! Since I most certainly won't be back next week, here's two weeks' worth!

26 John Wayne's birthday (1907). "He drank enough whiskey to float a PT boat."—Ronald Reagan. **Shot of redevy in a dirty glass.**

27 Throw the Bastards Out Day. Don't bring this up at last call. *Arrogant Bastard Ale.*

28 Ian Fleming's Birthday (1908). Bond creator had more effect on U.S. drinking habits than all the prohibitionists in the world. *Martini, shaken not stirred.*

29 Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas unleashed on the reading public. "What? No! We can't stop here! This is bat country!" *Barcardi Rum.*

30 Feast of the Queen of the Underworld Begins (Roman). You may have a date with her later, so you best suck up now.

Hell Mary

1 oz aquavit

1/2 oz tequila

2 oz Spicy V-8

Dash bitters

Dash Tabasco Sauce

Dash horseradish sauce

Shake vigorously, add black pepper to taste and garnish with celery and lemon wedge. Serve in Collins glass filled with ice.

31 Clint Eastwood's Birthday (1930). The question is, do you feel thirsty, punk? Well, do you? *Magnum Malt Liquor.*

1 Latrobe Brewing Co. founded (1939). The "33" on Rolling Rock bottles is an homage to a copywriting typo. *Rolling Rock.*

2 Vandals sack Rome (477). Rally your tribe and invade a snooty wine bar.

Fall of Rome

2 oz Dry vermouth

1 oz Brandy

Dash Sherry

Dash Rose's Lime Juice

Orange juice

Pour vermouth and brandy into glass, add lime, fill with orange juice, stir. Splash brandy on top, serve with straw.

3 Cain murdered Abel (Hebrew). Stick your bro with the tab. *Top shelf liquor.*

4 Socrates' Birthday (469 BC). Beware of cocktails mixed by enemies.

Poison Cocktail

1 oz vodka

1 oz Parfait D'Amour

1 oz bitter lemon.

Mix the liquor, top with bitter lemon.

5 Pancho Villa's Birthday (1878). Last words: "Don't let it end like this. Tell them I said something." *Pancho Villa Tequila.*

6 Anniversary of D-Day. Fullbore drunkards FDR and Churchill drive stake in that evil teetotaler Hitler's heart. *Steel Reserve 211.*

7 Dean Martin's Birthday (1917). "I feel sorry for people who don't drink. They wake up in the morning and that's the best they're going to feel all day." *Scotch rocks.*

8 Name Your Poison Day. Build up your immunity to the nasty stuff. *You name it.*

Wow, you can tell its summer cause the good stuff is coming out... Martinis, Rum, Tequila, Rolling Rock, and did you see the Hell Mary? Not a pretty name, but it sounds tasty! By this time next week I hope to be sipping cocktails in Vegas and extoling the virtues of a well-made Old Fashion! But a Rolling Rock will do in a pinch!

It'll be a busy couple weeks for sure... The Vegas trip, and then a week of bachelorhood for the Chief and I while my lovely bride enjoys Vegas. Work has been pretty busy too, so I'm sure that will mean quite a bit of "catchup" after the trip as well. But, it should all keep me out of mischief to some extent...

Oh yeah, one last thing... If you're curious about our trip, in an effort to keep my lovely bride occupied, we are hoping she will keep her Facebook page updated with progress and news... Check it out there if you'd like. If there are no updates, it probably means I screwed something up and she's mad... LOL! Just kidding dear!!!

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

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." ~ John Steinbeck

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

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PS. Quit a nasty habit... It's been over a week and its been harder than I expected... This getting old sucks...

May 12, 2013 - Jak se maj! Howdy all! Holy catfish I have big stuff to cover but let's start it off right...

Happy Mother's Day!!!

Started the day with my lovely wife and mother-in-law by heading out to church with the Bohemians in Kellnersville. Then we cooked out burgers and brat patties and had the Grocer and his family over as well. The Chief had to work most the day, but the Weatherman, Sidekick and Toby-T where home for the holiday. Great food, nice company, and a really nice day. To all mothers, I hope you had a great day...

Big news on the home from as the Weatherman will likely be checking water levels on the Hoover Dam soon. Nothing official yet but plans are under way to get him and his sidekick (and Toby too) down to the desert. More details on coming later, but this is gonna make the next month hectic, including the Weatherman's graduation next weekend. His graduation is next Sunday morning and his lovely Sidekick will get confirmed in the afternoon... Should be a fun weekend if the weather cooperates.

Speaking of which, despite great weather last weekend (more on that in a second) we have freeze warnings for tonight. The Weatherman NEEDS to get this under control...

Last weekend was Fish camp 2013 and it was a great time indeed! Camp opened Friday with some rain but the ice was out and dock was in by the time I arrived. Soon the boat was in and some rain started. Nothing to fear though as we waited for the remaining attendees to show for the evening's fish boil. By the time they found their way, cocktail hour had been extended and we had to add water to the boil, but it all turned out GREAT! One of my favorite meals of the

year! The rest of the weekend weather was fine with sun and warm weather and Saturday we were pleasantly surprised when BOTH Thompson boys showed up! Good thing too, as the Prime Rib for Saturday dinner was fit for a king! Another great weekend of eating!!!

The fishing was not so hot though... Zero fish caught and one fish seen... Not great at all, but we sure had a great time! Already waiting for next year... But that also means Deer Camp is next up!!!

Had my turkey permit for the last week but the hunt was a bit of a disappointment... Not the hunting, but the lack of hunting. I only got out one morning and that looks like all I'll get in. I headed out in the rain on Friday morning with Zumbo and we headed south to new grounds. It was wet and cold to say the least!!! We split up and I saw 11 including one nice Tom but got no shooting and nothing really close. Zumbo saw 23 including two really nice Toms! Despite the weather, we had a great hunt! Sad to say I haven't been able to get back out and likely won't, but it sure was nice! Thanks for a great (but short) hunt Zumbo!!!

With the four day weekend for Fish Camp my plan was to work 3 days and then take another 4 day weekend. Well I took Friday off and we got out in the morning, but then work and tasks I volunteered for (or was volunteered for) took up the rest of Friday and almost all of Saturday. With Mother's Day today I didn't dare head out and work and impending trips to the desert forgo me taking tomorrow off, so back to work I go...

Good news in the garden! My newly planted asparagus is finally coming up! After two weeks I see three tiny spears poking through the soil. If at least two more crowns sprout I should be good to go, assuming it doesn't freeze tonight!!! It may take two more years, but I can taste it already!

It's May, so how about those birthdays!!! Amber celebrated last Thursday, The Chief turns 23 today, and the Sturgeon General flips a page this coming Friday! Salutations to you all and I hope had, are having, and will have great birthdays!!!

So let's celebrate! What's on the drink menu for the next couple weeks?

12 International Limerick Day. Revive the lost art of barroom ribaldry *Irish whiskey.*

13 Word "cocktail" first used in print (1806). Replaced the less toothsome term "bittered sling." *As many different cocktails as you can stand.*

14 Anniversary of Geronimo's Corn Liquor Rebellion (1885). Apaches rose up against a ban on reservation moonshine. *Firewater.*

15 Las Vegas founded (1905). Took the mob to make it fun. *Ten High Whiskey.*

16 Animal Day. "He who makes a beast of himself gets rid of the pain of being a man."—Dr. Johnson. *Road Dog Ale.*

17 Anniversary of the first Kentucky Derby (1875). "It's a fantastic scene—thousands of people fainting, crying, copulating, trampling each other and fighting with broken whiskey bottles."—Hunter S. Thompson. *Mint Julep.*

18 Largest Margarita ever made (7000 gallons) was assembled in Orlando (2001). Stand back, boys, I'm going in. *Huge Margarita. Huge.*

19 Orphan Day (Spain). Provide a nice, warm home for any abandoned drink you come across. *Potluck.*

20 Last episode of "Cheers" airs (1993). Who shall remember our names? **Draft beer.**

21 National Waitstaff Day. Dig deep for the drink slingers. **A shot of Gran Ma in the walk-in.**

22 American astronauts walk on Mars (1962). According to that kook in the film *Slackers*.

Fuzzy Astronaut

1/2 tsp Tang, powdered

1 oz vodka

1 oz shot peach schnapps.

Shake and shoot.

23 Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i). Bab was the herald of the Beer Bellied One (Buddha). **Full calorie beer.**

24 International Jazz Day. Booze it up with the be-bop. **Wine-spidodi.**

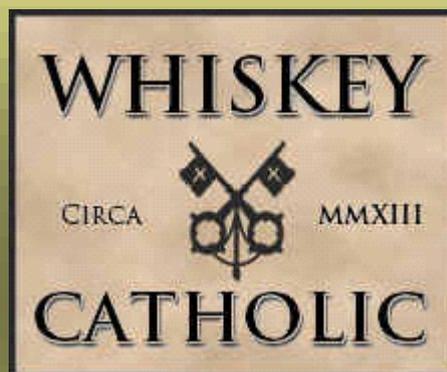
25 National Wine Day. The only day of the year men can drink wine in a bar without feeling all sissified. **House wine.**

26 John Wayne's birthday (1907). "He drank enough whiskey to float a PT boat."—Ronald Reagan. **Shot of redeye in a dirty glass.**

You almost need to have one tomorrow to celebrate the first use of the word "cocktail"! Any chance it happened in Wisconsin?

I don't know what "Ten High Whiskey" is, but it seems fitting to celebrate the founding of Vegas these days...

Well, I had to look it up... Google is a great thing, and it's darn funny at times too... These two were side by side in my search results...



So with graduation next weekend, I'll be off for another two weeks... But I would imagine that I'll be back to report on the latest news over the Memorial Day weekend... Hopefully it's not freezing anymore by then... So until next time... See ya!

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

"Las Vegas: all the amenities of modern society in a habitat unfit to grow a tomato." ~ Jason Love

Good luck Weatherman!

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

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