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August 24, 2014 - *Jak se maj! How is everyone??? I hope all is well out there! Been crazy busy and lots going on but life is good! So what's up?*

The Princess (Weatherman's Sidekick, favorite DIL, ect) is in town!!! Definitely the highlight of the whole summer! She flew in on Thursday and we met her at the airport with her parents and went and had a beer and it was GREAT to see her! She is in town for 10 days for weddings and to visit. Today we went over to Dan and Cathy's (her parents) for dinner and to visit and had a great time. Ribs and Miller High Life! AWESOME!!!

Wednesday my lovely bride gets to spend more time with her (and Sidekick #1 and Lucy) and then next Sunday she is back to Vegas. I am so happy to have a daughter (in-law) and can't wait until my son moves her closer to home. LOL!

Other assorted items this week too... Took my lovely bride on date night to the farmer's market followed by dinner on Wednesday night... Had a nice time... Had big wad of dill from my sister and froze that for Christmas shrimp. Made my mouth water... Two weeks ago I went with my lovely bride to a talk at the St. Norbert Center on "Is Heaven for Real". By the way, it is...

Oh yeah... Made Kraut at the FDA Chairman's this last week with the SEC-State and SEC-D'Fence. Oh yeah, little "Drew" was along too. All little kids are cute, but he is something else... Great to meet him!!! Kraut went well but it was really "wet" and needed little to no pounding. Interesting to see how it turns out...

Haven't spent much time on the bike this year, which is really sad but I'm not going to complain about why this week, but I got a really nice ride in this morning. It was a truly beautiful day and I was only out for 45 minutes or so, but it was glorious. Can't wait for more.

Did anyone mention to you it is late August already? HOLY COW!!! I've been busy with a lot of stuff (but I'm not going to complain about it all this week) but have REALLY been trying to help out the Catholic school get ready for the year with their computer stuff. It's the kind of stuff you really should not put off as it gets worse and worse. But God willing, I'll have them ready to go on time...

Son #2 was in town this weekend for a class reunion, but I never got to see him or Sidekick #1. That's OK, as long as they got home safe...

Cassie our dog is still doing well... She is old and failing, but hanging in there for sure! I would truly not be surprised to see her last for "quite a while", but we will see...

The Little League World Series was fun again this year. My dream of a Las Vegas vs. Puerto Rico matchup never happened, as today South Korea beat Chicago in the final, but I really do enjoy the game of baseball play they way it is played there. Pure and for the most part true. I still "dream" that someday I'll make it there in person...

As hard as it is to believe, next weekend is Labor Day weekend. It is a 3-day weekend, but I am again "on call" for a holiday weekend, so I will be stuck close to home. That may turn out OK as I need to get stuff done around here... I hope at least THAT works out... LOL!

That is about it for today... Via con dios!

But wait, before I go here are a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"No matter how busy you are, you should take time to make the other person feel important." ~ Mary Kay Ash

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

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August 17, 2014 - *Jak se maj! Hi everyone!!!*

Busy day, week and month... I'm watching the Little League World Series instead of doing the ton of work I should be doing, so you aren't getting much of an update...

On the work front, I sure didn't get much done this weekend, but so what...

On the Little League front, the team from Las Vegas is still in the winner's bracket, but my dream match up of Las Vegas vs. Puerto Rico took a hit today when Puerto Rico lost to South Korea in a really good game. More on the series in next week's update...

A shout to little Lucy. We celebrated her 2nd birthday today! Happy Birthday Lucy!

CEW picnic today too... Nice time!

Cassie is still kicking... She IS a tough old gal!

Didn't make it to the fair, but I did take my lovely bride to Gibb's on the Lake last night. Just beautiful! It was a nice place to eat too!

That's it... Peace everyone!

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August 10, 2014 - Jak se maj! Howdy all! Happy August 10th everyone!!! I hope you've all had a good week and great summer so far. Kinda dull here at the Nelson abode, but let's see what's going on.

Maybe the strangest storyline of the week is this:



We have a white "albino" squirrel in our neighborhood. If you click on those pics and zoom in on the middle tree across the road, you should be able to see it. Those are the best pics I got, but we did see it closer and it does have the pink eyes. Obviously an oddity. I wonder how long it will make it...

This weekend my beautiful bride and I made it out in the canoe on the Wet Twin and we had a great time. We weren't out too long but we really enjoy it. Perhaps the best was this pic:



I think we need to setup a caption contest for it. Let me know what you think!

Dog update. Cassie is doing well and as far as I can tell I would not doubt she makes it to 2015. She is a tough old bird, but who knows.

Finished a project up at home and I think it looks pretty good. They are called Trinity Crosses. Stop by and check them out some time.



If you haven't heard from the Weatherman in a while, here is a YouTube of him from this weekend. They have a new graphics system for the broadcast and it looks pretty nice.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txL42PN6dnk>

His Princess Bride will be coming home in a few weeks and I can't wait to see her. I won't get to see her nearly as much as I'd like, but I will take any time I get with her. The Weatherman is coming back him in October, so we are looking forward to that too. WAY too much time away from them for my tastes, but life is life.

Our young master SEC-W/M celebrated another birthday last week, so if you didn't get a chance, make sure you reach out and wish Ric a Happy Birthday!

The Librarian and Sausage Stuffer (Retired) are out on the road again. As their retired status no longer ties them down, they take off whenever they want. Good for them!!! This time I understand they headed to southern Illinois to visit old friends and sightsee and then were stopping in Chicago to see their God-Daughter's new baby. Hope they have a GREAT time!!!

For the first time in forever (or at least the mid-80's) my lovely bride and I are planning on going to the fair. Probably next Saturday night... We will let you know how that goes..

Another short report, but I hope you enjoyed the pictures! Until next week, adios!

But before I go here are a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

“All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.” ~ James Russell Lowell

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August 3, 2014 - *Jak se maj! Well everyone, we are ON A ROLL!!! Three updates in three weeks!!! Woohoo!!*

Big deal, right...

So let's start off WITH A big deal!

Happy 40th Anniversary to the Sausage Stuffer and Librarian! (Retired!)

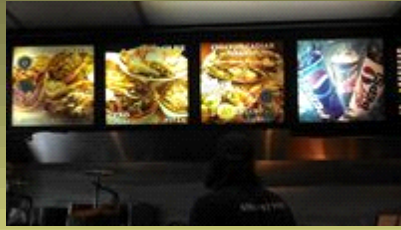


If you can't read that, it says “Happy 40 Married Years! Love from your Favorite Brother and Sister-in-Law!”

Word is the family went north this weekend to the annual family camping expedition at the Kingsbury Kottage and on the list of festivities was the anniversary party. We are very sorry we didn't make it for any of the weekend (for lot's of very poor reasons) but we hope everyone had a great time without us!

So why the “busy life”? Well work has been truly busy... Busy enough to get a little annoying so I am trying to deal with that... Friday we spent the whole day down in Madison installing a new data center and that led into an on-call weekend, so I had hard time planning anything that would lead me more than 30 minutes from home or work. Yucky... But there was a bright spot

of two on the trip to Madison...



The gyro was SO GOOD it was almost worth the 16 hour day it entailed...

Our dog Cassie is doing better but still what I would consider last legs. She is a tough old bird though, so you never know. However, my lovely bride is pretty attached and not too willing to stray far away right now. I hope her heart is eased...

We did sneak in a quick trip this weekend to Freedom for church. It worked out as it is just past our offices, so even if I was paged, I wasn't far away... The trip is part of our hope to [visit](#) all the parishes in our diocese... Its been pretty cool so far...

I haven't been out on the lake yet this year with Skipper, but he did text me an invite for next weekend when I can't go. I gotta track him down to see how he is doing and how the fishing is...

Still haven't found a replacement for the weekly "Drink of the Day" article... If you have ideas, let me know...

Birthdays this week... the SEC-W/M celebrates this coming weekend. Happy Birthday Ric!!! And we also remember my brother-in-law Johnny Brat who also would have had a birthday this week.

Not sure what else is going on, but I am hoping things slow down so we all can enjoy the end of our summer. The weather is dry but looks good... So enjoy!

So that's it and I am going to head out... Before I go here are a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Good questions outrank easy answers." ~ Paul Samuelson

That's a fact!

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