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July 6, 2014 - *Jak se maj! I'm back!!!*

As you can see the website is back to its "old look and feel"... Which is probably not a great move or in the right direction technologically, but I think its going to make my life a lot easier. My move to a website content management system (Joomla) turned into a disaster. We use it for our churches website so I am pretty familiar with it. But that is run on a locally managed and hosted web server. I was running on a commercial grade commodity website and it just got slower and slower and slower... The more I tried to fix it the worse it got. Everything I read said stop trying and go to something else... Well, it got to the point where I wasn't doing ANY updates because it was such a hassle to get them done, so a month ago I finally made the decision to change and here I am...

There were a LOT of options and I finally settled on a shareware program called PageBreeze. I was able to use my old FrontPage html and has an OK interface. Not nearly as good as FrontPage (in my opinion) but it seems to work. It took and HOURS AND HOURS of time to get things converted over to Joomla while this conversion took some time, but its much easier...

However, there are some issues... A lot of the old pages (Notes especially) will have link issues and maybe even issues with pictures. If if you see any, let me know... Otherwise I am pushing forward!!!

Since my last real update, SO MANY things have taken place... We have new babies, weddings, trips, holidays, and all sorts of fun and adventure. I sincerely regret not documenting them on these pages, but I think the highlights include:

- *Welcome aboard Rylie, Bodie and Andrew!*
- *Congratulations on your wedding Chuck and Lauren!*
- *Great trip and visit to Vegas! Thanks Chris and Jackie!*
- *Fish Camp and Fathers Day were great!*



I almost hate putting that list out there as there were so many more great moments over the last few months... At times (especially on a Sunday evening after a busy day or week) putting this diatribe together can be a pain. But I have missed it. Something about it, maybe a bit cathartic, that feels good about writing this type of stuff down... Anyway...

I had a great 4th of July! I was on call, but it hasn't been too busy... But it doesn't kinda make me stick close to home... Got a little work done, but not as much as I would have liked... :-)

Biggest news of the season has been my lovely bride and I getting out on a canoe. The FM was very generous in letting us borrow his and we've been out every weekend since. We love it! Hope to see you on the water soon!

Lots more to do yet this summer... Crabbing is next weekend, so if you are around, stop by next Sunday... But that's it for now... I've spent most of the morning getting the website to this point, so I am signing off... See you next time... HOPEFULLY next week!

But until then, how about a few words of wisdom for our junior members...?

“Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did.” ~Newt Gingrich

Never quit working on yourself...

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

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July 20, 2014 - *Jak se maj! Yeah, I know... I "finally" get the website kinda running again and I take a week off... You "should" be used to that!!! Happy Sunday everyone!!!*

I had a good reason for missing last week's update... Most of you were here at the Nelson abode sharing some crabs and Ous Mous Nous. Had a great time celebrating Ma Nelson's birthday as always.

We had a really nice day and great turnout. I think we even have hope for a "lead" crabber in the next generation. That is about all any of us could hope for.

Last week was the Nth annual Kapinos reunion at the Sausage Stuffer and Librarian's. Had a really nice time (even though I had to run home for a work call) and it was great to see everyone. It's only once a year, but that is MUCH better than never... ?

Spent this weekend kinda secluded as Cassie (our dog) has been sick. I am happy to say, and to be honest quite surprised, that she is doing better tonight. She is 15 and she was pretty sick and I thought this was it. But she is a tough old bird and I think she will be with us a bit longer. My lovely bride is GREATLY relieved. At least for now...



Not sure if I've mentioned this, but my asparagus is doing REALLY good! We didn't cut any this year, but some of it has grown to about 6 feet tall. Next year should be GREAT!!!



Church has been pretty hectic with all sorts of stuff going on. If you didn't hear, our priest retired (GREAT guy by the way!) and our churches have been reorganized. We have a new priest Father Kevin (from Nigeria and seems to be a GREAT guy as well!) and our little church on NN is having weekend Masses again! The 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 6pm. Come join us!!!

However, all the changes have resulted in some extra work for me helping out with computer stuff mostly. More than happy to use the talents I've been given, but it has led to some long days...

Speaking of long days, work has been pretty crazy. I have been struggling (and so far succeeding) to keep it under 50 hours a week. There is a LOT more to be done but it IS summer and it already keeps me too busy, so it is what it is... Hopefully by Christmas (seriously) is calms down a bit.

The motorcycle has had more than a few issues this year (stripped oil drain plug and bad starter) so along with the long cold spring we had I haven't been on it much. Sad, but I hope to rectify that somewhat, but we shall see...

Thanks to the FM my lovely bride and I HAVE gotten out paddling on the canoe quite a bit, but after a few runs we have had a couple bad weekends and haven't gone out. I hope to soon before we need to "borrow it back" to the FM... I promise not to charge him any storage!!!

Late and belated Happy Birthday out to the SEC-State!!! I hope he had a great day! I know he was in the midst of 15 days off of work, so I am assuming it went well! Happy Birthday Keith!!!

I think I missed many birthdays over the hiatus, so to all you whom I missed, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Obviously, Happy Birthday to Ma Nelson as well. I think there are other July birthday's out there, but I can't remember and they are not on the calendar, so if I forgot you, Happy Birthday to you too!!!

Just so everyone knows, I am officially retiring the weekly "Drink Menu" item. (Sorry SEC-M/W!) For those of you that didn't notice, it has been the same menu rotating for years. Good items no doubt, but they have been the same EVERY year...

I will try to come up with something new, so if you have ideas, let me know...

For now, I do think that is it... I hope to get my lovely bride out for a walk before the end of the day. Too beautiful out not to try to enjoy it a little bit!

Until next time, so long, but before I go how about a few words of wisdom for our junior members...?

**"Summer will end soon enough, and childhood as well." ~
George R.R. Martin**

My, but those two things do seem closely related!

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

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July 27, 2014 - Jak se maj! Hey, an update **TWO WEEKS** in a row! Well, as I sit here Sunday night, I am kinda beat and to be honest, if it wasn't a quick update, I probably would not have been able to talk myself into it. So don't expect much, but here goes...

As mentioned last week our dog Cassie is getting to the end of her rope. The doctor reports that she is definitely slipping and didn't give her a lot of time. But upon returning home, she is definitely not the puppy she once was, but is doing fine. I am guessing we will have her for a bit, but not sure how long.

I've been pretty busy at work as I constantly report. This week was worse than normal and I doubt it will get better soon. Kinda cuts into the personal life at times, but I try to maintain a balance as much as I can. Luckily I like my work, or this would be tough times. I'll hang in there.

Still doing odds and ends for the church (in the computer compartment) and the free time I do have seems to be used up as well. In a good way of course... The latest projects are a laptop I am trying to clean up (its winning, I am losing) and getting wireless networking expanded.

Got a ride on the bike this morning, the first one in more than a week, and it was a beautiful cruise around the Denville countryside. It was only 45 minutes or so, but it was great and the bike continues to perform well. I NEED to get out more because based on the weather, it may snow out anytime...

The Denville Liuns picnic was this weekend with the parade today... Normally this is a pretty hot day for this event... Right now it is 64 degrees. WOW!!! I wasn't kidding about possible snow...

Not much new from the boys... The Weatherman and #1 Daughter are doing well in Vegas as no news is good news, right. I checked out a few broadcasts today and he is looking good. The Chief is down in Illinois this weekend with his squeeze on roller coasters and in shopping malls. I hope they are staying warm and having fun!

Some interesting news from work in that the boss man is involved in a new venture north of the boarder. (Da U.P. ya know!) He is investing in a lodge his wife and her sister are going to run on the Paint River. I was helping his out this week with some networking and wireless stuff. Remotely, but I am hoping to make it up there this fall for some "on-site" work and to visit. Sounds like a great place and I am very excited for him and his wife.



So, tell me... Does that boat look a little like the Sausage Stuffer's, just the wrong color?

So I think that is it... I told you not to expect much... I'm out, but before I go how about a few words of wisdom for our junior members?

“I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet.” ~ Mahatma Gandhi

Chew on that for a while...

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