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May 30, 2006 - Jak se Maj! With the long weekend and short workweek, we're looking at a VERY quick update...

Had a good trip to Chicago last Thursday and Friday. Good time out on Thursday night... BIG bar bill... gotta love that... and we got some work done... Amazing!!!

Work is getting just crazy. Too many projects! This is going to be one wild summer as far as work is concerned... I'm on 4 major projects all dues before Labor day... Good luck with that! So, you'll hear me whining weekly on that subject...

Had a good weekend though. I re-did the flower bed along the house next to the driveway. My beautiful bride didn't like the stones there and wanted them out... So I did that last year... Now she wanted new rocks in there... JEEZE!!! So I got that done despite the first hot weather of the year, and probably lost 10 pounds in the process. But I'll admit it does look nice...

Did some cooking out, helped clear up Pa Nelson's house for the closing this week, and even got to watch some of the NCAA Lacrosse finals. I was rooting for UMass, and they got thru the semi's, but Virginia was just too tough. Great sport though... Check it out some time...

Got this from the FDA Chair... Seems they have a new rule concerning their company picnic, but he's got that figured out...

Because of insurance liability, You will be limited to ONE beer at the company picnic.



Saw Zumbo and his beautiful bride this weekend... Zumbo reported on his final week of the Turkey hunt. Some day you'll have to ask his what happens when a big Tom shows up in front of your blind but you forgot to screw your choke in after cleaning the gun the night before...

My sods not dead yet... go figure...

With summer here, you better pay attention to this week's "Drink of the Day":

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

"Rock Me" on the 1st!

Well, that's it... Sorry for the short update, but before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members:

I've had a perfectly wonderful evening... But this wasn't it." -- Groucho Marx

Been there...

Until next time, take care...

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May 22, 2006 - Jak se Maj! Pretty busy here! I feel like a one armed paper hanger... Or how about, a one legged man in an ass kicking contest? I like that one better! Good weekend here... Work hardly called, other than a few trivial issues, and I was ON-CALL all last week. Lucky man...

Not much going on last week. Well, nothing too exciting. The Chief's birthday was celebrated repeatedly. Took him out to eat Wednesday, and then we had a cookout/party last night. If you ever get out to Stangelville, stop at Konop's and pick up some Cajun brats. Good stuff! Here's a picture of the 16 year old and his cakes:



I hope you'll see more pictures now, as I have a new phone (if I get to keep it), that's phone/PDA/camera. Not bad... Not great, cause when you cram that much stuff into one little unit, nothing work exceptionally well, but so far so good...

Not word from Zumbo's ranch this week. I assume that means Zumbo failed to score on the last weekend of Turkey Season 2006. To score on the 6th week of the season is a pretty tall order, even for Zumbo! But it was a great season non-the-less...

How 'bout a couple billboards? Here are my last two...



Not bad... but now what am I going to use to fill space?

Maybe the highlight of the last week was Friday night. I was a little crabby from work, but the weather was beautiful, so around 7:30 I threw my rod and tackle box in the truck and headed out to Way-Mor Park. A lot of great memories of fishing out there with Mr. Rick, and even though I didn't have a lot of time, I figured what the heck... Well, on about my fifth cast, a nice little Northern hit... He was about 20 inches and was fun to bring in. Here's a couple pics...



Kinda poor quality, but you get the idea... great time though!!! I might try to sneak out there again this week...

The rest of the weekend I spent working... Trimming bushes and trees, cutting my hayfield (lawn), and I even got my sod laid down in the backyard. That went pretty well, but we'll see how long before it dies...

Better list out this week's "Drink of the Day":

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 heralder 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.

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.

Kinda looking forward to the 28th now...

I'm heading south on Thursday and Friday for some work stuff... That should suck, especially driving home Friday night fighting massive amounts of FIBs heading north on the highways. Memorial Day weekend! Should be great once I get home! NCAA Lacrosse Championships this weekend on ESPN. Wonder if those Duke punks will be there...

Well, that's all I have for now... But before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members:

"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself." Joe Campbell

That goes out to all our heroes this Memorial Day!

Until next time, take care...

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May 15, 2006 - Jak se Maj! To all the mother's in our life, "Happy Mother's Day!" I hope everyone has had a good two weeks. I did, for the most part. The weather these last few days has been a bit depressing, especially the hurricane we had on Thursday, but it could have been snow, so we got that going for us.

The big news of the past two weeks is Fish Camp 2006. What a great weekend! Awesome food, better than average fishing, incredible weather, and the libations flowed! As always, a great group of guys is what really makes it a great time!

The food was truly awesome, even the meals I don't remember! Wonderful breakfasts, Beer Can Chicken, Grilled Steak, and a Sunday Night Fry Fest! Couldn't get much better. Hats off to our FDA Chair for putting together such great table fare! The fishing was good with 13 bass and

one nice crappie caught. The AG even pulled in a big bass, reported at 18++ inches (unconfirmed) moments before hitting the road for home. If it hadn't been for an above average year for ticks, it might have been a perfect weekend! Can't wait for next year! I just hope it doesn't fall on Cinco de Mayo again...

How about a couple billboards?



Spent Saturday afternoon at the SEC-State's middle daughter's (and my god-daughter) college graduation. Nice speakers and a nice time. To celebrate, the SEC-State made his famous chicken wings! Awesome! Congrats to Amber!!!

Turkey Hunt Update: The AG Fails to Score! The AG had his turkey season the past week, and somewhat like mine, saw birds, including a couple jakes that tried to crawl into the blind with him, but no Toms close enough for shooting. A good time was reported however. So that makes Zumbo 2 for 4 this year. However, Zumbo has a tag for this, the last week, so he still has a better than average chance to go over .500!

Here's our calendar for this week:

This Week's Reasons to Drink!

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.**

I know where to find the perfect glass for the 18th...

Not only does May have May Day (one of my favorite holidays) and Fish Camp, it also has a nice batch of birthdays. The SEC-State's middle daughter not only graduated, but also celebrated her 22 birthday last week. The Chief Inspector turned 16 last week, so that means a drivers test REALLY soon. Finally, the Sturgeon General celebrates another year closer to

becoming a doctor (And buying hunting land) this week. A very Happy Birthday to all!!!!

For two weeks without an update, I'd have guessed it would be longer, but I am still behind in all aspects of life. Oh well... But before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members:

"There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot." -
- Stephen Wright

Hmmm... I see real potential for both!

Until next time, take care... next week's update will be a day late... at least...

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May 1, 2006 - Jak se Maj! Happy May Day!!! You KNOW what that means!!!

Well, no hat trick for Zumbo, at least not yet. Spent about 16 hours in the blind, and saw quite a few hens and a couple jakes, but no toms. So, was Turkey Hunt 2006 a success? Of course!!! We had beautiful weather on Thursday and Friday. Absolutely spectacular! We saw birds, so it was WAY better than last year when I got pretty much shut out. Even Saturday morning, while sporting a bit of a hangover, was good. By Saturday, the weather was not as nice, and I was definitely "under it" due to a Awards Banquet the night before. Getting home at 1am and then going hunting at 4am doesn't work so good... The weather yesterday was pretty bad, so I hung it up. But, it was a great season as always. Many thanks to Zumbo and his guiding service!!!

After a nice nap on Saturday, I spent quite a bit of time (not) watching the draft. Pretty uneventful if you ask me. The Packers did fine, but time is always required to really tell. Training camp is coming up so we should get buried with more Packer news...

Back at work this morning, and after only working one day last week (2 days of training and 2 days of vacation), I'm pretty backed up. Plus I had to send out my yearly May Day greeting this morning, so its not getting any better. Right now, I'm just trying to finish this and ignore the chaos...

How about a couple billboards?



I think those are SO appropriate for the week before Fish Camp!

Spent a big part of yesterday over at Pa Nelson's helping my sisters get ready for the rummage sale as well as cleaning out the house. Interesting... We'll leave it at that... Anyway, its pretty much set. We then went over to the Mayor's for Suster's chicken, so that was good...

Got home and had a message from The President, so I ran right over there. He was going to

stop over, but it sounds like the SEC-EXT/INT and his beautiful bride were at the hospital getting ready to pop. (No word yet, but hope its going well!!!) We had a beer or two and figured out the deal for this weekend as well as a possible wood making trip on 5/20. More on that later... The President had to work the today so I got out of there pretty much in good shape.

Well, the REALLY big news is Fish Camp 2006 is only days (even hours) away! I think we're all set. Some bad news in that the SEC-Transportation and SEC-W/M will probably not be making the trip. Racing was canceled on Saturday and rescheduled for this Saturday. Major bummer... Plus, it sounds like The Bartender will ALSO be absent. Some retirement party or something... Well, I did hear my liver give a sigh of relief with that news, but I've never listened to him before. Otherwise, we on track for the big weekend. Not sure when we're heading north exactly, but it will probably be Friday morning, with the rest of the crew following behind at various times. I cant wait!!!

Here's our calendar:

This Week's Reasons to Drink!

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 it's time. And it's time. **Paul Masson Wine.**

7 Homespun History Day. Remember that time you drank a keg all by yourself? Let the world know!

Truth Serum

1 oz Courvoisier

1 oz Cointreau

Juice of one lemon.

Shake with ice, shoot and tell the troot.

Oh boy, Cinco de Mayo on Friday!!!

Well, like I said, pretty busy, so I better go, but before I do, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"You know you're a drunk when: You receive divorce papers from your liver and it wants full custody of the kidneys." --Drunkard.com

That could be any one of us next week!

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