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Feb. 27, 2007 - Hey... in yesterday's update, I forgot to mention its Zumbo's birthday today. If you see him, wish him a great day!!!

Happy Birthday Zumbo!!!

Feb. 26, 2007 - Jak se Maj! Morning folks! Welcome back! Its been TWO whole weeks. I thought the FM was going to start crying... Well I'm back. Never actually left, just got busy... Two Mondays ago, I was in Chicago for work. The new boss's boss was in town, so we had to go down there for a 20 minute meeting. 8 hours of driving for a 20 minute meeting. Go figure... Last week was President's Day, and as you probably know we have off for the holiday... So I went bunny hunting. More on that later...

Anyone get any snow? We did! Quite a bit, and a lot more in Denville than in Green Bay. I'd say in the village we had a solid 12 inches yesterday and another 6 last night. Boy is that snow blower fun! If you had to do it 3 times a week it might get old, but when its just once in a while, its a blast!

So what's been going on? Two weeks ago we noted the one year passing of Ma Nelson. Mass in the morning, and a chicken and fish feast at Susters that evening. Good day with good memories. Its always good to get together with the family.

Also two weeks ago, the Nth Annual Fish Camp Meeting! Me and the boys warmed up the shop and feasted and drank and talked about this years camp. We're planning on opening weekend again, Friday thru Monday, so mark your calendars! We had a good time as always with all the usual culprits. Can't wait for camp to get here!

Speaking of Fishing, the Sausage Stuffer sent me these. This is HIS kind of ice fishing. I can't say I can argue with him...





Last weekend sucked, as I was on call and spent most of the weekend working. The President's Day bunny hunt helped soothe that though. No bunnies to speak of, but I was alone, and its usually hard to hunt that way. Beautiful day though, and the one deer I saw made up for the lack of bunnies. Can't wait for next year...

While on the subject of venison, I have some from Zumbo. We just picked up the sausage from Konops on Saturday (GOOD STUFF!!!) so get your orders in. While on the topic of Zumbo, after the "real" Zumbo got in hot water over shooting his mouth off, we may have to come up with a new nickname... Nah, its too good to switch over something so trivial... Oh yeah, went to the Deer Classic this weekend with Zumbo. If you've never been there, you gotta go, if nothing else, to see all the mounts. Just amazing!!!

Tough weekend for basketball... Well, Denville won, and the JV played their last game. The varsity moves onto tourney play, so we'll see how that goes... They "should" do well, but if you want a FULL analysis, you'll have to contact the FM. Its quite amazing how much we agree on things these days... We'll see how long that lasts... Went to the UWGB game Saturday night, and they suck... no point and no coach... got beat in the last 1.2 seconds in a game they should have walked away with... Then the Badgers had the game yesterday and then got beat... Oh well...

Well, its Lent... last Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, so I'm on the wagon. But just to prove to you that beer is good, as soon as I quick drinking for lent, I started getting a cold, so there you go... Drink beer and stay healthy!!! For the rest of you, here's this weeks drinking schedule...

26 Jackie Gleason (1916) and Johnny Cash's Birthday (1932). And awaaay we go to the bar. *Scotch served neat in a teacup.*

27 Runic Half-Month of Tyr begins. That's according to the cosmic pillar.

Any Reason to Drink Cocktail

1 oz vodka

1 oz gin

1 oz rum

Sprite

Lime slice

Mix the liquor, top with Sprite, garnish with lime.

28 St. Oswald of York's Day. He was also known as St. Oswald of Worcester. Everybody loved that goddamn monk. *Old English Malt Liquor.*

29 Leap Year Day. In Estonia it's traditional to jump over a wicker chair. Those kooky, fun-loving Estonians sure know how to party.

Leap Year Cocktail

1 1/4 oz gin

1/2 oz Grand Marnier

1/2 oz sweet vermouth

1/4 tsp lemon juice

Shake ingredients with ice, strain.

1 National Beer Day (Iceland). Celebrates the end of 75 years of prohibition of beer in 1989. Ice cold brew.

2 First Festival of Vesta (Roman). You're going to want to whoop it up on this one, because the second one kinda sucks. Tuaca.

3 National Mulled Wine Day. No need to mull over this one.

Bad Pun Punch

3 oz Rum

Orange juice

2 tbsps Grenadine

Shake and strain.

4 America's first tavern opens (1634). Imagine the line outside the door. Make a run down the taps.

Johnny Cash's birthday today??? Almost enough to jump off the wagon... National Beer Day on the 1st and on the 4th, America's first tavern opens... WOW! What a great week!!! Oh yeah... I added in Leap Day... YOU figure out which day to celebrate it...

One more week before the final countdown to our Florida trip... Can you hear the excitement in my voice?

On a high note, the newsletter is COMPLETE!!! Signed, sealed, and mailed! If there are any issues with content or errors, please see my proofreader. Otherwise, please enjoy!!!

That's about it. But before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"My wife and I had words, But I didn't get to use mine." -- Unknown

Oh so true...

Until next time, take care...

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

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Feb. 5, 2007 - Jak se Maj! Morning folks! Anyone notice its a little chilly out there? Its so freaken cold that I actually broke down and wore a hat to work this morning... The good thing is, I now know my truck thermometer works down to -16... So I got that going for me... which is good...

Hey, I got a question... How come you never hear father-in-law jokes? Let me know what you think about that...

So, everyone enjoy the Superbowl? I'm pretty pleased with the overall outcome, except there weren't enough monkey commercials. Like any man will tell you, monkeys are ALWAYS funny. Anyway, the game was competitive, the Bares were able to make it a game due to their incessant luck, but in the end, they got rolled. This way, the people I work with in Chicago will be "bearable"... pun intended... Plus, as we all know, "The Bares still suck"!!!

Here's something I've probably posted before, but its still funny...

AMAZINGLY SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES

1. If you are choking on an ice cube, don't panic. Simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat and, presto, the blockage will be removed.
2. Clumsy? Avoid cutting yourself while slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop away.
3. Avoid arguments with your wife about lifting the toilet seat by simply using the sink.
4. For high-blood-pressure sufferers: simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure in your veins. Remember to use a timer.
5. A mousetrap, placed on top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
6. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives, then you will be afraid to cough.
7. Have a bad toothache? Smash your thumb with a hammer and you will forget all about the toothache.
8. Sometimes, we just need to remember what the rules of life really are: You only need two tools - WD-40 and Duct Tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40; if it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.
9. Remember: Everyone seems normal until you get to know them. So be brief with people.
10. Never pass up an opportunity to go to the bathroom.

#6 is funny no matter how you tell it...

Almost forgot this one... I think I got it from the Jack/Ass team... All that talk about the idiot Dems and who they want to put in office (Not that the Republicans have a corner on the brains market), this just seems funnier than the first time I saw it...



Despite the cold, I made more progress on the shop, BUT, I am getting tired of painting trim... I got two doors done and should have the other two done this week... That way, I should have them all done in time for...

THE Nth ANNUAL FISH CAMP MEETING!

Yes, we've set a date and time, but come to think of it, I should send out an email so everyone actually knows about it... What a thought... We're looking at 2/17, 7pm, the shop... Be there...

Speaking of meetings, we had a "Florida Trip" meeting Saturday night... It reaffirmed why I drink... which brings us to our weekly drinking schedule...

5 Bob Marley Day (Jamaica). Time to touch base with your weedhead buddies. **Red Stripe.**

6 Babe Ruth's Birthday (1895). Contrary to popular belief, he wasn't really pointing to where he was going to hit the ball. He was just trying to get a beer vendor's attention. **Overpriced crappy beer in a plastic cup.**

7 National Hangover Awareness Day. Some of us 'celebrate' this 'holiday' every morning.

Hair of the Dog

1/2 oz. tequila

1/2 oz. whiskey

1/4 oz. Tabasco Sauce

1/4 oz. salt

Pour Tabasco, tequila and whiskey into a shot glass. Lay salt on top.

8 Mass for Broken Needles (Japanese). The bane of seamstresses and DJs alike. **Sake.**

9 Feast Day of Apollo (Greek). The Sun God must be appeased! **Tequila Sunrise.**

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

God's Great Creation

2 1/2 oz whiskey

1 oz peach schnapps

5 tbslp 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 turned us into monkeys.

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.

Over all, looks like a good week... Babe Ruth (2/6) is hilarious and monkeys (2/12) are always funny, but did you check out the drink for Wednesday? THAT sounds nasty... I'm sticking to beer that day...

Other than the cold, not much else is going on... My brother's birthdays are this week, Chris (2

/6) and Chuck (2/11), so remember them this week... also, Friday morning mass in Denville is for Ma Nelson, so if you've got nothing else going on, stop in... Speaking of happy/sad events, its someone's anniversary this week too... 22 years... Oh boy...

Almost forgot... the newsletter is in alpha draft... everything is in, and its looking OK... I need to do my initial proofing, and then volunteer someone to do a real proofing... Not sure who'll be the lucky one this year... we'll see...

That's all I can think of right now... I hope everyone has a great week... Before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak." ~ Unknown

QUICK!!! Which junior member comes to mind first?!?!?!

Until next time, take care...

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