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July 30, 2007 - *Jak se maj!!! Howdy folks! Quick update today... I as out of town last Thursday and Friday, and its left me a bit behind at work, so this will be short and sweet...*

My freaken porch is almost done!!! Spent about 15 hours on it this weekend and all the boards are down, so now it just needs painting and the trim done... I hope... I ended up with 3 less long boards than I needed and an extra 8 short ones... tick me off... So if anyone has a REALLY small porch, I got lumber for you...

Missed out on a booyah and family camping due to the porch fiasco, but sometimes we must make sacrifices. The summer is almost 2/3 over, and I haven't started any of the projects I planned on and haven't been fishing around home once... Yes, I need to get my priorities straight...

So, here's this week's drinking schedule...

30 All American Soap Box Derby Day. Recapture those forgotten memories of childhood glory. **Gin and ginger ale.**

31 Jimmy Hoffa disappears (1975). Left behind a lotta outstanding bar tabs. **Union-made beer.**

1 Modern Drunkard Magazine was unleashed on the drinking public (1996). Rise up, boozehead! **Anything and everything.**

2 Peter O'Toole's Birthday (1932). "I was so drunk I thought I was Peter O'Toole."—Richard Burton. **Irish whiskey.**

3 Feast of Caligo (Roman). All hail the Mother of Chaos! **Mix whatever's on hand in a bucket.**

4 St. Sithney's Day. Patron saint of mad dogs. **Something frothy.**

5 Andy Capp debuted in Britain's Daily Mirror (1957). Best comic strip ever. **As many pints as your lady will buy you**

Even seems to be a bit of a boring drinking week ahead... You'll have to fix that yourself...

OK... I just re-read them... its gonna be a GREAT week... gotta get some Ginger Ale for tonight...

Now this is a Deerstand!!!



We gotta talk to the President about getting one of these on Miss Hill!

Oh yeah! Saw the President this morning at the gas station. We were both in a hurry, but he's doing well and survived his vacation week. Also, he still has no power at the cabin... Go figure... More on that next week...

Another full week coming up... Party at the Chief's employer's tonight (GBCC) for the worker bee's families. I keep thinking "Caddy Day" on Caddy Shack... A couple work parties this week too, and then its on to the weekend...

That's all I have... gotta run... But before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior membership...

"If you make people think they're thinking, they'll love you; But if you really make them think, they'll hate you." -- Don Marquis

I love that quote! Incredibly true!!!

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

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July 23, 2007 - Jak se maj!!! Welcome to Monday! Hope everyone is doing well! Its been a rather quiet week with not too much going on. Oh, no issues with staying busy, but nothing too excite to report, but lets see what I can come up with...

Probably the biggest topic of my life right now is that damn porch. Did some work during the week, but not too much. Then I made a major push on Saturday and put in about 10 hours on it. AND I'M STILL NOT DONE!!! It is REALLY slow going , let me tell you. I'd say I'm about 2/3 of the way done and I can see already I don't have enough lumber. Its unreal... Its such slow tedious work that it takes about an hour to get a foot done... and let me tell you, all that bending and getting up and crouching and kneeling does a number to your body. So what did we do? We went out...

The wife's sister and brother-in-law came over and the intent was to head down to the annual Denmark Lions Tractor Pull. But when we got there, the women folk were too cheap to pay to get in, so we headed to the local tap. From there we proceeded up the hill to another local tap to see the SEC-HSS. After too many libations, someone thought it would be a good idea to stop at another local tap on the way home... Luckily we were on foot, but it was a tough go and I over slept on Sunday. And the wife's sister needs new car mats, if that tells you anything...

After over sleeping on Sunday, we did manage to watch the Lions parade, which was good, and

head down to the park for some Lions food. With the FM helping with the booyah, I was scared to try any, but I only noticed a few throwing theirs away, so it couldn't have been too bad. That led to a few quality moments on the couch and the weekend was over...

Got a pick of Keith's bear... seems it snuck into Crooked Lake Memorial Hospital...



Sneaky little devil, huh?

Lets see what's on this week's schedule...

23 Raymond Chandler's Birthday (1888). Literary father of the booze-belting P.I. Rye whiskey.

24 National Tequila Day. AKA Wake Up In Jail Day. [Tequila](#).

25 St. Christopher's Day. Patron saint of bikers and bachelors.

Confirmed Bachelor

1 1/2 oz Gin

1 tsp Grenadine

1/2 tsp Rose's Lime Juice

1 Egg white

Shake with ice, strain.

26 Revolution Day (Cuba). Fidel continues to revolt. [Cuba Libre](#).

27 National Scotch Day. "Well, between scotch and nothin', I suppose I'd take scotch. It's the nearest thing to good moonshine I can find." —William Faulkner.
Scotch (if there's no 'shine on hand).

28 Hurricane Supplication Day (Virgin Islands). Fight fire with fire. [Hurricanes](#).

29 Rasputin's Birthday (1871). Wino monk held sway over the Russian empire.
Madeira wine (his favorite).

NATIONAL TEQUILA DAY!!! Look out Tuesday!!!

Got a call from the Sturgeon General on Saturday... He and his beautiful bride-to-be asked me to be an usher for their impending nuptials. Obviously I'm very honor to be asked and am looking forward to it! With the two weddings next spring, its going to be a blast!!!

Oh yeah, Thursday night we had a nice time at the Sausage Stuffer's for the Kapinos "Reunion". A little different since we went to church so I laid off the beer, but it was good to see the cousins. Can't wait for next year!

Busy week coming up... Heading to Chicago Thursday and Friday... Then there's family camping this week, but I don't even know if I'll make it... There's that damn porch you know... ;-)

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

"Yes, you CAN eat too much Ous Mous Nous" -- curtamous

That made for a rough week... lol!

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

curtaceous

July 16, 2007 - Jak se maj!!! Howdy folks! Happy Monday! Welcome to another week of life. Things here are pretty good. Had a good weekend with lots of celebrating and I actually feel pretty good this morning... Go figure!

Last week was pretty slow... (Until the weekend of course!) Didn't get too much accomplished on the porch, that's for sure... Spent a couple hours one night and only got two feet of the tongue and groove boards down. Based on that, its going to take FOREVER!!! But, a lot of that was setup, squaring, and figuring out the process. I would have made more progress, but it rained the next night and then it was the weekend, so you'll hear more on this topic in the weeks to follow...

The weekend started out pretty good with a trip to Ziggy's for the mom-in-law's birthday. Hadn't been there in a long time and I hope its not as long till the next time. The food was EXCELLENT! I ordered frog legs, and I tell you, I must have had 30 of 'em. A huge pile of food and they were GOOD!!! Everyone reported excellent food as well and we had a pretty good time. Even got home at a reasonable hour...

Saturday rolled around and things really got going... The annual crabbing trip was on in memory of Ma Nelson! My beautiful bride left for Madison early and I was up preparing for the festivities. The Mayor had procured 10lbs of fresh peas, so Ous Mous Nous was even on the menu! The FDA Chair showed up around noon and he, I and the eldest boy headed for the "crick". The crabs were not as plentiful and certainly not as big as years past, but we headed home with 3/4 of a pail after an hours worth of work (Most of which was spent on the tailgate enjoying a cool beverage and discussing the same things we did last year, and the year before, and the year before that, etc...).

Within an hour the crabs were cleaned and on the stove cooking. Then came the test of the day. I had developed a "chiller" to bring down the temp of the cooked crabs quickly and it was time to see if it would work, and work it did. That pot of crabs was down to room temp in about 10 minutes. SUCCESS!!! The apparatus, which will hopefully also work for booyah and beer making, consists of some copper tubing, some hoses and a some hose clamps. BEAUTIFUL! So we'll see how that goes in other endeavors...

The crabs were done, the Ous Mous Nous was heated and the beer was cold, so the party started. An order of chicken was procured (even though the eldest picked up the wrong order, it worked out pretty good) and the party was on. A special thanks to the Mayor as the Ous Mous Nous turned out EXCELLENT! Obviously the crabs were good too, as was the bakery from Amish country courtesy of the SEC-State and his beautiful bride. We ate, cleaned up and headed for the races...

It was a great night to be outdoors and the racing turned out pretty good. The SEC-Transportation's better half (to-be) had a pretty good night winning her heat and vying for the feature as well. In the feature she was "kinda" taken out and then had issues with her gas tank (no full enough), but she looked pretty good out there. The SEC-Trans didn't fair as well with a 5th and a 5th, but he did very well in the feature during a crash sequence that could have been MUCH worse. The report is the car felt much better so hopefully his 2nd half will be more productive.

From there we headed back to the Nelson garage where we sat around emptying coolers until

bar time... I had quite a time getting the boys tucked into bed, but everything was cool... Thanks to everyone who participated and hopefully everyone had a good time! I think Ma Nelson would have been proud. I have crabs and Ous Mous Nous in the refrig to share if anyone is interested!!! Just stop on by...

Strangely, I was up early and feeling good on Sunday, made it to church and then cleaned up the entire facility for the inevitable return of my beautiful bride. Headed off to Way-Mor Park to celebrate the 35th anniversary of our local priest's ordination. Gotta love catholics... first thing as you walked up to the party? Coolers and coolers of beer! The food was incredible too... Nothing like pot-lock at a church function... Congrats to Fr. Ron.

When I got home, my beautiful bride wasn't back yet, and the couch was beaconing, so I decided on a quick nap. I was woken (Is that a word?) by my beautiful bride who was upset that I had left a couple bottles of soda in an inappropriate spot. She's always gotta find something, but I figured I did pretty good if that's all she could come up with...

So all in all, it was a GREAT week followed by an even GREATER weekend! The only negative note was that we never heard from The President... Too bad, but my liver rejoices!

Here's a quick one in honor of Fr. Ron...

A drunk man who smelled like beer sat down on a subway next to a priest. The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading.

After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, "Say Father, what causes arthritis?"

The priest replies, "My Son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes and lack of a bath."

The drunk muttered in response, "Well, I'll be." Then returned to his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?"

The drunk answered, "I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that the Pope does."

An oldie but a goodie...

Here's this week's schedule...

16 Anniversary of the Whiskey Rebellion. In 1794 American farmers rose up against the federal government to protest new taxes on liquor. **Bottle of liquor from the duty-free shop.**

17 St. Alexis' Day. Patron saint of panhandlers. **PBR draft.**

18 Hunter S. Thompson's Birthday (1937). "I hate to advocate drugs, alcohol, violence or insanity to anyone, but they've always worked for me." **Wild Turkey.**

19 St Arnold's Day. The patron saint of beer spent his life teaching that water was

dangerous and beer was dangerously delicious. **Chimay Ale.**

20 Cockney Day. Get Brahms and Liszt down at the rub-a-dub-dub. **Giggle and titter.**

21 Ernest Hemingway's Birthday (1899). Celebrate the man who taught two generations how to drink.

Papa Doble

2 1/2 ounces White Bacardi Rum

Juice of 1/2 grapefruit

6 drops grenadine

Mix with half scoop of ice in a blender. Garnish with a cherry.

22 John Dillinger is gunned down outside a movie theatre (1934). Should have went to the pub.

Gangbuster Punch

1 1/2 oz vodka

1 1/2 oz peach schnapps

1 oz cranberry juice

Splash 7-Up

Shake well, strain.

Another great week! I had no idea there was a patron saint of beer! What a guy!!!

Not sure if there's much going on this week. Thursday night we have Mass for Mom, Dad, the boys and all the Kapinos family surrounded by a Kapinos family reunion, so that should be fun. I'm sure I'll have more adventures with the porch as well...

Well, back to work... But before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior membership...

"He was a wise man who invented beer." ~ Plato.

Amen!!!

Hope to see you all this weekend!!!

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

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July 9, 2007 - Jak se maj!!! Happy Monday and very special greetings to the SEC-State on his pending 50th birthday!!! Tomorrow he will be officially turning page 50, but yesterday his beautiful bride and his most excellent offspring (Yes, the Comptroller too!) threw him a surprise party on Jen Rae. The Comptroller took him out golfing and when he arrived home he noticed his sister's vehicles in the driveway and told the Comptroller he better get ready to drink... "THEN" he noticed the rest of the vehicles parked everywhere and made some remark concerning the Comptroller's past or future lineage... So he WAS surprised... "Shocked" is the word he used... As we all know, Keith is a great guy, so here's wishing him a great birthday tomorrow... CHEERS!!!

Clearly, the SEC-State's party was the highlight of the week... The lowlight was Saturday when I spent 11 hours ripping apart and re-assembling my porch... In the 90 degree heat... I'm still not recovered... Between the bug bites, bee sting, dehydration, heat rash, and aching muscles, I'm lucky I survived... But I did get all the structural stuff re-done and the sub-floor in, so its usable again. Now I have to find a time and a way to get the rest done... yuck...

Hopefully we have a quiet week coming up so I can get some stuff done cause next weekend should be a busy one. We start out Friday night celebrating my mother-in-law's birthday. Out to Ziggy's with the in-laws... What a way to start the weekend!!! Then my beautiful bride heads out of town, so the Chief Inspector and I are in charge. So, to celebrate Ma Nelson's birthday, crabbing will start around noon on Saturday. Hopefully we'll be eating by 5pm or so, and then its off to the races. If the President shows up, we may even declare it "Bob's Buck Camp Night at the Races"... We'll see, but you're all invited!!!

Sunday's events (post hangover) will include Fr. Ron's 35th Jubilee Festivities and a nap... Congrats to Fr. Ron and "Go Nap Time"!!!

Here's this week's beverage schedule...

9 National POW/MIA Day. Raise a glass to brothers lost. **Colt 45 Malt Liquor.**

10 National Pina Colada Day. "Yes, I like Pina Coladas, and getting caught in the rain. I'm not much into health food, I am into champagne."—Rupert Holmes. **Pina Colada.**

11 Buffalo Bill Day. Saved our young nation from marauding bison. **Buffalo Trace Whiskey.**

12 Milton Berle's Birthday. "If it wasn't for the olives in his martinis, he'd starve to death." **Martinis, extra olives.**

13 Fool's Paradise Day. See you at the bar. **Whatever you're buying.**

14 Bastille Day (French). Fourth of July for francophiles. **Cognac.**

15 Respect Canada Day. Okay, but only because of hockey and the Mackenzie brothers, eh? **Molson.**

Kind of a strange week, but what the heck... You have Martinis and Molson, so the rest must be OK too...

I almost forgot because it seems like it was a month ago, but the 4th of July party was awesome. A great corn roast (that fist cob every year is always SO good!) and great beer. The fireworks were pretty good too. The Rollins certainly made it a great week, didn't they? Thanks to the great barber and his beautiful bride for another great fest!!!

Here's some helpful advice for you males...

FIVE RULES FOR MEN TO FOLLOW, FOR A HAPPY LIFE

1. Get a woman who helps at home, cooks and cleans up.
2. Get a woman, who can make you smile and laugh.
3. Get a woman who you can trust and who does not lie to you.
4. Get a woman who is good in bed and who likes to be with you.
5. It is very important that these four women do not know each other.

They should teach that type of stuff in school!

Hey if you get a chance to see the Sausage Stuffer, hopefully this weekend, ask him about his expansion plans and lawn mower... BOTH are pretty good stories!!!

I'm sure there's a lot more going on, but I better get some work done... As always, before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior membership...

"Life is too short for pity parties. Get busy living or get busy dying." ~ Unknown

Now that is a RULE to live by...

Hope to see you all this weekend!!!

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July 2, 2007 - Jak se maj!!! Happy holiday week to all! Another beautiful day and a holiday on Wednesday to look forward to as well. The weather is beautiful, though we could use some rain, so what else could we ask for? OK, but the beer can wait until after work... at least today...

Last week was pretty quiet as expected... Spent the evenings priming my new porch flooring, which by the way, was very expensive! I should have just duck taped it... (Duck tape! HA! That always cracks me up... and it annoys the FM... Double Bonus!!!) But the weekend brought much more excitement...

Friday I was drafted to help the FDA Chair prepare booyah for our cousin Gutter's eldest son's graduation. What and HONOR!!! It was a double batch which he'd never done before, and as expected, it turned out great! What else would you expect from the FDA Chair and SEC-State, even if I WAS there to screw it up? The highlight of the event, other than the endless beer, was the entire truck load of ice brought in to cool the booyah for the party, which was the next day. Lets just say that Gutter never does anything half assed...

Saturday brought more gorgeous weather for the graduation party and we had a good time, even though it was bracketed by calls from work. Thanks to all and congrats to the graduate Andrew!!!

Sunday brought an early start as my beautiful bride's aunt and uncle were celebrating their 50th year together. 8am Mass in Mishicot was a bit early, but was followed by fortified juices at Fox Hills and then a very nice party at the local VFW. congrats to Barney and Carol on their 50th!!!

The late afternoon brought an in-law birthday party, as my 8 year-old hockey nephew celebrated. Despite the ensemble, beer was served and a good time was had... Happy Birthday Jay!!!

Speaking of birthdays, Jen the Mooch should have celebrated another page turned... Her cheap old man probably didn't want to spend money on a party, so I didn't get to wish her a Happy Birthday, but here you go... Happy Birthday Jenny Penny!!!

Here's a good one that you can tell anyone...

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods, admiring all that evolution had created.

"What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!", he said to himself. As he was walking along the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. When he turned to see what the cause was, he saw a 7-foot grizzly charging right towards him. He ran as fast as he could. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing, He ran even faster, crying in fear. He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer. His heart was pounding and he tried to run even faster. He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up, but saw the bear right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him.

At that moment, the Atheist cried out "Oh my God!...." Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent. Even the river stopped moving.

As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky, "You deny my existence for all of these years; teach others I don't exist; and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looked directly into the light "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask You to treat me as Christian now, but perhaps could you make the bear a Christian?" "Very well," said the voice.

The light went out. The river ran again. And the sounds of the forest resumed.

And then the bear dropped his right paw brought both paws together...bowed his head and spoke: "Lord, for this food which I am about to receive, I am truly thankful."

You know what they say about what bears do in the woods... ;-)

Well, lets see what's on the schedule this week...

2 National Literacy Day. Attempt to write the Great American Novel on bar napkins—one drink at a time. *Booker's Bourbon.*

3 International Civil Disobedience Day. No, I will not show you my ID! *Screwdrivers at home.*

4 Independence Day (USA). Celebrate our freedom to drink crappy American beer. *Bud.*

5 Peace and Unity Day (Rwanda). See the irony and sarcasm. *Virgin Bloody Mary, except with vodka.*

6 The Running of the Bulls Festival begins. Substitute bouncers for bulls. *Schlitz Malt Liquor.*

7 Great Gatsby Festival. Suit up and drink like you got a million bucks. *Cosmopolitan.*

8 Julius Caesar's Birthday (100 BC). *Et tu, boozus?*

Bloody Caesar

2 oz vodka

1 dash worcestershire sauce

1 dash Tabasco Sauce

1 oz Clamato Juice

Celery salt

Pepper

Rim tall glass with celery salt, fill with ice and ingredients. Garnish with a celery stick and lime.

*I'm pretty much into the 3rd, but it sounds like the 4th is a punishment instead of a holiday... unless its the **real** bohemian "BUD"... Either way, the 5th makes up for it... I'm a pretty big fan of sarcasm...*

Speaking of the 4th, its almost time for the annual 4th of July party at my favorite barber's abode! ALWAYS a good time is had and you can't find a better guy and gal! Looking forward to it as always!!!

Didn't hear any direct reports on the racing scene, but the web reports T-Bone came in 5th and 5th and is 5th in points... I think its time he quits sandbagging and gets back into it... I think we need to schedule the Bob's Buck Camp Night at the Races SOON!!!!

Trying to think if there's anything else big going on but nothing comes to mind... so that's it for today... But as always, before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior membership...

"No one means all he says, and yet very few say all they mean, for words are slippery and thought is viscous." ~ Henry Adams

Very, very, very deep... but VERY true two hours after cocktail hour...

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