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Aug. 29, 2010 - Jak se maj!!! Howdy everyone! Welcome back! It's been a LONG LONG time! For the first time that I can remember, I have missed TWO updates in a row. I missed the first one for good reason... Work! I was out of town... But last week was a little more "self inflicted"... Yeah, I was too tired last Monday... I was busy too, getting tired... More on that later...

I'm actually starting this on Saturday night as I am pretty sure I have a lot to cover and catch up on... We will see... So what is up?

Well, let's start off with missing the update two weeks ago. I spent Monday and Tuesday down in sunny downtown Chi-Town. It turned out to be a pretty good trip. None of those 18 hour days but we still got a lot accomplished with a new client. Didn't party or anything, but had a nice meal and kinda enjoyed it. It was actually nice just to work with one client all day and not have 5 lined up waiting for my time. So that was good...

That Friday I spent most of the day in Milwaukee with another client, but got back into Green Bay in time for the BIG STORM! I tell you, that is about as hard a rain as I have ever seen. I just got to the office when the deluge started. I contemplated sitting it out in my truck, but I knew from the weather report it could be a while, so I parked close to the door and made a dash. WOW! 10 steps on a run and I STILL got soaked. Amazing... After about 10 minutes our parking lot, which is actually on a kind of slope, was completely flooded with about six inches of running water. But it cleared out soon... Denville got pounded a little more, with flooded streets and some down trees, but nothing terrible.

Nothing like Greenleaf and Butte Des Morts got it... And we all know who lives in downtown Butte Des Morts right? Mr. SEC-W/M... Saturday morning the Mayor of Denville called and asked if I would take a run down to the SEC-M/W's place as he was out of town and his buddy called and said his power was out and his place was a mess. So we drove down and it wasn't as bad as we were worried it would be. Branches and stuff down and a bit of a mess in the yard, but no real damage other than the power line came down. When we arrive the electrician was actually there working on it and was soon met by the WPS guys, so his power was restored pretty quickly and we didn't even have to haul back his frozen food. Nice... So the storm was definitely a little exciting for us...

On to Sunday... Last Sunday... It was the Annual Holy Trinity Church Meeting and Picnic. We all know what that means... I had every intention of behaving, really I did, but I still ended up at the tavern afterward and pretty "tired" the next day. Oh well... It was a great time for sure. Great people out there and its fun to get out with them at least once a year... The FDA Chairman made a REALLY awesome batch of booyah that was appreciated by all. Another "Top 5" batch... It was so good I didn't even get any to bring home, at least I don't think I did... (But I did get some awesome Klika German Potato Salad, so that made up for it...)

Speaking of church booyah, the linked parishes in the area are having a picnic in September and the FDA Chair has been chosen to represent Holy Trinity. Rumor also has it that the FM has somehow been chosen to represent one of the other churches... Oh man... If there's another contest, how in the world is the FM gonna rig a CHURCH vote, because that is the ONLY way his Belgian swill could POSSIBLE compete with Ma Nelson's famous Bohemian recipe... We will see what dastardly depths he sinks too this time...

Really bad news on the bike... Let's see, two weeks ago I took it out for a short spin... Just a ten miler or so, but at around mile 5 the clutch went caplooey... (That's a technical term) The clutch lever got real soft, so on the way home I was anticipating a cable issue... But I got home and the cable was fine... OH! OH! So I got a hold of my bike mechanic and described the issue and he said he'd take a look... So I drove it out there, speed shifting it as I had little or no clutch, and dropped it off. So this past Monday he called with good news. "Must have been a linkage issue" as he saw no issues and when he put it back together it was fine... AWESOME! So I also had him change my fork fluid, which was a good thing as he said it was probably still the original factory stuff. Picked it up Monday night and drove it home... Good right? Wrong...

It was a little funky on the way home from the shop, pulling a little a stop signs, and I had a dickens of a time getting it into neutral when I got it in the garage, but I figured it just had to get used to being on the road again. So I took it for a spin on Wednesday, and it was right back to where I was... Broken! Only weird thing was it would get better after shifting up to 4th or 5th gear, and then worse after downshifting... Anyway, called the mechanic and he's going to have to rip it completely apart this time... So I dropped it off this morning (Saturday) with a VERY long face... :-(

Oh course; with my bike in the shop, I get a call from Captain Chuck tonight. He's home and he and Zumbo were gonna get on their bikes and go for a ride... I almost cried... That would have been AWESOME!!! It was such a beautiful day today, plus it would have been great to get out on the road and show those two Harley drivers a thing or two. Well, I could show them after I caught up to them, but you know what I mean... Well, next time guys FOR SURE!!!

Yeah, it was sure a beautiful day, and it really WOULD have been a great day for a ride... But instead I painted... YUCK!!! You all know how much I hate to paint... If I don't behave and get sent to hell, I have no doubt my punishment will be to paint the place over and over and over... But, I have been putting this off for a while, so I got to it. The house and the garage service doors had some pretty bad spots here and there that were peeling, and they weren't painting themselves, so I got 'er done. Took about four hours, but it does look a lot nicer now...

Speaking of crappy jobs... I need to track down The President one of these days and find out if he's taken care of that ant problem of his... Maybe tomorrow I'll swing over and get an update... That's the plan... I'll sign off for now and finish this up tomorrow night!

Welcome to Sunday... Another good day, but pretty freaken hot!

Spent some time today after church getting my wood shed cleaned up and ready for more wood as well as getting some kindling sawed up. I had planned on heading out to Zumbo's to make some more wood, but it was just too hot out there. Moving the wood around and making the kindling really wasn't very hard work, but I was still drenched in sweat, so I figured I might as well skip the heat and also avoid the mosquitoes... I probably only have a face cord of wood cut so far, so I really need to get cracken on that front. Maybe I'll get some done this week... Hot early in the week but supposed to be better after Wednesday...

Sure missed the bike today... Would have been nice to get out there... I hope she's OK... :-)

I gave The President a call today, but he was pretty busy... A local establishment is closing down and they needed help "cleaning out the coolers", so Mr. President, being the fine upstanding civil servant that he is, donated his time... What a guy... I did get a few minutes of his time though, and he's "busier than a one armed paper hanger", so we're not sure when we can even get together to TALK about making wood... But as always, we'll get 'er done...

Speaking of making wood, the SEC-Transportation spent the weekend up north camping and stopped at the little cabin on A for some wood. Checked out the place and one of his buddies in interested in helping us make some wood. EXCELLENT!!! Wait till he experiences his fist cocktail hour at the cabin, and we'll see how enthused he is after that...

I think the whole "Why you're fat" thing has run its course... I'm sure you know why, plus I'm not getting any more updated pictures, so enough of that...

In its place, in honor of The President's many amazing feats of emergency repairs, from the geniuses at therelfixedit.org, I bring you this new feature...

There! It's Fixed!



Hmm... I can't even imagine what type of thought process would result in that... But yeah, Bob would do that...

In honor of the fine folks at Holy Trinity parish that seem to lead me astray once a year, I bring you this week's schedule...

30 Aga-Ou Festival (Voodoo). Top notch voodoo elephant festival. Voodoo Spiced Rum.

31 Snake Dance Festival (Hopi). Best performed after falling off a barstool. King Cobra Malt Liquor.

1 Labor Day. "A person can work up a mean mean thirst after a hard day of nothin' much." —Replacements.

Working Man's Zinfandel

2 oz tequila

2 oz scotch

1 oz cinnamon schnapps

1 oz peach schnapps

Sprite

Mix liquor with ice, top with Sprite.

2 World War II ends (1945). Drunks save the free world from tyrannical teetotaler.

Victory Collins

1 1/2 oz Vodka

3 oz lemon juice

3 oz grape juice, unsweetened

1 tsp powdered sugar

1 slice orange

Shake with ice, strain into a Collins glass over ice cubes. Garnish with orange slice.

3 Lost Day. Good day to start a bender. *Bottle of rye.*

4 Looking For the Boundaries Day (Cuchumatan Indians, Guatemala Highlands).

Test the boundaries of last call. *Mescal.*

5 On the Road published. Barhop like Cassady and Kerouac. *Cheap beer.*

Next Sunday is "Cheap Beer Day"! Do they even MAKE cheap beer any more? I mean sure, some beer is cheaper than others, but mostly the cheap stuff is just watered down versions of the high test stuff... What happened to the good old days of Kingsbury, Red White and Blue, Huber, and God forbid, GRAIN BELT!!! Another great era in American history gone forever... :-(

If you notice the schedule, it shows us that ITS FREAKEN SEPTEMBER on Wednesday!!! Holy cow... Where did the summer go? Well, it was a pretty long summer and warm enough, but not incredibly terrible... Lots of rain, but really not any of those extended 5 straight days of rain... It would just rain REALLY hard and get back to sunshine... So overall, it was a good summer, but hard to see it go...

Pretty strange too, with my 2 week hiatus, I haven't even MENTIONED football, and we're almost to the last pre-season game for the mighty Packers... Wow... Well, they sure looked good on Thursday night, that's for sure. That offense looks pretty tough, but they did last preseason too, and then they stunk it up the first 6 weeks of the season. I expect more of the same, but an overall good year... Badgers kick it off Saturday too, so that should be cool as they are predicted to do well also. But we all know what happens when the Badgers are predicted to do well... They stink... Also my prediction... and the mighty Denville gridirons? Well, they already proved they stink last Friday getting shelled by Kewauneeee...

Another update... Deer season is just around the corner, and last weekend I ordered a spare antlerless tag for around The President's cabin. Yeah, it's pretty doubtful we'd use it, but I always think it's best to have one "just in case"... If you're interested, there's more available... They must be selling two for every deer in that unit...

Pretty busy week ahead again work-wise, but that's about it... Holiday weekend coming up, which is a cool thing as I could use an extra day off... Other than that, I have nothing else...

Overall, I'd say that's an OK update, even if I do say so myself... First time it's really taken me two days, so that's a first... But don't expect it again...

Oh wait, one more... I saw this, and again, its maybe a little PG-13ish, but who cares... I think it's HILARIOUS!!!



With that, I'll sign off... As always, I'll leave with some words of wisdom for our junior members...

"We hope that, when the insects take over the world, they will remember with gratitude how we took them along on all our picnics." ~Bill Vaughan

If that picture is any indication of what those insects do on our picnics, I'm eating at McDon's from now on...

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

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Aug. 9, 2010 - Jak se maj!!! Happy Monday everyone! Well, I was going to skip this week's update as I didn't get anything done last night... The weatherman was home for the weekend and we had supper with him and his grandmother and uncle and I really didn't have time to get to the update... Plus, I was feeling a bit "tired", which I will explain later... So anyway, I was going to skip the update, but then my calendar pointed out that today is a pretty big day...

IT'S THE SEC-W/W's BIRTHDAY!!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY RIC!

Can't hardly miss pointing that out, so if you see or hear from Ric today, make sure you wish him a good day... Can it be that he's 32 today??? Holy cow!!! Time sure is flying on this happy little planet of ours!

Speaking of time flying, Saturday was my 25th class reunion. Can it be 25 years??? Another "Holy Cow" on that too! Saturday was a bit of a wild day... My brother-in-law John had his birthday dinner that night, so we went to the Kilt with the in-laws and had a really nice dinner. Yeah, the waitress's wardrobes are a little provocative, but it's a nice place and has decent food. Good time... John's birthday is today too, so Happy Birthday Johnny!

Anyway, from dinner on Saturday I had to go home and do some work. We had some maintenance out east that had to get done, so I got that taken care of and was done pretty much by 9pm, so off I went to the party. After arriving, I realized it was probably a good thing I came late, as more than one classmate was very much familiar with the free beer! Ha! But it was a great time to be sure. Not a great turnout, maybe 40 or 50 classmates made it, but I really had a good time catching up with old friends and stuck it out until bar time. The plan was to head to an "after-bar" party, but I was pretty full so I took a right instead of a left and headed home... Good thing too, as I was pretty tired all day Sunday the way it was. I didn't need anymore... But like I said, I had a great time, behaved pretty well, and very much look forward to the next one in five years!

Got out on the bike for a couple short rides last week, but nothing exciting to report really. The bike is working well and turning the fuel "off" when it's not running seems to really do the trick... So far at least (I hope I didn't jinx it...) but I'm sure I should be looking at carb rebuild somewhere down the line. I'll see if and when I can afford that...

Quick update on The President's insect issues... I did some research and found that carpenter ants pretty much fit exactly what he's describing, right up to "hearing them chew"... So I sent him some info, and he already had it figured out, but now he's on a mission to "take 'em out"! Well, the Mayor also heard about the issue, and she had her "bug man" who was in last week to deal with her wasps and spiders, and it turns out the guy graduated with The President! Well, we'll get those two guys hooked up and I'm sure they'll take care of the issue... As the story unfolds, I'll be sure to keep you posted...

I'm not sure, but this might be somewhat "R" rated for my site, but it just totally cracks me up... So check it out...



A naked Barbie doll isn't so bad I guess, but whoever took the time to setup the scene is a genius... Hilarious if you ask me...

So, why are you fat?



Swisscake Surprise

Swiss Rolls dipped in pancake batter and deep-fried then smothered in blueberry syrup

Got some feedback last week on the Red Robin burger... Jack the Cat, my buddy from Carolina, commented that that's NOT the only reason he's fat...

For some reason, Tequila is the shot of choice at all of our class reunions... Let's see if any is on this week's schedule...

9 National Polka Day. Doesn't sound so bad if you're really, really drunk. *Steins of beer.*

10 St. Lawrence of Rome's Day. Patron saint of cooks, protector of vineyards. *Cooking sherry.*

11 Puck Fair (Irish). In Ireland Puck is often blamed for finishing pub-goers' drinks. *Your barstool neighbor's drink.*

12 International Youth Day. When they march past the pub, taunt them with your drink. *Aged scotch.*

13 Don Ho's Birthday (1930). Patron saint of fat drunk guys in loud Hawaiian shirts. *Tiki drinks.*

14 Trifon Zaresan Festival. Bulgarian wine drinking celebration. *Bulgarian wine.*

15 Liechtenstein National Day. The populace of this tiny monarchy drink more per capita than anyone on the planet.

Mighty Mouse

1 oz Vodka

3/4 oz Triple sec

3/4 oz Grenadine

Mix and shoot.

We've got beer, wine, scotch, mixers, etc, but nary a sign of Tequila, which is weird for the guy that puts this out... Hmm, probably a sign I should lay off the stuff for a little while...

No word on how the Gutzman booyah turned out, but I'm sure it was awesome as always... Another "Top 5" batch to be sure...

Another **BUSY BUSY** week at work coming up... Well, more like a couple **BUSY BUSY** months in store... Business is good, at least from a work load perspective, so I cannot complain, but this could get pretty hairy here for a bit. In fact, next week I am scheduled to be in Chicago early in the week, so don't be surprised if I don't get an update out... Hopefully I'll make time Sunday night though...

That's about it for this week... Short and sweet! As always, I'll sign off with some words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Hey, except for the extra chins, the spare tire around your waist, the wrinkles around your eyes and the glare from the top of your head, you haven't changed a bit!" ~ Comment overhead at the class reunion...

Not really, but WAY too true...

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

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Aug. 2, 2010 - Jak se maj!!! Happy Sunday everyone! Welcome to August! Yes, it's true, the summer is 2/3rd over... HARD to believe...

Coming to you on Sunday night again... Just got home from Kingsbury Kottage, had a bite to eat, walked the dog, and sat down to chat with you... It's a good thing you're a good listener...

This weekend was Nelson Family Camping weekend up at Kingsbury Kottage. Sounds like quite a crew gathered and had a great time. I had a quite a bit going on and couldn't make an overnight, but I got up early today, jumped on the bike, and headed north. More on the trip later, but I was lucky enough to arrive on time for a delicious breakfast of porkies and French toast compliments of young Miss Tara. I didn't know what I was hungry for, but that was it! Great stuff... Spent some time chatting, caught a few fish off the dock, and helped (a little) clean up camp and I was on my way. What a great day! Sure is nice that Kingsbury Kottage is close enough to make that day trip once in a while. Hopefully someday I'll be able to spend a little more time up there with the boys...

Got a couple great bike rides this week... Thursday night I hopped on the bike after work and headed west, then south, then east, and back north... Put about 80 miles on and found some pretty nice country roads I hadn't seen before. Finding new roads (at least new to me) seems to be what it's about right now. I kinda like finding new areas and sights and the best way to do that is on the bike... Kinda cleared my head after a pretty hard week at work...

Today's ride up to Kingsbury Kottage was a great one! Up early, but had to wait a bit for the fog to clear. (ACTUAL fog... Not the fog in my head...) After I crossed Tower Drive Bridge, I hugged the western shore up Green Bay all the way up to Peshtigo. Saw most of Suamico and Oconto and quite a bit of cool stuff in between. Then I headed west from Peshtigo to the Kottage and checked out a lot of pretty countryside and the towns of Pound, Coleman and Klondike. Doubled the time to get there, but really a great ride... The way home was more direct, but I stuck to the back roads that way too... All in all over 200 miles on the bike this week...

Looking over my past week, there really wasn't much else going on... We've made a lot of progress on the church website, but we still have a long way to go... Work has been really hectic, and will probably continue that way for a while (I hope)! We are continuing to get more business, and things look good, but the growing pains are evident. Good stuff to say the least...

Here's a good bit of info I picked up...

Some Great Advice!

- The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.
- A closed mouth gathers no foot.
- Duct tape is like "The Force." It has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.
- There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither one works.
- Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.
- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- Never miss a good chance to shut up.

HELP WANTED!!!

Speaking of great advice, I heard from The President today! Seems HE was up north too at the cabin on A, and he has a new dilemma he needs our help on! Seems that he has some sort of insect, at least he assumes it's an insect, chewing away at the foil backed Styrofoam that he has installed in the box around his pump on his well. He noticed some "shavings" last time up there, but this time there was a big pile of them... AND HE CAN HEAR THEM CHEWING!!! Sounds pretty weird to me! Anyway, WHAT COULD THEY BE??? Ants? Termites? Beer bugs? Aliens? YOU HELP IS NEEDED!!! Please [email](#) if you have any ideas!

With that taken care of, let's see why you are fat...



Red Robin Italian Burger

A beef patty topped with tomato, peperoncinis, italian mayo, pepperoni and a layer of fried mozzarella sticks.

Not bad... Needs a couple fried eggs on it though...

...and some suggested ideas for libations!

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.**

6 Robert Mitchum's Birthday (1917). "The only difference between me and my fellow actors is that I've spent more time in jail."

Extended Jail Sentence

1 oz Jack Daniels

1 oz Southern Comfort

1 oz Gold tequila

Flash blend with ice, serve.

7 Customer Appreciation Day. Hip your bartender to this one. One on the cuff.

8 Anniversary of the Great Train Robbery (1963). Pub pals make off with \$7 million. Beer with your more ambitious buddies.

Great... Peter O'Toole's birthday today... Now I gotta run down in the basement and take a hit of Jameson when I'm done... yuck...

You know, The President is known for his great ideas... Think any of these are his?

Some Great Ideas!

- If life deals you lemons, make lemonade. If life deals you tomatoes, make Bloody Marys.**
- If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.**
- If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.**
- The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.**

I like the first one the best!

Another busy week ahead of me, but not too much of interest... The weekend is slightly better, but work is probably going to interfere... I have my class reunion Saturday, but my brother-in-law's birthday dinner was scheduled first, or so I am told... Plus I am probably going to have to work somewhere along the line Saturday night on a system out east. WHY everything in one night??? Oh well, no rest for the wicked... I hope to go to the birthday dinner, go home and get my work done, and head to the class reunion for the last nightcap... Wishful thinking, but you never know how things work out...

The annual Gutzman booyah is Saturday too, so obviously I won't make that, but I am sure the FDA Chair and SEC-State will have things well under control! Maybe I should send The President up with them just to give them a challenge!

I think that's all I have... Pretty boring... Sorry... Something a little different to sign off this week... Still words of wisdom for our junior members, but in a short story format...

An old Cherokee is telling his grandson about a fight that is going on inside himself. He said it is between wolves.

One is evil: Anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego....

The other is good: Joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith...

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one I feed."

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