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Gone Fishing...

August 04, 2013 - *Jak se maj! Hi everyone and welcome to August! It's been a while and I've been getting a little good natured grief over not posting, but I swear, I have good excuses! Ah, I'm not fooling anyone... Excuses are excuses, right! More on that later... There's a lot to cover, so let's get to the big news.*

This past weekend was the highlight of the last month as my niece and god-daughter was married. On Friday Amber and Matt exchanged vows in a beautiful ceremony and then the party was on. I was very honored to serve as an usher for the couple's festivities and had a great time as did all involved! Amber and Matt, thanks for letting me be a part of your special day! Best wishes, congratulations, and my hopes and prayers that you have a long, loving, and happy life together!

So what else has been going on the last month or so? Well, I was sick, literally, during my last update... I went home early on Monday the 8th of July and was pretty much down and out for the next three days. I don't get sick often, but when I do, I usually get it pretty bad. In this case, it was a viral infection in my throat... YUCK!!! But on the bright side, I hope that I am good now for a year or two... :-)

The second weekend of July we gathered for the annual crabbing festivities. The FDA Chairman was again in charge and did a GREAT job leading us to another great catch. While the next generation always has great representation, this year the SEC-D'Fence's lovely bride joined us in the water as well, which is always fun to have someone "new" to the process gain experience. We also had the "3rd generation" in attendance, but only in a supervisory role. If you don't get wet, you're not crabbing! After the catch we got everything cleaned and cooked, the Mayor whipped up an EXCELLENT batch of Ous Mous Nous, and we got a couple boxes of chicken from Susters. Along with the beer and soft drinks and a great crowd, a great time was had by all. Pretty great way to celebrate Ma Nelson's birthday! Can't wait for next year!

The Annual Kapinos reunion took place a couple weeks ago and it was great as always to reconnect with the Gosz's, Mellen's, and Shimek's. Of course, the Librarian and Sausage Stuffer put on a great spread and it's a great time. It's a little sad that our lives are so "busy" that we don't take time to get together more often. But it's a great time for sure!

Last weekend was the annual Denmark Lion's picnic. Not too big a deal for my lovely bride and I as we usually don't partake too much, but the highlight was getting to see Zumbo and Captain Chuck in the honor guard at the head of the parade. Definitely induced a "lump in the throat" moment...

Lots of news east of Denville at Zumbo's ranch. There's homesteads being cleared, cabins going up, moving in, moving out, cleaning, storing, un-storing, and all sorts of activity going on. You're going to have to really pay attention if you want to keep up! To add to it all, Zumbo is helping out trying to sell the Weatherman's car during all this hectic activity. (Thanks to some excellent advice from Zumbo, the car looks pretty good... I hope it goes soon!)

Work has been pretty busy lately but nothing terrible, but there have been a couple poorly timed issues that have interrupted my activities, including two Sunday's ago when I was ABOUT to start an update and got paged into a four hour problem. (Hence no update two weeks ago!) But it hasn't been bad so no complaints here...

July has been a bad month for website updates but also a bad month for me getting out on the bike. Being sick didn't help and then I had a lot of work things going on so I didn't get it to work at all, so I don't think I even have 100 miles on it this month. PRETTY SAD!!! But with the summer months 2/3rds over, I hope to make a better effort this month.

Along with all the good there's been sad news too... The Sausage Stuffer's brother had a small accident and shattered his leg, which led to a diagnosis of cancer, so the Sausage Stuffer has been down in Louisiana for a couple weeks helping out and not sure when he will get home. So keep them in your thoughts and prayers...

Also, last week The President's mother passed away after gracing us with her presence here on Earth for over 93 years! What a dear lovely lady she is and heaven must be just a bit brighter with her there. The Mayor, Zumbo and I were honored to be able to attend the funeral yesterday and got to spend some time with the family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Mathies family. Dorothy, you will be very much missed!

It's been a busy and hectic last 30 days, so let's see what's on the menu for this first full week of August!

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.**

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.**

National Polka Day? In what nation I ask?!?!?

Couple birthday's I may or may not have missed last month. Belated birthday wishes to Jenny Penny and to the SEC-State! I hope you both had great days if I didn't wish you so already. This week the SEC-W/M celebrates another page turner. Happy Birthday Ric!!!

Busy weekend coming up as it Nelson Family Camping Weekend up at Kingsbury Kottage. Bring your campers, tents, sleeping bags, and beverages and have a great time! The "Kook-Off" competition begins whenever you arrive and the cooking starts and judging is sometime on Sunday... I think... Anyway, it's a great time!

If you don't get out of town, you can always head east of Denville as I think Zumbo's gonna need help moving stuff here, there, and everywhere... If that's not enough incentive to get you up to Kingsbury Kottage, nothing will!!!

I think the Little League World Series stuff starts this week. Regionals at least... This is perhaps my favorite sporting event of the year. You can pretty much turn on a game at any time and just watch and enjoy. You really don't have to see any one game or series of games (unless you adopt some team that you really like) to get a lot of enjoyment out of the whole thing. Every year I say I'd love to go, and every year I watch from home. Maybe next year???

Well, the Weatherman is wrapping up his broadcast this morning so I am going to wrap up my update... You'd think there would be more after this long of a hiatus, but there's only so much to be said...

Anyway, before I go, how about a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Everyone complains about the next generation, but let me ask you, who trained them?"

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

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