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March 17, 2013 - Jak se maj! How's everyone doing? I hope all is well! Lots of good stuff going on so it should be a better than average update, so let's get on with it!

Well, March seems to be birthday month... First off, a shout out to the FM and SEC-D'Fence who celebrated another birthday last week. Congrats to both and the bets of wishes from the BBC!!!

Last Friday the FDA Chairman also celebrated his birthday on the Ides of March! The Nelson clan headed to downtown Menchalville to celebrate at Reindl's. It's been awhile since I was there, but it was as great as I remember it! The seafood buffet isn't huge or anything, it's just really good. I think everyone had a good time and nice evening. Happy Birthday Big Brother!!!

This past week the Captain moved back home after a long stint in the Navy. Wednesday I got the call to "help" move stuff into his new abode. Well, the stuff included two 500 lbs. couches!!! Man, they were HEAVY! But the crew seemed pretty worn out so I was glad to help. I couldn't stay long, but we did get the two beasts inside.

Saturday night they hosted a "Welcome Home Chuck" bash in the suburbs of Denville... Fontenoy to be exact... Basil's II was the location and a nice turn out. I headed home a bit early as I had church stuff this morning, but I had a few beers and learned a few things, so it was a great time. To you and your future bride, "Welcome Home Chuck"!!!

Lastly, on the good news side of things, I am the owner of a "newer" truck!!! I finally pulled the trigger and took home the Dakota I mentioned in the last update. A nice white 2003 Crew Cab Dodge Dakota. So you won't be seeing me tooling around in the old blue bomb anymore... Just so you recognize me, here's a picture from before we took it off the lot, (Click on it...)



Pretty nice huh? I'm into the 21st century in one fell swoop!!!

One small issue with the new truck. No cap on the back... It has a nice tonneau cover that rolls nicely into the back (but the latch is kinda quirky) but that doesn't really give you a ton of storage room. With the crew cab I have a nice backseat, but not a lot of storage either. But I was kinda planning on seeing if it would work. But the SEC-State said something that kinda changed my mind. Basically, that at Deer Camp I pretty much "live out of it", which is true, considering how cramped Bob's cabin is. So I think I might get Zumbo on it and see if he can find something... With him being retired, he'll need stuff to do... LOL!

Good news on the old truck too. It has a new home... I had planned on basically junking it. I was

gonna take it over to my mechanics hoping he could use some parts. But about the time I was gonna drive it over, Skipper called me asking if he could borrow my truck. I jokingly told him I have one he can have. But after finding out it at least still runs (for now) he decided to take it. He needed a bomber for short runs around here (he usually drives his little car up here from his home in Belmont) and moving his boat, so he's gonna see how far it will go. I REALLY hope it serves him well!

The weather sure has been "wintery" for March! Last year at this time we were in the 60's with 80's right around the corner. Today it was 7 when I woke up and the forecast doesn't look any better until the end of the month at the earliest. BUT, the days are WAY longer (we're over 12 hours of sunlight now) and the end is in sight.

One small issue though... We're still getting snow and my snow blower is still not working. Friday night's snow (2-3 inches) meant quite a bit of shoveling for me. Nothing back breaking and probably good for me, but it still would have been a LOT more fun with a running snow blower. Since spring starts this week, the plan is to store it until October and then get it fixed... Hopefully just needs a carb cleaning... I surely hope we don't get one of those 8" spring snowstorms...

Lent is over the halfway point and going well. The Chief is almost through his RCIA program and will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil in Denmark. It's been pretty tough schedule-wise and definitely a commitment for both of us, but it's been really great. Easter is only two weeks away!

It's been pretty busy on the work front and I don't think it's gonna get any better soon. Lot's and lot's of work to do and not enough manpower to do it. We're considering another hire, so for a growing business, that's a pretty good sign. But at times it's tiresome... But at other times it pretty exciting and exhilarating. I try to focus on the latter...

So, with it being St. Patty's Day and all, let's see what's on the junior member drink menu for the week!

17 St. Patrick's Day. Chase the snakes out of your mind. **Green beer.**

18 Sheelah's Day (Ireland). Honors the woman who historians reckon was either the mother or wife of St. Patrick.

Forbidden Taboo Cocktail

1 oz white rum

1 oz Midori Melon Liqueur

1 oz pineapple juice

2 tsps lemon juice

2 drops grenadine

Combine in blender with crushed ice. Blend until smooth.

19 Minerva's Day (Roman). Celebrates Roman Goddess of Crafts, Trades — and War. Just in case you were thinking about frontin'. **Warsteiner Beer.**

20 Martini Season begins. The triumphant return of the Stemmed Glass **Satan. Martini.**

21 End of the World Day (Iran). Better drink up while you can.

End of the World

1 oz Bacardi 151

1 oz Wild Turkey 101

1 oz vodka

Serve warm in a shot glass.

22 Kaiser Wilhelm I's Birthday (1797). "Give me a woman who loves beer and I will conquer the world." St. Pauli Girl.

23 Rally For Decency Day. Hear that, you savages? Country Club Malt Liquor in civilized company.

24 Day of Blood (Roman). Watch your back. St. Ides (of March).

Martini Season? Already?!?!? Awesome!!!

Lots of stuff coming up too... Talked to The President this weekend because we're going to the Our Savior's Annual Wild Game Feed this Tuesday. Should be a blast...

Speaking of Bob, he heard the FDA Chairman might be interested in a new shed, especially if he gets his new lawn tractor. He said he has a design all set for him that he and Hickey put together...



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Not as nice as The Sausage Stuffer's eventual "storage shed", but I guess it might work. Looks like something Bob and Hickey would put together... If they didn't have help... :-)

After two evenings with the Nelson clan I heard a lot about the Canadian Fishing Trip. Sounds VERY exciting! I'm glad I have a LOT on my plate right now and through the end of the year, or I'd REALLY want to go... Also the annual Fish Camp meeting was brought up. In the back of my mind, I was thinking with Easter early this year I had plenty of time. But we don't... So BBC members, get your calendar out and cleared!!! Emails are forthcoming!

With it the middle of March turkey season is RIGHT around the corner and guess what? I forgot to apply for a permit!!! I can't believe it! But, they have a LOT of over the counter permits left over, so I'm hoping to get one of those. Zone 2 goes on sale on Tuesday if you're interested...

To wrap things up, I got a message from the Jack/Ass team. Seems the better half had a request...

RE: DOWNSPOUT

My wife said "Fix that gutter downspout TODAY!" So I invited the boys over. One brought his welder the others brought beer.

Took us about 4 hours, mostly for the beer, but we got the downspout fixed.

Wife is still speechless... I'm certain not for much longer though.



Nice to end on a good note!!! So I'm out! But before I go, I bring you a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired."
~Unknown

I know it says "Unknown" but that sure sounds like The President to me!

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

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March 03, 2013 - Jak se maj! Howdy everyone and welcome to March!!! Been a couple weeks

again and to be honest, I don't remember why I didn't get an update done last week. I think I kinda forgot... Sorry... Let's see what's been up since last time!

Well, the top of the list (other than work) is my truck shopping! This past week we finalized our mortgage refinancing and we're almost set to go. Takes a couple days to finish, which means Tuesday everything is all set. If I'm lucky, Wednesday I'll be in a new (used) truck... Yeah right! I never go that fast, but it could happen this time...

I have my eye on two right now... A Dakota and a S10. The Dakota is a little newer and has fewer miles but obviously it's more expensive. The S10 is nice but just a tiny bit too small. To be honest, the Dakota (like all the newer models) is a little smaller than what I have, but I think either will work. Both are 4 door, which cuts down on the size of the bed but I think it'll work out family-wise better than the extended cab. We'll see. If neither guy can provide a little room on the price though I'll be back to the drawing board. More next week... HOPEFULLY good news!

Stopped over by Zumbo's on Friday to fix his wireless gear again and he was on his way the next morning to visit Captain Chuck. They were going north during the week to snowmobile with the Canuks and then load up the Captain and move him back to God's country. Should be a great trip!

Zumbo celebrated his birthday last week and did it in style. Not only another page turned but he retired as well! The Sausage Stuffer should learn from him!!! So not only Happy Birthday but also a well-deserved Congratulations goes out to Zumbo!!!

More snow the last couple weeks and my snow blower, which has been AWESOME, decided to start causing issues... The second to last snow I was ALMOST done when the carb started acting up. It died and then would only work on full choke but with no power. So I looked at it later in the week and it ran fine... But when it snowed again I tried it and it ran for about 15 mins and did it again. This happened once before so I took the shroud cover off the carb and then it ran fine. Put the shroud back on and it was good for 5 minutes... So I took the shroud off and left it off and everything was great...

Until I lost a shear pin... Then I had to replace that... (Luckily I had some in stock) 3 inches of snow took me 90 minutes to blow. Sucks... Anyway, I looked at it today and I "think", maybe, it's a kinked fuel line. That would explain why it worked with the cover off. So I'll see if I can find a new one this week...

Not sure if I mentioned it but I picked up a cheap refurbed internet streaming box and hooked up Netflix a few weeks ago. It's not bad... Not a lot of selection, but what they have runs great! In fact, I have to give a shout out to my lovely oldest sister the librarian. She got me the books "Pillars of the Earth" and "World Without End" for Christmas a few years ago. They are GREAT books in my opinion. Anyway, they are in movie format (mini-series) and the second one was on Netflix. It was not a straight adaptation of the book, but it was really good. In fact, I think the movie ending was better than the book ending... Which seldom happens... So THANKS sis!!! Your thoughtful gift has brought many hours of relaxation and enjoyment!!!

Speaking of enjoyment, even though it's Lent, let's check out this week's drink list!

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

Bad Pun Punch

3 oz. rum

Orange juice

2 tbfsp grenadine

Shake and strain.

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

5 Failed Coup Day (Equatorial Guinea). At least when you mess up they don't commemorate it with a goddamn national holiday. **Pisco.**

6 Anniversary of the Battle of the Alamo (1836). Whiskey drinkers fight to the death for Texas. **Lone Star Beer.**

7 Switzerland gave women the right to vote (1971). Better late than never, eh, ladies? **Ladies choice.**

8 International Women's Day. Hear that, you goddamn Swiss? Who's in charge now? **Foo-foo drinks.**

9 Feast of the 40 Martyrs (Greek). New slang: "I'm gonna get as drunk as 40 Greek martyrs." **Forty of your choice.**

10 Junoalia (Roman). Celebrates Juno, Roman Goddess of Art, Love, Light, Hearth and a buncha other sissy stuff.

Tattooed Love Goddess

1 oz vodka

1 oz vanilla schnapps

1 1/2 oz Godiva Liqueur

1 oz cream

Fill glass with ice, add liqueurs, top with cream, shake well.

Once again, nothing really peaks my interest... Although the whole Swiss thing is humorous...

So, have you heard? The President is "going green"! Here's a sample of the new "green" bumper's he wants to market...



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In a couple weeks the FDA Chairman celebrates another birthday and we're heading to downtown Menchalville to Reindl's for fish. Well, I'm REALLY REALLY hoping they still have

their seafood buffet... IT'S AWESOME!!!

Kinda looking forward to the family get together too. Winter we don't see each other quite as much and I think I'm missing out on some news... I'm sure those sisters of ours keep each other up to date, but I'm usually last to know what's going on. But then again, I do avoid constant phone calls from them, so that works out ok... JUST KIDDING!!! :-)

Not much else going on, but work is getting pretty busy again and it probably will be for a few weeks or months at least. Good for business but sometimes tough getting stuff done at home. Good thing I enjoy my work...

So that's it so I'm out of here... But before I go, I bring you a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"A wise man learns by the mistakes of others, a fool by his own." ~Latin Proverb

Obviously, all Senior BBC members are Latin...

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

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