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NEWSLETTER

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A view from up above.

“You do not have to be good. You do not have to walk on your knees for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting. You only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves. Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine. Meanwhile the world goes on. Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain are moving across the landscapes, over the prairies and the deep trees, the mountains and the rivers. Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air, are heading home again. Whoever you are, no matter how lonely, the

world offers itself to your imagination, calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting-over and over announcing your place in the family of things.” Mary Oliver

A JOKE FOR YOU

I tried to clean up the language in this very funny diary. I hope I succeeded. It's not meant to offend, but express our frustrations.

DIARY OF A SNOW SHOVELER:

Moved to Idaho this fall. We heard that summers are fun and winter is beautiful. We think there is no more beautiful a place in the whole world!

December 8 - 6:00 PM It started to snow. The first snow of the season and the wife and I took our cocktails and sat for hours by the window watching the huge soft flakes drift down from heaven. It looked like a Grandma Moses print. So romantic, we felt like newlyweds again. I love snow!

December 9 - We woke to a beautiful blanket of crystal white snow covering every inch of the landscape. What a fantastic sight! Can there be a more lovely place in the whole world? Moving here was the best idea I've ever had! Shoveled for the first time in years and felt like a boy again. I did both our driveway and the sidewalks.

This afternoon the snowplow came along and covered up the sidewalks and closed in the driveway, so I got to shovel again. What a perfect life!

December 12 - The sun has melted all our lovely snow. Such a disappointment! My neighbor tells me not to worry- we'll definitely have a white Christmas. No snow on Christmas would be awful! Bob says we'll have so much snow by the end of winter, that I'll never want to see snow again. I don't think that's possible. Bob is such a nice man, I'm glad he's our neighbor.

December 14 - Snow, lovely snow! 8 inches last night. The temperature dropped to -20. The cold makes everything sparkle so. The wind took my breath away, but I warmed up by shoveling the driveway and sidewalks. This is the life! The snowplow came back this afternoon and buried everything again. I didn't realize I would have to do quite this much shoveling, but I'll certainly get back in shape this way. I wish I wouldn't huff and puff so.

December 15 - 20 inches forecast. Sold my van and bought a 4x4 Blazer. Bought snow tires for the wife's car and 2 extra shovels. Stocked the freezer. The wife wants a wood stove in case the electricity goes out. I think that's silly. We aren't in Alaska, after all.

December 16 - Ice storm this morning. Fell on my butt on the ice in the driveway putting down salt. Hurt like hell. The wife laughed for an hour, which I think was very cruel.

December 17 - Still way below freezing. Roads are too icy to go anywhere. Electricity was off for 5 hours. I had to pile the blankets on to stay warm. Nothing to do but stare at the wife and try not to irritate her. Guess I should've bought a wood stove, but won't admit it to her. God! I hate it when she's right. I can't believe I'm freezing to death in my own living room.

December 20 - Electricity's back on, but had another 14 inches of the darn stuff last night. More shoveling! Took all day. The darn snowplow came by twice. Tried to find a neighbor kid to shovel, but they said they're too busy playing hockey. I think they're lying. Called the only hardware store around to see about buying a snow blower and they're out. Might have another shipment in March. I think they're lying. Bob says I have to shovel or the city will have it done and bill me. I think he's lying.

December 22 - Bob was right about a white Christmas because 13 more inches of the white crap fell today, and it's so cold, it probably won't melt till August. Took me 45 minutes to get all dressed up to go out to shovel and then I had to pee. By the time I got undressed, peed and dressed again, I was too tired to shovel. Tried to hire Bob-who has a plow on his truck-for the rest of the winter, but he says he's too busy. I think the butthole is lying.

December 23 - Only 2 inches of snow today. And it warmed up to 0. The wife wanted me to decorate the front of the house this morning. What is she, nuts?! Why didn't she tell me to do that a month ago. She says she did but I think she's lying.

December 24 - 6 inches - Snow packed so hard by snowplow, I broke the shovel. Thought I was having a heart attack. If I ever catch the son of a gun who drives that snow plow, I'll drag him through the snow by his heels and beat him to death with my broken shovel. I know he hides around the corner and waits for me to finish shoveling, and then he comes down the street...at a 100 miles an hour and throws snow all over where I've just been! Tonight the wife wanted me to sing Christmas carols with her and open our presents...but I was too busy watching for the dang snowplow.

December 25 - Merry f---ing Christmas! 20 more inches of the dang slop tonight - snowed in. The idea of shoveling makes my blood boil. God, I hate the snow! Then the snowplow driver came by asking for a donation and I hit him over the head with my shovel. The wife says I have a bad attitude. I think she's a fucking idiot. If I have to watch "It's A Wonderful Life" one more time, I'm going to feed her through a chipper shredder.

December 26 - Still snowed in. Why the heck did I ever move here? It was all HER idea. She's really getting on my nerves.

December 27 - Temperature dropped to -30 and the pipes froze; plumber came after 14 hours of waiting for him, he only charged me \$4,400 to replace all my pipes.

December 28 - Warmed up to above -20. Still snowed in. The LITTLE WOMAN is driving me crazy!!!

December 29 - 10 more inches. Bob says I have to shovel the roof or it could cave in. That's the silliest thing I ever heard. How dumb does he think I am?

December 30 - Roof caved in. I beat up the snow plow driver, and now he is suing me for a million dollars, not only for the beating I gave him, but also for trying to shove the broken snow shovel up his butt. The wife went home to her mother. Nine more inches predicted.

December 31 - I set fire to what's left of the house. No more shoveling.

January 8 - Feel so good. I just love those little white pills they keep giving me. Why am I tied to the bed ???

-Author Unknown

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Marc Quinn-March 19th

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SEVENTEEN GOOD WAYS TO KILL AN (ORGANIZATION)

Don't attend meetings.

If you do, go late.

If the weather isn't pleasant, or any other excuse you can think of, stay home.

Never approve of anything or what committees do.

Don't pay your membership dues until you have to.

Don't bother recruiting new members.

Insist on official notices being sent to you, but don't pay any attention to them when you do receive them.

Devote most of your time to talking and let someone else do the work.

When you don't like what is going on say so, but don't offer any constructive suggestions.

Encourage disagreement among your fellow members, (a nice hot argument is always so exciting.)

Keep an eye on what the organization owes you. Don't worry about what you owe or can do for the organization.

Always think the worst of everybody.

Look for hidden motives. Don't excite your comrades with any new ideas.

Remember, you know more than anyone.

Don't cooperate with any officer or committee. Make them cooperate with you.

Don't notify anyone of your change of address. It makes more work for the Secretary, Post Office and the organization. They enjoy it.

This came from a newsletter booklet of the largest Harley Davidson full dresser club which is in Florida. My older brother was President of that club in 1968. Chief Smith

BACK COUNTRY KITCHEN VITTLES

Campfire Chicken Stew

Prep: 30 min. Grill: 40 min. 4 servings

Taste of Home

Ingredients

1 broiler/fryer chicken (3-1/2 to 4 lbs.) cut up

3 to 4 med. Potatoes, peeled and sliced

1 cp. thinly sliced carrots

1 medium green pepper, sliced

1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted

¼ cp. of water

½ tsp. salt

¼ tsp. pepper

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Directions

1. Grill chicken, covered, over medium heat for 3 minutes on each side. Place two pieces of chicken on each of four double thicknesses of heavy-duty foil (about 18 in. X 12 in.). Divide the potatoes, carrots and green pepper among the packets. Top each with soup, water salt and pepper mix. Fold foil around mixture and seal tightly.
2. Grill, covered, over medium heat for 20 or 25 minutes on each side or until chicken juices run clear. Open foil carefully to allow steam to escape.

TIDBITS FROM YOUR EDITOR

Enough of this cold weather already, don't you all agree? We rarely even go outdoors unless we have to, let alone think about riding our UTV, although it has been known to make a run to the dump now and again even throughout this winter. Not very good traction on this ice though but it gets the job done without starting the big rig.

The club had a good meeting again this past month. 31 members enjoyed dinner and or just the meeting and that was good considering the weather was not the best, particularly for those from out of town. Colleen Sharp

won the ticket drawing this month and we found out that Gary Strickland, who won a very large drawing the month before has not even spent it yet. One thing true for me is that winnings from a drawing would never last that long were it in my pocket. I would have found something to spend it on right quick. I think that's a woman thing though, so we'll see how well Colleen does. The clubs next event upcoming is breakfast followed by a Map Reading Class at JB's Restaurant at 8:00am on Saturday, March 9th, instructed by Dan Hutchins and Arnie Howe. Saturday, March 23rd will find us holding a GPS class at the Search and Rescue facility. The class will be from 8a.m. – approx. 12 noon. Please have your GPS up to date and find and bring your GPS manual along with a \$1 or donation to cover printing cost. The class will be facilitated by an expert in the GPS field. Mark your calendars also for 6-8pm on Saturday March 30th for a class on Backcountry Travel Preparedness. It will be held at the Search and Rescue facility and is especially good for members that are new to the sport of ATV/UTVing. Please contact Nancy Conley if you are planning to attend any of these last 2 classes. She needs a head count.

Please, if interested, continue collecting your unneeded odds and ends for the upcoming "Back Country ATV/UTV Yard Sale," being planned for April or May depending on

the weather. Nancy can store those items for now or has information as to who can store them until the sale. It appears we have a busy month ahead of us that could stretch well into April and May. Hopefully the snow stops soon and after we deal with the flooding we can get on with better things like exploring the great unknown. Until then...

HAVE FUN IN ALL YOU DO AND DO ALL YOU CAN DO!



