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Jet Dog Jack - The Book

As of 8/4/22 the story of Jack's life, which became the book, "Jet Dog" Jack, is available on Kindle and Amazon. And now there is an audio version available for sale on Amazon and with your subscription on Audible.

Channeling my Buddy, Jack (He may be gone, but his ideas live on.)



Jack on Predicted Climate Disasters: "Dad, it is an absolute recorded fact that since 1947 there have been 41 predicted climate disasters." I agreed and, in my dream, replied, "Yes, Jack but so far NONE, ZERRO, NADDA of the predicted climate disasters have been correct."

Jack on Tesla Road Assistance: "Dad, up here in Dog Heaven the word is that Tesla has road assistance vehicles to assist their customers." In my dream I replied, "Jack, no doubt it is imperative these assistance vehicles are available to service the various issues that come up with the Tesla vehicles, but an interesting note is that the Tesla Assistance Vehicles are all gasoline powered."

Jack on Democratic Presidential Ticket for 2024: "Dad, the other day up here in dog heaven one of the other dogs asked me who I thought the Democratic party should run for president in 2024." Laughing, I replied, "Why not Biden-Fetterman..... It's a no brainer."

Food for Thought

Strange Numbers: In the 2012 elections there were approximately 25 million absentee ballots cast with an average rejection rate of 5%. Now, since the Wuhan scare and its attendant "necessary" mail in voting, well over 100 million mail-in ballots have been cast in recent elections. Gee whiz, these ballots; mailed out in many cases to an assumed correct address, to a supposedly living citizen, and actually filled out by WHO KNOWS, have only the miniscule "mistake" and subsequent rejection rate of .2 to .3%. A logical person would ask why suddenly it is ok to have such broad acceptance of such a significantly LOWER number of incorrectly filled out and questionable ballots. But wait, let me draw your attention to the shiny object over in Europe, or the South Pole, or the Planet Mars, or the exalted thoughts from this or that brainless celebrity.

Strange Procedures: Gee whiz, once again we have an election fiasco in Arizona. We had camaras filming the election process that magically FAILED for 8 hours on election day in predominantly Republican voting areas, we had ballot reading machines that although supposedly tested the day before suddenly FAILED on election day in those same areas, and we of course had the ever popular "missing" or "miss-placed" ballots that were found, in the nick of time, to make certain Arizona has a brand-new governor in charge. Who is this new governor? Well, none other than the current Arizona Secretary of State, Katie Hobbs, the person who, incidentally, was not only instrumental in "helping" design Arizona's elections process; she was also the very person who is actually in charge of elections. My question here is, "Where in hell are the members of the Arizona state house and senate in getting meaningful, effective and secure voting processes in place?" Folks, this is an issue important for both political parties. If we have questionable elections time after time, ultimately, we have chaos.



JUST SAYING!

It seems that, in our retirement, Linda and I are simply not seeing old friends enough. Not only are we are busy every single day, but we are in Arizona quite a bit of the year. And now that I'm out of the business world it seems we just don't see everyone like we used to.

That is one reason I have been writing Crapper Chronicles for these past few years. It is a way for us to stay in touch with old friends and gives me an excuse to keep writing. I hope you enjoy it, but since some of the times I get toooooo opinionated, be sure and let me know if you want off the "Crapper" list.

By the same token, if you want to add someone to the list, just shoot me an email and I'll get it done. Richard Farnham of Farnham Associates on the Big Island of Hawaii does my layout work and makes sure my email list is kept secure.

For past issues of the *Crapper* go to:
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All You Hear, See, Decide, Do

All You Hear: The world is coming to an end! War is everywhere! The sky is falling! The planet is dying! Gas is too expensive to buy! You can't afford to buy a house or build anything! And on and on.

All You See: Freeways with six lanes of traffic going each way, clogged with cars, burning, supposedly, unaffordable gas and usually with only one occupant. Busses available, literally, for free, supplied to the elderly, the poor, the schools, the disabled, and the public at large; all running around.....in most cases empty. Gigantic new buildings under construction literally everywhere. New housing and entire new neighborhoods springing up. Activity literally all around us.

All You Can Decide: Somebody is feeding us a constant diet of very dangerous propaganda.

All You Can Do: Start looking around, use your common sense, and turn off the Communist News Network.

This and That

Boiling Frogs: People are always asking me what books I read and lately, as you loyal Crapper readers know, I have been reading books dealing with current events. I try to read books that are NOT politically motivated and simply state the facts about this or that subject that concerns me. The reason I have been concentrating on reading such material is that I can then intelligently discuss current events without the contamination and Socialist/Communist informational spin that the mainstream media is constantly feeding us.



Just pick a subject. Whether it be climate change, which incidentally has been with us since the planet Earth was created, or a discussion of the provably illegal foreign dealings revealed by the Biden laptop, or the actual facts vs fiction about a flu epidemic, or how we now must define what is a man or a woman; it seems that these days, due to the non-stop propaganda being pushed by socialist Politicians and their sympathetic media, it is hard to have a discussion about seemingly simple things without being accused of being a “denier,” or being “anti” this or that.

Just one example of this lunatic narrative is one political party saying they cannot do anything about the “price of gas,” but they CAN “change the world’s climate.” Of course, to attempt to “change the world’s climate,” they gloss over the fact that their plan will bankrupt and destroy most of the infrastructure, and indeed the entire United States economy, while the rest of the world, and most prominently, the ‘Socialist/Communist’ countries, make ZERO attempts to reducing their pollution output. Come on folks, put politics aside and THINK, would you? Just another quick example of overblown rhetoric aimed at dividing our nation, is the recent analysis of Minnesota Wuhan flu deaths 2020-2021. Attorney Greg Pulles found that, of the entire 10,984 Wuhan flu deaths reported in that state during this time period, only a miniscule 371 (2.67%) of the deaths had no ‘co-morbidity’. In other words, the Wuhan flu, like the ‘regular’ flu that has been with us for generations, is primarily fatal to the elderly, and the medically compromised.

People, let us not (like the proverbial frog) allow our great nation be slowly boiled to death, as a result of being unduly swayed and misled by propaganda and misinformation spread with the sole purpose of bringing our great country to its knees. Our nation has been propelled to where it is because we are a Constitutional Republic guided by a solid set of laws. We are not in need of MORE laws. We are in need of enforcing the ones we have.

Range Magazine - A Solid Explanation of Forest Management Gone Wrong: Range Magazine is one I look forward to getting, and it is a magazine I read page by page, cover to cover, many of the stories more than once. The most recent issue has a most excellent explanation for the increasing problems with the out-of-control forest fires we are having. The story by Jim Petersen in the Winter edition of Range Magazine explains in detail, how tried and true forest management policies were changed in the early 1990’s by an incredibly passionate but dangerous group of largely misinformed, misdirected, and hopelessly, tragically, ignorant people. Petersen’s article explains in easy-to-understand language how since these terrible new politically directed forest management practices were mandated in the early 1990’s; instead of protecting our old growth forests by selectively thinning smaller trees and undergrowth, the old forests destruction is virtually guaranteed.



A small example would be that since 1960 the number of giant Sequoia trees killed by commercial logging is ZERO. The number of giant Sequoia trees killed by uncontrollable fires caused by; not the ever-popular CLIMATE CHANGE, but by the new politically driven forest practices is 14,457! The reason for this massive increase in the loss of these irreplaceable old growth forests is, by not allowing the selective thinning of and cattle grazing upon forest areas, the smaller trees and undergrowth are not kept to a minimum. It is this undergrowth that provides the fuel and is the primary culprit in turning what used to be an easily maintained forest fire into an out-of-control conflagration. Petersen’s article does a great job diagraming how one well meaning, but misinformed, person can get the ball moving in a totally wrong direction. How a person such as this can feel anger at seeing a tree being harvested for lumber but apparently feels no such anger when literally thousands of trees are needlessly wasted by fire, each and every year for no reason other than the forest management practices that they themselves had put in place were wrong. Range magazine is simply a must read for anyone interested in how our food, lumber, and indeed the entire agricultural industry is being attacked by “politically driven” special interest groups. Keep in mind that the members of such groups all have a nice roof over their heads, full stomachs, and plenty of food and wine in the refrigerator. Range Magazine is only \$17 per year: 1 800 726 4348. Do yourself and the country a favor. Buy it, get educated, and by the way..... Bon Appetite!!

College Academics: Ever notice how Academics, virtually, never get brought up when you are discussing “higher education,” these days? All people seem to discuss is the various sports teams, the vast amount of money the coaches are getting, the team rankings, and whether or not this or that star athlete will go on to the NFL or NBA or MLB. Crazy! The fact this particular College may have some up and coming scientist, doctor, or future businessperson, as a student is not newsworthy at all. All the TV folks can do is concentrate and inundate us with endless footage of students who in many cases are not much removed from the criminal element of society. It seems everyone is aware of this and can tell you a story about how this or that sport celebrity was charged with rape, or drug possession, or some other crime, but yet these same people are glued to their TV’s watching the sport. The sad thing is that the huge number of viewers pays the insane salaries of the professional participants. If you watch it you support it. Whatever! You want to watch real sports, go watch a high school game, or a high school band concert. Congratulate and reward a student who gets good grades. Better yet, go watch a great sunset.

Grade School Academics: Hats off to the *Kenmare News*. A small town, locally controlled and owned newspaper from Kenmare, North Dakota. One of the articles they took the time to publish recently was the story of a Berthold, North Dakota student, Sadie Lemer, who placed in the top 30 in the North Dakota State Math Counts competition. To qualify for the State finals Sadie placed 2nd in the Ward County competitions, went to state and placed 29th in the 7th and 8th grade category. Congrats to Sadie, and thanks to the great *Kenmare News* for printing this information. Better yet, why not get a subscription to this excellent INDEPENDENT newspaper. It will actually give you some worthwhile reading, and it supports a local business. The *Kenmare News* has electronic, as well as paper versions available at news@kenmarend.com.



Can't Bear to Give Up Wisdom Teeth: Recently I must have bitten my cheek because it became very sore and irritated. Thinking something was wrong, I talked to my dentist during my regular visit. She said that possibly it was a crooked wisdom tooth. Her associate confirmed this and recommended removal. To make the process more painless they said they would use a mild sedative (gas). They also recommended I talk to an oral surgeon who also confirmed their diagnosis that the tooth was not infected but slightly crooked. Since the procedure can be quite painful, I asked if instead of the nitrous oxide could I be completely anesthetized. However, since I had recently had a hernia surgery the good doctor said no, the only option was pills and assured me “you won’t feel (care) about a thing, but make sure you have someone to drive you home.” He also said there was a very good chance I would have a ‘dry socket’ and that although temporary, it would be painful. After paying the \$100 and change for this second opinion, and finding out the entire operation would run around \$4000, I said I would go home and think about it. After due consideration and noticing the gradual lessening of pain in my cheek, my conclusion is this: I have never been accused of being that bright anyway, and I simply cannot afford to lose any more “wisdom.” So, at least for now, the “wisdom” tooth stays where it’s at



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Kids Identifying as Cats and Dogs. It is reported that some schools are actually putting litter boxes in bathrooms to accommodate this insanity. My question: When in hell do incompetent parents, and clueless, spineless, school board members get to be held accountable? When do we call this for what it really is, Child Abuse! How in hell can any sane person send an impressionable child out in the world thinking and acting like a CAT! What chance at life does a misdirected kid such as this have with such insanity hung around their neck? Maybe we should complete the “I’m a cat” farce and let such kids actually live their insanity by having them subsist only on a diet of dead raw mice and cat food, and sleep on a mat in the garage. But then we ourselves would be charged with child endangerment and child abuse, wouldn’t we?



Two Different Brands of the Same Oats: In the past year or so I have gotten in the habit of making “The World’s Best Oatmeal” for breakfast each morning. I have been using a brand whose slogan is “These Aren’t Ordinary Oats.” This brand may be a little expensive at \$9 for a 32 oz bag, but they are gluten free, organic, and are whole grain rolled oats. A half cup of this fantastic product has only 190 calories, of which 3 grams are fat (but only 0.5 grams are saturated fat) and there is no trans-fat. There is 0 cholesterol, 0 sodium, and 33 grams of carbohydrate. Also 5 grams of fiber, 1 gram of sugars, and 6 grams of protein.



However, recently, while browsing through the grocery store, I came upon good old “Quaker 1 Minute Oats.” This product has 150 calories per ½ cup, the same fat content as “The World’s Best Oatmeal” only 27 grams of carbohydrates, 4 grams of fiber, the same 1 gram of sugar, and 4 grams of protein. As you can see, the two products are virtually the same. The only thing is the less glamorous old “Quaker Oats” is only \$7.

Thanks, But I Already Have a ‘Family’: It seems that now days car dealers, insurance companies, equipment dealers, consumer products manufacturers, food services providers, and social platforms are all wanting me to be a part of “their family.” I guess my response is this, “I already have a family, all I wanted was a damn hamburger, or a new car, or insurance on my house, or a new lawnmower, or a simple roll of Duct tape!” To be perfectly clear here, “I’m not interested in you selling my information to some other telemarketer, and I don’t particularly care if you, and the entire world, ‘know my buying patterns.’” Therefore, based on the tone of this little note, you should know perfectly well where you can stick your “loyalty card,” your “rewards,” and your damn “customer survey!”

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HALF AWAKE

You know, sometimes when you're sleeping, you kind of drift up,

And you're not really awake, but you're not yet woke up?

Once in a while, your wife does the same,

And you don't really talk; it's kind of a game.

You murmur, "Oh honey," and she softly grunts, "Uh huh,"

And what you really mean is, "I love you," and she means, "Right back at ya."

When this happens, I feel so happy as I sniff your soft hair,

And I feel your quiet breathing; I'm so lucky to be there.

The majority of our years we've lived together as one,

And we'll be with each other, till our races are run.

We finish each other's sentences: know what each thinks.

And we know what they'll order and know what they drink.

Afternoons, we sit on the patio, as the sun slowly burns down,

And it's kind of sad knowing, our lives are slowly coming unwound.

But we know we are happy, as we quietly sip wine,

And we know we are so lucky; we're both doing fine.

So, as we quietly sit there, when I murmur, "Oh Honey" and you say, "Un huh,"

I'm saying, "I love you" and you're replying, "Right back at ya."

Chuck, for Linda

Golf Ball Hunters: Last year, two of my buddies and I decided that instead of losing golf balls we would go find a few. Since we routinely lose golf balls on certain holes of our home golf course, we decided to take a couple hours and see how many we could find. Result: The 2021 hunt produced 1027 golf balls in 2 ½ hours. Wow! This year for the 2022 hunt we three old farts got together again and spent another 2 ½ hours crawling around looking for "easter eggs." Result: 796 golf balls. Once again, Wow!

Tips for golf ball hunters: The best quality balls are found: A) further away from the 't' box than you thought possible, B) more 'off line' from the direction of the green than you thought possible, and C) right in front of the a 't' box on a hole with a long carry. Caution: Wear a long-sleeved shirt, gloves, and a hat. Bring a stout canvas bag and good hiking shoes. Guaranteed: You will have fun!

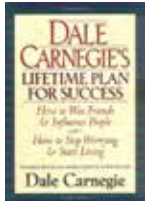


Bike Miles for 2022: After years of trying, I finally hit my 3000 mile per year cycling goal. This number of miles is not all that much for "hard core" bikers, but plenty for old, retired me. You know, when I golf, I am beset by desires to swear, break or throw a club, disparage the condition of the course, curse the wind, or any other thing I can think of that is affecting the quality of my game. However, when I cycle, I have happy thoughts, improved coordination, better balance, and lose weight. Probably the best advantage of my cycling is I can continue to stay on my "SEE FOOD DIET" while continuing to maintain a healthy weight.

What is a "SEE FOOD DIET," you may ask? It is simply a diet where if I SEE food, I EAT it.



Book Report: Many thanks have to go out to my buddy Steve who recently gave me a copy of Dale Carnegie's *Lifetime Plan for Success*. This is a collection of both Dale Carnegie's great books! I had read the two of them years before, but as I go through these great pages filled with timeless knowledge and advice for day to day living, I am reminded that my attitude most certainly needed a tune-up! Thanks again Steve for getting me a copy!!



Prayer Corner: Once again, we so strongly feel that prayer is an essential part of each and every day. We feel these prayers can and do make a difference. If you would please, take a moment and send out a prayer for a friend in need. While you are at it, send one out for our great country to continue to be the beacon of the free world. Linda and I are also sending special prayers out for our good friends Danny, Konnie and Scott. Let us pray.

From Linda and I to all of you, thanks for reading Crapper and we wish you a blessed Merry Christmas and a most excellent and Happy New Year! As always, we have our family, our friends, our health, and time. The rest is smoke and mirrors.

Chuck

Big Anniversary: I don't know where the years have gone but as of 12/2/22 Linda and I have been married for 40 years. Wow! As so many of you know at this stage of life its tough to find a suitable present for the one you love. I was talking to my buddy, Metz, the other day and he suggested a poem. So Linda, thanks for 40 incredible years, you have changed my life. I hope you like the poem.

Chuck