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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.

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



Jack: "Dad, up here in Dog Heaven, we were amazed to see marchers in a gay pride parade with a banner proclaiming 'Gays for Palastine.' We both laughed when I replied, "Jack, considering the dark view that Islamic countries have on gays, that makes about as much sense as a flock of Chickens carrying a banner proclaiming, "Chickens for KFC!"

Jack: "Dad, up here in Dog Heaven we hear that on Earth professional athletes actually think everyone should agree with their opinions on various issues." In my dream I laughed out loud and said, "Jack, if I wanted advice from someone who chases a ball, I would ask you."

Jack: "Dad, up here in Dog Heaven we see that Muslims hate beer, pork, dogs, bikinis, Jesus and freedom." In my dream I sighed and said, "Yeah, kind of makes you wonder why they keep wanting to come to Amercia."

Jack: "Dad, up here we see that 97% of scientists agree with whoever is funding them." I sleepily replied, "Yeah and the other 3% are banned from social media!"

Jack: "Dad, is it true that someone down on Earth has started manufacturing landmines disguised as prayer mats?" Laughing, I replied, "Jack, I don't know if that is true, but if it is, I bet 'Prophets' are going through the roof!"

Jack: "Dad, have you ever met anyone who habitually talks to pollsters? None of us up here in Dog Heaven ever had a master who did." In my dream I sighed and said, "Me neither."

Jack: "We are constantly told to believe the accuracy of these 'polls,' but personally think they are, by and large, a bunch of manufactured horse manure."

Famous and Not So Famous Quotes

Thomas Sowell: "Some Americans will never appreciate America until after they have helped destroy it and then have to suffer the consequences."

Margaret Thatcher: "Global warming provides a marvelous excuse for global socialism."

Lavrentiy Berria (Soviet Dictator, Joseph Stalin's, head of secret police): "Show me the man and I will show you the crime." Am I the only one who sees a similarity to what we are currently seeing in the United States?

Unknown Trucker: "I support the oilfield because my truck doesn't run on Unicorn piss and Fairy dust."

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.

Expensive Beef & Wine: Eating Wagyu beef over other premium grades of beef is like drinking really expensive wine over an average good quality wine. Once the average consumer (which, admittedly, the vast majority of us are) gets past the 'panache' of consuming the extra expensive food or drink, their HONEST opinion on the difference in taste is usually, "Well, at least it's expensive!"



Weird People: How about the person who simply likes the taste of a great steak? You know, without the endless new fad of covering up the taste of a perfectly good steak with sauces, gravy, onions, peppers, and crazy spices. You know, a person who simply LIKES THE TASTE OF STEAK!!! Just asking for a friend.

Rewards: Just curious, am I the only one who is sick and tired of constantly being offered 'rewards'? It seems that these days, literally everywhere you transact business you are hounded to sign up for 'rewards.' Naturally, many times a person gives in and agrees to be signed up for these fantastic 'rewards.' But then what happens? First of all, the 'rewards' are not all that fantastic. Secondly, you will now be constantly bombarded with 'offers' and 'opportunities' to earn still more 'rewards' if you purchase more merchandise. Thirdly, what was not disclosed when you signed up was, in many cases, the good 'rewards' people sell your name to other organizations. The result of which is now you will be getting even more endless offers from other companies who will give you their opportunities for more 'rewards.' Folks, it never ends. It is getting to the point I would rather give out my social security number than my email. It seems to cause less hassle.



Chair of White House Council of Economic Advisors: The current administration has granted this important position to a Dr. Bernstein. What are the good doctor's qualifications you may ask? Well, Dr Bernstein has a Bachelor of Arts in music from the Manhattan School of Music, a Master of Social Work from Hunter college, and has a Doctorate of Social Work, from Columbia. My question would be, "Couldn't they find someone other than a music teacher with a social services degree, to be one of this administration's main ECONOMIC ADVISORS?" I wish I was making this up!

Temporary Visa's Anyone? In 2022 there were only 1500 temporary visas granted for entry into the United States from the countries of Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. In 2023 there were 184,714 such visas granted from these same countries. Possibly they will all be gainfully employed as poll workers this fall.

Big Money in Publishing: This author recently received a \$12.24 commission check from Audible. As this is the 2nd check received, we are now only \$4,950 short on the \$5000 cost incurred in making Jet Dog Jack available as an audible book. As Jack would have said, "Woof! Woof!"

Sunset Wine Bistro: Great food, good service, clean quiet atmosphere, and great sunset views. Owner/proprietor, Romain Lauro - 480 886 2469. Located at 8787 N Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85253. RomainLauro@hotmail.com.



Product Report: Barbasol shaving products: Unbelievable blade life on shaver, great shaving cream, and an American company that's not 'Woke.' What's not to like!

Laken Riley Act: The US House recently passed the Laken Riley Act by a 251-170 vote. This proposed law would mandate the apprehension and deportation of illegal aliens who have been caught committing crimes. All Republicans and some Democrats voted to pass this needed act. The dissenting 170 votes were entirely Democrats. What in hell is wrong with these folks?

Cocktail Time: If after reading this newsletter you feel the need for a good cocktail, here is the recipe for a good one. Rob Roy (Basically, this is a Manhattan except made with Scotch): Use 2 oz blended scotch, ¾ oz sweet vermouth, 3 dashes of Angostura bitters, brandied cherry juice and 3 cherries. Best served over ice (use big cube). Enjoy! You are welcome.

Crapper Publisher 'Ships' Pants: The inevitability of old age finally caught up to me a couple days ago while Linda and I were in a Levi's Jeans store. The pants that were the correct fit for me were not in stock and thus had to be ordered and shipped to our address. It came on me so fast. Suddenly, before I realized it, I had literally 'shipped' my pants. Laughing, I turned to Linda and said, "Well, honey, it had to happen eventually, I just 'shipped' my pants!" Come to think of it, sadly, this wasn't the first time. A few weeks ago, after Linda said we needed a new mattress so, low and behold, I ended up 'shipping' the brand-new mattress as well! Don't be so smug my friends, it could happen to you!

Giving Back: These days all we hear is how we should be 'giving back' and 'paying it forward' and 'paying our share.' We have 'giving day,' 'giving week,' and 'giving month.' Giving-Giving-Giving! Of course, the vast majority of these causes are good ones and, of course, as one of my great mentors one said, "You should work as hard as you can, to make as much as you can, so you can give back as much as you can." My only question is, "when do we get any credit or accolades for the hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes we pay? Funny, isn't it, no one ever seems to equate paying your taxes with 'giving back'."



News Flash: Gee, surprise! Due to the extensive potential and actual catastrophic and uncontrollable fire hazard they present, Electric, Electric Hybrid, and Hydrogen powered cars are no longer allowed on Norwegian Shipping boats.

News Release: Michigan has now completed a forensic audit of the Dominion voting machines to see if they were or could be rigged. The Michigan Attorney General is now blocking the disclosure of the results. This is odd. If these machines work so great, why the lack of access? By the way, has anyone looked closely at the Dominion logo? The company logo shows a red arrow (vote) going into a machine and a blue arrow (vote) coming out. Dominion's motto: "Changing the way people vote."

Question and Answer: It is a requirement of United States law that all immigrants register for the Selective Service and keep a current address on file with them. Failure to do so is a felony. Question: "What has/is/are the Immigration Service/Military/Politicians doing about it?" Answer: Nothing.

Gaza Before and After Hamas: In the years before Hamas rule, the Gaza area was becoming a modern city, they had built a new airport, new shops, and businesses were flourishing. There was even talk of using the area's beautiful beaches to attract tourism dollars. Then, the Muslim Islamic terrorist organization, Hamas, took over the political control of Gaza. A few years later, the new airport was by and large unusable, business was at a standstill, and forward progress in the entire area had come to a halt. All that was prevalent was a constant stream of hate propaganda directed towards eradicating the Jewish state. The only thing this hatred and propaganda has accomplished is to stop progress in Gaza, impoverish her people, and launch the current war. A war which Hamas terrorists themselves initiated by slaughtering over 1200 innocent Jewish people. Insane as it may seem, worldwide Muslim demonstrations did not denounce these atrocities by this criminal element; they supported them. Of course, now in the resulting war that these terrorists themselves caused, when Arab civilians are killed by Israeli troops, ONLY the Jewish people are to blame. Really? Consider this. Since the 9/11/2001 terrorist attack here in the United States, where Islamic extremists killed over 3500 United States citizens, there have been over 40,000+ terror attacks committed in nearly 70 countries worldwide by Islamic terrorists. What kind of insane world do we live in where we blame these thousands of attacks on only a handful of Islamic terrorists, but we denounce ALL Jewish people when they try to stop it? I guess my question would be, "When in hell do the Arab countries clean up this mess caused by radical segments of THEIR religion?"



Editorial:

Electric Efficiency: In a recent Kenmare News article Heidi Haugen-Grohs, Burke-Divide Electric Co-op Member Services Manager, tells of her adventures while driving the Burke-Divide cooperatives electric pickup on a round trip from Kenmare, North Dakota to Fargo, North Dakota. She left with supposedly enough battery to go 324 miles, however, on reaching Devils Lake, North Dakota, the approximate half way point of her journey, her vehicle was already down to 40% battery so she prudently decided to stop and recharge the vehicle. After locating someone to help her hook up her pickup to a charger, it took an hour and twenty-two minutes to charge the vehicle from 40% to 90%. The cost for this charge was \$25.10 or .39/kWr. Continuing the journey to Fargo she charged her vehicle for 7 hours while she was in meetings at Cass County Electric, but although there was no cost listed for this power, since this was only a level 2 charger it only added 140 miles to her vehicles range. Therefore, to get the needed range for the trip home, before she left Fargo she went to the Fargo/Moorehead Convention and Visitors Bureau where there is a level 3 charger located, and for \$20.70 (\$5 charge and .30/kWr) and a time of 1:05 she was ready to head to Devils Lake for yet another needed recharge. That mid-trip fuel stop took time of 1:37 and cost \$36.56 or .39/kWr. By now it was quite late so she stayed overnight in Devils Lake to continue the trip back home the following day. Total round trip was 701 miles. She didn't say if she was driving the speed limit or not but I assume she was. Her fuel cost listed was of course very low at \$82.36 because there is no cost shown for the 7 hours she charged the vehicle while she was at the meeting, and the article also shows no cost to 'fill it up' after her return to Kenmare. Like so many folks who charge their vehicles at a business outlet where no actual bill is generated, the electricity needed is 'free' right? To keep this fuel cost somewhat fair, let's say the cost to fully charge the vehicle during and after the trip must have been at least another \$50 contributed and paid for by the various electric co-op organizations (Note: You the consumer).



Summary and Comparison: There are so many comparisons to be made here with an 'electric' vehicle v/s a simple old 'fossil fuel' powered vehicle; so let's get started, should we? Below I have listed just a few things that come to mind when we compare the actual 'electric' vehicle cost v/s that of a 'fossil' pickup on the same trip?

1. Initial Vehicle Cost: Just for starters, the cost to purchase the 'electric' pickup is thousands of dollars more than the cost of a comparable 'fossil' pickup.

2. Time Cost: Where the electric vehicle took over 4 hours of actual charging time while on the road, not counting the 7 hours it charged while the driver was 'in meetings' and not counting the time it took to refill the battery after the trip, the 'fossil' vehicle would have not even needed a midtrip fuel stop. Even if you take 15 minutes fill up time for the 'fossil vehicle' at both ends of the trip, the time used would be 30 minutes. What is your time worth? Just to simplify, let's say a salary of \$100,000 per year and 2000 work hours per year gives you \$50/hour for your time. Four hours fueling time at \$50/hr = \$200 v/s 30 minutes at \$50/hr = \$25, resulting in a savings in time costs for the 'fossil' pickup of \$150: Any questions?

3. Fuel Cost: Comparable costs for 'electric' v/s 'fossil' fuel pickup over 700 mile trip.

A. Electric vehicle fuel cost: Electricity costs reported in the article were: \$82.36. However, since there were no costs listed for the 7 hours charging costs 'while at meeting' and no charging costs were reported to re charge the vehicle after returning from the trip, let's add another \$50 electricity charges. This leaves us with 'electricity costs' of \$132.36.

B. Fossil fuel vehicle fuel cost: Using a miles per gallon figure of 20 mpg, fuel costs for the 'fossil' vehicle would be 35 gallons of fuel burned. Using a fuel cost of \$3.30/gal leaves us with a fuel cost of \$115.

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North Dakota Afternoon

You can't discuss North Dakota in the summer, and not mention the shades of color.

You see, our state has all of them, from somber black-blue to every other.

Whether dark green upon a hillside, or reflected brightly in a creek;

You must see North Dakota in the summer if Nature's paint is what you seek.

The ash trees stand tall with heavy fruit, the sage is lush greengray; A squadron of clouds sail a clear blue sky, a light breeze completes the day.

The buffalo grass waves in the sun, the finches are happy in their work. The kingbirds dive and swoop for lunch, the turtles sunbathe and smirk.

The wheat fields stretch to far horizons, rolling waves ripening gold in the breeze. Heavy sunflower heads, nod off in the late afternoon sun, napping as they please.

A distant plane drones by on endless skies, to remind me of the year. Without such small reminders, I'd swear no other folks were here.

These days are so very magical, in this heaven we call home. If you take some time to let your imagination run, you can see the buffalo roam.

A few miles away, a city hums: Progress must have its way. But here in the Shaw; these are ancient times: It's quiet here today.

Shaw Coulee 6/28/16



4. Comparison of ACTUAL Costs: At first glance it would seem 'fuel' costs of the two vehicles are reasonably close. However, when we add in the 'time costs' from #2 above for the 'electric' vehicle of approximately 4 hours fueling time @ \$50/hour (\$200) and add in the very conservative estimated 'Hotel costs' of \$100 from the needed overnight stay, it leaves us with an extremely conservative, 'rose colored glasses' total cost for the 'electric vehicle' of \$432.36. Compare this to the 'fossil' vehicle's total fueling time needed of 30 minutes @ \$50/hr (\$25) add in its fuel cost of \$115, and it leaves you with a total cost for the 'fossil pickup' of \$140. This does not even mention #1 above of the added initial acquisition cost of the vehicle. Electric vehicles cheaper? Son, what is that stuff you have been smokin'?



5. Extra Costs: Additionally, this comparison does not consider the extra time lost by having to stay overnight in Devils Lake, the time lost while at the first stop in Devils Lake where in Haugen-Grohs own words; "The auto dealer took the time to bring his own electric pickup over, tested the charging station, and helped me get charged up."

6. Atmospheric Factors: Haugen-Grohs also said the temperature was 90 degrees. In this case electric vehicles are their most efficient. If the temperature would have been say, 20 below zero? Her charging times, and cost in time and electricity would have been far, far more than double the 90 degree costs.

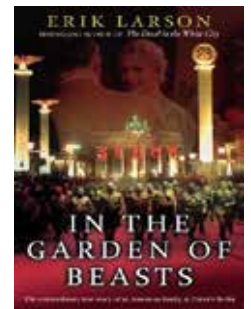
7. Source of Power: Let us not forget that the vast amount of power generated to 'charge' the electric vehicle is also 'fossil' generated.

8. Long Term Benefits: It remains a simple fact that the considerable amount of energy needed to build the electric vehicle and its batteries will never over the lifetime of that vehicle ever erase the carbon imprint needed to build it in the first place.

I guess my point in doing this little comparison is to illuminate, and try to explain the fact that we North Dakotans are not stupid, nor are we out to 'kill the planet'. However, we up here on the high plains are in the habit of using our God given common sense. Maybe that is why we don't line up to buy vehicles that are neither economically practical, or usable in our environment. Furthermore, in viewing 'man caused' climate change, our common sense reminds us that tens of thousands of years ago; long before man or the internal combustion motor existed, our entire state was covered in glaciers of ice, up to a mile thick. Additionally, when considering climate change, we are reminded that both our state's highest and lowest temperatures were officially recorded in 1930's. These hard facts make it difficult for us to buy into the current 'politically correct' false narrative nonsense of fossil fuels 'killing the planet'. I suppose my dad would have put it this way, "Son, be careful when you are listening to politicians. If what they are trying to sell you sounds like horseshit, looks like horseshit and smells like horseshit, even when they try to tell you it is Ice Cream, you have to use your common sense to understand: It is still Horseshit."

Book Report

In the Garden of Beasts, by Erik Larson: This book is the absolutely chilling story of the events that led up to Hitler's takeover of Germany in the past century. It is viewed from the perspective of the United States ambassador to Germany, from the early 1930's until near the outbreak of World War II. Our ambassador, William Dodd, was constantly warning about what was actually happening in pre-war Germany, but his warnings were basically ignored. This book is literally a day by day, play by play diagram of how a country can be taken over and absolutely destroyed by false promises, illusionary thinking, a controlled judiciary, a controlled news media, and a government that encourages its citizens to denounce one another. Incredible as it may seem, we here in the United States are seeing much of this same government abuse of power in a controlled news media, weaponization of our justice system, and the false narrative of 'man caused' climate change. Like the events that proceeded World War II, the primary purpose of these efforts is to control a population. Read this book: Think about it, talk about it to your family and friends. Then vote!



Thanks for reading Crapper, and as always; we have our family, our friends, our health, and time. The rest is smoke and mirrors! Chuck

