

## MICHIGAN MAN NEWSLETTER

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Boy, does time ever fly!!! Maybe it's in this process of aging that logically places the smaller blocks of time on top of the larger ones. The sleek and fast days that comprised this year can only rest comfortably and securely on top of a little bigger year, which were the last few which in turn rests on the long and languid days of our youth. Sort of like a pyramid. Stick around long enough and you begin to understand how the ancient Egyptians did it.

It's the only way we can balance a lifetime of memories. Our early years seemed to take so long to get from one Christmas to the next, birthdays and summer begin the other bench marks in a young person's life, and those years seemed to last forever. As we grew older the notable dates were birthdays with zeros on the end (we only get handful, you know) and vacations. Now it seems to be weekends and bedtime. Whew!! All this philosophizing!!! Or, as one frog said to another whiling away on a lily-pad, 'Time sure is fun when you're having flies.' In any event, another year and we still seem to be hanging in there. Makes you want to start congratulating old folks for simply lasting so long.

Well, 'tis the season and I don't want to hold you up. We've still got some shopping to do and parties to arrange and attend. Driveways to shovel and firewood to stack. So let's get to it.

#### **First joke ...**

For thirty years Lars had his name on the waiting list to get tickets to a Green Bay Packer game and finally he was notified that he could purchase four. He and his buddies from the klatch pool their moneys and load into Lars' jitney for the long trip from northern Wisconsin down to the big city of Green Bay.

As they approach the teeming metropolis they are overwhelmed by the amount of traffic. Lars starts to worry. "Oh Lord. I'm gonna miss kickoff. All these years and I'm gonna miss kickoff."

He drops his buddies off at the entrance to Lambeau Field and drives off to find a parking spot. There's nothing but miles and miles of cars and no spots.

"Oh Lord, help me. Please find me a spot. Lord? I'll start treating Lena real well like I did when we first got married. Just find me a spot."

He's in a near panic as every spot is filled for rows and rows. "Oh, Lord. Pleeeeease???" he prays. "I'll quit drinkin' beer on Sundays if you just find me a spot. I don't wanna miss kickoff."

Nothing.

"Okay Lord. Here's the deal. If you find me a spot, I promise to quit drinkin' beer altogether. Please, Lord."

Just then two white lines appear and 'poof' it materializes into a parking spot and Lars exclaims, "Forget it Lord. I just found a spot."

Just a reminder. My new CD, ***“What to Buy Jesus For Christmas”*** is out. It is a five song extended play (EP) and sells for \$7. It is all Christmas music and is packaged in a five by five inch cardboard sleeve and is great for stocking stuffing or sending to a friend or relative in a Christmas card. (Hint, hint!) Anyway, it is available at the gigs (see schedule) or you can e mail me and we'll work out the details and I'll mail it to you.

You can also check out **[www.comedyhome.com](http://www.comedyhome.com)**. It should be up there soon. Also, go to **[www.mikeridley.com](http://www.mikeridley.com)** soon. I will have some more info up about all the CD's as well as the live recording.

## **SCHEDULE**

### **December**

- 1 Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham
- 2 Gus O'Connor's in Novi
- 3 Hoops in auburn Hills
- 7 Four Green Fields in Royal Oak
- 14 Four Green Fields in Royal Oak
- 15 Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham
- 16 Gus O'Connor's in Novi
- 20 Oxford Tap in Oxford
- 21 Four Green Fields in Royal Oak
- 22 Gus O'Connor's in Rochester
- 23 Gus O'Connor's in Novi
- 26 Noggin Room in Petoskey
- 27 Noggin Room in Petoskey
- 29 Nubs Nob in Harbor Springs (3-6)
- 30 Nubs Nob
- 31 Thunder Bay Resort in Hillman

### **January**

- 1 Nubs Nob
- 4 Four Green Fields in Royal Oak
- 6 Gus O'Connor's in Novi
- 7 Hoops in auburn Hills
- 11 Four Green Fields in Royal Oak
- 12 Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham
- 13 Gus O'Connor's in Novi
- 14 Nubs Nob in Harbor Springs
- 18 Four Green Fields in Royal Oak
- 20 Gus O'Connor's in Novi
- 25 Four Green Fields in Royal Oak
- 26 Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham
- 27 Gus O'Connor's in Novi
- 28 Nubs Nob in Harbor Springs

**Another Note!!**

We are planning a live album recording at the Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. If you are interested in attending this e mail me and I'll fill you in with the details. A date hasn't been set as of yet but I will have more info by next month.

**Another Joke!**

A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.

"Will you use it to go fishing instead of buying food?" the man asked.

"No, I don't waste time fishing," the homeless man said. "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive."

"Will you spend this on greens fees at a golf course instead of food?" the man asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years!"

"Will you spend the money on a woman in the red light district instead of food?" the man asked.

"What disease would I get for ten lousy bucks?" exclaimed the homeless man.

"Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting."

The man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up beer, fishing, golf, and sex."

Thanks to Bob G. and Rags for the jokes this month. Until January ...  
May you experience the peace, love and joy this season is meant to deliver.

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