

FLEET FOCUS

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VACATIONS

July is the month when a lot of people decide to take a vacation. It is “halfway” through the long summer and most Floridians are ready to get out of the heat. So in tribute to vacation days and in consideration of the editor of this newsletter (who is also taking vacation this month), here are some thought-provoking and humorous vacation “thoughts” to ponder.

Definition: 1. Leisure time devoted to rest, recreation or travel; 2. A period during which the usual routine of school or work is suspended. Synonyms: break, holiday, recess.

QUOTABLE QUOTES:

A vacation should be just long enough that your boss misses you, and not long enough for him to discover how well (s)he can get along without you.

- Unknown

It amazes me that most people spend more time planning next summer's vacation than they do planning the rest of their lives.

--Patricia Fripp

Vacation: When you spend thousands of dollars to see what rain looks like in different parts of the world.

--Robert Orben

One of the most common disrupters of marital bliss is the choice of where to spend a vacation. What this country needs is an ocean in the mountains.

--Paul Sweeny

Vacation is what you take when you can't take what you've been taking any longer.

--The Cowardly Lion
"Wizard of Oz"

This summer one third of the nation will be ill-housed, ill-nourished, and ill-clad. Only they call it a vacation.

--Joseph Salak

"Oh, these? I got these in Zermatt. Everyone wears them there." That one remark is worth the cost of the vacation.

--Diane Salzberg

Using a camera appeases the anxiety which the work-driven feel about not working when they are on vacation and supposed to be having fun. They have something to do that is like a friendly imitation of work: they can take pictures.

--Susan Sontag

The alternative to a vacation is to stay home and tip every third person you see.

-- Unknown

Somehow, year after year, Dad managed to take us on vacations he couldn't afford to provide, in order to make memories we couldn't afford to be without. My life is richer for it.

-- Richard Exley

Laughter is an instant vacation.

- Milton Berle

Sick days are the same as vacation days, but with sound effects.

-- Dogbert
Dilbert's pet dog

A vacation is over when you

begin to yearn for your work.
--*Morris Fishbein*

DO I REALLY NEED TO KNOW THIS?

** There are more than 2,700 languages in the world and more than 7,000 dialects. A dialect is a regional variety of a language that has a different pronunciation, vocabulary, or meaning.

** Oysters can change from one gender to another and back again.

** Until the 19th century, solid blocks of tea were used as money in Siberia.

** The modern Olympic Games were held for the first time in 1896 at Athens and were then followed by the 1900 Paris games. The winter games were added in 1924.

** In 1905, 18 men died from injuries sustained on the football field. President Theodore Roosevelt stepped in and instituted safety measures to make the game safer.

** In a typical season major league baseball will require 4,800 ash trees worth of Louisville sluggers.

** Robert Wadlow is the tallest man in history whose height at 8'11". He is often referred to as the Alton giant because he came from Alton, Illinois. At the time of his death, he weighed 440 pounds and showed no signs of stopping growing.

His coffin weighed half a ton and required 12 pallbearers to carry.

** The Oak Island Money Pit is the site of the world's longest running hunt for lost treasure. For hundreds of years, treasure hunters have ventured to Nova Scotia and tried to recover the treasure which is protected by a series of ingenious traps. Strange man made artifacts have been recovered from the pit over the years, but to this day, the treasure still remains buried.

** The Wow! signal was a strong, narrowband radio signal detected by Dr. Jerry R. Ehman on August 15, 1977 while working on a SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) project at the Big Ear radio telescope of the Ohio State University. The signal bore hallmarks of potential non-terrestrial and non-solar system origin. It lasted for 72 seconds, the full duration Big Ear observed it, but has not been detected again.

** A 'Meme' is a fad that spreads quickly through the Internet. The term is derived from either the French word "meme" (same), or Greek "mimeme" (something imitated).

Castroville is known as the Artichoke Capital of the World.

** In 1947 a young woman named Norma Jean was

crowned Castroville, TX's first Artichoke Queen. She later changed her name to Marilyn Monroe.

** When John Glenn orbited the earth on Friendship 7 in 1962 there were 56 toggle switches aboard. In 1998, when he returned, there were 856.



WAY TO GO FLEET!!!

Once again, Lee County Fleet Management met the requirements for the Blue Seal of Excellence Program from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

In order to receive this prestigious designation, at least 75% of the technicians performing diagnosis and repairs must be ASE certified AND at least one technician must be ASE certified in each area of service offered.



LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA

What are you doing when you pandiculate?

- Breathing hard
- Stretching and

- yawning
 C. Eating rapidly
 D. Begging for money

The correct response is "B" stretching and yawning. No one got the correct answer.



SHUT OFF THAT TRUCK!

In an attempt to reduce the funds spent on diesel fuel, Fleet Management will be enabling the engine shut down feature on all County diesel trucks. The engine will cut off automatically after five minutes of idling. Worried about your ancillary equipment? Not to worry...if the PTO is engaged, the automatic shut off will be overridden.

THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA

In a game of jacks, how many prongs are there on each jack?

- A. Five
 B. Six
 C. Seven
 D. Eight

Send your answer to Marilyn Rawlings at Fleet by the 25th of the month to be eligible to win a prize.

THE DETAILS...

Due to the limited number of details available and the high number of no shows, a

\$25.00 fee will be charged to departments who are considered a "no show." A no show would be anyone that does not contact Fleet to cancel at least 24 hours, (48 hours preferred) of their scheduled appointment. This will become effective immediately and will ensure optimal service to our customers.



SO THAT'S WHERE IT CAME FROM...

** As a teen, **Irvine Robbins** worked in his father's ice cream store. During World War II, **Burton Baskin**, was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and produced ice cream for his fellow troops. When the war was over, they started out in separate ventures and by 1948, they had six stores between them. In 1953, their combined ice cream chain dropped their separate identities and became **Baskin-Robbins**.

** In 1946, **Earl Tupper** introduced plastic storage **ware** with legendary airtight seals patterned after the inverted rim on a can of paint which prevented food from drying out, wilting or losing its flavor. Despite their breakthrough nature, the products didn't sell well in retail outlets, primarily because

consumers needed demonstrations in order to see how they worked. In response, the first Tupperware Home Party was held in 1948. This proved a dramatically effective way of communicating the benefits of the seal. (Source: *Tupperware.com*)

** In 1850, an entrepreneur was looking for a carpenter to build his first mill in San Francisco, which he called The Pioneer Steam Coffee and Spice Mills. **James A. Folger**, only 16-years-old, but skilled in the trade of carpentry, was hired. In 1865, James became a full partner of The Pioneer Steam Coffee and Spice Mills. In 1872, James bought out the other partners, renaming the company J. A. Folger & Co. (Source: *Folgers.com*)

** In 1869, **Dr. Thomas Bramwell Welch**, a physician and dentist by profession, successfully pasteurized Concord grape juice to produce an "unfermented sacramental wine" for fellow parishioners at his church in Vineland, N.J., where he was communion steward. His achievement marked the beginning of the processed fruit juice industry. In 1893, a new label was adopted, omitting the "Dr." before the name **Welch's**. (Source: *Welchs.com*)



FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN IN JULY

Princess Diana	7/01
George Steinbrenner	7/04
Richard Simmons	7/12
Nelson Mandela	7/18
Bob Hillman	7/25
Randy Feinstein	7/27

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A FLORIDIAN IF...

1. Socks are only for bowling.
2. A good parking place has nothing to do with distance from the store, and everything to do with shade.
3. Your winter coat is made of denim.
4. You can tell the difference between fire ant bites and mosquito bites.
5. You're younger than thirty but some of your friends are over 65.
6. Anything under 70 degrees is chilly.
7. You've driven through Yeehaw Junction.
8. You could swim before you could read.
9. You have to drive north to get to The South.
10. You know that no other grocery store can compare to Publix.
11. Every other house in your neighborhood had blue roofs in 2004-2005.
12. You know that anything under a Category 3 just isn't worth waking

up for.

13. You dread love bug season.
14. You know what a snowbird is and when they'll leave.
15. You think a six-foot alligator is average.
16. You were twelve before you ever saw snow, or you still haven't.
17. 'Down South' means Key West.
18. You think New York drivers licenses should only be valid in New York.
19. Flip-flops are everyday wear.
20. Shoes are for business meetings and church...
21. but you HAVE worn flip flops to church.
22. Sweet tea can be served at any meal.
23. An alligator once walked through your neighborhood.
24. You smirk when a game show's 'Grand Prize' is a trip or cruise to Florida.
25. You have a drawer full of bathing suits, and only one sweatshirt.
26. You get annoyed at the tourists who feed seagulls.
27. A mountain is any hill 100 feet above sea level.
28. You think everyone from a bigger city has a northern accent.
29. You know the four seasons are: hurricane season, love bug season, tourist season and summer.
30. Anything under 95 degrees is just warm.
31. You've hosted a hurricane party.
32. You go to a theme park for an afternoon, and know when to get

- on the best rides. (Space Mountain during the Electric Light Parade!)
33. You understand the futility of exterminating cockroaches but you still do it.
34. You can pronounce Okeechobee, Kissimmee, Ichnatucknee and Withlacoochee.
35. You understand why it's better to have a friend with a boat, than owning a boat yourself.
36. You were 5 before you realized they made houses without pools.
37. You were 25 when you first met someone who couldn't swim.
38. You've worn shorts and used the A/C on Christmas Day.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Anaconda, Montana

In Copperopolis, MT during the Civil War, owners of the local copper mine were strong supporters of the Union cause. Late in the war, word reached them that General Grant's troops were circling General Lee's troops "like an anaconda." To celebrate, they changed the mine's name to Anaconda, and the town eventually followed suit.

Pullman, Washington

The citizens of this community decided to name their town after George M Pullman, the rich manufacturer of the Pullman Car hoping he would shower his name-sake with new libraries and other civic gifts.

When they invited him to the ceremonies, he sent his regrets, a nice thank you note and a check for \$50. That was the last the town heard from him.

Bushon & Latham, KS

In the 1880s, workers for the Missouri Pacific railroad were building a new line through Kansas. To celebrate the success of their hometown baseball team, the St. Louis Browns, they named 14 stations on the line for their favorite players. Twelve of the stations have been renamed, but Arlie Latham (shortstop) and Doc Bushong (pitcher) are still on the map in Kansas.