



October Oddness 2011

by Brian Groce

Thursday, October 20, 2011

Headless Horseman at Conner Prairie



It's that time of year again...we're breaking out the recording gear and getting odd with fall & Halloween festivities around Indianapolis.

Friday, October 7, 2011

Hayride at Southeastway Park
7:00pm - 10:00pm

<http://indyhayride.eventbrite.com/>

This year we're kicking off October Oddness (@octoberoddness) with a private hayride, bonfire, hot dogs & smores.

Adults: \$8

Youth, 6-14: \$5

Youth 5 & under are FREE

Space is limited, so please order your tickets early.



INTERACTIVE HISTORY PARK

We had so much fun teaming up on a private event for Headless Horseman last year that we're doing it again! This year it's a little different, so check Twitter for more information.

Friday, October 28, 2011

The Tie Dye Grill
6:00pm - 8:00pm

<http://octodd11-tiedye.eventbrite.com/>



We're back at The Tie Dye Grill for October Oddness & No Pants Friday!

If you missed it last year, be sure to make it this year as we pack the house and munch on an Oddness Burger with Bacon Relish!

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Indianapolis - Chilling
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Ghost Walks

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Indianapolis
Haunted Indianapolis
Downtown Ghost Walk

10/22 at 7:30 pm
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Indianapolis - Chilling
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Westfield 1 - Haunted
Underground Railroad
Ghost Walk

10/28 at 7:30 pm
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Haunted Indianapolis
Downtown Ghost Walk

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1 - Haunted Underground
Railroad Ghost Walk

More tours to be
scheduled soon! Check
back often or sign up at
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Chef JJ's Big Green Bistro

by Steve Neville

On Thursday, 9/15/11, I had the pleasure in partaking in the opening launch for Chef JJ's Big Green Bistro; a unique spin on the emerging food truck culture, as it is aimed to be a high-class mobile catering unit.

The restaurant, if one could assign it the moniker, is essentially a tricked-out RV equipped with JJ'S signature Green Egg grilling machines that boasts it can serve up to 400 people. Although that may seem like a large number for a mobile food unit, the bistro had no problem serving quality food to the 25 people in attendance at the event.

JJ served four interesting courses at the event, all aimed to show the diverse repertoire of the restaurant.

The evening started with a delicious pair of tacos made with pork, cucumber salad and a made-from-scratch chili sauce. The tacos were a delightful break from the norm, as the cucumber salad added a very spring feel to the more spicy and direct chili.

The second and third courses were a palenta and "Indiana Slider." The palenta was a traditional corn-based cake that served more as a warming up for the main event: The slider. The slider was beautifully crafted with a pork and duck patty, chili, slaw and very high quality, decadent, bacon. The combination of flavors, along with the trademark smoky



feel of a Green Egg cooked dish, made for an amazing experience as the ingredients of the sandwich danced along the palate with a variety of flavors.

The fourth course was dessert, an orange cream that was ok. However, this may be due to the fact that I was still in shock by the quality of the slider. The unique part about the dessert was that even though it was a cream-based item, it was still cooked on "The Egg."

Overall, Chef JJ really presented a diverse and delicious experience for the participants of the Bistro's opening. I am very excited about where he can go with this mobile unit, as the ingredients and dishes all were very different and unique, and more than what one would expect from a restaurant on-the-go.



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DOG TALK

Adding Another Dog to your Family

by Elizabeth Wilhelm

When you attend a soft opening, “I think she needs a friend.” This is a pretty common line of thinking with single-dog households. At some point, we start to wonder if our dog would be happier if she had another canine to run around with. The answer varies from dog to dog – some dogs seem to adore other dogs and do wonderful with them, and other dogs seem to not really even notice the existence of other dogs. Then, of course, there are a few who make it known that, under no circumstances, do they ever want another dog around!

Even with the best trained, most dog-loving dog in the world, adding another dog to the household could cause problems. These problems can certainly be corrected, but it is important to know that, like humans who live under the same roof, dogs who share a house can find themselves in occasional disagreements.

The addition of another dog may even bring out sides of your dog that you have never seen before. This may show itself as toy or food guarding, attention hoarding, withdrawal, dominance, or aggression. Sometimes it is healthy and perfectly acceptable to let dogs work things out for themselves. For instance, the occasional growl or snap to signal that one does not wish to play at that moment, or that the other is much too close, is just fine. True fights, guarding of resources, or overt displays of dominance, however, will require some leader intervention.

My dog, Karma, and I recently took in a foster dog from the Southside Animal Shelter. Bandit is her name, and while she is a little shy around people, she

loves other dogs. Karma is used to dogs coming and going in our home, but all of them have a tendency to bring out different sides of her.

Ivanna, our first foster dog, brought out Karma’s annoyed and “don’t mess with me” side. Jacob, the next foster dog, brought out her toy guarding side. Others have turned her into the annoying little sister who begs for play, or into the aloof big sister who doesn’t wish to play. All of these issues can be, and were, solved pretty easily.

With all of that fixed in Karma, Bandit has shown me a side I never expected of Karma. You see, I spent about a week telling Karma that we were going to get a foster dog and that she would be Karma’s responsibility to entertain and to help me train. I guess it went to her head.

Karma started showing signs that she believed she owned Bandit. This includes dominant stares, prolonged holds during play, keeping other dogs away from Bandit, pushing in between Bandit and myself while I was petting Bandit, rushing to be first out the door once released from Stay, etc.

Bandit is not innocent in all of this. She never once stood up for herself. She let Karma walk all over her, which led Karma to believe what she did.

I am quite happy to report now, that the two dogs are perfectly at peace with one another. Bandit has learned to tell Karma, “No,” in an appropriate way, and I have managed to show Karma that she in no way, shape, or form owns Bandit. It is very clear that they care about one another and they have a fantastic relationship.

A few things to keep in mind when introducing a new dog to your household:

- **Introduce the dogs in a neutral territory** – If neither dog recognizes where you are as “home,” they will much more readily accept one another as a playmate, instead of as a threat.
- **Make sure your current dog has rules** – It is important to already have a leadership role with your current dog, and to have some rules that they must consistently follow. This could be waiting patiently for their food, not jumping on furniture, sitting to have the leash put on, or anything else.

- **Teach the rules to the new dog immediately** – By showing the new dog the ropes, you will be teaching him or her that you are the leader. Your current dog will also be learning the same lesson, and will view you as fair, making it less likely that your current dog will lash out at your new dog.

- **If you notice any issues between your dogs, consult with a Certified Dog Trainer** – Often times, my clients come to me with problems dealing with multiple dog households where the issues have been occurring for years. Catching problems early makes for easier fixes and a stable household for years to come.

The Thundershirt: Will it Work for Your Dog?

by Elizabeth Wilhelm

The Thundershirt (www.thundershirt.com) is marketed as “The Best Dog Anxiety Treatment,” but does that mean it really works?

The Thundershirt is relatively new and sells for around \$40 at most pet retail stores. It came out marketed to pet owners whose dog shows signs of anxiety during thunderstorms. Made of a soft, stretchy material, the Thundershirt is designed to snugly wrap around your dog and to give him a sense of comfort when in stressful situations.

Recently, it began noting that it also works for separation anxiety, fearfulness, hyperactivity, barking, and more. Since this appears to be a pretty trendy dog accessory these days, I thought I’d pick one up and try it out on my fearful reactive dog. Here’s what I found for her, and a couple of clients’ dogs.

For my dog, Karma, I noticed a change as soon as I put the Thundershirt on her. She was much calmer. During walks, she

barked less at people (some not at all!), and during car rides, people walking near the car didn’t seem to bother her as much either.

To really put it to the test, I took Karma to her least favorite place – the Vet. In this instance of extreme stress and anxiety, I didn’t see any change with her wearing the Thundershirt. She was still very anxious, barking, and incredibly uncomfortable with being there.

A Group Class student was next to try the Thundershirt out on his fearful dog. She ended up being calmer during walks as well – much easier to handle!

Another client who tried it on her dog, found that her dog was also easier to handle during walks, paid more attention to her while outside, and accepted treats while on a walk. Usually, her dog was very focused on the various outdoor scents and cared much more about them than about her or treats.

Perhaps the biggest breakthrough I saw, however, was on a client’s dog

who is afraid of the stove. He runs out of the kitchen, all the way down to the basement, whenever the stove or burners are turned on. With the Thundershirt, and some positive reinforcement training, he was sitting calmly beside the stove with both the oven and burner turned on within 5 minutes of working with him!

So does the Thundershirt work? Yes and no. It seems to be a wonderful tool to help teach your dog how to remain clam during periods of low to moderate stress. High stress situations, with most dogs, there probably won't be a noticeable change.

It is important to note that while the Thundershirt may produce a calming effect over your dog, very little research has been done. It is possible that dogs may become accustomed to the

Thundershirt and its effects may wane over time, or that the dog may begin to associate the Thundershirt with stressful situations and begin to feel nervous just by wearing it. It is too soon to tell.

The Thundershirt is probably a worthwhile investment (especially since you can return it if you don't notice a difference in your dog!) if you are willing to also put in the time to train your dog while he is wearing the Thundershirt, instead of relying solely on the shirt to do all of the work. That way, the transition between wearing it and not wearing it will become much easier and your dog will no longer be in need of this training tool!

Have you tried a Thundershirt on your dog? If so, what do you think about it?



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The Dating Idiot: Couch Forts and Weddings

by Jeff Stanger

We here at Godzilla's Citizen Hideout (the Official Home of Carry On, Citizens!) are always looking for ways we can serve the greater good and help our fellow man (and our fellow woman). During today's staff meeting, my pet moose suggested that I write a dating advice column. Now, I don't know what's more preposterous: that he suggested I write a dating column or that you've read COC all these years and didn't know I had a talking moose.

Anyway, I started thinking about it and it occurred to me that over the past few decades magazines like Cosmo and Elle for women along with Maxim and GQ for men have been spewing out dating advice. An estimated 20 million people visit dating sites each month. Yet, the divorce rate is still higher than in the 80's. Obviously, we Americans are woefully incompetent at picking mates. So, if you're going to get advice that probably won't work anyway, why not get it for free here instead of paying the cover price of the aforementioned magazines?

And with that we begin a new weekly feature: The Dating Idiot. Each week I will try to answer your dating questions in a way that may or may not work, but will be completely free, confidential, and hopefully will not lead to litigation. So here are this month's questions:

FATHERS AND SONS at Indy Magic Monthly

Tuesday, October 4, 2011 @ 7:30pm
Theatre On The Square

Two sets of father and son magicians
performing together.

<http://indymagicmonthly.com/>
<http://www.tots.org/>

Mark in Brownsburg writes:

Dear Dating Idiot,

I've been seeing "Mary" for about 6 weeks. Do you think it's too soon to build a couch fort with her?

Mark,

Couch forts are part of that special circle of awesome that includes playoff tickets, 20 cent wing night, and roller coasters. However, adulthood seems to take the couch fort joy out of most people. They have to wait until they have kids or nieces or nephews to build them. Of course, finding adults to build couch forts with you is awesome but you have to risk asking and having them look at you the way they do when you break out the pajamas with feet (not that I personally own any).

So, you have to be very sure you want to ask your significant other if she's up for building a couch fort. Luckily, there's a good way to tell how it's going to go. Ask yourself, has she ever dressed up in a costume for me at any other time besides Halloween? If the answer is yes, then ask yourself what type of costume was it: cute and playful, sexy and sophisticated, or predominately leather? If it was cute and playful, she'll probably be okay with building a couch fort. If it was sexy and sophisticated, she's not going to be down with the fort. If it was mostly leather, there's going to be a dungeon in that fort and you might want to pass!

Finally, if your girlfriend is cool enough to build a couch fort with you, put a rock on her finger! She's a keeper!

**"If you like it then
you shoulda put a
ring on it."**

Dave in Greenwood writes:

Dear Dating Idiot,

My girlfriend made me go to a lot of weddings this summer. How can I save money on presents? She's got a huge family and at least 5 cousins are getting married next summer.

Dave,

Don't despair! We have you covered. Just buy a card and tape a piece of torn silver wrapping paper to it. Keep the paper

covered when you pick up your girlfriend and she will think you got them a gift card. When you get to the church, toss it on the pile of gifts. The happy couple will think it got separated from the gift and send you a rather vague thank you note! Just buy 5 greeting cards and one sheet of silver wrapping paper and you're good to go for the 2012 wedding season!

So, make sure to send in your dating questions! If we use it, we'll send you a free t-shirt!

Carry on, Citizens!



be there or be square



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Thursday, October 6
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on Monument Circle

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by Bandwagon

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\$5 Dessert

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