



FACE BOOK, BLOGGING, TWEETING-TWITTERING AND TOOTING PLUS, TEXTING, SEXTING AND MY SPACE

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I probably left out some other such crap that is beyond my feeble brain matter, if there is any left “Phone call” is virtually a non-descript word anymore. It’s simply “cell.”

FAX? When was the last time you used a fax. Only if your internet is down.

But my favorite, by far, is “Tooting!”

Now some of you may be scrambling to see if your black berry or whatever hand held device you MUST have that can do everything except get you laid, yet you just can’t find out about this tooting stuff. You nearly go bonkers, thinking that you just may have missed out on the latest message format.

I don’t know any message this toot holds, but it sure is funny!

Over 4 million watched Tiger Woods win the Buick Open last week. Note: The ratings were up 167% over last year, when Tiger could not play, due to knee surgery.

But by far the best part of the entire match was on the 18th fairway on Sunday.

Waiting for the golfers in front of him to clear the way, Tiger partially lifted his right leg and let loose with a grandiose “toot,” aka, a FART!

It was easily loud enough for the TV microphones to pick up. As the cameras zoomed in, you could see Tiger and his caddy, Steve Williams, having a hearty laugh over his great toot.

The TV announcers were, for the most part, not ready to mention Tiger’s toot, I mean fart, so it went pretty much unnoticed. For about 10 seconds.

Within that time frame, it is estimated that over 100,000 twits, tweets, texts, et al, were talking about it. Within another 60 seconds, bloggers abounded, and thus, within less than 2 minutes, it was already on You Tube!

Now, the PGA quickly had the You Tube video removed, citing “copyright infringements.” How the hell do you copy right a fart?

Doesn’t matter, because a goodly number of other videos were created, thus you could still, as of last Friday, take your pick of many that showed Tiger doing the deed, with plenty of audio available.

As I was writing this last Friday (August 7), I Googled “Tiger’s terrific toot,” and Google showed there were 2,310 separate items about this. Truly the most talked about fart ever!

The first printed story of the famous 18th hole fart simply read, “The Fart Heard ‘Round the World.”

I was P.O.’d that the announcer interviewing Tiger after it was all over, did not ask him something like, did that lighten your load, or brighten your britches, or better yet, doesn’t that feel really good when you cut loose a boomer like that?

Know what? It does. Man, nothing like blasting out a really good fart! It actually makes you feel better, too. At least for me it does.

So, the “Tiger Toot” shall forever be a part of the great lore of the world’s best golfer. And maybe the best tooter. Certainly, his toot was the most famous, and, he was/is now, the world’s foremost farter.

I’m sure you all have heard how many stupid fans, immediately after Tiger (or most other golfers) hit the ball, they yell, “In The Hole!” They even yell it on 600 yard par 5’s, with the guy just taking his tee shot. Stupid.

But now, when they yell “in the hole,” it takes on a whole different meaning. Some may even say, “back in the hole.” Whoa!



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Nothing like testing the breeze out there on that 18th fairway.

Thus, this leads to some very important factoids (I use these words today since they sound technically correct, given all the tweet, twit, et al).

OK. Bottom (pardon the pun) of the 9th, score tied, runners on second and third, 2 outs.

Batter steps into the batter's box, and just as the catcher crouches down to send the pitcher the signals, said batter launches a monster fart, right into the catcher's face mask. And right behind the catcher, the umpire gets a good whiff.

Just picture the catcher jumping up and fanning the air in front of him.

I would love to hear how Joe Buck would handle that.

But even better. Probably around 100 times a game, the QB lines up with his hands right under the center's butt, actually with his top hand resting on said butt.

"Counter one, set two," yells the QB and then "PFFFHHT," a real gasser for the passer.

Now if a WR or RB can get his timing down on this, if he can nail a blaster just as the ball is hiked, he gets a little "wind rush," or a wind aided start. A faster farter.

Farts can really be a good thing. And, as I said above, when you cut loose with a good one, it really does make you feel better! Now the people around you may not agree, but screw them. You put on a great big ole smile, say, AHHHHH, and walk away. And, turn around and watch everyone quickly vacate the "fart zone."

Or sometimes it's more fun to cut one, then quickly look at someone next to you and go, "ah, man, that was gross," and walk away. Of course, then everyone else looks at that poor guy, someone says, "that's disgusting," and they run. Do this in a crowded mall. Good times.

How about an Olympic sprinter. Just as he/she nears the finishing line, if they can cut loose with a whopper, just might give them that little extra "Pffffht" to win the race.

See, everything runs on gas, not just cars and machines.

And I'm quite sure this next situation happens a whole lot!

Women's tennis. So many of them let out these huge grunts as they serve and also when they return a shot. When the human body exerts that much presser, a fart is pretty much always the result. Can't hear it, of course, but you know it causes a nice one.

Serena Williams, at Wimbledon, I can assure you she bombed out quite a few. Had it going at both ends!

Even the NHL can get involved. You know, when they have the face off and the referee is ready to drop the puck, one of the players lets one fly.

If it's a good enough one, it can melt a little ice.

Even the NBA guys can take part.

Picture Kobe or LeBron, for instance, as they quickly make their move to the basket and the force exerted as they jump high and slam in a vicious dunk causes a definitely forceful toot. Gives new meaning to the term, "Air Jordan."

I only harp on this because Tuesday, August 11, I officially become "an old fart," a 65-year old senior citizen.

OK, enough on tooting. My computer has a weird odor to it.

Remember when texting was THE thing?

Still is used a lot, but tweeting or twittering, whatever, is, I guess, the shorthand version of texting.

They sort of invent their own language.

Remember a 100 years ago, when I was young, thumb wrestling used to be a big thing. You would clasp the other person's fingers and try to pin their thumb down.



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Heck, today, with 10-12 year old kids tweeting over 70 shorthand words a minute – hell, I can't even type that fast, the biggest muscle on them is in the thumb! Little 70 pound kid walking around with a 5 pound thumb!

Well, tweeting has become a big thing in the sports writing world.

With the tweeting, blogging, face books, what not, sportswriters, as they cover the pre-season practices of NFL teams, can instantly put out information that will be on the radios and TV's and talk shows within minutes.

But some teams do not allow reporters to tweet. 12 of the 32 are in this group.

One writer had a valid point. Fans, who are watching from their allowed area, can tweet everything that happens, and send it out there.

So when a beat writer finally sends in their official info, it's old hat.

Indianapolis Star writer Bob Kravitz says, "some teams don't want us sending out erroneous information to the fans. That makes no sense. If a fan sitting in the stands sees a player standing off on the sidelines, he can text this and immediately, many take this to mean he is injured."

Blogging, tweeting, et al, is the modern day reporting. A good many of the reporters are "a bit older," and thus, as Kravitz said, "I don't tweet or blog. I just learned to text a few months ago."

In summary, whatever happens today, within minutes, millions will hear and/or see it. Problem is, that often what they see is incorrect. But, that's technology today. Deal with it.

One thing that is hardly mentioned is "sexting." Yes, that's correct. Seems some young teens have decided to take near, or full naked pictures of friends or even themselves, and often more than one individual is involved. Within minutes, these "pictures" are out there for anyone. It can, and has, caused some major problems. What a surprise that pedophiles are big on "sexting."

Modern technology, changing so fast that something that was "the in thing" yesterday is now obsolete.

Sports most highly recognized family. The Manning's.

Eli, QB for the Giants, just became the NFL's highest paid player, passing his older brother Peyton. Eli has a 6-year deal worth \$97 million, or 15.3 mil a year.

Poor Peyton has to scrape by on \$14.7 million a year.

Their father, Archie, who played QB for 14 seasons, said his top salary was \$350,000.

I don't think the Manning boys are being too affected by this recession.

College Football came out with their pre-season polls. Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, Southern Cal, Alabama, Ohio State, Virginia Tech, Penn State, LSU and Mississippi are the top 10 in the USA TODAY poll.

Many people, including coaches, fans and sportswriters like myself, are not fond of these pre-season polls.

While the big schools are atop, teams like Utah, who was unbeaten last year and clobbered once No. 1 Alabama in a Bowl game, are barely in the top 20.

Problem is, once a team is "set" in a high spot, they will often stay there. One loss will only move them down a couple of spots.

Many coaches agree that the initial poll should not come out until week 3 or 4 of the season.

"It's very hard to get an accurate read (on a team) until you've played 3-4 games," said Utah coach Kyle Whittingham.

Coaches admit that especially the pre-season polls are mostly popularity.

Thus, in a sport whose National Championship is decided, in part, to this popularity, the pre-season poll is a joke.

But, way to early to, again, start to bash the Bull S..t Championship.



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As of Friday, 9 first round draft picks remain unsigned. As one coach said, “training camp is 4 weeks. A rookie missing more than a week is way behind. Much more and he may be nearly worthless to us this year.”

It’s the agents who screw it up! They want to get top \$, thus making themselves look good for future clients. But they’re actions are detrimental to the players.

Look at DeMarcus Russell, the top pick by the Raiders. He did not get signed until the 4th week of the regular season. Now the book is still out on his pro ability, but he was basically a total wash his first year, due to the holdout. He is still trying to get caught up.

You know, this factual stuff can, at times, be boring.

I think I’ll go fart around a bit. With my single malt at my side, of course.

Toot, toot to all of you.