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HAPPY SUMMER!

IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY TIME I START WRITING I ASK MYSELF, “WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?”

Here we are in August and I can hardly believe it. Nowadays, time seems even more precious as I look around at my three, very own “live calendars.” Not too long ago I could pick them up and carry them with me while amusing them with the smallest funny face or a light tickle under the chin. Needless to say, both are a little tougher these days...

As I planned my recent trip up the eastern seaboard to visit some of HUB’s customers, I realized that I had better take them with me whenever possible since, before I know it, they’ll be ready for taking trips on their own and moving on to start their own families.

So we packed the car with kids, clothes, and all the goodies to make sure we took care of the customers we were going to see and headed north towards the Canadian wilderness...well Toronto anyway.

Our first stop was the nation’s capital. I showed them the Washington Monument and we toured the Air and Space Museum. We also saw the White House and I showed them around the well-oiled political machine that runs our nation.

Leaving D.C. we headed out on a short jaunt to Bedford Springs, PA and stayed at the Bedford Springs Inn. On the property, there are eight mineral springs. They were first used by the Native Americans who strongly believed they held healing powers. In the late 1700s, they shared their secret with Dr. John Anderson who ultimately bought 2200 acres of property that today features an

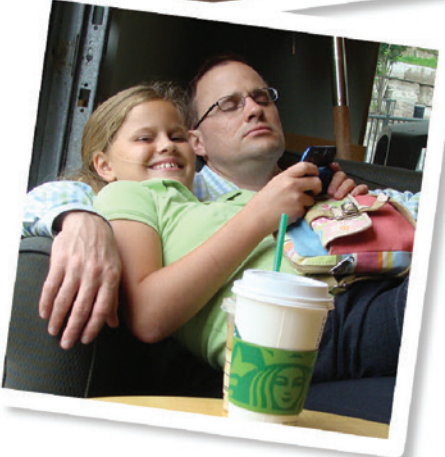
incredible resort that has hosted 10 U.S. presidents; 7 of those 10 visited the resort during their terms in office.



Though it was hard to leave, we continued north into Canada where we visited Niagara Falls, spent some time on the Canadian coastline, and headed to Toronto. Many people, including myself at the time, don't realize that Toronto is home to the third largest financial district in North America. The only two cities that top it are New York City and Chicago.



When we left, Betsy and I cut a deal with the kids: Anything less than best behavior and we head back to the house. We made it all the way to Canada (and back) and they held up their end of the deal which made a great trip phenomenal!



Have a great month!

GABRIEL ☺

President

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TAKING THE PLUNGE

EVERY ONCE IN A GREAT WHILE, YOU SEE A PRODUCT THAT IS SUCH A UNIQUE AND TERRIFIC IDEA THAT IT MAKES YOU STOP AND THINK, "I CAN'T BELIEVE I DIDN'T THINK OF THAT!"



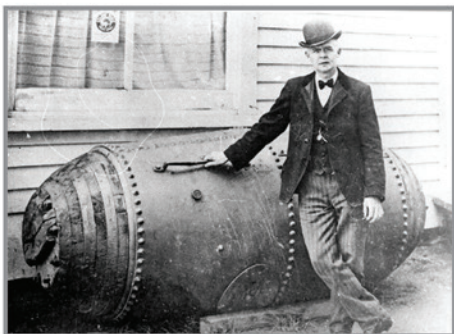
October 24th 1901

Annie Taylor was the first person to conquer the falls in a barrel. After climbing inside her airtight wooden barrel, the air pressure was compressed to 30 p.s.i. with a bicycle pump.

Though bruised and battered, Annie made it. She expected fame and fortune would follow her exploit, but Annie died in poverty.

July 25th 1911

The infamous Bobby Leach plunged over the Falls in a steel barrel. Bobby broke both kneecaps and his jaw during his daring event. Years later while touring in New Zealand, Bobby slipped on an orange peel and died from complications due to gangrene!



July 11th 1920

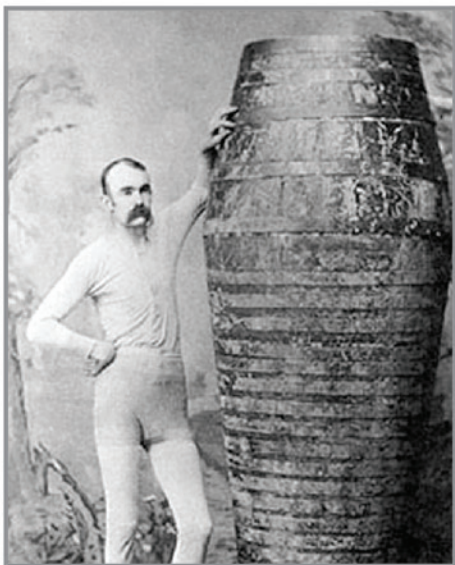
Englishman Charles G. Stephens equipped his wooden barrel with an anvil for ballast. Charles tied himself to the anvil for security. After the plunge, Chuck's right arm was the only item left in the barrel.

July 4th 1928

"Smiling Jean" Lussier survived the trip over the brink in a large rubber ball

July 5th 1930

A Greek waiter named George L. Statakis suffocated to death after his barrel was trapped behind the falls for more than 14 hours.



June 30th 1961

Nathan Boya drops off the brink in a ball-like contraption.



October 1st 1995

Robert Overcracker rides a jetski over the brink of the Horseshoe Falls to help promote awareness for the homeless. His parachute did not open and Robert ended up promoting better parachutes. He plunged to his death and his body was never recovered. An Egyptian tourist captured this amazing image.

June 18th 1995

Steve Trotter returns to the Falls again to make his second attempt. This time with a partner, Lori Martin a caterer from Georgia. They were the first male and female to make the big drop together!

July 3rd 1984

The first Canadian to conquer the Falls was Karel Soucek. Karel survived the plunge, but later that year Karel was killed while recreating the drop from a platform inside the Houston Astrodome. (Karel's barrel hit the edge of the water tank)

August 18th 1985

A Rhode Island bartender named Steven Trotter made the trip in a barrel wrapped in inner tubes. Steven was fined a total of \$5,503.00

October 5th 1985

A Canadian mechanic John "Super Dave" Munday made a successful trip in his barrel. Dave could not get enough! He made a second successful trip on September 26th 1993.

September 28th 1989

Niagara Falls Ontario residents Peter De Bernardi and Jeffery James Petkovich accomplished the first duo descent of the Falls.

October 22nd 2003

Kirk Jones from Canton Michigan becomes first stunter in the history of Niagara Falls to survive the plunge wearing only the clothes on his back. Kirk's idea had been in the works for a number of years. While here on a visit with a friend, Kirk made the decision. They purchased a used video camera to record this historical event and went to the Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side of the river. Kirk entered the water about one hundred yards upstream and began swimming out into the swift current. Eight seconds later Kirk made the 175 foot (53.3m) drop and swam to shore while passing up a free ride with the "maid of the mist" tour boat. Kirk was treated for minor bumps and bruises at local a hospital and released only after promising to return for court. For his stunt Kirk was fined a total of \$2,300.00 dollars and banned from entering Canada for life. Unfortunately Kirk and his friend had been imbibing in alcohol before the stunt and Kirks friend couldn't figure out how to work the camcorder and the entire stunt went unrecorded!

Source: www.niagarafallslive.com/daredevils_of_niagara_falls.htm

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Customer Count

HUB INDUSTRIAL WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME
OUR 81 NEW CUSTOMERS THIS MONTH!

Quote
of the Month

“Before I got married I
had six theories about
bringing up children;
now I have six children,
and no theories.”

—John Wilmot



FALL IN LOVE

SOME QUICK FACTS ABOUT
NIAGARA FALLS

1. Falls at Niagara are about 12,000 years old
2. Currently, Niagara Falls erodes approximately 1 foot/year
3. The Niagara River flows at approximately 35 miles/hour (56.3 kilometers/hour)
4. There are actually three waterfalls in Niagara, the American Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and the Canadian Horseshoe Falls
5. The Horseshoe Falls are 180 feet (57 meters) high and allow 6 million cubic feet (168,000 cubic meters) of water over the falls every minute during peak daytime tourist hours (that is about a million bathtubs full of water every minute!)
6. The Konica Minolta Tower rises 325 feet above the Horseshoe Falls
7. The Skylon Tower rises 775 feet above the Falls
8. Hydro Electricity generated in Niagara Falls at the Sir Adam Beck 1 and Sir Adam Beck 2 power stations from redirected water flow serves the electrical needs of Southern Ontario and Western New York
9. The word Niagara comes from the word "onguiaahra" which means "a thundering noise"



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RIDDLE ME THIS!

AUGUST'S BRAINTEASER

THIS MONTH'S RIDDLE

How many islands are between the American and Canadian Falls and what are their names?

Send answer to: gabriel@hubindustrial.com

LAST MONTH'S RIDDLE

What happens only in the middle of each month, in all of the seasons, except summer and happens only in the night, never in the day?

ANSWER: THE LETTER "N"

CONGRATS TO OUR "HUB COPTER" WINNERS:

Terry Hayes
Robin Kubat
Steve Strauss
Adam Hicks
Eugene Lane

Tim Pinter
Jimmy Sparks
Jeff Devries
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Terri Maddox



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