

Dave's Blarg!

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I saw a well decorated truck on my way to work today ☺ It cracked me up pretty well. I've got to say, it's not what I'd do, but I'm super glad that these people are out there, solidly filling in the ends of the bell curve with a extra helping of "Heck with what you think of it" ☺ My spidey senses tell me that he was ex military too, and the ability to do whatever the heck we want is a huge part of what America is all about. That and generally being awesome ☺ Thumbs up to this fella.



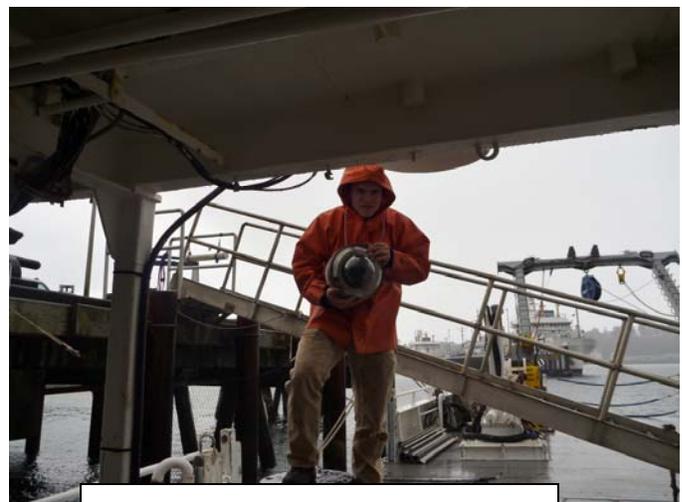
I wonder when the mud flap girl was invented....



I look oddly austere in this one...

fifteen minutes after I had taken down a camera housing for maintenance (and left the connector uncovered..) it started raining like crazy! They have a saying here in Oregon, if you don't like the weather, just wait ten minutes. I waited ten minutes and it went from torrential

It was a relatively straight up day at work, just odds and ends. I will say that the weather was something else. I seriously pass from one climate zone to another via a third on my way to Newport through the mountain range every day. It started off crazy foggy in the morning, it was pretty darn nice while I was at the coast, then about



Rains!!! I'm meeelllltting

downpour to well-set drizzle, which was better enough (they have a second saying which is “If you wait for it to not be raining, you’ll never do anything”). By the time I left for the day it was back to fog-up-to-your-gills.



I am good at satellite communications stuffs!

Oh, I also changed the battery in one of our satellite systems, and I realized that I forgot to include the photo the last time I mentioned it, so I snapped a new photo :D Sometimes I don’t quite count to ten right and the camera catches me at an odd moment.....

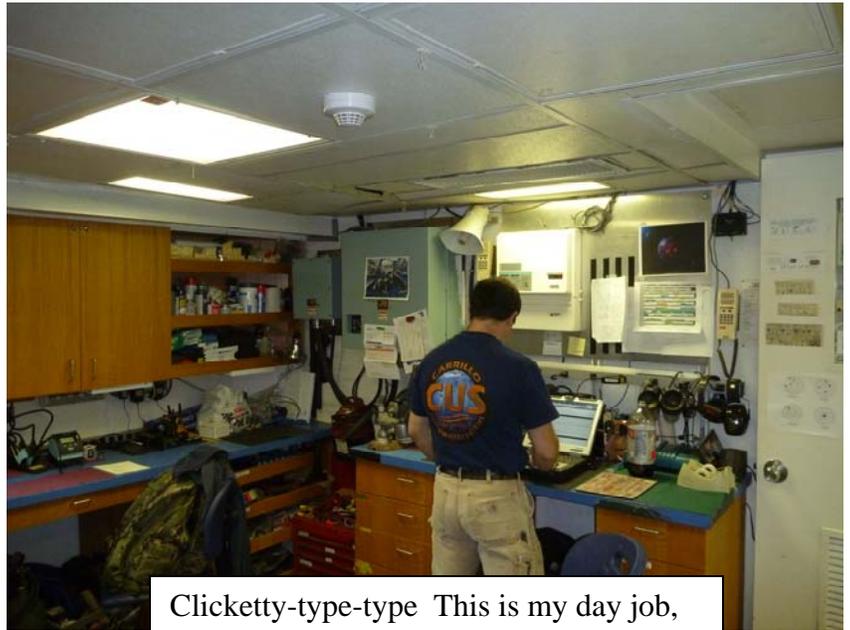
I also found rock-solid proof that our intern is completely nuts. I was cleaning out a toolbox and I found a few random drill bits in a bag at the bottom. I was sorting them back out to their proper locations and when I looked to see what size the drill bit was I found that our intern/newest employee has



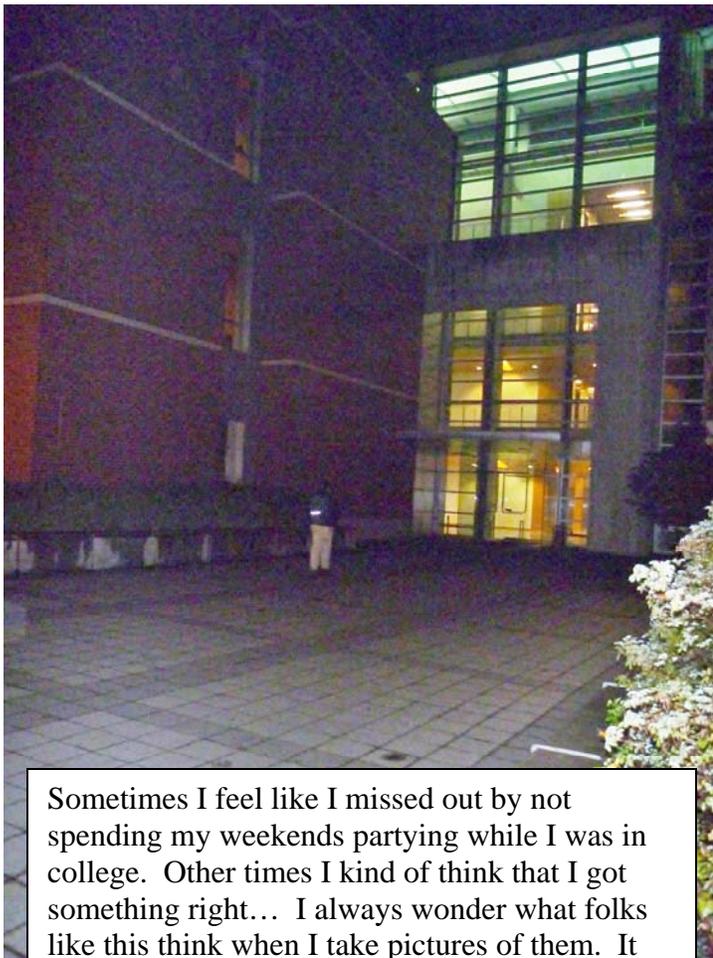
I actually checked several of our drill bit sets just to see, and this was the only bit he had marked... still though... nuts... :p (and awesome handwriting, I couldn’t write that small with anything, much less a vibrating engraver...) That’s a #13 bit, .185 inches across

seriously taken things to heart when he was asked to mark *all* of our tools. Once a co-worker of mine asked me why I had a preference for ex-military folks whenever we do hiring-**This Is Why**. Sure, marking everything down to a drill bit is perhaps borderline nuts, but if he got something as small as that you can also be pretty darn sure that anything more important than a drill bit is marked too. And if he takes marking things that seriously, you can be relatively assured (hopefully) that anything more important than marking tools will receive at *least* as much attention. Which isn’t to say that he’s not crazy :p

But yeah, after that almost all of my day looked exactly like this, just doing regular maintenance on about a half dozen random systems. Non-stop excitement :D



Clicketty-type-type This is my day job, and no inspirational poster will change it



Sometimes I feel like I missed out by not spending my weekends partying while I was in college. Other times I kind of think that I got something right... I always wonder what folks like this think when I take pictures of them. It was full flash and everything and I took a few shots to try and get him.

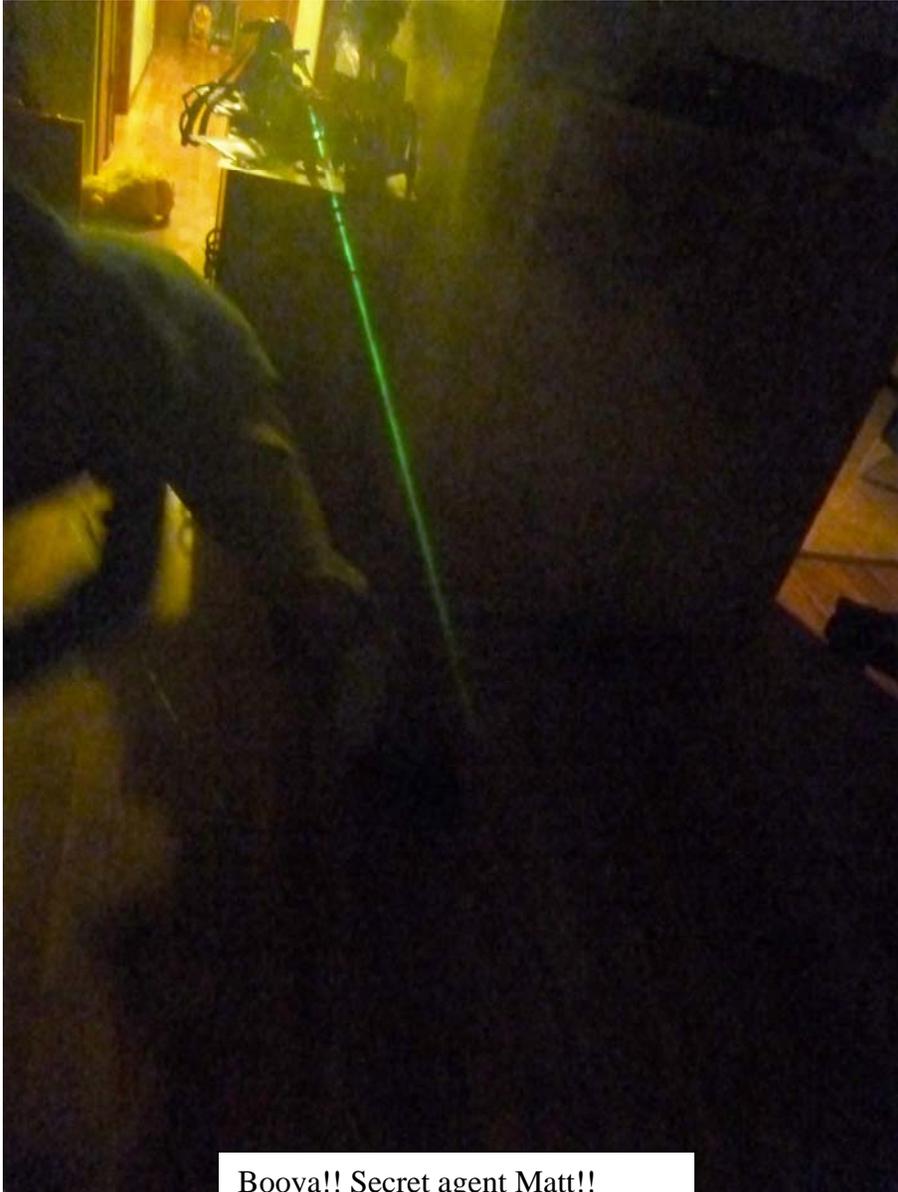
I stopped off to pick up Danielle and started thinking about how much I miss school. This picture didn't turn out at all, but I'm putting it in anyhow. It's a guy on a skateboard headed to the engineering building at 2100 (did I mention that I had an extra long day at the boat..). It's odd, but seeing someone headed in to study at 9 on a Friday night makes me miss being that excited about learning. Then again, maybe he just had a fight with his girlfriend and he's on his way to spend another night asleep in his cubicle :p (*not* that that reminds me of college at all....) (editors note: that picture cleaned up *way* better than I thought it would...)



Precision cut reflectors :D



Matt and Vitaliy getting the gear in gear ☺



Booya!! Secret agent Matt!!

The real excitement came after I got home :D My roommate and a few friends and I piled up the heap of stuff that is our laser obstacle course and headed over to make a trial setup at the Sitts house :D We glued nuts to the mirror chunks and fired up both fog machines and ended up having to pull the buzzer off of the detector after we woke up the baby :p It was *AWESOME*

If you're still reading this, email me back about something awesome that you've done this week! Until Tomorrow!

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