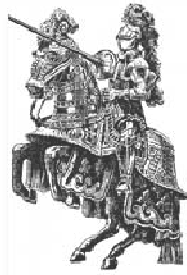


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## THIS WEEK’S FEATURED TOPICS

### BACK TO THE FUTURE

So we have it from TRF management that they are holding themselves to a higher standard, but exactly what defines that standard, isn’t entirely clear. They are obviously trying to retain and enhance the illusion of a medieval trading village and the burden of that illusion is mainly placed on the vendors and other participants, as it should be. But they are also quite okay with trumpeting ads for cars and placing other brightly colored corporate advertising for modern products around the grounds, while also being quite ready to demerit shoppe owners for the relatively minor transgressions of having food in plain view in their premises, or “ignoring a customer”. They are okay with paintball guns and powered winches over trampolines, but will demerit other people for showing a watch when asked for the time. There is an obvious inequality to what is acceptable to the goal of “adherence to the period” in these policies and procedures that still rankles some folks.

We could go on, but we won’t. The disapproval and grievances have been beat to death and additional exposure and commentary is unlikely to help any further.

However, there is another side that should be brought up. People come to renaissance festivals to escape the reality and trappings of modern life. Unfortunately, a bunch of modern life has leaked into TRF due to those marketing and business decisions made for profit, so the immersion into the past is much more difficult. Difficult that is, without us. You know, The People. Demerits and bloviation aside, we The People are here to create this medieval illusion because beyond fulfilling our mundane materialistic needs, we want to live here, too. The patrons are going to leave TRF, not remembering the obnoxious corporate advertising and anachronistic failures, but remembering the people they met, the shows they saw and the unique and cool stuff they were able to buy. And kids, all that doesn’t come from TRF management. That comes from us. So it is going to be up to us to keep this renaissance festival looking and feeling like one. It sucks to have the ways and means enforced by Secret Shoppers™ and invasive policies, but that is what we have now. So be it. We all know what it takes to make a good renfaire. Hell, most of us travel to a bunch of them all over the country and have a much better insider’s viewpoint

than the bunch of n00bs of the Ivory Tower in the front office. Maybe TRF is making it hard to give a shit anymore, but if we want to preserve our world, we have to give one.

So your mission, should you decide to accept, is to do what you do best, and do it with gusto. We only have three weekends left for 2013. So whether you are artisan, artist, performer, shoppe owner, shoppe staff, bartender, hawker, or whatever else; create the illusion and keep it fun for yourself and for the thousands of people that come to TRF to see you. And maybe one day TRF will figure out that when they lose the parent / child mentality they seem to have developed, they’ll find they don’t need silly kindergarten tactics to try to make this renaissance festival actually feel like one. All they need, is us.

### THAT... IS WHY YOU FAIL

To the dweeb that has been trying to “hack” (if you can call a truly lame port scan, an embarrassing attempt at an ICMP flood, and practicing the ancient and obsolete art of trying to guess passwords, “hacking”) our website from your little AT&T DSL line: Go back to your sandbox, Junior, before we get all medieval on your ass and pwn you and your machine. We are legion. You don’t have a chance in hell.

### YEP, IT’S A ONE PAGER THIS TIME

We have collectively had a busy and somewhat disappointing week so far, and didn’t have the material or energy for a normal-sized issue. So we are playing hooky with a short one this week. We definitely still want your photos, ideas, stories, gripes and funny stuff, so send em in to us at [trfwtf@yahoo.com](mailto:trfwtf@yahoo.com)!

### TRF NIPPLE INDEX™ FORECAST

- Nov 16<sup>th</sup> - AM: 4.1 NOON: 1.8 PM: 2.7 (wet)
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup> - AM: 3.2 NOON: 1.1 PM: 3.1 (also wet)

HEY, WHEN YOU’VE FINISHED READING,  
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See you next week!