
Subject: OT: When it rains...

Posted by [Neil](#) on Wed, 05 Apr 2006 00:46:48 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Wed, 05 Apr 2006 00:56:26 GMT

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You just need to build another computer so that you can run 2 x UAD-1 cards in your Cubase host computer and 3 x UAD-1's in the server computer using FX Teleport and, if you can get this happening, everything should be OK. Having a place to live is secondary to this.....trust me.

;oP

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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Wed, 05 Apr 2006 01:10:14 GMT

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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Wed, 05 Apr 2006 01:17:58 GMT

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I could tell you about a leaky toilet that had a very minor run on every 3 minutes that ended up costing me over a \$1000 in water charges over four years...but I won't

I feel your pain

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Posted by [Edna Sloan](#) on Wed, 05 Apr 2006 03:28:17 GMT

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Posted by [Kim](#) on Wed, 05 Apr 2006 04:10:32 GMT

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Posted by [Kim](#) on Wed, 05 Apr 2006 05:07:53 GMT
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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Wed, 05 Apr 2006 05:09:53 GMT
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Excellent. I might be on the BDF bandwagon shortly... I may need to be paid first though. ;o)

I saw that there's a jazz and funk pack you can get now... that may be just tooooooooooooooo tempting. ;o)

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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Wed, 05 Apr 2006 11:39:45 GMT

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Don

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Posted by [Kim](#) on Wed, 05 Apr 2006 12:02:02 GMT

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Well seeing as how we're on the subject...

....and feeling somewhat uncertain we should be here, but continuing against my better judgement... ;o)

....my ass isn't yet the wobbling type I don't think. It's still fairly muscle bound. Indeed a mate's girlfriend recently described my ass as "a black person's butt". Not that I'm particularly aware of what the asses of different races are like, but generally I consider those of darker skin to be more toned than us generally flabby white folk, and mine pokes out a bit, but in a defined way... ...I think I'll shut up now. ;o)

Now my stomach on the other hand needs some work... ;o)

....but I'm thinking it's the beer, and I'm not likely to give that up. ;o)

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Posted by [rick](#) on Wed, 05 Apr 2006 15:41:52 GMT

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i believe that it is called (for any race) a bubble butt...err..what you describe yours as...or as you say was described to you by a (wink wink) mates "girlfriend"...oooookay fine.

On 5 Apr 2006 22:02:02 +1000, "Kim" <hidensounds@hotmail.com> wrote:

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>Well seeing as how we're on the subject...

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>...and feeling somewhat uncertain we should be here, but continuing against

>my better judgement... ;o)

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>...my ass isn't yet the wobbling type I don't think. It's still fairly muscle bound. Indeed a mate's girlfriend recently described my ass as "a black person's

>butt". Not that I'm particularly aware of what the asses of different races

>are like, but generally I consider those of darker skin to be more toned

>than us generally flabby white folk, and mine pokes out a bit, but in a defined

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>Now my stomach on the other hand needs some work... ;o)

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>...but I'm thinking it's the beer, and I'm not likely to give that up. ;o)

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Posted by [jef knight\[1\]](#) on Wed, 05 Apr 2006 15:58:48 GMT

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i bought a mac...then, and only god knows why i bought another after
the first one crossed over...nobody knows the troubles i've
seen...sob...sob...long sigh...

On Tue, 4 Apr 2006 22:28:17 -0500, "Edna" <edna@texomaonline.com>
wrote:

>Speaking of rain, or in this case water, I can tell you a little about going
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>feel much better. : -)

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>"Rich Lamanna" <richard.lamanna@verizon.net> wrote in message
>news:44331727@linux...

>> Jesus Neil, quit complaining. I can't find a Win XP driver for my Opcode
>> SonicPort and eBay just changed my password. Damn, I can't bid on a pair
>of

>> pants. Let's put things in perspective, ok. Seriously, sorry to hear about
>> the major difficulties. Oh bad luck comes in threes. Did three bad things
>> happen yet?:-)

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>> Rich

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>> "Neil" <OIUOIU@OIU.com> wrote in message news:44331378\$1@linux...

>> >
>> > Not so much a rant to bitch about the situation, but more
>> > something to provide you guys with some entertainment through
>> > someone else's misery (can't let DeeJ have exclusive rights to
>> > THAT territory, now can I? LOL!)
>> >
>> > So, a couple of weeks ago, I'm vacuuming the pool (which I've
>> > only done a few times all winter), getting it ready to start
>> > using again, because we live in the desert & soon it'll be
>> > swimming weather and I notice that the filter pump is leaking a
>> > bit - I decide to pull it apart & see if it's a gasket or
>> > something I can fix - turns out to appear to be coming from the
>> > impeller seal, oh well, I don't have the tools for that, so I
>> > put it back together & call a pool service company - they come
>> > out a couple days later & say tha's indeed what it is, and they
>> > can order a couple parts & fix it the next weekend...
>> > cool. "Oh, and by the way, I notice that this 3-way valve that
>> > sends the water up to the solar heating panels is cracking on
>> > the outside... can you guys replace that at the same
>> > time?" "Sure, but you'll also need to replace these two check
>> > valves when you do that" "Ummmm... ok, can you get me a quote?"
>> > Guy calls back later with a quote... a few hundred for the whole
>> > thing... a bit more than I was prepared for, but not really out
>> > of line, so I say "Do it!" Nice folks - don't make me pay when
>> > they fix it, they send me a bill & when I receive it I send
>> > them out a check this past Monday morning.
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>> > Monday night - last night - my daughter goes into the spare
>> > bedroom, which is her "office" (which she doesn't use much -
>> > she does all her school assignments on her laptop in her room
>> > or the living room & then prints them out as needed... some of
>> > them she uploads online in fact, and her professors access them
>> > & grade them there, and she gets her grades via e-mails -
>> > pretty slick, huh? Anyway, that's neither here nor there.), and
>> > she calls out: "Dad, there's water on the floor in this room!"
>> > Fuck... roof leak? It hasn't been raining, what the hell could
>> > it be, then I realize that the water heater closet is on the
>> > wall opposite that room... open it up, sure enough, leaking
>> > from the bottom of the water heater. It's gas (not electric),
>> > so I don't want to fuck with it... call the plumber, pay
>> > the "emergency call premium", and have him shut off the water &
>> > the gas... I drain it with a hose out the front door & call my
>> > insurance company to see if I'm covered. Turns out I'm covered
>> > for the damage the water caused, but not the plumbing itself,
>> > which I guess makes sense. Now here's the kicker... plumber
>> > tells me that new codes require a certain type of pressure
>> > valve to be installed any time they do maintenance, or
>> > repair/replace a water heater. I tell him "Wait, I just had

>> > that done last year, when you guys replaced this old gas inlet
>> > valve that quit working... it's this pressure relief valve
>> > right here, and it cost me an extra 200 bucks or so at the
>> > time." "Yes, sir that was a new CITY code implemented a couple
>> > years ago, this is a new STATE code that they just implemented
>> > this year... and it supercedes all city & municipal codes!"
>> > "Fuck"
>> > "Indeed"
>> > (OK, he didn't say "Indeed", but it would've been appropriate
>> > if he did) :)
>> > Anyway, so here's the worst part... in order to do this new
>> > kind of relief valve, they have to do one of two things - run a
>> > line from the hot water (output) side of my water heater, up
>> > through the roof, and down the front of the house to 6" above
>> > grade, OR, run a line from the hot water side of the sink
>> > nearest to the heater, then out through the nearest outside
>> > wall, and down to 6" above grade, then the relief valve goes on
>> > the end of that pipe in either case.
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>> > Sounds like a shitload of labor in either case, right?
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>> > Right... we all know you can get a water heater for a couple
>> > hundred bucks, right? Total quote for this job... \$1,444.00.
>> > So, insurance will pay for the part of the carpet that's
>> > damaged due to water, but not the whole room; and some in the
>> > hallway is damaged too, but only a couple square feet of it...
>> > so I get to pay for all the rest (like I'm going to replace
>> > half a room's worth & 1/10 of a hallways worth of carpet,
>> > right? Like you could actually get away with that.), and if
>> > course, I have to pay for all of the plumbing work, since
>> > that's not covered. There's mold in the carpet now, and it's
>> > being dried out by one of those companies that does that sort of
>> > thing, but my daughter & I are going to be staying in a hotel
>> > for a couple of days due to health concerns with the mold, and
>> > also because of no hot water at the house at this time.
>> > Insurance wil pay for a couple of days of that, but it's going
>> > to take longer than that (4 days it's looking like) to get all
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Posted by [Paul Artola](#) on Thu, 06 Apr 2006 03:44:22 GMT
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- Paul Artola
Ellicott City, Maryland

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Subject: Re: When it rains...
Posted by [Chris Latham](#) on Thu, 06 Apr 2006 04:17:10 GMT

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Hey Neil, sorry to hear about all the woes. But, it just made me think of the water heater we're adding to our house, and I'm pretty stoked about this thing and can't wait to complete the install. It might be something worth looking at, if you're putting in a new one anyway... This thing is tankless and doesn't require a pop-off valve.

<http://www.howardharrisbuilders.com/>

Have fun
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Posted by [rick](#) on Thu, 06 Apr 2006 08:37:24 GMT
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ewwww...thanks for the new visual...

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Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Fri, 07 Apr 2006 04:38:24 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Fri, 07 Apr 2006 13:25:11 GMT

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Subject: Re: OT: When it rains...
Posted by [Kim](#) on Fri, 07 Apr 2006 13:59:25 GMT
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Woohah...

Reminds me of the time... err... one of the times I went four wheel driving in my Kingswood.

A Kingswood is, well, a classic Holden... Holden being the first ever Australian car manufacturer, now owned by GM. This particular Kingswood was built in 1978, and you can, for the sake of comparison, superimpose an American built 1978 big steel station wagon. Clearly a 2 wheel drive car not designed for climbing mountains.

Indeed, the car looked almost identical to this one...
http://members.tripod.com/~big_tom/wilmawagon.html
....but without the Photoshopped crocodile.

Anyhow...

A good friend of mine, Sir Gus Funk, was driving an XD Ford Sedan, and had climbed this hill in it. Suffice to say my Kingswood had aquired a reputation for 4X4 performance, and I was not to be out done, so off I went up said hill.

About 3/4 of the way up I discovered that it wasn't going to be as easy as I'd hoped. I had arrived at the camp site fully loaded, and still had four people in the car, so I backed it into a little run off half way up the hill, and unloaded all the gear, and two of the people, by the road side. Hence hoping just me, an empty car and one other person might make it up the hill.

Alas it didn't turn out. The car struggled and struggled and couldn't get past about 20 feet short of the top of the hill. Short of where the Ford had made it. (Ford being the arch enemy of Holden).

But the worst shock came a second later, when I discovered that not only would it not make it to the top, but it also wouldn't stop. The hill was largely clay, and the car had decided it was going down, which was fine, but 200 feet down the road reached a T intersection, and if I kept going straight, it would be straight over the edge and into oblivion, and a river.

Suffice to say a very delicate balance was struck. I would lock the brakes, slide almost off the road, release the brakes a little and get back on the road, lock the brakes again, all the time never really slowing, but not getting noticeably quicker either. I travelled at about 20 m/h down the hill backwards for 200 feet, hooking the wheel at the last minute at the T intersection, and coming within a foot or so of slipping over the edge and into the river below.

Anyhow, that's one of my Kingswood stories.

Cheers,
Kim.

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