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# CLANCY'S CLICHES

Let's talk locknuts. For those nuts who don't know a hill of beans from a tin can of hardware, a locknut is used to secure a bolt in place. Without it, the bolt would loosen and eventually come undone. They're used (or should be used) on any connection involving a screw or pipe connection, like a light fixture or those DIY kits for everything under the sun.

A locknut is a non-ending circle, securing connections, strengthening the object it is part of, and provides a foundation for the next juncture or arm of an item.

At a recent funeral gathering, the family of a long time electrician had a dish of various hardware to take as a memento. My master grabbed a locknut. It represented to him an eternal ring - strong, sturdy, and secure. A symbol of eternal love. A symbol of the circle of life.

We can all be living locknuts. Just follow the symbolism: keep secure those connections amongst family, friends and strangers; strengthen and affirm our own and others' characters and everyone's hopes and dreams; and be a foundation and an extension for others to learn, grow and continue the eternal circle. Now when I look at you and call you a nut, there will be an added dimension!

Go Forth. Living Locknuts! Oh, and did I mention some of them have teeth? Smile, baby, smile!



Speaking of nuts, Cookie Man stopped by with his two Grand-Cookies! The blurry photo is from Jake's fondness to keep him and everyone else in motion!

Remember the Law of Gravity: Any locknut (not the human kind), tool, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe. It goes hand-in-hand with the Law of Mechanical Repair: After your paws are coated in grease or dirt, your nose will begin to itch.

Other things on my mind:

\*Disappointing moments in history:

- 1) Caesar orders a house salad;
- 2) Marco Polo can't find the china;
- 3) The Wright Brothers lose their luggage;
- 4) Galileo is defeated in Star Search by a 5th grader.

\*The old English word for spider was "cob" which is why we call the spider's home a cobweb.

\*Fall is a great time to buy an Autumn-mobile.



Howlin's hootn'; Growlin's not gooten!



- Clancy



# CLANCY'S CACKLES

Knock, knock! Who's there? Howl. Howl Who? Happy Howl-o-wean!

- 1. What do you call two spiders who just got married? **Newly Webbeds!**
- 2. What is a mummy's favorite type of music? **Rap Musici!**
- 3. What do you put on your Halloween ice cream? **Whipped Screami!**
- 4. What do you call a fat pumpkin? **A Plumpkin!**
- 5. Why don't ghosts like rain? **It dampens their spirits!**
- 6. What do you think of these Halloween and especially the mummy jokes? **They really Sphinx!**