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Hi Bern

Lovely day, was chilly with frost at 0430. Otto and I ran under a moon so full it cast clear shadows, very pretty. Mom and I thinned bushes yesterday afternoon, even less fun than it sound like, also spread a lot of mulch, the area above the driveway now looking great. Cut off some branches of the crab apple that had tent worms, might be a big year for them. Still lots of mulching to do, but some of the most annoying parts now behind us. We then did cow on the grill, with tortalinis, great. Otto enjoyed being outside with us, eventually barking at me to throw his toys, can't find the Frisbee, his favorite and also the kindest on my arm.

I have not heard from Erin so assume their potty works, need to get that cabinet put together so they can measure the counter top. They must deliver the chipper to NJ, need to schedule that trip maybe some evening this week. Also must schedule getting my tooth cap installed, hopefully today so I can coordinate with getting Otto out of his cage, since mom working. I washed his cage bedding last week, made a big mess, apparently failed to shake out all the residual poop. Mom had to do over again, and stunning amount of black hair.

Got a call about 2130 when in bed last night from one of our engineers worrying about our technique for measuring surfactant at Parkersburg. We learned recently that our analytical technique has very poor recovery, often 25%, so any results we get should be multiplied by a factor of 4 or even 5. However, that has not been the practice, so we have been telling the agencies results that surely are low. Not a pretty situation, especially since we have been telling the drinking water folks not to worry, results have been under the level we deem "safe" of 1 ppb. We now fear we will get data from a better technique that will exceed the number we have touted as safe. Ugh.

Time to roll, hope all well, bring everything under the sun to the Baja competition spare parts, welder, tools, brains, etc.

Love --Dad, Mom, Erin, Jen, Cass, Reilly, Otto

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