

Darwin Awards

WELCOME TO OUR ARCHIVE -- 843 less-than-stellar plans that seemed

like a good idea at the time. Over the past fifteen years, I have read thousands of fatal reports. Consequently I no longer stand on wheeled chairs near windows, attempt to defeat the safety on common tools, and never, ever drive while talking or texting.

Read these stories--and be safe! --Wendy

Celebrate Charles Darwin's birthday on February 12th!

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Four new Darwin Awards and four new At-Risk Survivors:

Electric Bathtub Blues (darwin award)

Muffled Explosion (darwin award)

Glacier Erasure (darwin award)

Dynamite Rancher (darwin award)

Spin Cycle (at-risk survivor)

Shockingly Conductive (at-risk survivor)

Shocking Rappel (at-risk survivor)

Dis-Arm (at-risk survivor)

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ELECTRIC BATHTUB BLUES (darwin award)

1978, France | Historic Darwin Award: The career of French singer Claude Francois can be compared to that of Elvis Presley.

One

evening, he returned to his Paris apartment from a busy touring schedule, and ran a bath...

<http://darwinawards.com/darwin/darwin1994-28.html>

MUFFLED EXPLOSION (darwin award)

January 2009, Pennsylvania | Living Darwin Award! An embarrassed and seriously injured 17-year-old initially claimed

that

an explosive had been planted in his backpack by persons unknown. However, investigators soon extracted the truth...

████████ <http://darwinawards.com/darwin/darwin2009-23.html>

GLACIER ERASURE (darwin award)

████████ (From the archives of a 30-year ER MD) In the late fall, snow-covered mountains become infested with hunters. One ambitious

pair climbed high up a mountain in search of their quarry. The trail

crossed a small glacier that had crusted over...

████████ <http://darwinawards.com/darwin/darwin2010-04.html>

DYNAMITE RANCHER (darwin award)

████████ May 2009, Utah | 59-year-old Brent L. found a stash of dynamite in a shed on his ranch three miles south of the ATK Thiokol

rocket testing area. This stash of flash was something he felt he could deal with on his own...

████████ <http://darwinawards.com/darwin/darwin2009-22.html>

SPIN CYCLE (at-risk survivor)

████████ July 2008 | Two co-workers decided to celebrate the 4th of July in their own special way. The plan? They loaded an old washing

machine with tens of pounds of firecrackers, lit a fuse, dropped the

lid, and ran. Nothing happened...

████████ <http://darwinawards.com/stupid/stupid2008-16.html>

DIS-ARM (at-risk survivor)

████████ August 2008, The Netherlands | A 33-year-old man was carpooling to work in Hindeloopen when he mentioned to his colleague

that he was carrying a self-made bomb. The driver immediately stopped the car and ejected the lunatic...

████████ <http://darwinawards.com/stupid/stupid2008-15.html>

SHOCKING RAPPEL (at-risk survivor)

□□□□□□ June 2008, West Virginia | A man climbed the power line tower behind his house, attached a rope to the top of it, and began to rappel down...

<http://darwinawards.com/stupid/stupid2008-14.html>

SHOCKINGLY CONDUCTIVE (at-risk survivor)

□□□□□□ The Aviation Electronics instructor began his class on 'Insulators' with this observation: "Wood is a non-conductor, right?

Don't you believe it!" He had purchased an acre of property that was

covered in fast-growing poplar trees. □ Axe in hand...'

□□□□□□ <http://darwinawards.com/stupid/stupid2010-08.html>

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