

## The Best I Could Come Up With for Labor Day

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I tried - I really did. Friday and Saturday, spent both days parked in front of the computer desperately seeking an inspiration on something, anything, half way interesting to write about Labor Day. Surfed from website to website. Was distracted several times and skidded off on to other topics which yielded bibs and bobs of amusing trivia on sundry other subjects - but on Labor Day - BUTKUS! Everyone knows WHEN it is - heck, one of the first things we memorize is a list of Holidays. Everybody knows when it first became a celebratory day back in 1882 - and nobody cares, they just say "Gimme the day off!" And that in itself is an anomaly because 75% of laborers have to report to work to ensure that Big Business makes a killing by holding Sales on that day.

But, I'm a Team Member - want to be considered one-of-the-group, so I persisted despite the agony of typing with arthritic hands and a badly sliced finger and I prayed to the Goddess of Labor for inspiration but she couldn't be bothered with my petty problems. She had more important things to do such as delivering a Prince. However, thro' perseverance and many false starts and winding trails I eventually came up with a contribution - although I have to confess, it's a bit of a stretch on the Labor Day theme:

### 10 THINGS A LADY SHOULD NEVER DO

NEVER buy underwear at a thrift shop.

NEVER apply mascara while driving.

NEVER think anyone wants to see pictures of your cat.

NEVER flirt irresponsibly.

NEVER be surprised when a man is unable to read your mind.

NEVER tell another woman "You don't look THAT fat."

NEVER give unsolicited advice about breast feeding.

NEVER believe a man who is not making eye contact but says "Go ahead - I'm listening."

NEVER take off your clothes anyplace someone has a camera or a video device.

NEVER take advice from a serpent about what produce to eat.

Oh, yes - and NEVER EVER WEAR WHITE SHOES AFTER LABOR DAY.