

Steve's Logs for 2012:

Steve's Log: Mar. 12/2012

Finally, the website is up, running and looking rather snazzy if I do say so myself. Took a bit of work, had to learn Html from scratch, but Dave was right, put the effort in and it'll be that much cooler design in the long run. Interactive and creative, I sincerely do like the design. Now to keep it fresh for the visitors who hopefully agree with me and entice them to keep coming back and spreading the good word.

Still needs some touching up, some feedback from my peers will be of some use once they log on and see, not much else to write down in here for the moment, still giddy and stoked about what I managed to accomplish, who would have figured a guy like me, with little computer skills and knowledge, could come up with.

Steve's Log: March 16/12

Been a bit since I wrote in my journal, been working through the bugs and knacks, getting use to the idea of running a website. Between fixing this up, work, a social life, a few things get overlooked, which shouldn't be an excuse, but I think I'm going to use it anyways for the time being.

I was looking over one of the first drafts of the desktop, when I had this glorious idea to hand draw the thing and scan to the computer. Here's a pic of it...

Yeah I know right, what was I thinking, sure glad Dave slapped me in the face and demanded that I rethink that idea. Good work Dave, keeping me in line ;)

Steve is out until next time

On a separate note, an old man was pushing his walker past where I work, there was a wet floor sign I know he saw, he hit it with his walker, knocking it over, looked over at me and said "they do fall over if you hit them." I just chuckled and thought, "Really old man, you couldn't figure that one out on your own, you had to test your theory?" Crazy old people make me smile, keep it up you crazy folks.

Steve's Log: Mar. 25/12

I'm working on a book proposal to submit to a publisher. It's funny, want to write stories for a living, have been doing it for years now, and find it hard to write a simple proposal, but it's not that simple though is it? Trying to convince a total stranger, whom in which gets dozens of these kind of letters daily, hourly, from other desperate people praying for the same chance as I, need for mine to stick out from the rest and be spectacular, no, better than that, breathtaking and leaves the person wanting more.... Yeah, I think I understand what I need to do now.

On a separate note, working retail, although most days is a headache, you do get some interesting stories to share. Allow me to elaborate, like this one funny yet dimwitted customer with his schemes of wanting the same product for less, simply because he asked "Do I get a discount or something?" To which I respond with "Oh, do you have a coupon or something?" In turn he adds "No, I figured I'd get one for just asking." I shook my head, another great one I hear, since I work for a printer cartridge refilling place, is, I have a printer, can't recall the name or model number, but it's yay big (motions a random size with his hands)can you fill that? Bring you up to speed, some we can and some

we simply cannot fill, and not wanting to answer with no information I hand him a business card and tell him to call us with more info.

Needless to say, he was grumpy with me, saying how vague I was and wandered off.
Steve is out until next time!

Steve's Log: March 30/12

Went out to lunch with Starr and my mom, the infamous rotisserie chicken place is where we decided to dine. Nothing too out of the ordinary as we enjoyed the meal, it wasn't until after, waiting for the bill did this particular event unfolded. The scene I am about to describe is not for the weak stomached, so if you happen to be one, read further under your own will, and remember afterwards, I forewarned thee.

I don't know about you, but at a restaurant, my eye's tend to wander, seeing what others order on the menu, seeing how it is brought out. One particular older gentlemen got the chicken special with rice, simple yet something amidst was unfolding before my very eyes.

He popped open the lid to the ketchup and drenched his rice, some of the delicious red condiment slopped onto the folded lid, he brought it up close to his mouth, stuck out his tongue and proceeded to lick the ketchup clean off the lid. Baffled, I was still unclear if what I saw was what I believed to have seen, so I watched closely this time, grabbing the attention of Starr, whom was sitting next to me, she too, curious, was pondering why I was so intently eyeing this older man, until it took place a second time, the ketchup dropped and stuck to the lid and he licked it up using his tongue. Shivering with sheer and utter disgust, I collected myself, waving the waitresses attention and not keeping my tone down exclaimed "That man over there" As I then pointed at the foul man "Just licked that ketchup lid twice now, I'd suggest throwing it out after" After she nearly dry-heaved, she nodded, looked over and agreed.

Mother had to gain more intell on the patron in question, asking other servers if he dined there frequently, something I wasn't interested in hearing and after discovering he did, everyday, I know where I will get my rotisserie chicken fix from now on, the location across town...

Steve's Log: March 31st/12

Cleaned the site up some more, straightened up the lines, and I agree, it does look more professional now. I did it the first way because I thought; a little crookedness would add character and make it look more hand drawn. What is next to conquer on my agenda, I guess I should have made a checklist, see some progression here. Could work on a story for the time being, too bad I'm stuck on the few I have in the works, hmm, edit one, look at Writing.com for a possible contest to enter? I think I just gave myself the answer...

Until next time

Steve's log: April 3rd/2012

After saving a few orphans from a burning building and finding them a well financed new loving family to take them in, I sat down in front of the computer to catch up on some much needing writing time... Ok, I had to make it seem more important of a reason why it's been a few days since my last post, if I told you the truth, you'd be hurt, am I right, ;P

Truth of the matter, a blog/journal upkeep is harder than I figured it would be, like a choose your own adventure, ok, maybe not that extreme, but it's up there.

Well, one thing I will bring up, did anyone see who they got to play Leonardo in the new Turtles disaster? Yeah, that teen werewolf from that Sparkling "Vampire" movie. Really you guys? Are you going to show up for those still willing to show up at the premiere are they going to spit in the fans faces and kick each of us in the groin for still showing up? Because frankly, that's the way it seems to me, punish those who made these things famous to begin with...

R.I.P. Transformers, you were awesome, oh the 80's.

Until next time

Steve's Log: April 12th 2012

Memo: just because you see someone waving your way and if you do not recognize that person, chances are, they're waving to the people behind you. Yep, nothing better than a wave with a smile to someone whose response back is to give you the "You psycho or perverted?" expression back because they're waving towards their pals behind you.

At least be courteous to a stranger, pretend to not be creeped out, nod back, if they're within earshot, say, "oh, sorry, I meant my "other" friends beyond you, nice to meet you though." That way, the person in the awkward position doesn't have to feel like a total loser and just a partial one.

Until next time, be kind to one another :D

Steve's Log: April 20th 2012

Getting back to a project I placed on the shelve a while ago, I sure bit more than I can chew with this writing task. But I'm hooked, and I don't want to give up, just never imagined a Choose your own Adventure story would be so mind boggling. Hats off to the writers that get this done. I'm liking the different aspects, the paths, allowing the reader to get more involved with the story, just a lot different than normal story writing I must say. Fun though, but, gah, some days I rather have writers block.

Out for now, working on the adventure details, til next time

Steve's Log: April 24th 2012

Is wondering if he slept through the summer and fall and is now entering winter all over again? Or is this the winter we missed months ago, and when he uses the word "missed" he is referring to, skipped passed, avoided, eluded from, not emotionally attached to and lost. I guess Grandfather Winter is awake from his nap and doesn't care that his season/time has passed on. Let the flowers bloom, the skies clear you bitter old man, haven't we suffered enough with teen kids rebelling and rap music??

Until next time, stay warm and toasty folks

Steve's Log: April 30th, 2012

I've just received my very first book proposal rejection. I was expecting nothing more, built up the sense, knowing this outcome, but in the end, does it really do much to prepare for the worse? It still sucks to be rejected, I'm not happy, didn't matter if I was expecting it or not. Cops know they're going to get shot, put the bulletproof vest or to prevent the bullet killing them, but it still freaking hurts, leaves bruises, heck, even can still crack a rib or two. And most of the time, the impact of the bullet still knocks them over.

But like they say, whatever doesn't kill you, makes you stronger, we get knocked down, we get up again, pressing further and that's what matters. So, I march onward, to the next, and the next if I have to, until I find someone that shares my passion and vision, even if it kills me. I just hope I won't become one of those people that are only famous after their deaths...

Until next time, follow your heart people

Steve's Log: May 23rd 2012

Been a long time since I posted anything on here, my sincere apologies, I have been focusing really hard on editing my first eight short stories to send to another publisher, making sure all of the spelling grammar mistakes have been taken care of and the stories are written well.

But I do feel guilty, neglecting the website, knowing this was more of a responsibility than I first imagined. Maybe it's not for me, or something I can't keep every day, or even week. Can't say I didn't try and will keep it up, just the changes made to it will most likely be monthly instead.

Wish me luck with this next publisher, and I thank you

Until next time, keep those brains thinking

Steve's Log: June 5th 2012

Keeping myself busy, trying to get published and do the writing thing for a career. I love the TMNT series and wrote some fan fiction. Already posted my Casey Jones origin, now I'm posting my Baxter Stockman. I know a lot of fans are going to protest, but this is my thoughts, my intake, can't be any worse than what mister Bay is going to do. We all remember that Go-Bots movie he tried to pass as Transformers right?

Steve's Log: June 10th 2012

Just posted my fan-fiction of TMNT Baxter Stockman and I think it turned out pretty good. Growing up being entertained with the Turtles, playing with the action figures, coming up with your own little rendition of their exciting tales was sheer childhood bliss. Now, being an adult I can't really go back and start playing with the toys again, so instead, I began writing the adventures. Yes, I went with the sniveling cartoon version of Baxter, but the psychotic nature from the comics. I hope people enjoy my tales and I have more in the works...

Until next time, stay cool in this heat

Steve's Log: June 28th 2012

Great news, just posted an E-Book on Amazon's Kindle! Yes, Steve's Short Story Collections Volume 1 is available now and for only \$3.45! Or you can visit the KDP Library and borrow it out from there. So exciting and hopefully will be a hit. Now to work on Volume 2 and see where this train will take me, I'm crossing my fingers to success.

Until next time, keep on reading and enjoying the summer heat!

Steve's Log: July 3rd 2012

I just posted my third TMNT fan fiction story located in the red folder of course. I've had some fun times writing these, retelling an epic story of my childhood in my own words and imagination. Reminiscing through my childhood when I would crack open the box and pull out all my turtle action figures and have an epic battle. However, it has nothing to do with anything created before nor do I have any real rights. Just simple fan fiction for not only me but whoever else might find enjoyable. I do have a fourth one in the works, although it is still in the brainstorming process and have a story tree planned out, but won't be out for some time now.

Looking to also spruce up the site, give it a facelift, I like the design and premise behind it, but does it look professional and appealing to a plausible publisher? I guess only time will tell but I'm afraid the clock is ticking and like most, not on my side...

Until next time, Steve out...

Steve's Log: July 21st 2012

Cover design for the E-book is not going as smoothly as I figured it would. I was keeping to the K.I.S.S. method, you know, "Keep It Simple Steve" but I don't know if it's appealing to others eyes. I mean I like it, of course I do right, my opinion biased and compromised since it's mine. I am trying the artistic drawing thing, create a cool cover, but am coming up with nothing. How does one compose a cover of a collection of short stories? I like to believe we don't judge a book by its cover, but deep down, we know how untrue that really is. Let the story speak for itself and it will shine, I keep telling myself, but with each passing day, that logic slowly fades away and soon will be forever forgotten....

Until next time, keep it real folks

Steve's Log: Aug 4th 2012

Just trying to stay cool in this incredible heat, even with the fan blowing on number 3 there's still hardly any satisfaction. With the sweat beading down my brow, getting into my eyes, the stingy sensation of the salty sweat gets annoying rather quickly. The humidity alone is a killer, if it was just the heat it wouldn't be much of an issue.

But in this past week, I've been reviewing some things, the website, making little but significant changes to heighten the appeal I feel. On the writing end, not much is happening, like I said, it's hard to be creative when just sitting in front of the monitor is like being in an oven. I need A/C or a waterproof laptop to stay in the cool water tub and write down some thoughts. As I continue here to smolder away, I just pray I at least shed some pounds, then this heat wave would have a purpose, but it can still go away. ;)

Until next time, keep cool,

Steve's Log: Aug 25th 2012

Lots of writing in the works, the balance to get it all down on paper is almost overwhelming. Funny how it is, can spend days, weeks dry on ideas and then all of the sudden, bam! You can jot it down fast enough. Even if I had four hands, just the ideas I'm getting, wanting to get down on paper, so that way, if the block wants to come back and shut my brain down, it'll be there for me to call upon and not be a victim of writers drought anymore...

The summer is coming to an end, which means November is nearing... Maybe hold off a project or two for NaNo, see what I can accomplish this year.

Until next time, remember, it's cool to stay in school.

Steve's log: Sept 12th 2012

It's been a while since I've written anything in my journal. Been working on editing, getting ready to release volume two and do some marketing. Having some issues with volume 1, I think I messed something up along the way. Need to look into it and solve that issue quickly.

I was reading a column on genres and POV (point of views) when and how to know which to write when you're starting a story. It's hard to dictate how to tell one what they should or should not do. I say, do what your gut tells you to do. Heck even if it doesn't work, at least you tried. Sure, you might end up wasting a few hours but you learned something from it. Better to do than to never and have it always in the back of your mind, "what if?"

You need to look at what you're trying to write, of course. If you're telling the story through one characters perspective, first person is usually the ideal choice. But what about second person as a neat alternative? Make the reader the character in question and have them more drawn into the story, more interactive? But that's just one man's opinion.

Anyways, back to editing for me.

Keep it real out there and leave the fiction to us writers. ;)

Steve's Log: Oct 5/2012

I want to give my opinion on some point of views in writing. 3 basic types to consider and branch out from there. The one I'll be going over briefly is the basic first person, from the writer's perspective. Said to be the novice approach when telling a story, but I don't agree. Easier than the others, sure, but it's all up to the writer at that point.

How you restrain yourself and view things, remember, only your imagination can hold you back, if you lack that, maybe writing isn't for you. Be descriptive but not overly so. It's also up to the character you're telling the story through. You have to keep all these things in mind when preparing to tell any story.

I mean, I use the basic first person for my fun little short stories, but I don't limit myself to only writing in one style. I like to mix it up according to the type of story or how I picture telling said story.

It'd be hard to express a full blown action sequence through first person, or would it? It's how you perceive it right?

Steve's Log: Oct. 11/2012

With all this marvelous technology out there, apps for phones, gizmos that have been invented over the last century to help make our lives easier, there's still nothing to prevent people from dragging their lazy ass feet, chew gum with their mouths closed, enunciate their words, not lick pages to be able to flip it... Yes, technology will be our proudest achievement and our ultimate weapon to our demise. The double-edge sword I'm certain you have heard about.

Steve's Log: Oct. 21st 2012

Halloween... The spookiest time of the year. A time of decorating your home to make it scary and haunting and more importantly, a time for scary spine-tingling stories... A great time to publish my Halloween Story series, volume 1. The first part, a group of friends are assaulted by a supernatural

creature they only believed was only fiction. Barely escaping, these ordinary guys decide to make an extraordinary stand and fight back, hoping to stop this uncanny foe. Part two, surviving the tragic event, answering to the government for their ways in handling it, the reluctant group finally make it home only to discover it deserted. Regrouping with their one friend who stuck behind, they figure out what is going on and feel obligated to figure out how to stop it.

The third one starts off, the group joins the SPIT unit, supernatural paranormal investigation unit, leaving their pasts behind them. That is until their guilty consciousness are creating horrific nightmares that seem to be getting more and more real as the night unfolds. Soon discovering that maybe some sick twisted entity is behind these dreams and not themselves...

The fourth installment brings science to the supernatural as a crazy Doctor Stein holds the survivors responsible for what happened to his family. Building a state of the art robot, he sends his minion to sack revenge. Meanwhile, Colbert forces Doctor Jekyll to perfect the superhuman serum but injects himself with it instead, unleashing another creature onto the city...

Steve's Log: Nov. 8th 2012

Time for NaNoWriMo! I made a little note and pinned it up on the desktop to remind me to write, write, write! I'll keep it updated to let you know how I'm doing and the display the story as it progresses. I decided on another installment of Steve's Halloween Story. I've done eight so far and still have many more to tell.

Also, Remembrance Day is approaching; let's give thanks as we remember those brave men and women who fought for freedom!

As mentioned in the About Steve, I love movies and soon will have a top 100 list of movies I think everyone should see at some point in their lives. Of course, lots to do, editing the next E-book currently, and hope it'll be out either near the end of this year or the start of the next.

Write on to those participating in NaNo and read on to those who love reading.

Until next time, Remember and Write on!

Steve's Log: Nov. 28th 2012

The end of NaNoWriMo is on the horizon. I can safely say now it was a great experience. I think I would have no problem with deadlines. In fact, I like deadlines, forcing me to work on the story at hand instead of like what I used to do; when I'm stuck at a part, I just move on to another story in the works. Sure, sounds great, but then you have multiple stories going on at once, hard to juggle and keep track some times.

So I was able to complete several stories this month. I am only a short story writer after all, not a novelist. Check off, Steve's Hallowe'en Story Part VIII, finished up Part VI and halfway through Part IX. Now to get these stories published so I can share them with the world!

Until next time, Write On and be safe out there, especially with the weather getting a little chilly. :D

Steve's Log: Dec. 2nd 2012

Well, it's the start of the last month of the year. Wow, where did the year go? What does 2013 have in store for us?

One thing I know, more writing for me. Need to build the reputation and polish off old tales so they're worthy enough to be publically displayed.

Lot's of idea's are still pushing their way through; just of matter of time to get them all written down before I lose them.

Steve's Canada Day is in the editing stage: An action-packed choose your own adventure alien invasion! It sounds too awesome not to read. You are Stu, a friend of Jay's as you head over to Steve's

for a night of poker. Just as the game starts, you hear screams coming from outside. Curious, you venture out to see what the commotion is all about and witness the massacre! Now, you must decide who to follow through and try your best to survive.

Steve's Log: Dec. 22nd 2012

The world didn't end, so we get to write on!

 Twas the weekend before Christmas, and I was stuck with writers block

 Not knowing which words to write, as the time went around the clock.

 Not sure if I should edit one, or finish a pending project

 So i decided to edit, get a story all correct.

 As I was reading along, something came to me

 Why not do something, festive and full of glee?

 So I started a fresh Doc and began humming away

 Merry Christmas to all, See you in the New Years Day!