

Mornin' ya'll



True Thanks Giving Story or just when you thought it couldn't get any worse?

Can you imagine inviting 20 people over for "Thanks Giving" dinner and ending up with Chinese food? Well, that is what happened after a dinner fiasco went flambé. Fried Turkey, Cajun style, was to be the menu center piece. Even though everything started out okay, it ended in a less than perfect rendition of a Hawaiian fire dance.

The directions said to set everything a safe distance from any flammable items, like your house, so the middle of the back yard seemed safe enough. A stable plywood platform should keep the burner and large pot with oil from tipping over. The sturdy legs on the burner supported the flame thrower under the bucket of grease and soon the temp read "give me the bird"!

Now, science out the window, the cook lowered the shivering blob into the welcoming sizzling mouth. Have you noticed that turkey skin has goose bumps? Oh, by the way, it is a really good idea to thaw your turkey completely before settling it gently into 400 degree grease. If there is the slightest hint of ice crystals on or in your delicacy, you can and will have the most fantastic volcanic eruption you have ever seen!

When hot grease hits ice, all the sudden, it gets a mind of its own and within a blink, maybe less, it decides it no longer wants any part this plan. Now, hot grease suddenly gets acquainted with flame thrower and you should be standing about 20 feet away if you don't plan on becoming the next hair club client and for the rest of your life having tattooed eyebrows.

The next thing heard is someone yelling "put out the flame" and a foot kicking the 15ft rocket tail over in the yard. Turkey, grease, pot, and all result in about a 30 foot crop circle in the back yard after the local fire department finally gets it under control. Just when everyone thought it couldn't get any worse; the commotion settled down, the steam cleared and one of the fireman says, "If you want to save your turkey, you might want to take it away from your dog before he finishes it off".

And that is how you end up with Chinese food on Thanks Giving!

You know, this really could have happened. May your Thanks Giving Day be a special time of family memories.

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