

Must be a terrible time to be a drifter. Nobody's picking up hitchhikers.

New This Month (jokes for you):  
Bad name for a car  
Bagels  
Rewriting my opening joke  
Bad voicemail transcription  
What to say at a job interview? The Right Answer!  
Attorney vs. comedian- who wins?

Like everyone I'm horrified about current events. Companies have been issuing press releases- some well-written and some rather stupid- and I wonder, as a company of one but with a following, what I should be saying, if anything.

I think "I'm horrified" should be enough. Nobody's reading this email wanting a long diatribe from me. You're reading it because you want to laugh. So, jokes:

Who at Chevrolet decided that "Avalanche" was a good name for a vehicle?  
Was "Buried Alive" already taken?

I added "Watch More TV" to my to-do list and now I don't feel so unproductive.

I just re-wrote my opening joke for covid-19 times:  
"They say that the car that you drive reflects your sexuality...  
I haven't driven my car in months."

I met a woman online- her photo was her standing next to a horse. I went to meet her- she was the horse.

Frequently I have run into people on my email list, some of whom I didn't know, and I appreciate their kind words about liking my emails. Now of course that's not happening since I'm staying home. I also get nice emails about these monthly emails and I do like to hear that I'm not just sending these into a black hole. So feel free to write back and say hi.

I made six bagels. Ate five but I planted one because I figure it's easier to grow bagels than to make them each time.

I also get an occasional email complaining about political slant in my monthly emails. This has been going on for the 15 years I've been doing this. And it used to be, when someone complained I'd count the jokes about each side and it almost always pretty evenly split. Now it's clear that most of what I post is about Trump. Why is that? Well, that's what's in the news. If you want more Biden jokes tell the press to actually frigging write about the guy.

And the press keeps coming (a serious comment on how to answer a common job interview question):

<https://outwittrade.com/best-answers-to-why-do-you-want-this-job/#shaun>

For those of you who rely on voicemail transcription, here's the transcription and actual message I got last night from a friend of mine in L.A. A little scary until I played the actual message:  
Transcription: Hi, Charlie, smoke here stealing nothing going on here. Everything's closed.  
Actual message: Hey Shaun, it's Marc here. Still in L.A., nothing going on here. Everything's closed.

With Trump blaming Obama for not having test kits for the coronavirus I want to point out how poorly President Lincoln prepared the country against the attacks on Pearl Harbor and the World Trade Center.

The most amazing thing about the show Get Smart is that never did we hear Agent 86 say to anyone "Hey, do you have a shoe phone charger I could borrow?"

A lot of people wrote to ask if last month's scammer story was true. Every word including the typo- I just copied and pasted from our emails back and forth.

If Trump dies in office the stock market will skyrocket and even though he's dead, Trump will find some way to take credit for it.

Sent our TV pilot "The Ivy League of Comedy" to a cable network. I got a response from their legal department saying they don't accept unsolicited submissions. It further included really obnoxious language claiming that they own all rights to anything sent to them.

So of course as a comedian I had to respond:

Dear Ms. :

I understand the 'no unsolicited submissions' policy.

But the fine print in your response claims that you now own all rights to what I sent. That is so patently false that it merits a reply.

So I will reply in kind. Because the only thing less appealing than arguing with an attorney is arguing with a comedy writer.

Here is an example of the last time I got a letter from an attorney:

When I applied for the trademark on "Brain Champagne" I received a letter from the French Government instructing me to withdraw my application, lest someone confuse my jokes with their wine.

I answered the only way a comedian should.

My response is here.

My response to you:

If you respond to this email, read it, or even receive it then I own everything your company and its employees, parent companies, affiliates, subsidiaries and related entities have ever owned, borrowed, produced, carried, forwarded, rented, touched, seen or thought about, including but not limited to bank and financial accounts, real estate, clothing, jewelry and vehicles, without any ensuing liabilities. I also own all your thoughts and ideas, and your dogs and cats. If you own any snakes or tigers please keep them. I also own all your Oxford commas even though I have no use for them.

I am writing this in large type because I also now own all your reading glasses.

My original solicitation also included references to the national debt, so now you own that too.

You also now own any of my present and future mental issues and of course my co-pays.  
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Perhaps now we can put all this nonsense behind us and have a productive conversation about working together?

Do you want to see me but you live in Glasgow or Georgia or Geneva? I can fly (just not yet)!  
Ask me for details on bringing me to your local theatre, country club, corporate event, house of worship or charity fund-raising event.

Laughter is my business and I take it very seriously.

From the NY Times:

After the president's announcement that he was taking hydroxychloroquine, Dr. Conley released a letter in which he said he had "concluded the potential benefit from treatment outweighed the relative risks."

Risk of not advising Trump to take it: Doctor gets fired.

Risk of letting Trump take it: Trump dies and he has to examine Mike Pence.

Trump ordered the Space Force to take control of DC but they just floated away.

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