



JIM C'S QUIZ OF THE WEEK

MONDAY – 3/12/2007

Beginning in 2007, most of the United States begins Daylight-Saving Time by changing the clocks from 1:00 am to 2:00 a.m. on 3/11/07.

HOW DID “DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME” ORIGINATE?

Purpose: “Daylight-Saving Time” (“Summer Time” in many places in the world) makes better use of daylight by moving an hour of daylight in the Spring and Summer from the morning to the evening.

Benefits: U.S. Department of Transportation studies (1970s) show that this trims our electricity usage by 1% each day. Several studies in the U.S. and Great Britain have also found that the DST daylight shift reduces net traffic accidents and fatalities by close to 1%.

Origin: First conceived in 1784 by Benjamin Franklin in his essay “*An Economical Project*” during his sojourn as a delegate in Paris.

1883 – Standard time in time zones instituted in U.S. by the railroads

1918 – Standard Time Act, which was repealed in 1919

1966 – Uniform Time Act; DST begins on last Sunday in April

1986 – Law passed to shift DST to first Sunday in April

2005 - Energy Policy Act; DST begins on 2nd Sunday in March, 2007

Note: The official spelling is Daylight-Saving (not Savings) Time; “daylight-saving” is a compound adjective that modifies “time.”

C W: Daylight-Saving Time = Energy savings + a longer afternoon

M of Z: Spring forward, fall back; OK, but do I have to reboot?