

Cognitive Enhancement in Higher Order Primates

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Introduction

Our organization routinely discusses how best to utilize the tools at our disposal. Sadly, we have never assessed the means by which cognitive function could be optimized through use of readily available psychoactive agents, in this case, alcoholic corn squeezings, and smoked pork products. The never-ending struggle to carve out and maximize quality leisure time to devote to our cars is of paramount importance to us all.

Hypothesis

Precious few of you will be familiar with the object described in the diagram at right.

The human brain is the basis for our scientific inquiry. We surmised that excess cranial function is not only wholly unnecessary, but, given the nature of our hobby, detrimental to full appreciation of what our hobby has to offer.

Hypothesis: Higher order cognitive function is a hindrance to the optimal expression of our hobby. Moreover, that effective deactivation of these higher functions is essential to enact prompt repairs in the least time possible. (see Figure 1)

Phase I

The specimen for these experiments was a healthy adult male, with above average intelligence, and blessed with an even temperament. Other than his choice of leisure time activities, he appeared to be an entirely normal member of society.

It was a bright sunny day, and the specimen was presented with several alternative avenues for filling a pleasant Saturday afternoon. He was then shown the replacement Getrag 265 transmission and the tasks at hand explained in detail. Not surprisingly, our specimen did not appear the least bit interested in changing the transmission in his car. Quite the contrary. Upon vigorous cross-examination, he made pleas to “..a higher order...” and “our sensibilities as fellow human beings..”. Unperturbed, we moved forward with our examination. Science is not the place for bourgeois sentimentalism.

The 3 Levels of the Human Brain

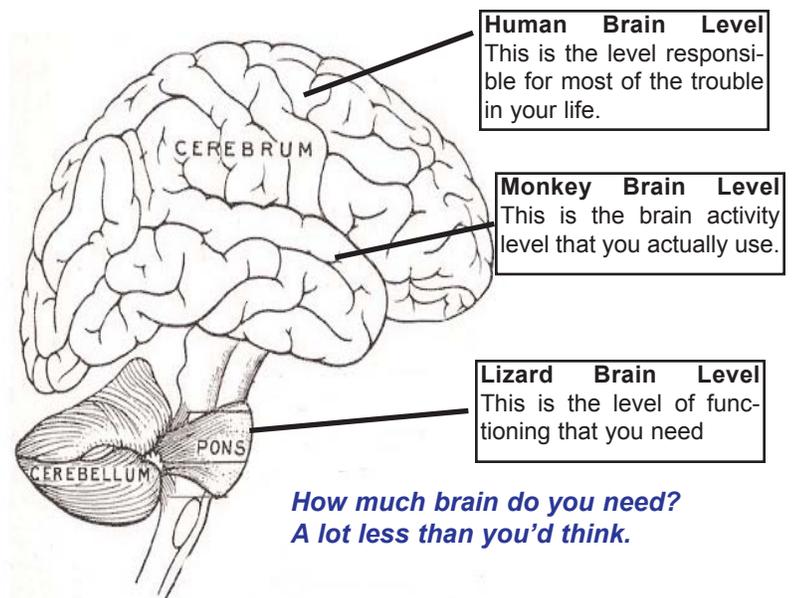


Figure 1: The gauntlet has been thrown down



Luscious Tasty Treats: A delight to behold



Pork Sample A: The trap has been laid.

We arrayed the first plate of barbequed pork sausages in such a manner as to arouse his primordial lust for the magical animal. Pulse rate quickened and pupil movement became rapid and uncontrollable.

Hand-eye coordination was immediately compromised and motor skills slowed. Peak neurological activity measured across the cranial dome was pronounced and violent .

Specimen eagerly attacked the plate of food. Utensils were not supplied, nor did they prove necessary. The gentility observed prior to commencement of our inquiry was replaced by guttural snorts and feral squeals.

These were interpreted by our staff as harbingers of good fortune.

Phase II

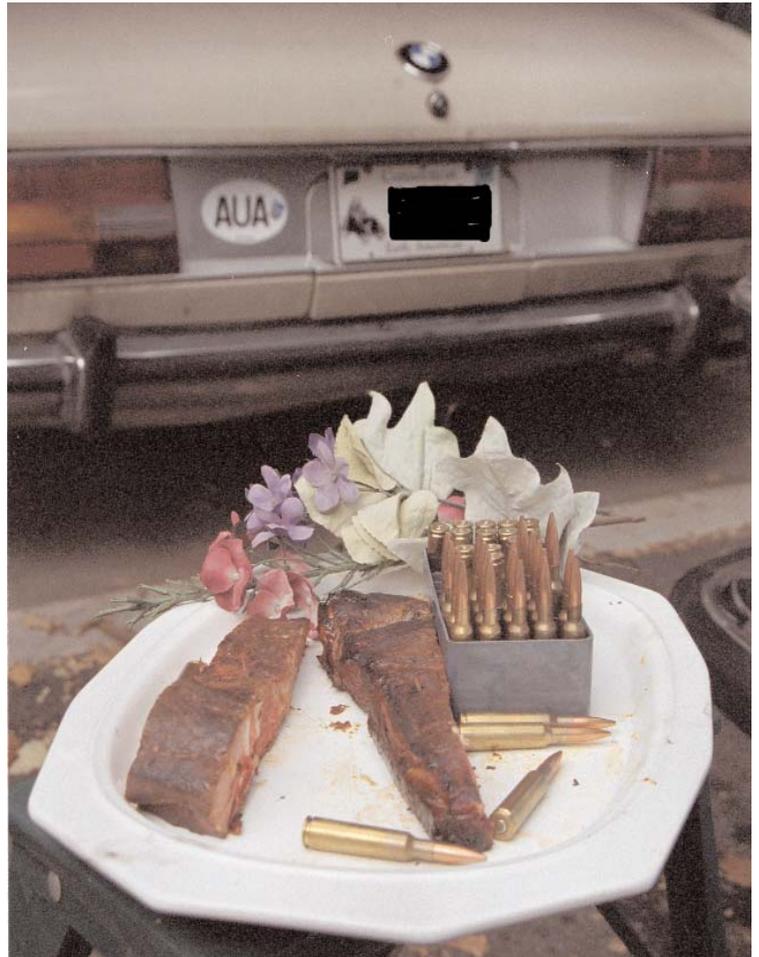
After all of the sausages had been consumed, additional pork products were offered to the specimen.

The pork ribs were hickory smoked, after liberal application of a spicy dry rub seasoning.

Consumption continued unabated. Brain function continued to appear normal. Ribs were provided as quickly as they were consumed.

After half an hour, voluntary pork ingestion slowed and we were forced to introduce pork ribs manually into the specimen's mouth, using a ½" socket wrench.

Shortly after the forced introduction of pork, the specimen started to lose interest in other non E3-related leisure activities.



Pork Sample B

Phase III: Saturation Point

After consuming approximately 8 kg of pork, the specimen became drowsy and borderline catatonic.

Blood flow to the brain was reduced by 36% compared to baseline measurements taken prior to commencement of this scientific inquiry.

Speech was slurred, and eye movement was slowed significantly. A broad smile came across his face to accompany the vacant gaze of a man who had lost the will to resist logic.

After answering all of the S6R Emails in his Inbox, he shuffled slowly towards the toolbox, muttering.

With the higher order functioning of his brain deactivated, we were able to commence repairs on the vehicle. Steady progress was made, and further pork was not necessary. Moonshine was added incrementally, in 2oz doses, at regular intervals.

In order to expedite the re-installation process, all non-essential fasteners were omitted. Several handfuls of "extra" nuts and bolts from the car were cast in to the bushes. As a result, the transmission was replaced in record time, and has since provided several hundred miles of faithful service.

Preliminary Findings

Our development team was quite pleased with the outcome of these initial examinations, whereby our original hypothesis was validated:

"that higher order cognitive functioning is a hindrance to the optimal expression of our hobby. Moreover, that effective deactivation of these higher functions is essential to enact prompt repairs in the least time possible."

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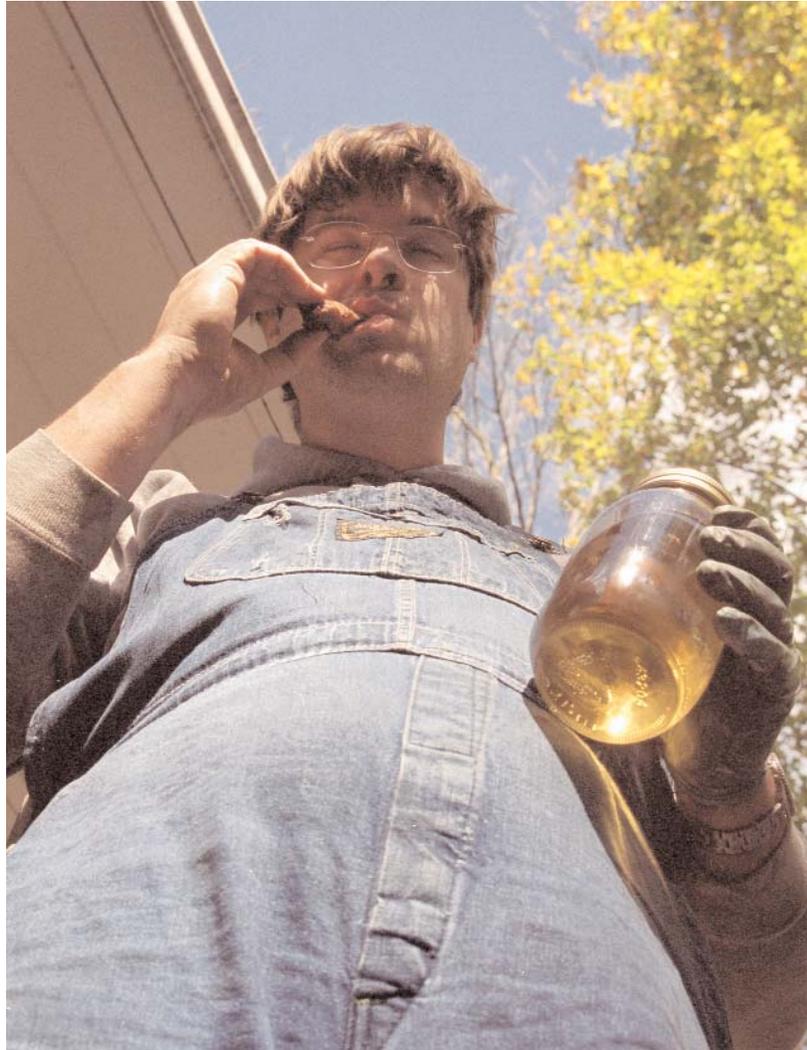


Hitting the wall: "Must go.....to U-Pull"



Chew, you worthless bastard.

Postscript



**The Honorable Larry “Goober” Klein
Mayor of Altoona, PA**

In the spirit of objective scientific inquiry, we must regrettably report the adverse physiological effects of this study.

Once moonshine levels reached blood levels of 16 ppm, our specimen became quite agitated. He removed his shoes, began yelling, and subsequently ran off into the hills towards Pennsylvania, not returning for several days. We termed this metamorphosis the 'Hillbilly Effect'. Specimen was unable to recount any of the events of these lost days.

However, this sojourn was not entirely wasteful, as he was elected Mayor of Altoona, PA, and has since taken up residence there.