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1-Jan-11 3:18pm 17°

Happy New Year!

Did you notice it is 35° cooler than when I went to bed last night? It was over 50° at nine o'clock last night and only about 20° when I got up. Burrrr!

I woke up and decided to go have coffee at Starbucks. I got there at 6:30 and there were people waiting for them to unlock the door. I think they were opening because they were setting up inside. I guess they wanted us to get good and cold before they unlocked it.

I walked over to the mail box and mailed a letter and when I came back those people were gone. The door was still

locked so I headed back to my car. The people that were waiting were walking toward Angelo's. I was too cold to follow.

I decided to head to Town & Country and have breakfast. They had a sign up yesterday that they would be open New Years Day from 6:00am to 2:00pm.

It was 6:45 when I pulled up and the place was dark. I drove in back and the parking lot was empty. I just turned around and came home.

Aunt Annie called around nine and invited me out for lunch for around 11:30. Just after that Cork called told me since Town & Country closed at 2:00, why not we go at 12:30 instead of 1:30.

That is when I remembered it was Saturday. I called Aunt Annie back and

reminded her it was Saturday and we rescheduled. We all met at Town & Country and had our Saturday gathering instead a New Years Day party.

About 10:15 it dawned I hadn't seen Mary & Heather and it was Saturday and not some other day. So rushed out to Vaughan's to have coffee with them and ran into Arlo. He was sitting in my spot so you know I had to give him a hard time about that. After Arlo left I visited with Mary and Heather a while. They were ready to leave for the day so I did too.

Again I stopped to mail a letter on this trip. I was home about an hour and a half when Aunt Annie came to pick me.

At Town and Country Yvette, Violca, and Chico ere working. Cork, Diane, Chile, Jeremy, Tonya, Aunt Annie, me were all that was there the whole time. When were started to leave they locked the door at 1:30. I guess it had been real slow.

On the way home we went by the Three Brothers and the parking lot was full.

After coming home I finished up the December issue of my newsletter for all of you to see. Then I think I will sit and listen to the wind blow the rest of the day.

This is Saturday!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Tomorrow is Sunday!

Eighth Day

On the eighth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.



2-Jan-11 4:04pm 20°

Well today is Sunday! I only tell you this to remind me what day of the week it is. I

haven't been sure because the holidays have been messing me up.

Ninth Day

On the ninth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.



Green Grass

Yesterday when I was outside and the sun was very bright I noticed how green the grass was. I thought I would share it with you. Seeing his made me feel warmer and maybe you too.



This is the first green grass of 2011. It looks nice even if it was only 20° around noon and New Year's Day.

Which book

I choose two different books to read next and am not sure which one to read if either of them. I think I will look some more.

3-Jan-11 3:08pm 32°

It hasn't been too cold out there today. Maybe it is near spring after all.



Chasing Rainbows

Well I am not really looking for that pot of gold. I am trying to get an iPod for as little money and I can by bidding on one through Swoopo. Swoopo is one of those auction sites that lets you try to buy things cheap.

I almost got an "Apple iPad 64GB Wi-Fi" for \$4.65. I might have got it if I hadn't looked away for a while and I missed. You have to keep right on it to bid out the others. The winning bidder saved \$672.34.

I may try again later.

Tenth Day

On the tenth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a
pear tree.



Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

5-Jan-11 8:03pm 25°

Twelfth Day

On the twelfth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Twelve drummers drumming,
Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree!



Given up yet

Have you let your New Year's Resolutions slide yet? Maybe you are like me and decided ahead of time that they would last for three or for days.

Missing Person

Has any seen Anila since Christmas? It isn't like her to just vanish.

4-Jan-11 8:03pm 11°

Eleventh Day

On the eleventh day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,



6-Jan-10 11:17am 24°

So we arrived here the day after the 12th day of Christmas. In my thoughts it is that last day of Christmas and you can take all of that Christmas stuff and put it back in the boxes and not to be seen for the next 11 months. I know some of you like to get rid of them on the 26th of December. So I have to close the boxes and get on with the rest of the year.

My true love gave to me



One has been found

I have 2 friends that have been out of circulation since Christmas. Anila is back and was taking of her personal life. I have seen her and she seem to be back among us. Now I have to find out about Kim. I haven't seen her since before Christmas.

Midnight

Good Night!

8-Jan-11 10:06am 12°

Good morning! After doing nothing all day yesterday I am dragging a little this today. I am sure it will ware off as the day goes on.

Nothing Day

I really didn't feel like doing anything yesterday. I had coffee at Starbucks then later I had coffee with Mary. Then I didn't get any mail. Not even one piece of junk mail. Nothing! I watched TV a little. I slept in the chair a little. I read a couple pages in two books. I was bored! I kept going to the kitchen and walking back in to the living room and sat in the chair. I see today that I hadn't even written anything in the newsletter yesterday

I looked at the little bit of paper work sitting here on my desk and said it will wait. I looked and my closet and said to

myself;"I can go a couple more days without doing my laundry." and walked back it to the living room.

I remember thinking that the day would over soon and it would ware off. I would be more ambitious after a night's sleep. So about noon I took a nap and slept what felt like hours. I looked at the clock and it was only 12:30. That didn't work.

I think that when I started to go to the kitchen more often. I made some oat meal. Then next time it was a can of beans then a can of pineapple, can of hash. Then there was a large glass of Quick a couple times and maybe some summer sausage. Bored and trips to the kitchen make a good combination don't they.

I need another hobby that will keep me out of the kitchen. Maybe I could take up cooking. ☺

Right now I think I will see if the mail is here yet and go out and have coffee with Anila and Violca at Town & Country.

It Gets Better

I went out and had coffee with the girls and Anila wasn't feeling well before I left she went home and left Violca to run the place alone.

A couple hours later I returned with the family for our Saturday lunch and Violca was doing just fine. We left a little after 2:30 and I knew Violca would make until the end of her shift at 3 o'clock.

Even though I haven't done much today I feel much better than yesterday.

I think I have to go see if my solar panel is saving me energy.

Battery

I found a place that will rebuild the battery for my electric drill. I know I can buy a new drill cheaper than I can buy a new battery. I decided to just rebuild it. This place clams the will put 3300mah batteries in replacing the 1200mah one that are in it



now. VoltManBatteries.com is located in Ohio so I have to ship the battery to them.

It is a little expensive but I will have a good battery if I get what they advertise.

Another reason for going this way is they recycling the batteries and I am recycling the batteries case.

So in a couple weeks I will be all set.

Solar Power

I went out to check the batteries on the Solar panels and they were over flowing with energy. I flipped the switch and drew off 1,000 watt-hours. That is only about 12¢ this time. I need to check them more often.

When those batteries get full most of that energy goes nowhere. I haven't got that automated to keep it flowing back into the house's energy grid.

I just figured out that I could use about 1,000 Watt-hours ever 2 or 3 days. I think I should set up a schedule to check Monday & Fridays. That would be the same days I check the house plants to see if they need water.

If I store a KWH twice a week I could have enough to power this PC for a long time. I will have to start watching that or find a way to automat that.

For now it is bed time and I need to start a load of laundry. Good Night!

9-Jan-10 11:56am 23°

It has been a nice morning. I let Anila pick on me for a couple hours and enjoyed breakfast with Bob and Shirley.

Nook Color

I decided I would buy one of those eBook reader even though it isn't spring yet. I just could wait.

I have had it for 3 days and so far I like it. I have downloaded a few free books to test it out. You don't get much in for free but these books are ok for now.

I decided on Barnes & Nobles' (BN) Nook Color. The Kindle & Nook only read

books and were very limited for doing other things. This Ipad and the Android table PC both are expensive and have many features I would most like ever use.

The Nook Color is a very powerful eBook reader. BN designed it around the Android operation system. It is a very powerful operating system under a very good piece of hardware. It gives it much more potential than BN is marketing it as.

I have already seen many ways to unlock these possibilities. I think I can make be an eBook read and a Tablet PC.

The best part of it is it cost less than \$250.00 where the other Tablet PC and the Ipad are \$600 or more.

Wait, I paid \$270 with tax, I added a cover, and memory, screen cover, and an extra cable bring my cost to around \$400. On the other hand I would have spent the extra money for an Android tablet PC too. And maybe more!

The Nook Color only hooks to the internet via Wi-Fi. The way it is sold it does not use the 3G networks. I have to be somewhere that has Wi-Fi available. I have no problems using the free Wi-Fi that is available. So far I have used Vaughan's hotspot and my wireless network. Both place it worked just fine.

I will let you know later after I have hacked into the operating system to turn on the Android. It is too new to blow it up just yet. There is a lot of potential inside my little blue book. Well it is blue now.

MRT #65 eBook

Just because I can I have made Issue # 65, from January last year available as a test to be an eBook. I converted this issue from a ".doc" file to an ".epub" file and posted it on the website.

I haven't researched what formats the Kindle and Nook use yet. I know that my Nook Color (NC) will read the free books

from Google so I converted one of my issues as a test. I know I can read it.

Please try it and let me know if you eReader will read it.

I will work on this more at another time.

Like all new things there is a learning process to release what is probable.

10-Jan-11 4:14pm 27°

Funny I almost typed 72° must be wishful thinking. But I did remember the year is eleven.

11-Jan-11 1:46am 27°

Snowing today, all day so far! There may be 3" or 4" in the storm.

I made many stops with the car this morning. Every time I had to clear the windows before headed back on the road. Maybe I could have waited for another day to run all of these errands. Except for one I got all of them finished.

The one I missed was going to the bank ATM and get some cash for my next trip for coffee. I guess it will wait until I have that urge.

1-11-11

Hay, I just noticed today is one, one, one, one, one! I bet you are as excited as I am about that. The next time it will be eleven, eleven, and eleven!

Tech Support

The last couple of days I have been helping a friend set up their new computer to work with a wireless network (Wi-Fi). I had forgotten how hard it is to do that over the phone when you can't see what is happening. When I work on mine I see the outcome of my actions and make my next decision base on what I see from knowing my last action. Meaning I see the wrong screen pop up and know I need to go back and change my selection or just skip

a selection because know that it doesn't make any difference.

When you do it for someone else over the phone you need to have them read each screen to pops up and hope they are on the right screen and you understand what they are reading.

It sometimes makes a five minute process take five hours because of misunderstandings.

Now on the other hand if I am there in person it may take five hours anyway because I get talking and you may want to tell me to shut up and working on the project at hand.

Any as of today the new computer is working and my friend will let me know tomorrow if all is well.

Seed Catalog

Yup, spring is coming. I just got another seed catalog. Maybe I should order some stuff from Burgess. Oh, I see they are in Bloomington Illinois. Bill goes there all the time. Maybe I will let him do my shopping.

I looked at a couple of pages and I think I should look through this catalog and one I got late last month. This new catalog has a lot of deals in the first few pages. Remember this year it might be more flowers than vegetables.

12-Jan-11 9:26am 21°

Why am I so sleepy? I been up for a few hours and I am having trouble keeping my eyes open. Maybe I can find some toothpicks to prop them up.

It looks like I have to move more snow. Maybe after I wake I could go out there. On the other hand maybe the cool air will energize me. But I must do a little paper work. Again!

13-Jan-11 8:53am 21°

You know I hear way too much gossip. It is hard to tune it all out. Some of it I want to



repeat. I try my best not to spread it around but even I do. If you catch me telling rumors or spreading gossip please tell me to stop.

On the other hand I could start a gossip column. I need at least half of me readers to tell me it is ok. I will redesign my online survey where you can tell me. Just fill out the new survey (# 2) and let me know what you think. I will not tell anyone who tells me what. I will go do that now. Now where is that program...Hummm ☺

Ok the new survey is online now. As with the last one it is Simple. Just mark the type of thing you read in the newsletter. Then leave any comments you want to share with me.

Tech Support

Well Anila is learning. I was trying to help her with some of her computer and I got stuck. Yesterday she took on the task to get it working without my help. It is working now. I couldn't make it work but she did.

So if you get stuck call her.

Good job Anila!

MRT 2010

Now that the year had moved on to 2011 I thought it was time for "Marty's Random Thought 2010."

I have a better feel for how to make the book for the newsletter for the ones that want all of the issues together.

More on this later

MRT eBook

I think I can make an eBook version if someone would like one. If you would like one for you eReader I need to know what format you need. I have a Barnes & Nobles' Nook Color and it reads many formats. Amazon's Kindle reads there format and a few others.

This site compares many readers and what format they can read:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_o

[f e-book formats](#) . I used this search phrase to find this site: "what formats do the eReaders use" There is a lot of sites out there.

Until someone asked I will only work on a format that my Nook Color uses. I want to make to get it to work for me where I can click on my newsletter and it will make it available for my eReader. Right now I have to do it from my PC. I am sure there is a way to make available of everyone to use it. I will get it working!

I need to work on this now.

Update

After working this for while I found I can use my eReader's browser and go to where the newsletter are my web site now and download and read the PDF files I have there now.

The December issue (#85) PDF files are large files but it downloaded very quickly and put it in My Downloads" folder.

I am not sure how to get the other kind of files yet. So for now if you can do it this way let me know.

E-Readers

I only know one other person that is using an eReader and they got a Kindle for Christmas. I think they love it.

You know who you are. How about a short review on what you like and what you don't like. Just email me your review.

14-Jan-11 10:42am 18°

After returning from breakfast I was checking my email. I received an email from an old friend who worked at Knaack many years ago. Jon left about 10 years ago. It was good to hear he is doing.

Hi Jon!

16-Jan-11 11:31am 17°

It was cold and damp this morning when I was out there. Yes I am in here now

and I think that is where I think I am going to stay.

MRT on eReaders

The last few days I have been working on trying to make my newsletter available for you who have those new eReaders like Kindle, Nook and others.

I have it figured out how to do it for some of them. Here is what I can do right now.

Kindle

I can email you the PDF file and you email it to you kindle account to get it on your Kindle. This I tried with the only person I know with a Kindle. I have to try other files because it isn't the easiest way to read a PDF file on the Kindle or Nook.

Nook Color

To read a PDF works by just browsing to the newsletter and clicking on the PDF file. Nook has a browser. It shows up in the "My Downloads" folder for reading.

I can also click on an ".ePub" file and it ends up in the My Downloads file. The ePub file is formatted to read as a book and I much easier to read than a PDF file.

I still need to see how to get an ePub file on the Kindle.

Others eReaders

Right now I don't know how the other eReaders handle this. If you have other eReaders let me know and I will see if I can make Marty's Random Thoughts newsletter available for the others.

Even if you don't ever want to read my newsletter I would like to figure it out for my own knowledge.

Back to Reading

Now that I have figured out most of that project I can get back to reading my books. Yes books. I have two I am reading. One of them is made of paper and the other one is an eBook.

17-Jan-11 1:02pm 28°

Well it is still snowing. I just looked at the weather map and I see the snow storm is moving kind of slow so we will get more of it. The west side of the storm is on the edge of the county that Freeport is in. From McHenry west the counties are Boone, Winnebago, and then the one Freeport is in and then is another one west of that before Iowa. You see I don't know my counties to the west. Anyway there is more snow coming.

Getting Obsessed

I have had this eReader (Nook Color) for a couple weeks and already I am trying to make replace my paper books and other documents.



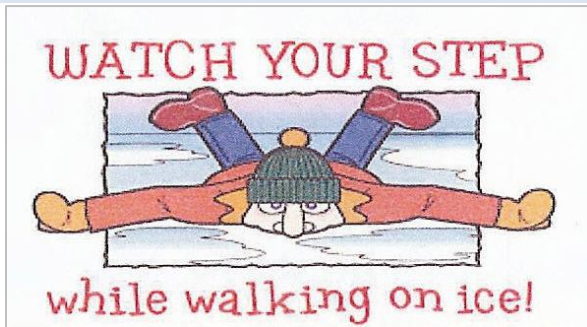
I have learned how to convert my book to become an eBook. This issue of Marty's Random Thoughts will be available in ePub format for those who would like it that way.

I know that paper books will not go away for a very long time. It is neat that how the written word has gone from being on painted on caves walls then carved into stone tablets then came along paper and ink. Now we have electrons magnetized on a piece of media and some electronics that displays it on electronic paper. I wonder what will be the next thing.

Anyway, I still keep a pencil and paper in my pocket and I still use it too.

Lunch time!



19-Jan-11 9:10am 15°**Bummer!**

So you are out of work for a long time and you finally get a job. And on your second day of work you slip and fall and break an arm and leg. Does this mean the new job cost you an arm & a leg?

Well our friend Chris did just that. Get well soon Chris!

MRT for the eReaders

I have converted Issue #85 for 2 eReaders, Kindle and Nook. The link is where you would normally find the newsletter online.

With the Nook color you can just click on the link to the ePub and it will download it onto your Nook. I have a Nook Color and I know it works. I think it works the same with the other Nook.

I have the Kindle emulator on my PC and if I click on the link it asks if I want to open or save it. If I open it the reader opens and looks fine.

I do not know how you would put this file onto your Kindle because I don't have one. If you have one the link you want to use is the "mobi" link.

Whichever you have please let me know how it works.

It looks like the "ePub" format should be able to be read by all the readers except for Amazon's Kindle.

And it looks like the "Mobi" format can be read by about half of the reader but not Barnes & Noble's Nook.

If you have another brand of book reader and/or need a different format,

then let me know and I will see what I can do.

Converting the files into an eBook format isn't much harder than converting the file from Word to PDF or HTML.

One thing I noticed is that Index needs some work with the eBook version. The page numbers are meaningless now.

20-Jan-11 10:40am 19°

I was thinking that I haven't been around visiting my friends much since winter set in. I have been getting lazy in my old age. Don't like the cold either. And as far as getting up in the morning, well let's say it is nice and warm under the covers.

I still get up earlier once in a while but I don't always leave the warmth of the house. I miss you all but I am a little lazy.

So what's happening with you?

MRT 2010 Book

I guess I could start working on getting Marty's Random Thoughts 2010 the book ready to publish for those of you who might want a copy. This time I think I will make it as an eBook too. Making one issue an eBook isn't too hard but making all twenty-one issues from last year might be a bit of a challenge.

21-Jan-10 8:32am -7°

Yes that says minus seven degrees! The two outside remote thermometers both say minus eleven degrees. All I can say is that it is damn cold out there!

Weather Forecast

I haven't given you the climate forecast in a while. Here is the Midwest/Great Lakes U.S. Long Range Weather Forecast for January 20th - March 19th per The Farmer's Farmers' Almanac.

January 2011

20th-23rd. Stormy conditions exit, followed by clearing.

24th-27th. Another round of snow.

Marty's Random Thoughts

28th-31st. Generally fair.

February 2011

1st-3rd. Very unsettled weather Kentucky up through the Great Lakes.

4th-7th. Becoming fair and much colder across the Midwest.

8th-11th. Snow for Ohio River north.

12th-15th. Fair, then turning stormy and wet; changing to snow over Ohio River north.

16th-19th. Turning fair and colder.

20th-23rd. Relatively pleasant along the Ohio River.

24th-28th. Becoming stormy with snow.

March 2011

1st-3rd. Clearing skies.

4th-7th. Fair and warmer, especially southern Illinois, Indiana and Ohio River.

8th-11th. Fair.

12th-15th. Stormy.

16th-19th. Generally fair Kentucky north to Great Lakes.

Source: <http://www.farmersalmanac.com>

Do you know you can get the weather history from my weather station back to 2004 on my website? Check out doerofthings.com/weather/

I looked for some real cold looking pictures but all I found was ice cycles and they didn't look that cold. I guess you just need to use your imagination or just walk outside.

22-Jan-10 2:26am 5°

Oh, it's 2:30 in the morning. I think I will go to bed and tell you after I get some sleep. That is if I remember. Good Night!

24-Jan-11 8:01pm 18°

So I blew it. That is everything I wrote today. Bummer! ☹☹☹☹

Oh well I can't cry over spelt milk. I did get a lot done in the last couple of days.

I published Marty's Random Thoughts 2010 The book. I thought I had it finished the other day but when I got it ready, it wasn't. I found so many things that just weren't right.

Page breaks were wrong, Page footers did convert correctly, some of the graphics looked like *&#\$\$%, and those fancy fonts wouldn't pass through to look right in the book.

One of the things I found while working on these was the format all corrupted. Remember me telling you a few month back about the template going wacky and I keep fixing it just have it go bad again. I had finally just started from scratch. Well it came back to bite.

For the last 2 days that about all I have been working on. I slowly fixed one thing after another and I finally published it today. And I order the book so I can make sure it looks ok on paper.

Here are the stats on the book.

Title: Marty's Random Thoughts 2010

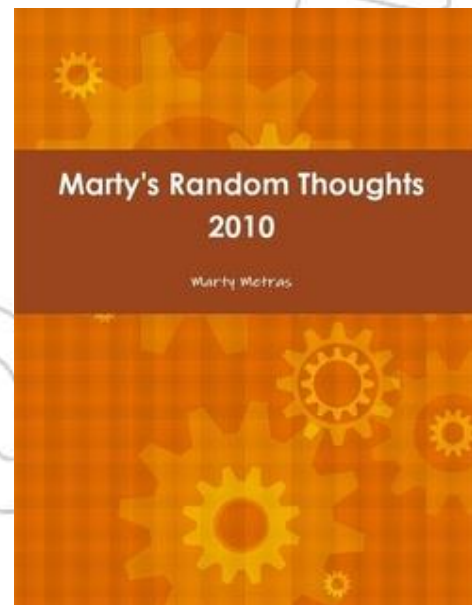
Author: Marty Metras

Issues: 21 plus Christmas letter

Pages: 322

New for 2010:

Each issue has its own table of content and index. There is also a master table of content and master index in the book for you.



Book cover: Marty's Random Thoughts 2010



I should have the first copy in a week or so and then I will let you how you can get your copy.

25-Jan-11 8:25am 24°

I'm tired this morning. Maybe I should try to watch TV with my eyes closed. ☺

26-Jan-11 9:47am 10°

I see I haven't been talking much the last few days. I haven't been sick. I don't think I have been doing anything like the 'cat didn't have my tongue' either. Maybe I should do something so I can tell you about it.

Poly Ticks

Did you hear the President's speech last night? Me neither! I am sure he must have told us all what he thought we want to hear.

Getting Lost, Twice

Just before lunch I headed for Office Depot to see if that had what I was looking for. On the way I noticed I had just drove past Vaughan's. Well, I was two blocks past. Lost! ☺

I was going to turn around and go back but there was too much traffic to do it very quickly. So I went down to Town & Country to have coffee with Anila.

I was telling her that I was lost and we laughed. Violca Came in and I was showing her this microSD memory card I was looking for and a adepter so I could read it on my PC. It was in a Plastic case so I didn't lose it in my pocket.



MicroSD Memory

For you people who haven't seen these new very, very small memory cards they are about the size of a mini chocolate chip after you pushed down with your. Well they are small!

The first Memory stick I had was about the size of a half a stick of gum. The Scale of those two pictures is close.



Anyway Violca told me she had one of these adepter that I could have. After visiting I figured I wouldn't get lost going home. I made it!

After getting the mail I figured I should put away that memory card before I lost it. I couldn't find it. I checked all of my pockets twice and decide I must have had it in the pocket with my keys and it fell out when I pulled them out.

I was peeved! ☹ I almost never put any things in my pocket with my keys being it is too easy to lose thing that way. I drove back to Town & Country and retraced my steps and nothing. An hour and half later I am looking through my mail and under the mail was my memory. I guess my memory wasn't working. I must have put it on the desk so I didn't lose it out of habit.

I was lost twice! ☹☹☹ all better now.

29-Jan-11 12:36am 32°

Well last night I got a good night's sleep. I have been obsessed at getting my Nook Color hacked to be rooted. I have my e-Reader now set up to do many of the things I can do with my lap top. This is mostly what I wanted to do with it from the start. Well I did want to read books on it. It had so many things inside of it that needed to be let out to play.

I have let them out and added some friends in to play with it.

I have a couple of things that I have to do yet that I have not figured out yet. I want a better keyboard interface. I am not pleased with the soft keyboard that came with it. I am looking. I would like to turn on the Bluetooth hardware. It is not active as

just a Nook Color. The hacks for that are beyond my skills right now.

I also want to have some kind of word processor like Word or Open Office. I saw something a while back but cant find it now. I'll get back to that.

What I have now is an e-book reader that is mad by Barnes & Nobles that can read Amazon kindle books too. Those two are not normally compatible.

I gained a calendar, Facebook , Google star map, Google Maps, and have access to tens of thousands of other apps.

For now I have to back off of this so I can get on with life for a while.

Oh I can watch HD video too.

Book Reading

I have been reading two books at the same time. One is on paper and the other is and e-book.

The Forgotten Language by Erich Fromm, 1957 is an introduction to the understanding of dreams, fairy tales and myths. This is a paper book and I am about half way through it.

The eBook is *Fool me Twice* by Jim Dodge Jr. It is about this guy and a little girl who are trying to save the world form the bad guys. It has about 460 pages and I am only 375. There are a lot more pages in eBooks as there are fewer words on a page. And this one is double spaced and this was one of the free books I downloaded.

Anyway I don't know if C...

I went to lunch and forgot what I was typing.

30-Jan-11 11:36pm 18°

Late at night and I was going to bed when I noticed the computer was still running. I just thought I would type a little before I went to the bedroom for the night.

Books Read

I just finished 2 books tonight. I finished "Fool me Twice" now I know why it was free. It stopped with the hero getting the crap beat out of him and they left him laying there for dead. The world isn't saved and no telling where his daughter is. I guess I will have to see if I can buy the rest of the story.

I rate this on only three stars on the MRT scale. It is ok but the storey is much the same as many other I have heard and the is too much killing, sex and #\$\$&*ing language for me.

The other book was also a free one Titles "100 Quotes to Make You Think" by Wolfgang Riebe. Many one and two liners than make you think. I heard most of these before there for I will only give it three stars on the MRT scale.

Oh there is another book I finished too, "101 Nook Color Tips, Tricks, and Hacks" by William Percy. I paid \$2.99 for this. I thought it would give me some ideas about using my new e-Reader. Well I didn't learn much. I think I know 90%) that was in there and the rest I don't think I will ever use. It is only a two star in MRT scale.

Laptop Crashed

A while back I was going to upgrade my laptop. I know it need a large hard drive and didn't know if I could fix the keyboard. The space bar didn't work half the time.

Yesterday the hard crashed. I can't make it work and it need to be replaced. It is one of the older types with an IDE inter face. At Newegg.com a cheaper place they start at about \$85.00. And at PriceWatch.com they were just a few dollars cheaper. At TigherDirect.com they don't list them.

And it needs a new keyboard...Wow I found a new one list for a Systemax for



\$9.95. I have to check to verify if the right one but that surprised me on the price.

If I buy a new hard drive and keyboard for \$125.00 delivered I still have an old laptop with a couple new parts.

With another \$125.00 I could own a brand new laptop. And if I put another \$125 with that I could have a nice one.

On the other hand if I don't spent that \$125.00 on laptop parts and keep using my Nook Color until I can't resist not buying a new laptop I can use that money to buy 83 cups of Starbucks coffee. ☺

It's after midnight. I'm going to bed!

31-Jan-11 12:31pm 27°

The end is here, January that is. The Snow is coming and I fixed the snow blower this morning. With the last snow I hit one of those bricks I forgot to pickup last fall. It ripped the hole out on the paddle which holds it on that thingy. I put a big fender washer under the bolt and it may hold through the next snow. If not I will just have to buy a new part.

I see the pile of paper work built up while I messed around modifying the Nook. I think I will take care of that now.

Calendar

January

Date	Description
Jan-01	Ned H
Jan-06	Winter Rose (Jessica Baker)
Jan-06	Kim M
Jan-06	Mike A
Jan-06	Kelly H
Jan-15	Tonya M
Jan-15	Robert L. R
Jan-16	Mike M
Jan-20	George Burns (1896-1995)
Jan-20	Hilda
Jan-22	Sandi & Larry's Anv (1991)
Jan-23	Ethan H
Jan-24	Ina
Jan-25	Mom Died
Jan-26	Chelli M
Jan-29	Ammie
Jan-31	Steve B

February

Date	Description
Feb-01	Last Update
Feb-02	Josh H
Feb-02	Sam H (3 Bro's)
Feb-02	Jackie
Feb-03	Dawn
Feb-05	Kim H (1952) (3 Bro's)
Feb-06	Laurie S. 1960-2010
Feb-07	Uncle Bob Died
Feb-10	Uncle Dick 1919-1974)
Feb-13	Aunt Irene died
Feb-13	Brenda P
Feb-13	Druata
Feb-13	Kim's Dad
Feb-16	Nicky H
Feb-17	Devyn J
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