

## Issue 101 -April 2012

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### Apr Friday the 13th 3:14pm, \*\$

So I thought I was finished with this issue but somehow I ended up here at Starbucks editing the hard copy instead of being at home. Now that I have the hard copy looked at I thought I should typo some more.

It is only 19 pages before additions at the end. 20 pages is a better number of pages for printing. When I print is as a booklet is needs to be multiples of 4 pages. This way there are not too many blank pages.

Thinking about printing makes me think about the printer I bought. I am back in the dark ages. You might say it is I am in the BD, before duplex. I bought the last printer to save on paper by setting it to automatically print on both sides. Well when it died and they would not fix it I decided to get one that printed on large format paper (17 x 11 inches.)

Well the price is right but it is slow and it does not duplex print unless I turn the paper over by hand. Well it makes nice poster size pictures too!

I bought one package of paper and I think it might be cheaper to buy 8-1/2 by 11 papers and tape it together. And this is recycled paper. When I come back from my adventure I will check on a different printer. That is if I have any money. Wait it might be time for me to buy myself a Christmas gift by them.

I will keep the wide format printer thought I will need to find a better quality paper then the recycled stuff. I am sure there is some poster or photo grade. Well the paper will wait I still have 498 sheets left today. Yes I tried printing a photo and a picture of Dick Tracy and the paper just suck the ink right off the surface of the paper. Oh wait, I may only have about 490 sheets left. I printed a 20 page booklet to see if I could. It kind of looked ok. There was too much margin but it printed the way it was setup.

### Visitors

I was sitting here thinking I would am pretty much alone I got three interruptions. First one guy was telling me how to type and then another just said "Hi." next thing a lady asked me if I was using the table next

to me. I had my cup on it because my table wobbles. Since my cup was empty I moved it and see slid the table over for her and the two kids. Then she asked if I needed two chairs and I gave her one of mine. Then the kids were talking quietly and she told them to be quite to not disturb me while I worked. I looked at the kids and they smiled and told the lady I wasn't working and they were just fine. She bothered me more than the kids. They were very well behaved. They moved to the back and she and the man she is with are making more noise than the two kids. Parents! Well it time for me to go now. I am just having too much fun and my bottom is sore.

Whoops, I forgot that I need to publish #100

### **15-Apr 10:10pm 63°**

Well I finished publishing Issue # 100 and thought I would setup number 101. So it is setup and I see it is bed time.

You may not see this issue until July because I won't be around much the next couple of months.

Then next couple of weeks I will be trying to get things ready for nothing to happen around here while I am gone. As for today I am going to bed.

### **MRT Apr 16 8:38am, TC**

People around me are talking about having surgery and getting blood clots and dyeing. Now it is life insurance and cremation and others paying for it. It cost too much....

I'm sore this morning. I think I pull a muscle or something in my arm while working out this morning. I was only pulling on a rubber band. :-) Oh well it only hurts a little when I move my arm. So I will just not

move my arm. If I don't wave back at you that may know why.

### **Two weeks**

Yesterday I went through the backpack again and I think I am finished messing with that. I have to load it up and just wait. If I forgot something so be it. I have been obsessed enough with that. I have to get obsessed with something else now.

I ordered a cash card preloaded with Euros so I have some money that is not tied to my accounts until is start walking the walk. On the Camino it is very safe.

I will also stop DirecTV, Netflix, and maybe my cell phone while I am gone. I'll not be using them while I am in Europe so I can save money I can use for on my adventure. I think that might just pay for my coffee in Spain.

Let's see I need the gas, electricity, and water left on. Wait, I could put the car insurance on hold for a couple of months. I won't be driving it and there no reason to have insurance while it is just parked there.

I wonder what else I could stop paying for while I am out of the country.

Why did my right arm hurt when I picked up my coffee? It was the other arm I pulled something. We can't have my coffee arm hurting. I will have to go to the hospital and get that fixed.

Oh woe is me! :-)

### **1:23pm EWT**

I stopped on to say "Hi!" to Michelle and there was class going so I had to eat some of her fish. No not that kind of fish they were like gummy bears. They were good!

Now I am trying the convince Michelle that is hungry and need to go to lunch. I haven't convinced her yet. :-)

At home they were trimming trees around the power lines. How can they do that in the wind we have today? It shows we have had gusts of 46 mph today and it is only 1:30 in the afternoon.

May be when I return home they will have moved down the street and not I'm my path.

I just remembered I went to Wal-Mart to get ink for the printer. What else did buy that is in the car? Did I get any food stuff that needs to be put in the refrigerator? Oh well it is cold outside it should be ok.

### **MRT Apr 18 8:30am TC**

After working out I went home to shower the sweat off of me and now I'm going to order my breakfast..... Oh great Michelle just came in...I got to go!

### **MRT Apr 20 11:35am, \*\$**

I had a great workout this morning and a great breakfast while visiting with Anila and Michelle. After that I went home because I was expecting an important delivery.

I started reading my book thinking I might finish it is the delivery arrived but I fell asleep. I had a good night sleep so maybe I was just tired. I woke up to the sound of the sliding door opening on the UPS truck. I looked out the window and he was just leaving the porch. It was what I was waiting for! Oh, you want to know too, don't you?

Ok I'll tell you. I ordered a preloaded debit card with Euros load on it that is not ties to any of my banks. After Mike getting his pocket picked shortly after getting off the airplane...well! I found I could carry a cash card in Europe (Master card) that

works just like are ATM cards in the USA. The difference is that I put money on the card as I need it from what other sources I choose. If the card is lost for whatever reason I can just call and get it replaced and if I lose anything it is the piece of plastic and not my life savings.

So after activating the Euro card I was going to use my ATM card together some cash so I could buy Michelle breakfast for her birthday tomorrow. Just before I left Diane delivered the mail and I found a letter from my bank that felt thick. I wonder what they wanted to sell me so I opened it. Well today must be 'Get money in the mail day.' I receiver a new ATM card from my bank too. So after activating it I went right to the ATM because I only had three dollars in my pocket. I felt a little like Mike did after he lost his. Only a little thought, I just drove over and pushed a few bottoms and I got a fist full of dollars, well twenties. :-)

### **Finished another book**

After getting some cash I headed for Starbucks. I am using my backup card for now. I didn't want to tie up funds on the card I normally use. Yes I have a backup card for Starbucks! I use my loose change and the reward points to keep Starbucks card charged with coffee money. This is just about like getting free coffee.

Oh, the book. If finished the book I bought by mistake. I looked at this book on the shelf next door at "Read Between the Lynes." It had gym shoes on the covers and said WAKING in big letters all the way across it. I thought I have enough time to finish another book before going to walk the Camino and what better a book about walking. So I bought it and came over to Starbucks to start reading it.

So I started to read it to see what it was about. I was confused because it didn't start out like a book about walking. I just thought I hadn't read enough yet. It did take me looks to look at the title on the cover. It did say 'WAKING'...wait that is 'waking' not 'walking'.

I laugh at myself for miss reading the title and said there must be some reason god told me to read this book.

So I just finished it and it was a great book a five star on the MRT scale. It is a story about a thirteen year old boy who was in a car accident with his whole family. His father and older sister died and he is lying in the hospital near death. He tells his story how he went through the next thirty years dealing with this and surviving the ordeal.

I needed to read this book and didn't know it until I bought it thinking it was about something completely different. Yes God said here read this!

### Only ten days left

So I see it time for lunch and I'm still drinking my coffee. It is hard to type while drinking coffee or is hard to drink coffee while typing. I could just move my hand over to the cup and finish my coffee. After all it is cold anyway...I'll do that. Wait right here.

Ok coffee is gone and it was COLD! I am going for lunch.

I was just thinking I should start using the iPhone with the keyboard to see if I really want to use that instead of using the iPad while I am in Spain. The iPad and the iPhone are 95% the same. One is easier to see and the other one has a phone. Most of the apps are the same. Even the one that I use to type this newsletter works the same.

It is a pain to use the on screen keyboard on the iPhone and the screen is small. The iPad is just heavy and because it size may be easier to break I in the backpack.

Hay, I was going to lunch. Buy!

### MRT Apr 21 6:03am \*\$

Here it is less than ten days before I head out to another part of the world. Today I have put aside the iPad to get use to using the iPhone with the keyboard. It is a little strange because when I use the keyboard it is not fixing my typos as I hit the keys as it does very well when using the on screen keyboard. It even changes the "i" to "I" so I don't have to slow down to hit the shift key. Boy did I get spoiled!

Now I will read one of the books I have on the iPhone to see how that goes on this little screen.

### 10:19am V

I didn't see very many of you at the birthday party. Oh maybe I forgot to tell you. I had breakfast Michelle and wished her a happy birthday. I still have not talked her into going with me to walk the walk. Of course no one else is going either. After all this is my thing and may not be for everybody. Or you may just need a break from me.

So I had to stop at Vaughan's and see how Heather is doing. Well Mary too. Heather started working out at EWT this week and I need to see how she was holding up. Other than being a little stiff from starting she is doing fine. The same thing happened to me when I first started.

Now I have to call Aunt Annie and see how she is doing. Maybe her foot has healed enough that she can come out for

lunch. I guess if she can get out of the house I could put her in the wheel chair. I wonder who has the family wheel chair. Oh it is getting late I best start that process.

### Home for the day

I think I might go out and finish cutting the grass now. The other day the battery went dead on me. I got the front cut but not the back. I always do the front first just case that happens.

When I get finished it might be time to go through this pile a paper on my desk. There may be something sitting here that I need to complete sooner than later.

I'll bet that it might get finished faster if I go do it. Ok, ok I'm going!

### Birthday Gathering



I took this picture at the birthday Party. Because everyone was eating so much they would only let me show the feet. (Right to left: Michelle, Anila, Violca)

### 22-Apr-12 1:24am 34°

While looking through the pictures I found a couple I thought you might like.



While walking one day I saw this sign on the wall. I noticed that this site was here over 100 years before I was born. How many of you remember this?

### MRT Apr 22 8:09am \*\$

After breakfast and checking out the newspaper I headed for Starbucks. Town & Country got too busy and I was afraid Anila was going to put me to work any second.

How did I miss it was Earth Day until this morning. In honor of Earth Day I am drinking Willow Blend coffee and an Oatmeal cookie. Both of them come from the earth.

Ardeen must have been in the restaurant when I left. I think I missed her. Why you might say. I have a voice mail from Anila with Ardeen's voice on it. The time stamp was a minute before I got here. Sorry Ardeen!

What should I do for the Earth today besides eating grass cookie and tree coffee? Oh, I am using the iPhone and the external keyboard. Won't that save energy? I might help me decide if I will be taking the iPhone or the iPad to carry on

my back for two month. Hay, there are only 8 days left!

Reading books on the iPhone is hard on the eyes. Even using bigger letters I was struggling yesterday. I'll keep using it for a few days to see if it just me getting used to using it. It would be nice if it works for reading. We'll see how it goes.

### **MRT Apr 23 11:28am \*\$**

I started reading a new book about walking the Camino. This book is about preparing for the walk and what you might encounter while there. Well, I guess I may not be as ready as I thought. One of the things is "Culture Shock". Even though we are all the same the Spanish people live their life different than we do in the US. I encountered things the last time. Minor as they were it was different than I felt was normal. Normal for me is not normal for anyone else.

They eat there nightly meal very late in Spain. Sometimes as late as 9 at night and at noon or afternoon meal is almost unheard of. That was very different for me to get use to. Once I understood this I adjusted. After all I was a guest in their country and wanted to be a good guest.

Maybe with some luck I will learn enough Spanish so will have a more enjoyable time visiting with the locals. Also learning helps with the culture shock and makes you a more enjoyable guest.

### **iPad and/or iPhone**

That is the question I am struggling with today. The iPad is much easier to use but the iPhone will be much lighter. I have 7 days to decide! I am even am thinking of taking both of them.

The iPad is much bigger and easier to use and holds a charge for about 3 days.

The phone is easier to carry and quicker for small task. I am using it to type this now and using the external keyboard or it would be a pain to type this much text. and if I have the iPhone when I return home I could call someone to pick me up at the air port so I don't have to walk home.

Wait, the iPad could call people on the phone too. I think I just decided to carry the iPad. I think I will leave the keyboard at home because I do not really need it of it.

Now do I really need/want to take the iPhone too? Well I have 7 days left! ☺

### **Backpack**

I just hung the backpack on the scales to see what it weighted. Then I noticed I didn't pack the food. I just have some food to get me started. I will get food in St. Jean Pied-de-Port. I just need a few snacks to get me going. I also do not have any water in the pack yet. I just hope they have water in Europe. ☺

The scale reads 24.47 pounds. That is more than I really wanted but a lot less than I could stuff in to it. I have 7 days to look through it to see if I can lighten it.

I will make sure I am not loading a lot of fears as I have talked about before.

Maybe I should go do that now. Well maybe I'll take a break now and look at it later. If I get it reloaded I should take it for a walk again. I haven't taken it for a walk for a couple of weeks.

Break time now!

### **24-Apr-12 11:46am 61°**

Think about it

Today I had to buy gas the second time this month. I usually go 6 weeks. What is going on here? ☺

And for the last couple days my ringer has not been working. If someone calls or text

me, silence! I tried everything, Music, ringtones voice message. I even turned it to vibrate and it worked, but no sounds. I had to wait until 10:00 for Verizon to open and they were late. Frustrated I was. So I go in the store and they start checking out my settings while laughed. I let him know I thought I was a better geek that that but I could have missed something. He went through the same procedure I did and even sent a message and it was still silence! The lady that was working in there started to smile. I thought "Ah it is something simple we both over looked." I looked at her smiling and asked; "What! Come on what did I do?" Well there is this switch on the iPhone and the iPad that turns off the speakers for phone calls so you do not disturb people. I knew it was there and it is not an easy switch to flip by accident. Well I did! So I feel stupid, happy and grateful all at once. Thank you Verizon! This is the Verizon center on the east side of Route 47 across from Taco Bell in front of Office Depot. Thanks again!

### Paper Work

I think I should do paper work for a while now. Time is running out, only 6 days!

### MRT Apr 26 10:28am \*\$

### Four days and counting

This morning after breakfast I went through my list of what was in my backpack to see if I could lighten the load a little. I think I removed a whole pound. It still looks like is will be twenty-five pounds. I will live with that. I think I have what I need and a lot of what I want. You can go to my journal page and see the list. I don't think it will change.

<http://doerofthings.com/camino/belongings.pdf>

### Missing People

While talking to my friends at Starbucks I am starting to thinking that I am going to miss a lot of people. I started to get these feeling while I was at Town & Country this morning. I didn't think missing people would set in until after I was gone and on the trail for a few days. Well I am getting home sick and I'm still at home.

Maybe if I keep busy doing all of those little things I can keep this at bay a little.

I miss all of you!

### 27-Apr-12 4:30pm 47°

### Farewell Diners

I have three schedule gatherings I have committed for this weekend. These are things I did not plan on but will enjoy then. I have been preparing for my trip and never thought that people would invite me to parties.

I am not usually a party person. I will not be seeing friends and family for a couple of months. I don't think any of them will show up in Spain while I am taking a coffee break. Yes I will be sitting and drinking coffee from time to time in Spain.

If you do decide to just show up along the Camino you might want to sit in one of the outdoor cafes so I see you when I come strolling by. I might have just had coffee and decided to walk past one or two of them and you could miss me.

You can always email me a message so I know to look out for you. I would be a good I deal not to post that on my blog because everyone might show up and I wouldn't have a place to sit. ☺

Wait do that I would enjoy seeing everyone at the same place. It might help the home sickness I might be having.

Check with Mike, he was going to join me for coffee one day on his way to Germany.

Let's see this is April 27<sup>th</sup>. That means I have three days.

Most of you know my email address but I will not be checking my regular email very often while I'm walking the walk.

If you post comments I will see them as they show up when I am on the internet. You too can see when I post something on my journal, "Walking the Walk" I will put my Camino email address at the end of this newsletter.

### Camino Goal

All the books I have kind of tell you have a reason for walking the Camino. Some people know there goal I do not have one for sure or one I have thought a lot about.

I am walking it because I didn't finish it the last time. Like many started projects I left it hanging. This time I think I am going to walk the whole Camino to the west of Europe.

I plan to take pictures and journal my walk as I go. A lot of my notes will be on paper but I will post where I am and some of the pictures as things unfold.

I think I just need some time a long ways away for Woodstock for a while mostly to be away from the normal routine. It will give me to think and maybe something philosophical profound will come to mind that could change my life as I know it. Or I will realize I already have everything in my back yard I need.

And on the other hand if the world comes to and end on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 I can say I walked across Spain before I fell off the Earth.

### This issue is at end

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See you in July

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