

## Issue 103 August 2012

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### 2-Aug 11:22am 81°

I know I write a lot of my random thoughts in the newsletters. Sometimes when I read them after I publish them and that is random too and I wonder if I ever finished a story or thought I had started. If I didn't or you can't remember or find it just ask me.

You can contact me in many ways. Email is best because I seem to get to them the best. You could go to [MartysRandomThoughts.com](http://MartysRandomThoughts.com) and click on that [Contact Marty] link so you don't have to remember and email address. Or you could just ask me when you see me.

Whatever works best for you is ok with me.

### Drowsy

I was sitting here around lunch time and couldn't keep my eyes open. I got up and walked around and sat down and the next thing my eyelids just got so heavy. So I took a little nap and then 10 minutes later is

happened again. It must be August 2<sup>nd</sup> or something. I don't know what August 2<sup>nd</sup> has to do with it but I need to blame something. Being August 2<sup>nd</sup> I can't change and neither can I stay awake.

### 6-Aug-12 3:26pm 82°

#### Feedback

I just got some feedback on the email I sent out about the newsletter being ready. Cork told me that there had been no link in the email back to my web site where you can view **Marty's Random Thoughts**.

After looking at the email template I see his is right and the last time I saw it was when I sent an email about issue # 97 being ready. I have given myself a note to fix that for the next alert.

Oh for those who don't know you go to [MartysRandomThoughts.com](http://MartysRandomThoughts.com) to find the most recent issue. ☺

*THANKS CORK FOR THE HEADS UP!*

**10-Aug-12 10:25am 64°**

Yesterday it was so nice I went outside and started to clean up the yard a little. It has been just too hot to motivate me into doing anything outside there. I started cutting out the volunteer trees which keep growing around the property. Some of them seem to be quite large. I didn't get finished yet but I have started. It is amazing how something can grow so fast.

One thing happened this time that I don't remember happening in the past, my wrist itch. I wonder if there was something growing in those plants that I am allergic to, poison Ivy or something like that. I thought it couldn't be mosquito because they don't bite me. Well almost never. It itches on both wrists in about the same spot like I dragged my wrist across something toxic. Oh well, I'll get over it! Well, or I will won't I?

**Anila is home**

Anila has returned to Woodstock. Her and her family has been in Albania for the last couple of months. I haven't seen her since I went to Spain in May.

We enjoyed breakfast together this morning. I was good seeing her again. I forgot to ask her if she will still be working at Town & Country. Maybe it is too early to thinking about work after all she only got in town last night.

**Camino Journal**

So I have been dragging my feet transcribing my Camino journal. I have shown a few people some of my photos. I thought that I had 900 to share. I did a quick go through all the pictures and there are a little over 700 for me to filter through.

Yes I removed almost 200. Some of them were pictures of nothing, receipts, or just bad pictures.

I took pictures of receipts and email them back home so I didn't need to carry them. Paper is heavy and get lost when you are walking.

I know 700 pictures are a lot and can get boring after a while. I am thinking I would like to filter out 500 more.

I am thinking maybe even get down to 100 or so real good pictures that will help tell my stories, maybe even one to three per day or maybe event to one per page.

I tend to get carried away at times and I know less is more sometimes. I know when you walk over five-hundred miles less in you backpack is more enjoyment.

**11-Aug-12 11:18am 67°**

While surfing the internet this morning I ran across skins for the iPad. For you non-computer people those are covers. Anyway one I thought was perfect for me.

Is just black with white letters that reads as follows: ...Wait here is a picture of it.



Please note this is a \$34.99 cover and my iPad looks will work just fine without it. I like it anyway!

**12-Aug-12 6:02am \*\$**

I brought the laptop up to Starbucks to do some more transcribing of my Camino journal notes. It might have been a mistake. It got busy quickly and I got

distracted, too many people walking around to watch. I love watching people do their things.

I thought by writing something in MRT that it would get me more in the transcribing mood. So far I think it is starting to work. Its funny typing up here because it is a different environment. The table is much higher than my desk at home and I have less space for the note book. Even with all the stuff piled on my desk it seems to work much better. I don't have a TV running behind me for background noise. Hay, they don't have the background music turned on here either. That's strange because Barbara, the manager is here and she always has it turned up so load you can't hear it. ☺



Well since I didn't choose my next book I guess I could try doing some transcribing. Let's see how it goes

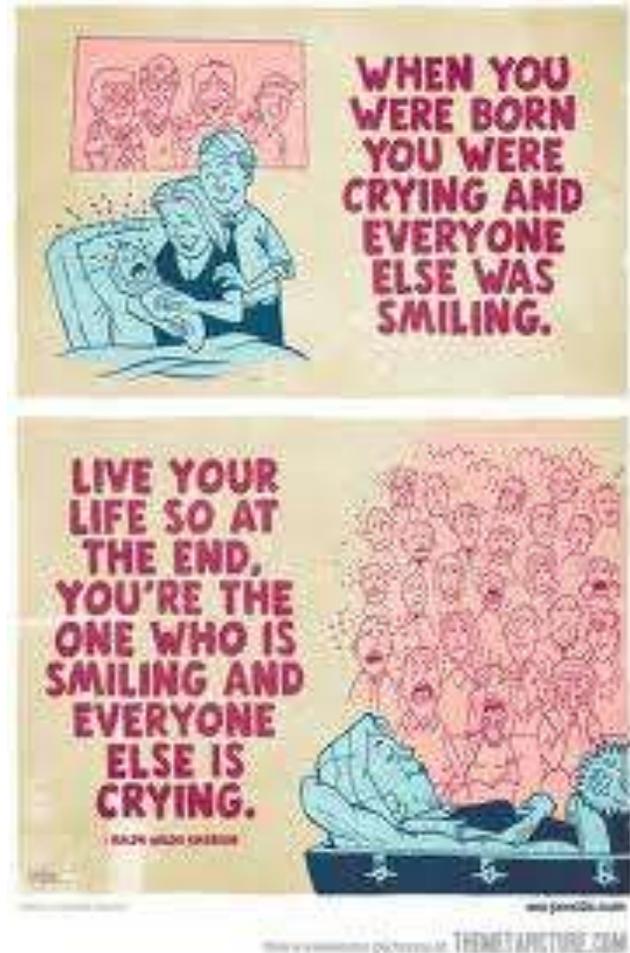
### **13-Aug-12 4:58pm 65°**

Yesterday when I was a Starbucks I tried transcribing some of my journal notes. I got very little done, too many distractions.

Today I went up there at noon and there were other distractions. I like it when I have company with me.

At one Michele and I joined Cork for lunch at Angelo's. Today it must be go out with people day. I had breakfast with Julie at Town & Country and Anila came. She only said "Hi!" and went and talked with Ken & Mary's group at their table.

### **Picture of the Page**



Source: email from Kim

### **Just noticed**

I put a note at the bottom of the pages of this newsletter to check out the last pages for advertisements. I don't have any sponsors. You want to sponsors my newsletter? Let me know.

I am not a 401C non prophet company but I am non-profit publisher.

### **Prophet Sharing**

I know that is not the same as "profit." I was thinking I would like to hear from you. I would like to know what you think is going to happen tomorrow.

You could predict what is going to happen in the future and well and anyone else. Some people just know things and

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cannot explain how they knew it. Makes no different how you know it is just neat to hear about them.

So if you have a story to tell about knowing something before it happened and you are willing to share it, I am listening.

So if you're a fortune teller or you have seen future, tell me.

I won't use your name unless you tell me it is ok.

### **15-Aug-12 11:27am 75°**

Remember back while I was getting ready to go to Spain to walk the Camino. I figured I needed about 1,000 pounds of aluminum cans to pay for the plane trip.

Last week I was out in the garage and I saw all of those cans I had picked up and thought I would turn them in and see how many more I might need to break even.

I put them into one trash bag and put them in the trunk of the car and forgot they were there. The other day I needed to use the trunk so I put them into the back seat thinking I would remember to take them in for cash. Somehow they got back into the trunk and forgot about them again. Yesterday they got into the back seat again and today I cashed them in, really

I went out to Behr and they weight them and they show I had 5 pounds of aluminum cans and 1.5 pounds of other aluminum. Did you know Spam and sardine cans are not the same kind of aluminum? Well the cans are 48¢ and the other is only 40¢ so I got \$3.00 for my trouble.

I think I will defer that \$3.00 from my vacation and put it into my coffee money fund.

Since I figured 55¢ a pound when I started this project and now cans are only 48¢ I need many, many more cans to pay

the \$550.00 I needed when I started. Now I need about 1,220 pounds of cans.

### **Anila & Violca are back**

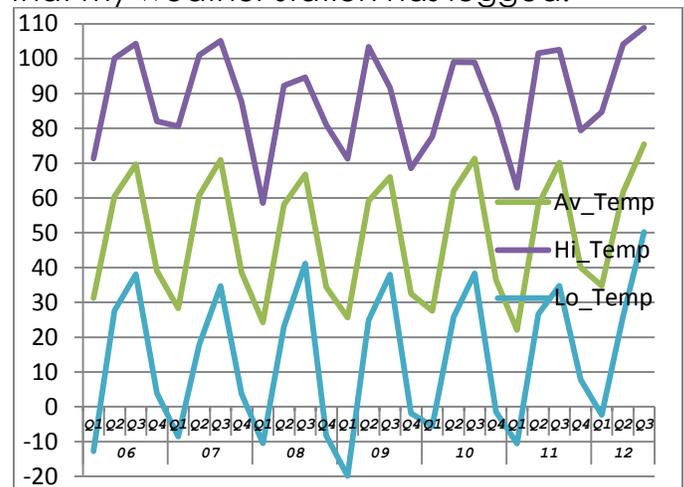
Today at Town and Country I see Anila is back to work. She has been gone for two months. It is good to see here back. She has not poured me coffee since I left for Spain on May 1st.

Violca came back home yesterday she was only gone a month. I am sure she will be back to work soon too.

Welcome back ladies!

### **16-Aug12 9:09am 64°**

Since I post the temperature every time I start a new day I thought you might like to see how the weather has been doing since 2006. The chart below is the maximum, minimum and average temperatures of each quarter of the years that my weather station has logged.



### **Sleepless**

I haven't been sleeping much at night. I have the radio on most nights in the bedroom until four in the morning I am think it might have something to do with it. Also I watch TV with my eyes closed. That may have something to do with it too. I spend a lot of time indoor and drink a lot of coffee.

It isn't that I am tired I just think I am not resting enough. I guess that there could be a lot of factors that makes one not sleep much at night. Maybe I should stay up all night and see if I can see something that is keeping me awake.

## Rain

We had a nice rain this morning. The weather station shows about 1/3". On the other hand the rain gauge in the back yard had 1-1/3 inch of water in it.

Which one do you believe? Most of the times I forget to empty the rain gauge. And the weather station measures rain one drop at a time and records at 0.02" at a time. I haven't been up on the roof to check the Weather station gauge for a while. Maybe I'll do that now. I'll be back...

...Well I went up on the roof that the weather station rain gauge thingy seems to be working fine. But I saw a couple things that need my attention.

## Roof

The power lines from the house to the pole across the street it tight. This means my house holding up the pole again. When I fixed the roof in 1993 I had the same problem. Wow 1993! It has been 20 years on the roof. I guess it could be time again.

Yes that was the other thing I saw when I was up there. I need to recover the roof again. Twenty years ago I did it. I wonder if I want to do that again.

If I re-shingle the roof I need to repair some of the soffits and replace the gutters.

I wonder what it will cost to have that done. Let's see what should be done at the same time.

- Tear off the old roof
- Make sure the attic is vented. It is not so good now.
- New gutters and down spouts

- Replace the soffits. The plastic ones just don't make it.
- Re-route the weather station wires while the roof is open.

What this going to cost if I have it done? Anyone know a company that is good and inexpensive?

I think I need about 1,200 square feet of shingles. I'll figure 1,500 for the generic prices of shingles.

I see there are 3 bundles per 100 Sq. Ft. and the prices range from \$23 to \$60 a bundle making the price for just the shingle to be about \$1,050 to \$2,700.

Metal rook cost from \$3 to \$5 Sq. Ft. making the price quite high. The price tag for that could be the \$4,500 to \$7,500 range. These prices are just roof covering material. Maybe I should get a job to pay for this! ☺

## 17-Aug-12 11:42am 67°

Wow, its Mom Birthday today! Wow again, she would be 95 today!

Happy Birthday Mom!



## Thinking about Mom

Since it is Mom's birthday I was remembering I have a picture of Mom and Dad that was taking in the early 1940's.

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You get a couple of things with this picture. On Main Street in Woodstock they just removed two buildings this week that are in this picture.

Next to mom's head on the right you will see Two Bills building as it looked 60 years ago. Next to Mom's right hand you can see part of Thompson's Appliances building. Both are gone.

There may be a pile of bricks sitting there but the building is gone.

Sorry to say Mom and Dad are gone too. Miss you Mom & Dad!



Mom & Dad 1942, Main Street Woodstock Illinois

I don't see the water tower in this picture. I know it was there in the 1960's because I have a picture on that said "ELTRA". Wait I think I have one from the 1950's too. It might have said "AUTO-LITE" on it.

So when did they put up that water tower? When was it removed it?

## Quote

A Friend is someone  
who has the same  
enemies as you!

Who are your enemies?

## Camino Journal

I finally got to the back page transcribing my Camino journal notes. No, I am only on page 86. When I got to the back of the book I turned it over and started to write on the back of the pages. I still have to get to page 132.

For now I am frustrated. I using MS Word and it thinks I am typing in Spanish so it keeps telling my words are missed spelled. Knowing me there may be a lot but not 90%. This happened once before but I forgot how I fixed it. So I am telling you my sad story. Maybe I should go sleep on it and deal with it tomorrow.

## Quote

Never let a day pass that you will have cause to say, I will do better tomorrow.  
Source: No idea

**24-Aug-12 12:37pm 83°**

**26-Aug-12 9:54am 70°**

Wonder what happen the other day. I see I typed the date and then nothing. Maybe I put it on the iPad and didn't email it back to me. I'll go see...Please Stand by...

Yup I forgot to tell me that I had some notes on the iPad. There was other stuff on there too. So here you go...

**22-Aug-12 7:21am TC**

Well today it my first day using this new Zagg stand and keyboard for my iPad. I charged up the keyboard and they tell me

it should last months on a charge, maybe even much longer if I turn it off it off when not in use.

It looks like this:

You can read all about is and other products at [zagg.com](http://zagg.com)



## **25-Aug-12 6:26am TC**

I am sitting here at TC waiting to order breakfast. I wonder if today I will spend most of my day here. I was out here so much yesterday that I think people might have thought I owned the place. Some time I think it might be nice to own a restaurant. Then other times I see all the work and remember I retired. Still on the hand I might get free coffee. Then I think if I stop for coffee it might cost me \$50.00. So it would be nice to try to run a restaurant but maybe not.

## **26-Aug-12 6:48am \*\$**

I am thinking about starting to publish MRT as I write and do it on the internet.

I have a blog on than internet now and I don't post very often. Most of the people are getting my newsletter off the internet anyway. For those of you who don't know where it is you can get to it form <http://www.MartysRandomThoughts.com> and click on the link on the front page that says [MRT blog].

## **Back to today**

I am not up at Starbucks, where I was. I am at home now and I think I have all my notes off the iPad and in the newsletter.

I have ants in my pants. I want to be somewhere else. I don't know what that means yet, I just long today to not be somewhere. I need to get out of town. No

the sheriff is not telling me to be out by sundown. And I did talk to Walter today at Starbucks this morning. He didn't tell me to get out of here. We both drink coffee at Starbucks at the same time sometimes.

Maybe it is because I started up the camper and drove it to Starbucks and the Town & Country this morning.

Maybe I just need to go for a long drive somewhere until I am almost out of gas and fill up and have coffee and come home. Well I could eat too, that would be a long drive. A tank of fuel could last 500 to 600 miles. That would be a day trip, maybe an over nighter.

Hummm...What to do and when? If I take the camper I have to get it ready it first or use it for a car with a bed. If I take the car I could just go and no bed to sleep in. If I take the big motorhome...well I don't really want to drive that big thing.

I'll ask around and see if I can get someone to go along or maybe not.

How 'bout I find a quote that might get me some insight.



I didn't mean these kinds of ants!

## **Quote**

*"If you don't have doubts you're either kidding yourself or asleep. Doubts are the ants-in-the-pants of faith. They keep it alive and moving."*

— [Frederick Buechner](#), [Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC](#)  
Source: from <http://www.goodreads.com/quotes>

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## Near the end

It is time for me to print this newsletter and see what I have had to say. Sometimes I don't even remember these random thoughts

## 27-Aug-12 6:05am 65° 99%

I see the humidity is 99% I best get going to E. W. Training for my workout. It must be foggy if it is 99%. I may get lost. Got to GO!

## Stalling

I have a little time here now too. It is 11:51 and I need to take my car to Honda to get that noise checked out before I become stranded. The appointment is at one o'clock so I have an hour to fill with the waiting.

The noise is a rumbling sound when I start moving from a dead stop. It seems to be more so if I am turning at the same time. I am guessing it might be a CV joint. Remember I am guessing.

## Prophet Sharing

I am trying to do some of that "Prophet Sharing" I was talking about a few days back. I know a little about how car work and my prophet is based on my gut feeling. Here is how I decided CV joint.

It only happens when I start from a dead stop. And I cannot hear it when I punch it when moving already. Turning right and left from a dead stop I hear it more no matter if I turn left or right. If it was more noise or loader one way or the other I would think it was a wheel bearing.

So I predict it is the constant-velocity (CV) joint. It connects the front axle to the wheel so it can flex a little. Rear drive cars use to have "U" joints. It basically does the same thing. Let's see how I do.

## Camino Journal

While I was sitting here I finished a couple more pages on my journal. I am sure I will get it finished before the world come to an end on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Well I need to head to Crystal Lake now. Bye!

## 30-Aug-12 9:35am 71°

I was going to work on me Camino Journal at Starbucks this morning and got side tracks, then again at Town & Country and then here at home. So I changed my header picture on Facebook.

Now I had to post one of my pictures here for you too.



Jun 9th, Somewhere before Hospital de la Codelsa

This was one of the many views I got to see when I walked the Camino de Santiago. Yes when you walk you can stop and take pictures. This was really taken with my Sony TX9 camera. It even makes me into a photographer. Well more pictures later.

## Car Problems

I was wrong about my car. The problem was in the transmission. They did a "Preformed Clutch Burnish Procedure" that may solve the problem. If the problem doesn't come back I'll be happy. If not then they need to replaces the clutch or something to the transmission and it will cost me about five times as much. For now it seems to be working ok.

**Let's keep this issue to eight pages.  
Have a great September!**

**MARTY**