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1-Sep-13 6:47am *\$

I almost forgot it was September. Yes, it is a new month. Hasn't summer been great!

Yesterday we finished taking down a wall/room at EW Training. Even the thought room was only 12x12 feet it opened up so much space. It was in the back corner of the building and storage area. It had one wall that went to the ceiling some 20 feet. It was fun and work at the same time.

Being it was so high you had to think safety all the time. Not just me who did all the high altitude work but the people on the floor. On the ladder you have to think about dropping something on people below you. On the floor you need to look out for thing falling on you. It is not like the cartoons.

As far as taking the big wall down, it was mostly easy. You cut a piece loose and try to drop it next to someone to keep them alert. ☺ After the top was down and below the lights,

duct work, and free the electric, then a half a wall was cut loose without any injuries. I didn't ask anyone else but I did not get a scratch. My hands are a little sore from running that Sawsall® all day. That is no different than any other muscle you didn't know you had and they didn't like you to wake them up. It was a good project.

I think there were five of us working on removing the room. I had the easy part. I would cut the thing in little piece. They had to clean up my mess. It was like have four mothers to clean up after me. Thanks for the great job cleaning up after me!

Today I have to go back and move some of the things we left hanging. I can't just leave an electrical box hanging out in the open with live wire in it. I am sure when I get out there will be other thing that may need my attention too.

That will be later. I am here learning about keeping flies away today here at Starbucks. It is always fun here listening to the subject of the minute. ☺

I know I was going to breakfast and then to EWT to finish up some loose ends. With this book "Following the Yellow Arrow" that I have been reading, I decided to read another chapter first. This book is giving me the thought of going back sooner than when I am 70. I went when I was 60 and 65 years old I thought I would walk the Camino again when I was 70. Reading these storied from younger pilgrims on the Camino it getting me thinking. So I am thinking. Hmmmmm....

I have other thing to think about today.

3-Sep-13 5:24am *\$

Yesterday was nice. No heavy working just some paper work. I went out to EWT to see what it looked like after the wall was gone and the mess was cleaned up. It looks like the room has doubled. In reality we gained about 150 square feet. That is 5%. It will free up enough space for three more rope stations that is a 33% increase. It is funny how you can play with the numbers to make thing bigger. In the busy classes it was getting tight in there with all the people. On the other hand on those classes when everyone decides to stay home the room echoes.

We had room in the dumpster so we removed the flooring that would be in the way for the new flooring. While doing that we also replaced some of the damaged boards. We were eager beavers. Michelle started remove all of the clutter that was in the room we removed.

Today I have to start working on the little things to finish up this project to get ready for the new flooring. Right now there is nothing holding the wood floor in place. We sawed off the edging. I will be putting down some new today. And I need to epoxy in the new rope hooks. There is electrical to run, wall cover to install,

shelves, ball rack, jump rope hooks...Well I didn't make a list but you can see the equipment sitting there without a home. I have to put the edging down first and mow the lawn today. Then I will regroup.

Oh, Michelle and my helpers are on vacation so I am kind of on my own. With any kind of luck I will be on vacation when the flooring arrives. And I bet you it will be sitting there when I get back. Maybe this would be a good time to go walk the Camino again. Or I was going to go to all 48 states in one trip. Hummm...

The Camper is still in the shop getting the A/C fixed so I don't have a truck. Neat I can't do too much without my big toolbox. It is really hard to move 12' planks with a little car. You know I have hauled some big things on very small vehicles. One that comes to mind was the Honda 360 motorcycle. I hauled 2 chairs from K-Mart in Crystal Lake home. And one time a lawnmower out to Davis Road because I needed it there. I always like a little test of the possible.

I need to see what is happening with the Camper today. It has been a holiday weekend and I figured that not much would happen until today. If it needed a compressor it could have taken a few days to get one. You don't really miss your vehicle until it isn't in the driveway.

5-Sep-13 8:22am TC

I had to leave Starbucks this morning. There was fly that wouldn't leave me in peace. I just wanted to read my book and it just kept bugging me. I think I will go buy a fly swatter today and carry it with me. I asked one of the guys who are a policeman, the other days, if I could carry a 357 Magnum and shoot the flies. He asked me if I could shoot the good. I guessed that meant "No!"

I thought I would try one of those electronic fly swatter that Harbor Freight sells. They are less than \$3.00. If it works, great! If not, oh well, I tried.

1:47pm *\$

I thought I would stop up here for a quick coffee before I go out to EWT to see if my glue is dry before people go out there and step in it. I glued down the edging for the flooring this morning after the last class was over. I hope I guessed right the 24 hour curing time got condensed down to about 4. The edging was screwed and glues. It should be setup enough that I can remove my weights and install the rubbery strip. If I guessed wrong and some steps in half setup glue they will still standing there at 6:30 in the morning when I get there tomorrow. That would just be funny. :-)

11-Sep-13 3:00pm *\$

Typing today's date I remember that today is 911. It is the days the earth stood still. It is too bad we have some much hate it this world. Life is too short to spend your time with you hearth filled with hate of another person. If you don't like someone just stay away from them and send them love. Maybe it will help them change.

I used to dislike someone and say bad things about them all the time. Then I realized it just did not make things better. Once I caught myself I changed. The worse thing I would say was that we don't get along or it was a personally conflict. Then I thought about what I could do to help to keep this person away from me. Then the light came on in my head. I wished them to win the lottery and win it big. I knew this person would quit their job and would see them when they were telling everybody about winning. It would fill me with joy

because I wished it so and now they are happy and I am happy. This is also known as a "Win, Win!" everyone would win. Well I don't know what happened to this person but I don't think I have seen them in 10 years. Maybe and maybe not they won the Lottery. I learned something from them.

Woodstock Calendar

I keep asking people about Woodstock events. Most don't know and don't where to find out what is happening in town.

I just found this and at first glance I like it.

This link is to the McHenry County calendar from Plan-It:

<http://www.planitnorthwest.com/calendar/>

If you just want Woodstock you can select the city or the event category. This link will get you Woodstock only. It will save you one step as Woodstock is at the end of the list. :-|

<http://www.planitnorthwest.com/calendar/?city=36>

12-Sep-13 7:20am *\$

Yes I am at Starbucks again! I think this is my new home. Today I woke up at 3:30am and was wide awake. I decide to go to Wall Mart and restock my shelves. When I left there I noticed it was 5:00am and knew Starbuck was open. I grabbed my laptop and my book and decided to finish it and get it ready for the publisher. I did! I have a few things this morning and then I will upload the file and create a cover. Then I can order a copy and see how I did. After going through it about 50 times, it is time to stop. Now I am hungry so I am heading out for breakfast.

13-Sep-13 3:25pm *\$

Remembering the Past

I walked the Camino de Santiago in 2007 after retiring about 6 weeks before. While frustrated in Santo Domingo I went into a store called "Euro 100" to see what it was. It was what I call a "Dollar Store". I picked up three small pencil sharpeners I called then "My battery charger for my pencil."

After deciding to stop in Burgos and thing I would never going back, the next morning I took a train to Santiago and spent 2 days. From there it was a flight to Germany to spend a few days with my brother and his wife then back home.

I figured I would never try to walk across Spain again.

Being I am a computer person I still carry a pad of paper and a pencil in my shirt pocket all the time. I also carry an iPhone and an iPad with me. I use all of these all the time.

Come 2011, I decided I need to return to the Camino and look for that "Euro 100" store and get a new "Battery Charger for my pencil." I left home May 1st, 2012 and never looked back. I walked out my front door and headed to the train then to airport in Chicago and arrived in St. Jean Pied-de-Port on May 3rd and started walking west to Santiago arriving there 48 days later.

After 3 days the soreness of walking went away and I don't think I had a bad day. I forgot all about that pencil sharpener I was going to get until I got into Santiago.

I spent a whole day checking out the town's souvenir shops for a pencil sharpened and all I could find was a souvenir for a child. Nothing I wanted to carry in my pocket for the next five years. I know where two of the three pencil sharpeners are I bought in Santo Domingo

6 years ago. I need a new blade for the one I carry with me so it is time for me to dig out the one I have in my backpack. It waits for me to pack up to get ready for another walk on the Camino.

Does the pencil sharpener in my pocket remind me of the Camino or does the Camino remind me of the pencil sharpener in my pocket?

14-Sep-13 7:45am *\$

So I sent my book, "Walking the Walk", off to the printer the other day. I am waiting for a draft copy so I see what it looks like printer as a book. I know there are a few things I need to finish up.

I still need the summary text for the back cover. I need a cover picture. All books need cover pictures. There are a few things I think it needs that I will add before it is finished. I need the ISBN number. Well I will wait until I get my copy.

Ad!

I will be taking pre-printing request for my book starting now. I don't know what the real cost will be today. The pre-printing cost will be plus my shipping and handling cost.

If you think you might want to buy a copy tell me via voice, phone, or email. This way I will know how many my initial should be. I will split the shipping cost with the all of you.

I hope they have it ready before the first of October.

Note: Since I put this in the newsletter I know what it will cost. \$9.95 + S/H from the printer. If you get it from me in person it will \$10.00. You will save the S/H.

MRT

15-Sep-13 6:27am *\$

Well today is the day. Anyway, I hope so. Yesterday I picked up the Camper from the garage and I have A/C again. This is great except for the cool weather we are having I can't use it. They showed me the parts from the last time it was worked on. I see how they could have messed it up.

Today I am cleaning out the tool and construction materials the Camper and trying to make into a Camper again. I think it has been a truck and tool box since I came back from California in March.

I am getting ready to head out to North Dakota and have cafe con lethe with Marvin. Since we walked together in Spain we may forget it is coffee when we meet. But like many morning I need to start out with a Starbucks visit.

I haven't started to pack my things yet so if I going to leave today it won't be until this afternoon. I plan on packing light, maybe not as much as I had when I walked across the Camino last year. In fact I pulled out my list of what I carried on my back as a guide. I know I had more in that backpack than I needed back then.

Birthday

There are two people sharing birthday, my brother Cork and Anila. I just looked at my calendar and I see Ray's birthday and Mike retired in 2000 today too. I have to look at my calendar more often after all I made it for that reason.

16-Sep-13 6:33am *\$

Whoops I missed my Monday morning work-out. Oh wait, I'm on vacation. I guess it started at 6:00. I put the laptop in the Camper and a couple other things. I looked for the spare set of keys for the Camper and they are probity is some other jacket pocket. Maybe Cork still has them

since March. Oh well, I'm heading to North Dakota after breakfast. It is not time for turning back now.

My Vacation started September 16th, 2013 at 6:00am at Woodstock Illinois.

The minimum plan is to drive to Bismarck ND to have coffee with Marvin and then return home. Goggle says that is a 12 hours 28 minutes and/or 772 miles from my house to Marvin's. So I figure I should get there about Wednesday. Yes I might get there tomorrow but driving 5 hours is enough. I might even do some looking around on the way.

I am not sure when I will really be back home. I figure a week or so. I will see if I still want to be on the road for a long time. If I like it I may start planning my trip to all 48 States in one trip. Remember I almost did that last year but walked the Camino instead.

The trip to all 48 lower states was to drive through all 48 in one trip without entering anyone them twice. I know not I have to drive through New York and Delaware twice unless I leave the country. I'll check that out when I get near there.

If I remember I figure it was about 12,000 miles and at 250 miles per day it would take 48 days. I just figured if I only get 14 MPH it would cost \$3.500 for fuel at \$4.00 a gallon.

Maybe I should check my funds before I leave home without it.

Really that isn't so bad. The only other major expense would be food. I in Spain for two months and is right in the same cost area.

It is time to leave Starbucks and see if Michelle has time for breakfast before I go. I think I will ask her to go along to ND. She likes coffee!

I better wait until 7:30 when the class is finished. I get in the way if I try to talk to her when she is teaching.

1:00pm McDonald's, North of Madison

Yes, I really left Woodstock. After 2 hours I needed a break and a Wi-Fi fix. I usually take two hour breaks every ten minutes but this time I will eat and run...well, drive.

4:04pm, McDonald's, Eau Claire

It is time to seek a place to park for the night. Soon I will be driving into the sun. That is no fun! I have been driving since 10:30 this morning. It is a bit much for the first day.

I have about 1/3 of my goal so after I finish my break I will look for a good place to call home for the day.

Well I just checked for the next Walmart and it is 22 minutes away in Eau Claire. I think it would be a good place for tonight.

7:27pm, Eau Claire WI, Sam's Club

I arrived at my home for the night around 5:30pm. I have been reorienting myself to camper sleeping. I picked up a case of 500ml bottles of water for drinking. All the other water I might use can come for the onboard fresh water tank. I don't drink that unless I have clean to supervised its cleaning.

It is a little early to turn in for the night but I don't feel much like doing anything so I might anyway.

First day's status

Miles driven:	264
Gas gauge reads:	~5/8
Travel time: (including breaks)	~7 hours

I'll fill the gas tank in the morning to check gas mileage.

17-Sep-13 6:47am *\$

Yes they have Starbucks in Eau Claire too! I woke up at 4:30 and could not sleep because I forgot my pillow. Since I was near a 24 hour Walmart I went in bought a new pillow and a pot to cook with. I forgot that too. After securing the camper I decided to look for a Starbucks for my morning coffee. I found a small one just down the street from where I was staying. I say small because the parking lot is so small I had to park next door. It was so small I think only 6 cars can park here. They have a drive through and about 10 chairs. But they do have Pumpkin Spice Lathe for me.

8:53am, St. Paul, McDonald's

Seems like I am making a lot of McDonald's' visits this trip. This is a little out of character for me. Well, they have free Wi-Fi!

I just got fuel and forgot to write down the numbers so I will have to let you know the mileage later.

The pump stopped at \$75 and I only got \$1.78 more trying to get it filled for the first tank mileage check. It was 21.3 gallons total. Gas here at Flying J is 3.599/gallon.

Well Breakfast is over and I need to drive 460 more miles so I will take my McCafe with me.

7:44pm, Jamestown ND, McDonald's

So after my afternoon siesta I drove a bunch more until I decided to end my day here in Jamestown. After these kids get out of my way I will head down the street to Walmart for the night. Right after I got my food a bus or two came in full of kids. I

couldn't get out of here if I tried right now. Must have been a game or something that just got over. I forgot how much noise a bunch of kids make. They must be getting their food now because the noise level is starting to lower. Just feed them and they'll quite down! :-)

18-Sep-13 6:06am 100 mi east of Bismarck

Good Morning, I woke up a little while ago with a good night sleep. Looks like I drove about 128,168 miles so far. Not me but the Camper. It shows me I have driven 706 miles and 95 files miles to go.

I need to get some breakfast and coffee so I am going to get going.

8:38am, Bismarck ND, Subway

Well can't get connected to the internet for some reason. Not AT&T or through my Mi-Fi device. I am only a few blocks from Marvin's so I will use the GPS on the iPhone it works. I'll figure out what's the iPad's problem later.

Anyway I am here!

19-Sep-13 8:15am Bismarck

I spent all day yesterday with Marvin. Marvin is one of the people I walked with in Spain last year. He had to leave early last year and returned this year to complete the Camino. We had many stories to tell each other.

Marvin is 73 and one of the youngest people living his apartment building. This is long ways from what I would call a "retire home". All of the people here seem to be very active. Marvin says it is great not to have to go to all those meetings since he retired. I had to agree with him about the meetings it was one of the things I don't miss.

I am going to spend another day visiting with Marvin and his friends today.

20-Sep-13 8:18am Bismarck

After these few days camping out I am starting to notice I am not using my things sitting back home. Do I really need all that stuff? Could I live in a box that is 20 feet long with only what I need today? It would be nice to be hooked up to the services like gas, electric, and water because all of them are a little low right now. It has been nice these last few days.

When I leave the company of Marvin's town Bismarck today I think I will go down to Iowa and check in on Steve and Wally. I want to head home but they live only a little ways out of the way.

Camper

While waiting for Marvin this morning I am sitting here in the camper thinking how nice it is to sit here in the sun. I have my kitchen, bedroom, living room and a view of the parking lot across the street. The thing with my camper I can start the engine and drive to different view any time I want. It is all most like walking the Camino though there you carry your things on you back. In my camper you ride with your things.

Visit with Marvin

Marvin has been a great host. He has taking me to many place showing me about North Dakota and some of the people whole lived here. Marvin has live in this area most of his live and learned a lot about the area. It has been great just talking about things.

Marvin was on the Camino with me last year for a while. This year he went back to continue where he left off. If you know me you know we talked a lot about his and my Camino walk. Thanks for putting up with me these last few days Marvin.

6:55pm, I-29 South Dakota

Well I am just inside South Dakota on I-29 in the first rest area. I have about 585 miles to go to get to where I'm going in Iowa on the route I think I will take. That could change before I get there. The map says it will take about 9-1/2 hours. I think I was take an extended break and then drive so more before I stop for the night.

Wait...I just started sneezing. If that keeps up I may leave here and look for another place to stay.

Well maybe I will forget my break and look for campgrounds for the night. I tried to boil for Hot Chocolate and ran out of LP. So I got Warm Cocoa. Then I tried to rinse my cup and I am out of water. So now I know running the icebox and furnace most of the time only last about last about 5 days. I didn't know this before. Oh, I ran the hot water heater too!

So I have to make a campgrounds stop tonight....but where?

...Well the nearest campgrounds I found on the may be is about 100 miles and that one and the other I saw do not show they have LP gas. So I best drive all night. ☹

9:00pm, I-29 Rest Area

That is enough for tonight. I'm tires! No gas for heat and no hot water I can live with for tonight. No sleep is another thing. Being tired and driving I don't think you can live through.

The thing says I have 8 hrs 4 minutes which is 498 miles to Maquoketa. Those 500 miles will still be there in the morning. Good Night!

21-Sep-13 8:25am Sioux Falls**Random Thought**

I was sitting here thinking: "Who invented drinking straws?"

Historians do not know when the idea of a straw was first invented, though it is believed to be very old. The first known straws were made by the Sumerians, and were used for drinking beer, probably to avoid the solid byproducts of fermentation that sink to the bottom.[citation needed] The oldest drinking straw in existence, found in a Sumerian tomb dated 3,000 B.C.E., was a gold tube inlaid with the precious blue stone lapis lazuli. Argentines and their neighbors used a similar metallic device called a bombilla, that acts as both a straw and sieve for drinking mate tea for hundreds of years.

Source:http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drinking_straw

Ok I go find my LP gas now. I don't like sleeping in an unheated steel box!

9:25am *\$

You know I had to find a Starbucks sooner or later. After trying to fill my LP gas tank and finding I have a leak, I said it was time to find a good cup of coffee. So I will not have heat tonight and for many nights to come. It will help that I am in South Dakota where it is warmer. Weather here is Sioux Falls will only go down to the mid 50s for the next few days I am traveling east so it may get be better. I'll check and see....

...Maquoketa Iowa looks like mid 40s the next few days. So I will just drive faster.

What about back home...Well it is the mid 40s too. I guess that is ok because I have heat at home...I hope! :-)

2:26pm Iowa, I-35

Wow, the time and the miles to Maquoketa is the same 226. I don't think I want to drive another 4 hours today. I think when I am done eating here at Burger King; I will look for a place to stay for the rest of the night. I think it would be better to pull into Maquoketa in the

morning than at night. We'll see how it goes.

9:04pm Maquoketa, Wall Mart

Well I got into town and had something to eat. The nearest campground where I wanted to stay is Maquoketa Caves some 10 miles away. I decided it is Wall Mart for tonight. In the morning I'll look up Wally and Steve. I thought it was too late tonight to bother them. Beside I am tired and they might want to talk for hours. Well me too. :-)

After visiting with these guys I will be heading back home. It used to take 3 hours and 10 minutes from home to Elwood. From here in Maquoketa the GPS says it is 3 hours 13 minutes which is 136 miles. Tomorrow I will be able to test that.

23-Sep-13 3:27pm Home

Trip Stats

So I wondered what it cost me to go on this road trip. I filled with fuel before I left town and again in Belvidere I filled in Belvidere because it is only 24 miles from home and gas is generally cheaper there.

I had an averaged about 15.5 MPG in 6 days

I have traveled 1,803 miles and spent \$417.06 for 116.06 gallons.

That comes out to 23¢ a mile for fuel or 4.3 Miles per dollar.

In each of the 6 days I bought about 19.44 gallons costing about \$69.51 and drove 301 miles.

Best mileage day was 16.3 MPG and worst was 15.0 MPG

I tried to fuel up when I drove 300 miles and take a break every 100 miles. This worked to a break ever two hours and fuel about once a day. On the way to ND I

drove around 50-55 MPG and the way home 55-60 MPH. It shows in the gas mileage. My higher mileage was in the first 3 days, averaging 15.7 on the way out and only 15.2 on the way back. You can't really tell for sure it was the driving in 6 tanks of fuel. I did drive slower on the way out and fast on the way back.

There you have it. I spent \$200 in cash and maybe \$100 other than fuel. So I spent around \$750 for my coffee trip to see Marvin in South Dakota.

Oh, Marvin says to say "Hi!!" to everyone.

26-Sep-13 3:40pm *\$

I decided to come up here to Starbucks for lunch. Yes they have some food here too. They have Sandwiches and Salads. Sometimes the Salads aren't too bad. Today was not one of those days. I needed something to eat so I tried the Protein Bistro Box. This one I think should have remained in the box. Oh well, it is the first thing I haven't liked here is a couple years. The coffee is good.

I was too late for Town and Country because they close at 3:00pm. Anila would have made me a nice dinner salad if I would have made there a little earlier. But that was if I had made it there in time and I did not!

There is a different crowd up here this afternoon. Other than the Starbucks' staff I have not seen anybody I know. It is almost like when I was on the road last week.

28-Sep-13 9:35am Home

After spending most of my morning in different restaurants I thought about mowing my lawn. Then I remembered I was working on making a video tape into a movie that could be watched online.

The first step was converting a video tape to a DVD. That was on was on a re-

writable DVD. Thought it worked but it was a little flakey. The second one was on a DVD-R it was jerky in my DVD player. So I did the next one is HQ. Well that locked up my DVD player. My DVD player is quit old and I think it only cost \$30 10 years ago and...I not sure.

So I try playing them on my laptop and they work. I am not really happy but they work fine.

The next step was to convert them to video files to view on the PC and the internet. So I searched the internet for free software to rip DVD files. Little did I know how many formats the DVD could be converted into. I started with one that my iPad could display. That I found out was an MP4 file. Then I didn't know it would take about 2 hours to convert it. Then it took about 8 hours to upload it to my web site. It is a huge file. Like 1.3 gigabytes. It is too big for most to view so I am still working this.

I am now converting the DVD to a Windows Media Video file. (WVA). This will be 2 files. Much dense so may be easier to view. I see the first one just got done. It took about 1-1/2 hours to render into the point I could use it.

I am going to work on that and see what happens.

Well it is uploading slower than I would like so maybe it is to go back out and see if the grass is a little drier. After all it is like watching grass grow waiting for that to upload. ☺

This is going to be a project cutting my grass. It is a little wet and I don't feel like doing it. I did get two parts cut so far. Along the drive and the tree bank. At this rate I should be finished sometime in October. On the other hand part 2 is converted. Again on the other hand Part 1 has not finished uploading to the web site yet. I think I will go out on the porch and read a book.

29-Sep-13 7:50am *\$

Video Projects

The last couple days I spent most of my spare time working on converting a video tape to movies that could be viewed online. This morning all the videos files had finally finished uploaded to the internet where I could get at then from here. Well I get a message that tells me my indexes file is protected or not there. Go figure!

So I am figuring after all the waiting time uploading the videos I forgot to upload the new index file to my folder. I am guessing I will go home a checking that out later.

Anyway I did finally finish mowing my lawn yesterday. Maybe I'll go out with the trimmer and do some of that. Well that unless I get involved with this video thing.

I think I will read some of my new book then go have breakfast and think about these things.

New Book

Grandma's On The Camino, Reflections on a 48-day pilgrimage walk to Santiago by Mary O'Hara Wyman, 2012, ISBN: 978-1-4772-8923-5.

I met her in Santa Barbara in March at the American Pilgrim on the Camino Gathering. She was marketing her book at the table next to Mike's. Then she read part of it in one of the seminars. I like what I heard so I bought it and she even signed it for me.

I just started reading Mary's book. So far I like what I am reading. More on this later.

Little later

I just read Mary's after thoughts about Day-4. She was ready to quit because of

all the problems she was having. She decided to continue, but why? Sorry you have to read the book to find out why. I need to go get breakfast now.

30-Sep-13 6:00am Home

I know I should be half way out to EWT for me morning work-out. I started walking and I returned before I got to the sidewalk.

While upgrading my iPhone last night, the think crashed. It was weighing on my mind. I returned to the house to see if I could get it fixed before went out to EWT. It went well! It is restored and is doing sync as I type. It may even be ready before I have to leave is a few minutes to drive to EWT. It is on step 5 of 5 right now. This will be a nice note to end the month with.

What saved me on this was my backup. Yes I remembered what I have been saying for years, "Backup early and often. Backup, Backup, Backup!"

It's not quite ready....I'll be back!

9:09am *\$

It looks like the iPhone is all better now. The iPad and iPhone are backed up and I have time for coffee before my Doctor's appointment. So here I am.

I finally heard from Mary the other day. I haven't heard from her since I went to California in March.

It seems she is spending time in Michigan but she is alive and well Heather had a boy and they are doing fine too.

I was working on the tape to video all weekend and that worked out fine. Now I can start to learn how to edit it. Editing video is time consuming. First you need to find the software. I downloaded a couple of free apps for my Linux PC. These looks to be what I might need. I need to look them over and decide which will be one that is easiest to learn and do what I need. Then I

will need to learn to use it without turning it into a big project that last for years. I spent a few months on the last video I created.

I don't plan on doing a lot of creative things. Just some cropping, title, credits, and adding a couple pictures that did not tape very clear.

The last time I tried doing a lot fading in and out and adding background music. Not this time. I will leave all that fancy stuff for the professional video editors. This does not mean I won't play with the software just to see if I can do fancy things.

I just had an idea. I can take those 700+ pictures from my trip last year and make a 15 minute video just to see if I can do this. Hummm...

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Oh, it's next month. Time to start a new issue.

Bye,

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