

# Marty's Random Thoughts

The Random thought of Marty Metras

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So here it is issue number 140 and it is the year 2016. Last year is gone and we get to start again. What are your goals for the year?

I have a few goals but there are mostly the same as every other year. I will list them here and then maybe it will give them some power.

1. Finish my model airplane.
2. Lose 50 pounds. Yes 50 pounds. I way 231 this morning and 50 pounds will make 181 pounds.
3. Declutter the kitchen, living room, and dining room. De-clutter without messing up the other rooms.
4. Remain being healthy. Still have eight-five years to go.
5. Take a vacation. My plan was to head to Arizona about now. I am thinking about packing now.
6. Plant a garden. This year it will be beans, cucumbers, carrots, but maybe not tomatoes this year.
7. Look for a new car. Maybe not buy one just look.
8. Learn to fly my airplane
9. Win the lottery.
10. Help Michelle.

Ten items are enough for 2016. Well it is all I want to commit to for now.

It is time to preview the last issue and get it published for you.

I best get started there are only 365 days left this year.

### 15-Jan-16 9:06am @home

I just finished breakfast and was checking Facebook before I go to Crystal Lake when I saw this. I think it needs to be in the newsletter.

#### Green Thing

*Moira Jean Sylvia Judd*

*September 13, 2015*



*Yesterday after shopping in our local supermarket, I was in the queue at the Check Out, and heard when the young cashier suggested to the much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags are not good for the environment.*

*The woman apologized to the young girl & then sighed, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days." The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today.*

*You folk didn't do enough to save our environment for future generations."*

*The older lady said "Ahh yes you're right -- our generation didn't have the "green thing" in its day." She sighed then continued:*

*Back then, we returned milk bottles, lemonade bottles & beer bottles to the shops. The shops then sent them back to the plant to be washed, sterilized & refilled, so those same bottles were used over & over, thus REALLY were recycled. But we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.*

*Grocery stores put our groceries into brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things. Most memorable was*

the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our school books. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school) were not defaced by our scribbles. Then we were able to personalize our books on their brown paper bag/covers. But, too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then.

I remember how we walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store or office building; walked to the grocery store & didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go 200 yards.

... But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day.

Back then we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind & solar power really did dry our clothes back in our days.

Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. . . . But that young lady is right; we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Back then we had one radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And if anyone did own a TV, it had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of a football pitch. When cooking we blended & stirred by hand coz we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send by post, we used layers of old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity., , , But she's right; we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

We drank from a tap or fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, & we replaced the razor blade in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the "green thing" back then. Back then, people took the bus & kids rode bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mothers into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's expensive car or van, which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing"..

Oh and we had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest leisure park.

... But it so sad this current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the "green thing" back then? . . . I think you should forward this on to another selfish old person who needs a lesson in

conservation from some smart ass young person. . . .

We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to piss us off... Especially from a tattooed, multiple pierced smart ass who can't make change without the cash register telling them how much. ~\ ( ツ ) /~

Source: Facebook posted by Marcia

Now I need to go to Crystal Lake!

## 23-Jan-16

Well not much yet this month. I have been working on my plane. The last few days I started working on the controls and covering it. Well that and watching some T-V. I thought while I am taking a break I would show you a little.



The radio controls are removed for now. The ailerons are sitting in front of the wing. Those will be covered next. Then I will work of the fuselage and fin after that. There are a few parts I have to paint. The covering does not

work on everything. There are more parts in the box to assemble but I needed to cover the thing first. I am still looking as sometime in March before I start the engine.

I wonder where I might test fly it? You got a big backyard I could use?

I haven't been up to Starbucks in a couple of weeks. I think tomorrow I should go up there and take some time off from working on this thing.

## **24-Jan-2016**

Why, Why, Why

Yesterday I updated this newsletter a little and added some pictures on my plane. I also said that I would be going to Starbucks for a break from it.

Well I have been getting these messages from Windows 10 to update my operating system (OS) for a very long time. I tried to update this laptop but do not have enough storage to save it. So I didn't do it.

Yesterday I decided to do my big laptop that I have been using for a main computer at home. The first problem I ran into was the power save settings. It takes a long time to download and install the Windows 10 upgrade. The computer thought it was doing nothing and powered off. So in the morning I turned off the power saver and hit continue for the upgrade. I took a very long time before it got finished so I just went in and watched more T-V.

Before I went to bed last night I saw the light was on in the computer room and noticed that the upgrade had finished. I checked it out a little and it seemed to be ok. After it settled down I got this message the AVG had updated and the system needed to reboot. Well that was 12 hours ago and it is still rebooting.

I tried many things and can't get past the new splash screen for Windows 10 or it is stuck on a solid screen with those stupid dots spinning around in the middle of the screen.

So here I am! I looked up a few things I might try and I will do that when I return home. Later! Grrrrr!

## **31-Jan-16**

### **Laptop**

So my laptop is back and I am using it now. I lost ALL of my data from it. Remember I said "Backup! Backup! Backup!" So again I did it to myself. Luck for me it was only my financial data and a few pictures. The financial data was only the last 15 years or so. I except this for my thoughtfulness of not backing it is up off the computer. So I am not all stressed out about it because it is "What is!" and I can do nothing about it.

Oh I guess I didn't tell you about my laptop. I tried to upgrade to Windows 10 and everything went bad. Well not everything but enough that after 4 days I need to take it to the Geek Squad at Best Buy to fix it.

Enough of that. Just remember "backup, verify, backup, verify, and backup, and verify!" I say this three time because that is how many time you should do it. Always assume your last backup has failed and after three time you have done all you could have. I should learn from this. Oh well.

### **Model Plane**

With my laptop being down you would have figured I could have got more done on my plane. Not so much the case. I setup an area in the basement where I could do a little spray painting. I just wanted to paint the areas where the covering would miss. That and the cover hatches. Well don't do that. I was blowing yellow out of my nose for two days. ☺ I will use brush on paint the next time!

I need to use fuel proof paint and the yellow I am using is called "Cub Yellow." Also the covering is called "Cub Yellow". They do not match. Even being color challenged I can tell they don't match.

I finally found some information on paint that should match. I wanted "Cub Yellow" and they wanted to make sure I did not want Cub Luck Haven Yellow." What does that mean? To me it is just the same paint with a different name, So I order "Cub Yellow." I will use it.

I have a app on my phone that tells colors. I checked the covering and the paint sample. They are different. I was right. If you move

around the light, you still can't get them to match with either of the color app. So I looked up the differences between "Cub Yellow" and "Cub Luck Haven Yellow."

There is the story:

### The story of Cub Yellow

*This question comes up from time to time on the Cub Builders list, and most recently was given this answer by Magnus Lord, who notes that "the info comes, as usual, from Clyde Smith Jr and the Cub Clues Magazine."*

*Piper originally used nitrate dope for the J3. This is the darker, more orange shade that Piper called "Lock Haven Yellow". Sometime after the war, when the supply of nitrate dope was dwindling, bids went out from Piper for a paint manufacturer to come up with a pigmented yellow butyrate dope that would as closely match the nitrate shade as possible.*

*None of the companies could match the Lock Haven Yellow exactly, but Randolph was the closest and thus was awarded the contract. This butyrate yellow was a little brighter and more a pure yellow and though Piper continued to refer to it as Lock Haven Yellow, Randolph dubbed it "Piper Cub J-3 Yellow".*

*So, all J3s up until the change of dope during 1946 was painted with the darker shade which Randolph refers to as "Lock Haven Yellow" (#M-9521), while the butyrate doped J3s and ALL PA-11, 15, 17, 18 and PA-20/22 aircraft were finished with the light butyrate, Randolph's "Piper Cub J-3 Yellow" (#F-6285).*

*A nice detail: After changing to butyrate dope, Piper couldn't use dope for the boot cowl. The boot cowl had to*

*be painted with enamel, and that is why the butyrate doped J3s (especially from Ponca City, Oklahoma) had a shorter black lightning bolt, ending (starting) behind the boot cowl.*

*Best regards,*

*Magnus*

*Source: <http://www.pipercubforum.com/yellow.htm>*

So if they started the change the year I was born, I need "Cub Yellow!"

### Exercising

I haven't been exercising much the last year. Mostly laziness. I started back Thursday. I was so sore Friday! Today I am much better. I will be back up tomorrow. I need to get in shape so I can help move for EW Training to the new location.

Yes, we will be in a new building with a lot more space. It was getting a little squeeze. As of March the location will be 1270 McConnell Road, Woodstock. I think it is just 0.3 mile from Route 47. I am sure Michelle will put more information on the 'web about this. EWTrainingWoodstock.com

Yesterday I installed the "...we're moving..." I hope it is ok to tell you now.

This font is called "Century Gothic." it is said that it used a lot less ink than the other charters. It is also said that it is easier to read than some of the other ink saving fonts. It is also what I use for most of the time in my newsletter

This font is called "Times New Roman." it is said that it used a 2-3 three times the ink to print than the other charters. It is also said that it is easier to read than some of the other fonts.

I lost my Marty's Random Thought after the crash last week. I have replaced it. I was looking at other random fonts I could use. I thought I would show you the three I have found. If I do not get many votes I will decide. I would like to hear which you think.

I will use this paragraph and print it in the three different random fonts. Please choose!

I increased the size to be able to see better

I will use this paragraph and print it in the three different random fonts. Please Choose!

I will use this paragraph and print it in the three different random fonts. Please Choose!

I WILL USE THIS PARAGRAPH AND PRINT IT IN THE THREE DIFFERENT RANDOM FONTS. PLEASE CHOOSE!

#1 is the one I used in the past Called "Ransom Note." #2 is something called "PO Beef." #3 is called "So Random." I will be using them for "Marty' Random Thoughts" so I will show you just that.

1. **M@rty's R@nd@m Th@ughts**
2. **m@rty's r@nd@m th@ughts**
3. **m@rty's r@nd@m th@ughts**

Ok what do you think? **No. One**, **number 2**, or **NUMBER**



This issue is Finished,  
Marty  
Ah, this is my 17<sup>th</sup> year.