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1-Mar-16 7:15am @*\$

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The Travelers

Good morning! It looks like flight 15 will be a couple hours late. That gives me a little time to have a cup of coffee. Seems that Mike & Petra were delayed leaving the airport yesterday. Those thing pile up and it make very late on the arrival.

I checked Google to see how long it might that to get to O'Hara and it says one hour three minutes, 48.2 miles to Lot 'd', international parking.

So I leave here at 8:00 I will be there by 9:15 when they should arrive. Since they will be 2 hours late I should be fine.

20-Mar-16 8:42am @*\$

Have I written nothing this month? Seems I must have written something since the first of the month. Maybe I just thought about writing. Hmmm.

So Mike and Petra are here and they have been catching up with old friends and the family. I had forgotten how long they have

been away for Woodstock. Mike said it was the family reunion on what would have been my Dad's 100th Birthday. That was September 11th, 2011 Yup, 'bout 5 years. Boy does time move!

On Wednesday I will take them to Midway airport to catch an airplane to New Mexico. They will be setting up their home base there for a while.

I worked on Petra's hard drive that crashed. We thought I might be able to recover it. Sorry Petra it is beyond me. Sometime I can't fix things. ☹ Backup! Backup! Backup!

I should talk. I don't have a backup for my own cloud. My cloud is not a service it is mine. Shame up on me! No Backup! ☹

Doer of Things

I have been busy doing little things at EWT. Seems like I just keep going and going. Funny thing is I do it then forget it. Therefore, I don't think about it once it is done. I figure there are enough things in my head without putting more in me remember banks.

I am working on the floor edging now. This is the transitions between the rubber flooring and the cement floor. It needs to be anchored to the floor. Glue will not keep it there. There is way too much activity in the gym. I figured I

need to drill 100 or so holed in the cement for the anchors. I did the short side yesterday. The cement eats drills. Either I don't know what I am doing, or the masonry drill bits are only good for a hand full of holes. I have gone through 7 of them and not half done yet. This is a pain!

We have telephone and internet now. Pete and I did all of the wiring. We need to drop a few more lines. We did not think about phone wiring for the FAX and T-V wires. Who watches TV or FAXs, anyway? ☺ I'll work on that tomorrow while I am waiting to more of those edging pieces that no one has in stock.

While picking Mike and Petra up at the airport I left the lights on and need to get car battery jumped. I got picked on half the way home for that. Then yesterday Petra did the same thing. Funny!

I need to get the seat belt fixed so the lights get turned off. Yes, it is the seat belt! Here it how it goes: The seat belt does not retract and gets caught in the door. Sometimes the buckle keeps the door from closing. Those times you manually retract it. Other time the buckle hits the door switch. The door switch is near the door catch on the pillar and not over by the hinges like the use to be. This will jam the switch and it stays pressed in and the head light buzzed does not sound. Of course the dome light does not come on either. If you do not hear the light buzzed you are not reminded to turn off the lights. So there you have it the, the seat belt causes the battery to go dead! ☺ I WANT A NEW CAR!

I need to go finish the first part of the edging now.

22-Mar-16 @*\$ 8:15am

Maybe I did not have anything from the first to the 20th. There is no text anywhere. Maybe it was in the last issue. Oh well, I will start from here and see what come out of my thoughts

I guess we did not check the voice mail at EWT. Michelle called me last night and said to check it out. I know I only made sure calls went out and came in. I never checked the voice

mail. I just thought Michelle checked it. I guess I'll do that today.

Well I can't finish the edging for the floor until after the 29th. No one has the edging in stock. I checked in Woodstock and Crystal Lake. There isn't any so I ordered it. I only have 40-50 more holes to drill in the cement. ☺

There is other thing I need to do. I need to install the fans before it warms up. Need to put in some more cabling for the Internet, Telephone, and T-V. Sometimes we missed others we never thought about. Thing do not always go as planned.

My Airplane

My plan is at a stand-still. I haven't worked on it much since the 1st of the month. With Mike and Petra here and working at EWT, it got pushed to the side.

I need to refabricate the firewall for the electric motor. It mounts differently than the gas engine. I need to make a firewall the bolts on to the old firewall still have room to the put the cowl over the motor. With the firewall to thick the cowl won't fit. Too thin and the mounting hardware is a problem. I think I have that figured out but...the tools are at EWT and I have to remember to bring some of them home. Oh well, it will wait for a while. ☺

Mike and Petra

Mike and Petra will be leaving Woodstock tomorrow. I need to take them to Midway midday. They have been here for a couple of weeks. Wow, they have not been to Woodstock since September 2011 when we had the family reunion. And they have not been in the USA for 2-1/2 years.

Dirty

I am sitting in the window at Starbucks and I looked out and saw my Camper. IT IS DIRTY! Maybe I need to clean it a little. The inside if full of construction materials and needs to be cleared too. Maybe I need a pickup truck. Then I would empty the trunk more often. Problem is I wouldn't.

25-Mar-16 12:27pm @*\$

So I was watching Netflix and fell asleep yesterday. I slept through until three in the morning. It has been a long time since I've done that. I must have been tired.

So I got up and got and went to bed around four wondering if I would get any more sleep. After an hour or so I went to sleep to wake up around 6:30. I decided I had enough sleep and got up.

I checked my FitBit and it says I slept from around 7 until around 3. Maybe that was enough sleep. I would think so! Maybe that is why I am not tired now. There is nothing like watching TV for eight hours to charge your batteries. 😊

Keeping Busy

The last few days I ran electric and install the fans at EWT. One day figuring out how and where I needed the outlets. A day running the wires and installing the plugs. A day installing the fans. And today I got that big ladder out of the van and climbed to the top and plugged those fans. They work great!

That ladder is too big and Michelle is a little short. So I got two of them! Michelle's is 2 rungs short and the ladder I got from Jeremy I only need to rise it one rung to get to the peak. Well, you need to use what you have or go without. In the past I would just go buy what I need. That is why there is a lot of the stuff in my garage. You need anything?

I need to do some more TV, Telephone, and Internet cabling. And there is the floor edging that should be here on the 29th.

It snowed yesterday. Not to worry it is almost gone. It is over 41°!

26-Mar-16 8:24am @*\$**Desk Lamp**

I have been looking for a switch for Aunt Annie's desk lamp. You would think a switch would be easy to replace. This is true if you could find one. It is a special switch. The switch is a special push-button switch. One side is on or off while the other side is monetary on.

When you push it you hold it until the lights come on. The next time it turns off.

I have been looking for a new switch and found there are not too many out there to find. It seems that they want \$40.00 or more for them. I have also looking for new desk lamp. A new lamp is around \$40 for a good one.

I also need to figure out how to wire the new switch as the old one fell apart.

All of a sudden I remembered that I am always looking on the Internet for things, that was when I started looking for a new desk lamp and/or a switch. That is why I know they want a small pile of gold for a new one. The price is way too high for a switch. And most of the new lamps I have found don't look too well until you get up to the expensive ones.

Then I looked up how to wire the lamp. It would be easy with two switches. One for the power and one for the starter. Aunt Annie will have her same desk lamp she had had since she lived on Madison Street.

After I leave here I will go ask her if she minds if I drill a new hole in her lamp for a started switch. If so I should have it fixed by Easter, tomorrow. If not, I'll show her what new desk lamps are available.

Where Snow

Well I see all most all of that snow we received Thursday is gone. We had frost this morning but most of the snow is hiding in the shadows. It is forecasted to get to 51°. And it is already 37° so I think all for that snow that is doing to be gone before day's end.

Tom, The Weather Guy, says Wednesday it is going to be in the 70s. I can handle that!

Ooo, tea bag tag. Don't drink that...that's better!

Mike & Petra

Mike & Petra are in New Mexico again. I think Mike said they will be near where Santa Fe again. I think they plan to be there for six months. They were not sure the last time I talked to them. They are nomads so their plans could change before the sunset. 😊

Poly-Ticks

So what you think? I am thinking that it will be Trump or Clinton. If those two are and the main choose I am think Trump is going to have settle down a little. I wonder who will be running for the Vice President. Will it make a difference? Only time will tell.

Hillary and Donald are the front-runners. What do the other parties have to offer us? Most of the news are about the Democratic and Republicans. There are others running for the office for king. Who are they?

Its nine o'clock. I wonder if Aunt Annie is awake yet.

3-Apr-16 6:54am @home

Remember This



November 2015.

And this is just around the corner!



May 2014

The plane



November 2015

And today it looks like this.



My Helper

He is 19" tall or about 6'3" to scale

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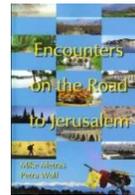
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"Encounters on the Road to Jerusalem"

Marty Metras



Marty has always been a doer of things. For the last 50 years has lived within a mile of the same place. When he retired in 2007 decided it was time to travel and see the world. His brother was living in German. Mike and his wife, Petra were planning to move back to the USA in a few months. Since he had only been out of the United States once in the 1960s on a trip around Lake Michigan it would be a new adventure.

Mike and Petra told him he could walk across Spain while in Europe. Never being in a different country and not really being able to speak her languages there was a lot of fear. So he tried to learn a little German and Spanish. Then he committed to 5 days walking in Spain after Mike said he would walk with him for the first week. Even after Petra & Mike said it would take 10 to 12 days walking on the Camino to decide if you are going the whole 790 kilometers (500 miles)

After a few days visiting with Mike & Petra, Marty and Mike headed off to Spain and started walking the Camino de Santiago from Roncesvalles. This trip was Marty's first book, "My Camino de Santiago Adventure." Many things did not work out for the best so Marty gave up and came home.

Then in 2012 Marty decided that he needed to finish something in his life. He booked a plane ride to France. He then walked down to the train station from home and headed to the airport. On the walk to the train he decided he would not turn back unless someone was injured. In the next 7 weeks he did not have a bad day.

This book is all about Marty Walking the Walk in the spring of 2012

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