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1-Apr-16 8:00am @*\$

Happy All Fools Day

So are you ready for today? It is Friday! I'm Retired and I am glad it is Friday too. Why is that? Fridays did not make much of a big difference when I was working. Now they seem to make me wish it is Friday. Guess things change.

April Fools' Day, sometimes called All Fools' Day, is one of the most light-hearted days of the year. Its origins are uncertain. Some see it as a celebration related to the turn of the seasons, while others believe it stems from the adoption of a new calendar.

Today's Plan

So after I finish my tea I will go out and attract that edging at the training center. Hum, I wonder why they call it a "training center." There are no "trains" and it isn't even in the center. Oh well.

Then there is the lunch gathering at one o'clock. Family and friends have been bunching up for yeas and year for lunch on Saturdays. Most people just show up other call someone and say they won't be there. Either you are there or not. We order at 1:30 and catchup on whatever. Sometime we talk to each other times we talk to everybody. Sometimes everyone has their phone out doing other things. There has been even times no one is on their phone. Really!

I keep asking Aunt Annie if she needs a ride and she declines. I remember one-time Mike drove all the way from Aurora and he was the only one. We talked about that for weeks. You don't need to tell anyone if you are not coming but...

All of my friends are invited. For the last few years we were at Town & Country in Woodstock. That is 99% of the time. Once in a while we try somewhere else. Anyway, come if you can.

Then there is that pineapple I took Aunt Annie. Jeremy & Tonya got us all pineapples and I thought Aunt Annie would like one. I dropped it off the other day. When I got home the phone rang. I guess see cannot cut it. I had forgot how hard they were cut through. I need to go over there and cut it for her.

And then there is that airplane I need to work on. I glued the Velcro that holds the engine controlled and it needs to dry before I work on mounting the other stuff. It will slowly get finished.

That is enough for today. Oh wait! I need to look at issue #142 and get it published too. Well, that could be put off until tomorrow. ☺

My laptop battery is about gone. I didn't have any place to plug in today. And my tea is 'bout gone too. Guess that is it for today.

3-Apr-16 8:30am @*\$

I thought I should write a little about last month newsletter. While proofing it I see that there a lot of things that are unanswered or incomplete. Maybe I could follow through on some of it.

Finishing Thoughts

Mike & Petra finally got to Albuquerque. They had all kinds of problem getting there. They were going to fly through Denver to New Mexico. That didn't happen. Then it was through Dallas. Nope then Phoenix. I'm not sure but they finally got to their new home much later then they planned. There are many changes on their path.

My Camper is still dirty. Car too! It keeps snowing on it and I am using that for a reason. ☺

Floor edging

Yesterday I finished drilling mounting those edge strips for the flooring at EWT. The glue should be dry so I will go out today and installing the rubber transition pieces. That should be done!

I think running the few cable should be next. There is one phone, one internet and two T-V

lines to run. I don't remember it there were other projects on the list. I am sure there must be. If not, I can head for...well somewhere. Maybe just finish my aero plane.

I need to go out and finish the edge strips now.

6-Apr-16 11:03am @*\$

Why is Starbucks tables all full this morning? Must be the rain. I had to sit up by the window again. Oh well.

I met a car over by Main Street on the Square and the driver waved my buy. The funny thing they were going the wrong way. Must be one of those days.

I gave Aunt Annie a ride to the eye doctor and it did not start raining until she was ready to go.

I got her home and was going to visit when she reminded me my car was parked in front of the door. When I went to move it the rescue was coming and I had to move before they got there.

Now I am trying to type and the lady at the other end of this counter keeps bumping the counter heard enough that my tea almost spills. Either this end of the counter is not mounted well or she is typing too hard. Maybe she is mad at it. Nice, she must have heard me thinking and is leaving. ☺

Yes, it is one of those days! Funny, she just stormed off in a pickup. She must be having one of those days too. ☺

My Airplane

I am guessing that I should have a nice day to try things outside someday soon. The weather forecast looks good for Tuesday. In the mean time I will be working on the finishing touches. I started putting on trim paint and decals. I need to go get some pinstripe tape for around the windows. I still need a pilot too.

I think I will go out to the auto parts store and check on pinstripe when I leave here. I can't stay here too long because the police just marked my tire. That means two hours or so.

EWT Projects

Michelle texted me last night telling me the heating guys installed the new thermostats and

they need to be programmed. I guess she thinks I can figure them out. Well, they are easy for me. Maybe when she finds the manual I should tell her they are done.

These are easier to program than mine. Mine is the old style and hard to program. These are simple. The hardest part is to know the training center schedule. Anyway they are set now.

I guess we also need corkboard, banners, and some pictures put up. I will find out where later.

14-Apr-16 6:35pm @home

Fear

I think it might be fear now that my plane is in the van and not in the air yet. I keep making excuses why I have not got out to City Park. Mike asked me if I took pictures before I tried to fly it and I sent him an email that kind of sums it up why I have not gotten out a tried to put it in the air yet. Here is what I sent him.

Mike,

I will take pictures first!

I haven't got out there yet to fly. Today when the sun came out it was too gusty.

I was thinking I must be afraid to try it. It is like I might break it and then where will be?

Today I decided I have traveled this journey to the sea I should get my toes wet.

Tomorrow I have to take Aunt Annie to the Eye Doctor to get her new glasses around 10:30 tomorrow. The winds are very light in the morning and I will be flying west so no sun won't be in my eyes. So I will go out before then. Time to jump out of the tree and fly.

Tomorrow I will go to city park and taxi it from the lower parking lot to make sure I have control.

The hills will block most of the winds. Then if all goes well or I get braver I will leave the ground. Then I will have got it up in the air and I can try to land in one piece.

I keep remembering the Cobra I had in 1967. Yes, that long ago. I flew it 5 times and could only repair it 4 times. The last time I flew it. I did a full power drive into the ground. The tail passed the propeller. It was a mess!

Then I remembered I flew a full size plane where I sat inside and I can still walk around. I never even scratch the paint on the Cessna 150 I flew. I know these things work on my plane. I have tested everything and I can taxi until I drain the battery if I am not ready to fly it.

I can do this! After all, I drove around a Volkswagen around without a body and did all of those other crazy things. I can do this too! I can do this! I can! I will do it!

But tomorrow. Not today!

Marty

PS: I think I need this in the newsletter too!

So I took a picture of the Airplane parked in its hanger, the camper. Yes, my Camper, Van, Truck, Tool Box, is now a Hanger for my airplane too!

It looks small in this picture. I'll take another picture after I install the wing and before I start the motor. I can do this!

I have installed a camera mount so later after I learn to fly a little I can take some video from the cockpit. I have also made it so I could tow a banner or drop a parachute. I need a pilot inside too. He can wait. I don't want to jeopardize any lives until I have full control. I can do this! In every day I will get better and better control of this aircraft!

From Mike

Taxi, taxi, taxi. And then just take off 20 feet and land right away. Then do that again and again. Move the controls a bit. Then go for it. Go for it. If you are afraid to land the first time do three or four touch and goes. Then bring it down. You can do it. I'm excited for you. I can feel your excitement in your words. Go for it.

Tomorrow morning! All else will wait. About ten o'clock I have to give Aunt Annie ride. By then I should have none it the first time. I need to get this first fly in!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



15-Apr-16 7:11am @*\$

Flight Day

Today is the day I head out to City Park to try out my airplane. I will be out there about 7:30 this morning. I need to plug in the batteries and install the wing. Then I will take a few pictures of the plan and me. I need these pictures with grass under the wheels for my archives. But first I need to think about all the thing I have done right that will make a seamless process.

I need to stop home and get my work bench. I don't want to lay on the ground to install those little screws that hold the struts. I only have two spares. They would be hard to find in the grass. ☺

Mike called me last night and told me all the things I needed to do the first time. I remembered Mike and I were taking flying lessons at the same time. He got his license I did not. I lost interest!

I was thinking that was about 35 year ago. Mike reminded me it was in the mid '70s. that is more like 40+ years ago. I have a picture of my last big model. I lived in the Townsend apartments. The date on the picture is 1967. That is near 50 years ago. I have to learn to fly all over again!

Enough of this I need to go now!

1:38pm @home

It looks like I had lunch and took Aunt Annie to get her new glasses. I also just finished making so fine tuning to my airplane. Here is what I found out on my shake down flight.

I started at City Park. It was renamed names Emersion Park a long time ago. Anyway I went to the spot I was going to try taxiing and could not. They put a fence all the way around the baseball field. So I drove up where the Shooting Club use to shoot at clay pigeons. Will there is a soccer field there now! I drove around and did not see any large flat spaces I could practice. After I learn how to fly my plane I could maybe use these spots. Not today!

I thought about other places where there might some short grass I could practice taxiing. Ah yes, Raintree Park has had kind of short grass. So when I got there the west end is all dug up and the parking lot was closed. They are digging out the soot form the drain. That will be a while.

I headed to the east side behind McDonalds. I looked it over and walked down the hill and it was soggy and wet. After looking around it wasn't too bad. I decided to stay.

I installed the wing then took it back off because I forgot to hook up the battery. Then I checked all the controls. All was fine at this point. Then I remembered I promised some pictures.

Here it is just sitting getting its picture taking.

You know I wanted my picture taken today too. Since I was taking the picture I thought I need me in the picture too! ☺



Ok No me. Someone need to take the picture. I will get me the next time.

I did get a picture of me but it is a very bad picture. You are not going to see it!

So I took it down onto the flat surface and start learning how to taxi. I noticed the kept turning left. I trimmer the rudder and ran in to the tree and chipped the propeller. It did not shake around so I said "Oh Well" and keep



adjusting the trim trying to get it to taxi kind of straight.

I dragged it back to the start and readjusted the rudder. You see the tail wheel turns with the rudder. I decided that might be the problem. It seemed the spring came unhooked. I fixed that and tried some more. It could have been the long grass and it could be because I was being so careful. Anyway after a half hour or so I notice that one of the braces between the rudder and stabilizer had broken. At that point I was done for the day.

I could have kept going and might not have had any problems. Why press my luck. I came home and fixed these things. Tomorrow is another day. I can see how these repairs will help me fly my baby. For today, that is it!

Maybe I will get into tomorrow's picture.

16-Apr-16 7:06am @home

Batteries

It seems that I forgot to top off the batteries yesterday. I am doing that now. I think I would be ok but if things go well I could fly much longer. I have no idea how long the charge will hold up flying. Yesterday I saw no slowing down while using it. Once I am out there I will find out.

It will be like my laptop when I go to Starbucks. Without taking the charger with me I don't stay there all day. When the battery dirts. I am out of there! Same thing with the airplane.

So the batteries are in the charging now and I will try this flying thing again.

Where's George

It has a been a long time since I got an email saying someone found money I spent. Remember a few years back when I was tracking all the paper money I spent. After 4 years, 185 days and 25 minutes someone found one in Tucson Arizona. It traveled some 1,414 miles in those 4-1/2 years. Wow!



The last one was in January this year and the one before that was in 2013. The last one I marked was in January 2012. There are still some of my Where's Georges out there.

Well I need to check on my batteries,

8:00am @*\$

I stopped up here. I didn't have pontoons on the plane. The dew is quit heavy in the back yard. I thought I would wait a little. And I forgot the box with the transmitter anyway. That would have made me unhappy if I got the wing all bolted down and had to run home to get that box of parts. From here it is only five minutes. I will finish my tea by then the dew will be done!

I noticed that my files were not syncing. I seems I never clicked on auto start. It has been bugging me for quite a while. In any case OwnCloud will start when the computer starts now. Maybe now when I save a file at home it will be synced up for this laptop too.

Pontoons

I have a pontoon kit for my airplane. I should work on it in my spare time. I should be able to use the lake or snow as soon as I learn to get it into the air and safely back on the ground in one piece. That may be today or tomorrow. First I will need to have that box of parts.

I plan it to learn to fly. The install the camera and see how that goes. Then I could make a banner to tow around behind for a while. It could say "Doer of Things", "Marty's Random Thoughts" or something. Then I will learn how to drop a hook to pick up the banner and then drop it.

Once I get it to pick up banners I could learn to pick up other things. Like people, well action figures like my 20" Superman. I could see if he could fly without a parachute. All of this is down the road. First I need to learn to get it off the ground and land it in one piece!

17-Apr-16 &:31am @home

Yesterday afternoon I decided to leave the flying of my plane to get it to taxi straight down the runway. I did this so it would not try to leave the ground. What I found was the tail wheel was out of alignment. It looked right to me but when I got it turned a little more to the right. It kind of tracked down the straight and narrow. It went left and right by my control and not its previous stubborn ways. Now I control when it turns too far while taxing.

Now there is a new problem. As I put it to Michelle "You know when you go outside with a big yellow bird all the people in the neighborhood have to come over and watch and get in the way!" I was doing my testing in the driveway and even before the plane was on the ground I had company. ☺

I used my driveway because it is flat and smooth. I would start at the street and head to the garage. I figured if it got away from me it would only hit my camper or the car and not go into the street.

After a while I installed the wing and ...well that is when the people started to show up. I had it purity much adjusted without the wing I wanted to see if it still taxied with the wing.

I have to slow down the movement on the controls before I go out this morning. The movements are too quick for me just yet. When doing down the driveway I noticed the controls were too touchy. It is like a hair trigger. You could shoot yourself in the foot before you get the gun out of the holster. That kind of why Barney keeps his bullet in his shirt pocket. ☺

I can adjust the transmitter slowing down this after the battery is charged.

The weather has been fantastic the last few days. I think I might go to Raintree park again this morning. I will stay on the South Street extension part where the grass is short. It seems to be flat. The only problem there is I am on the hill where there could be more wind. Down in the holding pond area that hill blocks some of the airflow. Well I would think so. Since there is no rain the pond is mostly dry but the grass is growing fast.

My batteries should be charged now. I have to go.

9:09am @*\$

I drove by here and my parking spot was open. So I stopped. Raintree park must be free from people because they are all up here. Maybe I should be finish my coffee get to the park. The weather looks perfect!

18-Apr-16 3:24pm @*\$

Today I did not go out to fly my plane. I figured like exercising I needed a day off. That and the grass is getting too log at Raintree Park. I have too many issues to deal will long

grass too. I may have to go somewhere where the fly this thing and get some guideless. Somewhere there other must be flying model planes where I could watch and see what I should be doing. I am sure there must be a place I could find nearby. I could check the internet! Ah yes, On the internet! I'll be back.

19-Apr-16 8:14am @*\$

So here it is Tuesday and my plane is not going into the air today. They say we could have rain the next few days. I will keep it inside and dry for now.

Yesterday I walked out to EW Training. The new location is closer. The route is not easier thought. If I walk the shorter way I have few sidewalks and more traffic to deal with. The shorter way is from the six corners (47 & 120) then down 47 until I get to McConnell. A little longer way is to go down Lake Street then cut back to the railroad viaduct and cross 47 under the tracks. The traffic there is manageable.

On the way out it is dark and I need to be careful that the drivers can see me. Walking down 47 there are few sidewalks making it a little less safe. I don't want a vehicle to hit me. That could ruin their day. I would be dead, in the hospital, maybe just hurt. But the person driving the hit me car would have to live with that the rest of their life. I would not want that to be my fault.

When I walk down 47 to get to EWT I will be wearing very light clothes so they can see me when I make an error and walk out into their way. That will give them time to see me and steer around. They will say there is another idiot who is not paying attention and go on their way. I on the other hand will turn around and go home and just change my underwear. Then it will be over with until the next time. ☺

After walking yesterday this morning, I was only a little sore. Michelle was going home after class and gave me a ride home. Thanks Michelle!

Today I have a couple benches to assemble. Do I need the van for that? Hmmm, No, I think all the tools are out there. I have three whiteboards the put up too. No special tools for them either. And there is that email

about the Summer Kids Program should be sent out before the classes are over too. Michelle has to write it first. I don't write them! I would say something like "Summer class for your kids again. Call Michelle! (815) 308-5021". Yup, that would be it. ☺

I guess that is what might happen today.

Just thinking

I write all these things I am thinking of doing throughout the years in the newsletter. I wonder how many I do? I should go back and read what I have been writing and see what I have been saying I might have done and if I had done what I said I might have done. ☺

I know even though I have said I might be leaving town for a while I am still here. Maybe next week. ☺

I just looked and this is Page 10 already! It is only the 19th. That means this could be a big issue. Now I can't think of anything! ☺

21-Apr-16 @*\$ Oh, its 7:58am

Here it is a month into spring and it Michelle birthday. Tomorrow would be her husband's. Grant is one day younger than Michelle. Happy Birthday Michelle & Grant!

Airplane

Yesterday I received the new tail wheel for my airplane. I got it installed it looks good. Well it is gray! The rest of the plane is yellow with black trim. Oh well, it a 1946 model so I guess any repairs in the last 69 years could have been left it gray. ☺

Now I need a nice day to go out and try again. Maybe they will cut the grass before I get back out to Raintree Park. It was too long the last time I was out there. The weather forecast for Friday & Saturday took like no rain. It will be a little cool but I could live with that. Sunday it is saying rain but only 20% chance. It may be ok then too. Next week it out as they are forecasting rain all week. Maybe that is why they call it Raintree Park.

When I get done here I need to go out to EWT and finish installing the whiteboards I was working on yesterday. There 3 new benches for you to sit on to change your shoe I finished assembling yesterday. Every way and every day

things get better and better at EW Training. I think that has a lot to do why I keep going there. Oh, I like Michelle too! ☺

Birthday List

I just looked at MartysRandomThoughts.com and see I have a calendar. It seems I have not updated since 2013. Maybe I need to work on that on one of these rainy days. I have a calendar program that post birthdays and other events but I still need to update it. I think I need to find a new method to handle this. A calendar is fine if somebody is going monitor and keep updated. I am sure that isn't me.

If you have another event to be added to my list then email it to me. I will work on getting it on my master list. I will need first and last name birthdate and their relation to whoever.

Example: "Marty Metras, 12/12/1946, Marty has been a friend off and on to Martin E. Metras for over 69 years"

I will post: "Marty M, 12/12/xx, Marty has been a friend off and on to Martin E. M. since 1946"

Remember no last names. I am not Facebook and think about security. I will maintain the information but will not make it public

Other Examples:

"08/08/1988 they turned on the lights at Wrigley Field at eight o'clock at night."

"Sep 19th is International Talk like a Pirate Day, Rrrr!"

"The other day was national Grilled Cheese Day" (What was that day?)

I think, "April 22nd (this year) is Earth Day"

Where is my List. The file name is "Birthday.xxx". I go to go look got it! ... I found one of then
<http://www.martysrandomthoughts.com/Birthdays.txt> This might be old because it shows "Jun-24"

"Kake died 1985". Should this be "Jake"? And there is this on dated Aug 21, 2013:
<http://martysrandomthoughts.com/calendar/FirstMonth.html> . That's funny I found this on <http://www.doerofthings.com/PC/Calendar.txt> it is dated 10/20/10.

I found these in 30 seconds on the internet. I know I must have one on my server. I'll need to

check and see what I can find when I get home.

Well, I need to leave this go and go!

22-Apr-16 8:13am @*\$

Seems to be too windy this morning to try flying my airplane this morning. It looks like it might be better later today. I have to wait. It has been 15 years since I started working on this airplane so it isn't too bad. But I really want to get airborne. I got ants in my pants. I want to fly my plane!

Garden

I forgot about gardening. It isn't too windy to clean up the garden. I have got some seeds and those peat pot things with the started dirt and seeds. I have cut the grass in the front to level it out. I need to mow the back yard. It needs it. I have burnt up some of the tree cuttings form the pile twice already this spring. I could fill up my fire pit again. Then the next time it drizzles I can set it on fire. I watch the wind it does not blow too hard are in the direction of the nearby houses. I don't want the fire trucks in my drive way for a brush fire I started. ☺

Garden needs to be cleaned up. I need to redo the chicken wire cage I built last year. The third one worked best. The other two I have to remake. This will take a day or so. I think I have all the parts. I will need to check on fasteners. I could be working on that and not sitting up here at Starbucks. Next project for today!

Vacation

I have still not decided on a place where I want to go. I am not really thinking about walking Spain. I thought a little about going to Arizona. Very little. I thought a couple times about driving to Iowa and have coffee with Steve and/or Wally then come home. That is a dy. If I leave now I would be home by dark. It would be a place to go. I could take the plane with me in case I find a spot to fly it. I looked outside and see it is still too windy here.

Project List

What happened to my last project list? Is that in this newsletter or the last one? I think I will look. Please stand-by!.....Wow! That list I

made was in January. Here it is with the items I have completed since then. I only had ten items on it so I will replace the ones that are done.

The List

...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...

I guess there is only one item to remove. And you know my plane is finished. I guess the item to replace this should be to clean up the tools and spare parts sitting around on those two tables. If I do that I could have more space on those tables for other stuff. ☺

There is a lot of model airplane tools and stuff on those two tables. Maybe I could even take one of the down when it is cleared. The other one is the one I use for the sewing table. I'll need that to finish my shirts!

Oh well it is time to leave this spot for someone else to sit.

23-Apr-16 10:07am @*\$

Happy Earth Day

I guess today is Earth Day. It is the day we help to save our race horses. Wait I mean resources. I don't know for sure if we are causing the earth to warm up but we are using up the resources. We also have many things we could stop wasting. I used to think the idea was something like "Use it up, make do, repair, then recycle it." I think we need to add "Make it in to something else useful."

I have bought a bunch of extra nuts and bolt for my airplane. I bought then online because the cost. I bought then online because I figures I needed to get them while I ordered other stuff and there was nowhere local to get them quickly. It was kind of insurance. One package on nuts that contains 4 # 2-56 lock nuts that take up no more space than this "o o o o". They are quite small. They come in a plastic bag and have a card attached to identify then and hang then peg board for display. I think I paid a \$1.95 for four very, very small nuts. I paid for the packaging. I paid a little extra because they are so small but.

It isn't the \$1.95 I am complaining about here. It is all the extra packaging. I have gone to Menards and bought one bolt that is packaged in a plastic bag with printing on it to identify it for sale reasons. It too is a cost I have to pay for the packaging. Again I feel it is over packaging.

Normal bolts are also sold in bulk for a couple dollars a pound. You just let them identify them when you check out. I often buy my larger sizes this way. I can get many nuts, bolts, and washers in many, many sizes for a very small size and not get all that extra packaging just goes into the trash.

Yes, I recycle! I recycle most of my trash. Well I put it in the recycle bin. I am assuming it is recycled. They take everything I put in the bin. I hope it is getting recycles. Recycling is not what I am talking about.

I was referring to all the packaging that is on the product we buy. I have bought things that are wrapped in plastic, a box wrapped in shrink wrapped, in a kid proof bottle that has a seal on it. And it was the only thing I bought and they wanted me to put it in a bag. Come on people!

We do need seals to protect us from condemnation but we do not need all this over packaging!

So it may be time to go fly my plane. I have a couple of hours before the Saturday afternoon lunch with the family at Town and Country.

25-Apr-16 8:52am @*\$ (Starbucks)

I was out for a while trying to taxi straight down the runway. I still having trouble doing this. It is not all the plane. In fact, much of it is me and the learning to make it go straight.

This time I thought I had it when I lost it again. After I got done scolding myself I walked down and got it away from the trees. No, I did not fly it into the trees. It got there all by itself. I could not steer it away from there so I cut the engine and walked over to get it.

I rolled it back out to the open area and turned the engine back on and heard clunking. After stopping the motor, I looked inside to see what came lose. The receiver had fell in the bottom. That could not be the noise because it is wrapped in foam rubber to protect it. After looking around and not seeing what was rattling I decided to turn on the motor again.

This time I heard it and saw it! The screws that held the motor must have come lose. I quit and dragged the plane all the way across the park and back to the van. I did not have the tools with me to fix it in the field.

So I got home and the screws had come lose. One was gone. Not a good thing! I replaced the screws and used super glue on the threads to help it not come lose again.

I have the batteries on the charger now. I may go out again later or tomorrow. Now I need to go to EWT and do some stuff.

26-Apr-16 7:45am @*\$

Overslept this morning. I haven't done that much since I stopped using the alarm clock about a year ago. Wait, I didn't really oversleep. What I did was woke up and rolled over and went back to sleep.

I guess they were making movies(videos) at EWT this morning and I missed out becoming a movie star. I missed out the last three time they

did that. Maybe I was not made to become a movie star. ☹

It was too windy yesterday to try again with my plane. Today looks it too may be windy. It is misty now so I am here. They call for rain the next few days. I best find other things to do. Friday looks to be nice.

Wait I do have my garden to start working on. What to plant? That is the question at this point. Wait I have all these seeds and I have a list from last year. I will plant some of the things I planted last year that grew well and a couple of new things. I will have to look at my list and see what besides tomatoes grew well. The tomatoes kind of took over. I put in plants and started seed. All of them grew like weeds.

I remember one-year Dad planted a red pepper chili plant for Mike. It died! The next year he planted another and it died too. Not to be defeated then following year he planted a whole roll of red chili peppers. Every one of them grew great and he had a bumper crop. Mike had many years to enjoy those peppers. I always say my Dad could grow anything. He could even grow a tree from a broken chair leg, even a wrought iron one. ☺

When he lived near the six-corners there was a lot behind the house that I found out it use to be a dump. He cleaned off the surface and planted a garden. When he retired people asked him; "What he was going to do?" He would only say; "I am going to work on my garden and my path." Nobody asked what path for a year. When asked he said; "The path from my garden to the local saloon!" He did! Love you Dad!

Oh, I have to go exercise!

May-10 Updates

- My Plane has still not left the ground.
- I have still not checked out my Birthday List
- Garden is cleaned up but still not planted

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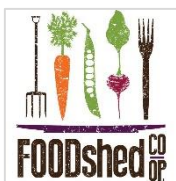


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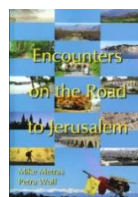
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Marty Metras



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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