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4-Sep-16 8:00am @*\$

It is the 4th already! I just finished proofing the last issue and noticed I still don't remember what is next to Poppa G's. Maybe I should look when I leave. It is funny I don't even think about it when I leave here.

My plane is coming together slowly. Just before I came up here I glued the cover on the nose. When it is dry I need to fill in some of the gaps and sand it down. I need to look into the box of crash parts and see if there anymore that need to be glued into place. Once I have all the parts replaced then I can re-sand it and give it a coat of paint. Then I can cover it with that plastic sheets. Then I can remount the radio stuff and check the balance.

Wait, I need to check the wing too. I think there is some minor damage I need to fix.

I need to go cut the grass. It is getting neglected because I have been working on the airplane. And the flies are bugging me.

5-Sep-16 8:14am @home

I am hearing that some people are not getting the email alerts I am sending out. Eve
[Marty note] I wonder what this was going to be.

6-Sep-16 5:37am @home

I see I didn't finish yesterday. I'll come back to that. Something came **up**.

9-Sep-16 7:04am @*\$

Well here it is Friday again.

This week kind of slipped through without slowing down.

EWT Open House

Tomorrow it Michelle's open house at EW Training. You can read about on MRT at MartysRandomThoughts.com/blog.

There are other things going on tomorrow that may have not made the list.

Airplane Repair

I haven't been working on my plane much but it is coming along. I think all the parts are glued together now. I need to look it over

and see if I missed anything. If that is done it will be sanding and patching any gaps I find. Then a quick coat of paint. That will leave the plastic skin wrap. That stuff take time because of all the curves in the nose sections.

Once covered then it is time to remount the radio stuff and check the balance. Oh, I forgot there is a little repair needed on the wing too. I need to fix that before I balance the plane.

From the INBOX

Mike sent me this:

✓UP OOO UP✓

*I'm sure you will enjoy this. One word in the English language that could be a noun, verb, adj, adv, prep is *UP*. Read until the end... you'll laugh.*

*This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is *UP*. It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v]. It's easy to understand *UP*, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake *UP*?*

*At a meeting, why does a topic come *UP*? Why do we speak *UP*, and why are the officers *UP* for election (if there is a tie, it is a toss *UP*) and why is it *UP* to the secretary to write *UP* a report? We call *UP* our friends, brighten *UP* a room, polish *UP* the silver, warm *UP* the leftovers and clean *UP* the kitchen. We lock *UP* the house and fix *UP* the old car.*

*At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir *UP* trouble, line *UP* for tickets, work *UP* an appetite, and think *UP* excuses.*

*To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed *UP* is special.*

*And this *UP* is confusing: A drain must be opened *UP* because it is blocked *UP*.*

*We open *UP* a store in the morning but we*

*close it *UP* at night. We seem to be pretty mixed *UP* about *UP*!*

*To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of *UP*, look *UP* the word *UP* in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes *UP* almost 1/4 of the page and can add *UP* to about thirty definitions.*

*If you are *UP* to it, you might try building *UP* a list of the many ways *UP* is used. It will take *UP* a lot of your time, but if you don't give *UP*, you may wind *UP* with (*UP* to) a hundred or more.*

*When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding *UP*. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing *UP*. When it rains, it soaks *UP* the earth. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry *UP*. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it *UP*, for now..... my time is *UP*!*

*So, did this whole thing, crack you *UP*?*

*Send this on to everyone you look *UP* in your address book but it's *UP* to you.*

*Time is *UP* so I'll shut *UP*...*



Source: Email from Mike

Starbucks

This morning I decided I needed a Pumpkin Spice Latte. While standing in line those Pumpkin cookies kept yelling at me to come get them. Thought it tasted good. There was too much sugar in them. Yes, I knew they were sugar cookies with sugar filled frosting. They were good! The latte too!

I have to go out to Menards and pick up a couple of ceiling tiles for EWT and then install them today. There was a water leak that destroyed them. As near I can tell the leak is fixed.

11-Sep-16 6:35am @\$**Good morning!**

The Open House went well yesterday. There were a lot of people who came. It was good seeing all the people I forgot I knew. Michelle was busy visiting all the people. I almost forgot she was there.

Then I stuck around and help clear thing up so we didn't have to deal with on Monday. It looks good for Sally's Yoga class in the morning.

Good job Michelle!

My Airplane

So I thought I would go outside this morning and paint my plane but I found a couple spots the needed a little filler. I filed then and came up here while it was drying. I may be a good idea the wait until the dew leaves the air anyway. I will get this done some day!

Vacation

I know I have been talking about going somewhere for a while. I think if I get my things in order I can get out of here by the end of the month. I just need to get away for a while. Not fixing on the plane, house, visiting Starbucks, exercising schedule, or whatever else that might be routine or needs to be done. Just get in the camper or car and go somewhere. Maybe even turn off the phone and/or the computer and be alone for a while. It has been three years since I have been away for a while.

I have no idea where I will go or what I will do. When I go I can say I am gone and when I get there I will be there.

I will have the phone and computer with me but will leave them off most of the time. I will have paper, pencil, and a book. I will most likely take the Camper. I can take clothes, and food with me. I can just about park anywhere to rest. It is a little hard to do with the car unless I have a shelter to say in. Cost is little different. A gallon of gas will get me 16 miles in the camper and 45 in the car. So I can spend \$100 for gas or \$100 for

lodging. The Camper can haul more stuff and is more convent but the car rides better and the A/C is working.

The A/C isn't working on the Camper. I need to get that fixed.

What do I need to happen while I'm away? Someone needs to water my hose plants. The Post Office people can check my mail. I don't need any of that stuff. I'll need to renew my passbook just in case.

Where to go. Maybe I could go "NEWS". That is North, East, West, and/or South. Or any of the ways in between.

It's time to leave, FLIES!

14-Sep-16 8:14am @*\$

Things are settling down at EW Training since the Open House Saturday. I think I am purity much caught up with the data entry from all the new clients that signed up during the gathering. Michelle had a great deal that many people could not pass up. This keep me entering them into the database. I enjoy being able to help.

What would I have been doing if could not have been able to spend my time there. The last five years has kept me busy. I guess I could have been sitting in a bar watching drunks fall off of stools. Maybe sit in the park and watch the grass grow. I know I could sit in Starbucks and type Marty's Random Thoughts. Michelle, thanks for helping to keep me busy!

I haven't worked on my plane for the last few days. I haven't done much of anything. Hmmm, what have I been doing?

Newsletter alerts

Oh yah, I have been working on the email alert that tell you that I published this newsletter. The old app was not getting updated and started getting very flaky. I installed a new app that seems to be good. It tells me that you received the new letter and it also allows for you to confirm you have been added to my email list.

I sent out an email that tells you about this it also had a link for you to select to confirm

you want to be on the list. Some of you have elected to just send me an email to confirm. In that case I can take care of it. About half of you are confirmed already.

I will have an unsubscribe and profile link for you to use when I send out the alert when this issue is published.

I like it when I hear what you are up to. If you have a newsletter I would like to be on your list. Just send me the link so I can subscribe or view it. Maybe you are not putting it out on the internet. I can help with that. Just contact me and we can talk.

Hobbies

What is your hobby! I forgot that many of us have a passion that is different that your work. These are what I call hobbies.

My current passion it my model airplane. I also have hobbies and things I do that are not work. Though work over laps into the hobbies.

I like my garden, working with wood, building things, solar power, watching TV with my eyes closed, eating, my newsletter, talking...Wait, I like everything I do. Oh yah, computer stuff.

I know some of my readers are into help other, running races, building model house, taking pictures, dog races, coins, gardening, frogs, food storage, writing, family, watching game shows, travel, teaching, and etc.

I guess I could go on and I am sure I forgot you could tell me.

Let me know what's your passion.

17-Sep-16 7:00am @*\$

Happy Birthday Day

Today is my Dad's birthday. He would be 106 today. He died a long time ago and I still remember him well. I only knew him for half my life but I still remember. I hope all is well with you. Hope you are celebrating your birthday with Mom, Jake and all your friends. Happy Birthday Dad!

Vacation

I spent most of my day yesterday thinking about my vacation. I decided to take a printer with me. I can print my own post cards. I have a lot of 4x6" photo paper. I can just put on an address and send them out. I could also use Facebook and save postage. And then is Marty's Random Thoughts too. I will take the printed but maybe not even use it. If I go to all 48 states, it will make 48 pictures. If I see something, I'll need to take a picture or two. That another hundred or so.

I am sure I will need to stop places to check them out. In that case I'll take a lot of photos. Say 5 per stop another three-hundred pictures. There will be those places where I head to really check out. That will be another five-hundred images.

Wait I walked across Spain and only too 933 pictures and 200 of them were credit card receipts. Oh well, I will take the camera and see what happens! ☺

I need silverware, a spark light, can opener, a couple of pots and pans, and some food. Not too much food maybe a 2-day supply. Water, I need about 5-gallions to start.

Clothing, I need about a 3-day supply. It will be that long between laundry mats. I could also wash them in sink. I did that most days when I walked the Camino. It was the way on the Way!

Phone, camera, laptop, printer, paper, pencil, eraser, pen, and map will be taken with me. Yes, I said map! GPS don't work somewhere.

I'll need some cash and credit cards along with a passport and other IDs. I need the passport for when I get to Maine or get lost entering Mexico. ☺

With all that stuff I just listed I must be taking the Camper. I don't think the car will hold all of that and still have room for me.

This morning I will cut the grass and start cleaning out the Camper. I haven't used it for a camper for a couple years. I don't know how much of the equipment still works in it. I'll

have to check it all out. I know it was winterized 2-3 years ago. Wasn't it? I will need to check out everything to make sure. A new Camper like mine retails for around \$150,000.00. Yes, one-hundred-fifth grand. I'll keep this one!

I don't have a generator or a TV in this one. I haven't miss the TV. But I have missed not having a generator a few times. I have learned to go without.

Maybe when I win the lottery I can buy a new camper. Maybe I should buy a ticket first.

Wait this is only Saturday. Hmmm, I was thinking it was Sunday. Now I have an extra day!

21-Sep-16 7:57am @*\$

I thought I would cut the grass this morning but the rain cured that idea. ☺ It is clearing up so maybe later today. We'll see.

I have been thinking about carrying a backpack to hold all the stuff I want when I'll out. It seems there is always something at home when I am not. If I had a briefcase, backpack, or even a murce I might have the thing I need with me. I can only carry just so much stuff in my pockets before my pants start to fall down.

I will have to think I don't have when I need them and figure out what I would carry with me. If the things I don't have with gets too long I will have to convert my Camper into an office.

Maybe I could make the Camper in to a mobile office anyway. I could use the phone for a hotspot when there is no Wi-Fi available. I could carry a printer and paper. I could install a network to tie the printer to the laptop. Of course I could have a couple books and paper and pencil. What else is in my computer room at home.

Oh yah, I could install a server for the file storage. I could have it sync with my server on the Internet when I get near free Wi-Fi. It would work just like I am doing with my laptops now. It would just be one more step. I

could install one more House battery under the seat and hook it up to a solar panel. That way when it is parked it would keep it charged.

Let's see, what would I need to pull this off? I would need a bridge to connect the Wi-Fi hotspot to my network. Got it! I would need a router to connects to the bridge to my network. Got it! I would also need an inverter to convert the 12v battery to 110ac for the printer and charge the laptop battery. I have a laptop and Printer I could use. I would have to stock some printer paper and some photo paper just in case. And a few wires to hook it all together. A power strip for the 110ac stuff. And a way to disconnect the 12v battery. I may have all these things. I just need to gather them to gather a see if it all works.

Wait, I have not room right now! I have model airplane stuff on 3 tables. I am NOT going to get another table out! I need to put this project on hold for now and finish the airplane and the floats first.

I'll add the Camper Hotspot to my list of things to do. It can wait!

Happy Fall

Today it the first day of autumn. It will start cooling down so I will not need to fix the A/C on the Camper before I head out of town.

I noticed the other day that leaves are starting to fall from the trees. And 2 days ago 70% of the leaves fell off on my bean plants. I came out the back door and there they were. The pumpkins are starting to turn orange up and their leavers are turning. The cucumbers are all but done. Let's see.

My last two tomatoes just started turning read. And those wild tomatoes are still quite green. The plants are huge and in a cage. It will be hard to get at them right now. There will have to be a lot of red tomatoes before I attack those plants.

I picked the last of the cucumbers yesterday. Well, I left one to see how big it gets. The last biggest one was one pound 15 ounces. This one looks near that.

Peppers are done. There is one on the plant and I will see how much bigger gets.

The rhubarb will be good next year. It really grew well this year. I have to wait two years after transplanting before harvest rhubarb. This was year two. So next year I should have Strawberry/Rhubarb pie. Wait, not Strawberries! Something ate all my strawberry plants this year. And the raspberries got forgotten.

Anyway for as small as my garden is I have a lot of yield.

There is always next year!

23-Sep-16 7:58am @*\$

I came up Main Street and when I got to The Square I noticed that the City spent some more of my money! They used to use a pipe with ropes to protect people during the Farmers Market. A few week ago there was those orange cones. I don't remember if they still had a rope but I am guess there was.

They were using those orange cones to block some of the parking for the construction when the Farmers Market was not going on. They are repairing and remodeling the cement wall between the road and the park. They are putting cap stones on the wall and gluing the thin stones on the face. It looks nice but serves no function!

Today when I got to the end of Main Street I see some black and white things laying where the orange cone waited for their next use. I thought: "What is that?" well, someone decider they need those curb blocks in the parking spaces. Yup, they look like those rubber curb blocks to keep you from bumping the wall and breaking the wall.

Come on guys! Most of the cars have plastic bumpers and will not hurt the wall. As for the car bumper, people should learn to drive! Who is paying for this? If it is the City that means me and you.

Next Mayor

I think we should all vote for Guy for mayor in the next election. Did you know Guy Spinelli is running for mayor? He told everybody a month or so ago. It was in the newspaper. I know Guy and think he would make a good mayor for Woodstock. Problem is I have never seen him in Starbucks to buy me some coffee. ☺ You can read what The Woodstock Independent had to say about Guy here; <http://www.thewoodstockindependent.com/August-2016/Business-Owner-Guy-Spinelli-Says-Hell-Run-for-Woodstock-Mayor-Post/>



Weight Loss Challenge

For a week I have been at EW Training helping Michelle doing tech stuff about the Weight Loss Challenge. I thought yesterday I would have been so tired but when I went home after 6 it was only a 12-hour day. I have to head out there again today. One good thing it keeps me out of the fridge.

If you want to get EWT's newsletters you can go to EWTrainingWoodstock.com and sign up. It is FREE and you can unsubscribe anytime!

I got to go. I have to price product this morning. Wait, I better take Michelle something to drink too! ☺

23-Sep-16 9:21am @*\$

Boy is it noisy in here. Maybe it's me but it is noisy. Wait, I got a haircut so my ears are uncovered. It is noisy in my ears! ☺

There were a lot of people in line so I just ordered a cup of coffee. I have had any black coffee in 3 years. The reason it's black is because I forgot to stop and put cream in it. And it is crowded and I can't see the cream station. I think I'll just drink it black. ☹

Newsletter Alert

This issue you should get a notification from the new app. I have already had someone tell me the email went to their spam list. I will be sending a new subscription renewal

notice to the unconfirmed people on my list. If you are unconfirmed you will get a new email about once a month. If you unsubscribe I will not hear from me anymore.

I hope you confirm but it is also ok if you unsubscribe too. Ever 2 or 3 years I will send a renewal to you in case you want to change your subscription.

Vacation

I haven't been out to the Camper to clean it out yet. I say "Out" because it is out in the driveway. I need to do that in the next week if I am going to leave on October 1st.

I have still not thought of my vacation much lately. I need to go! I need to get out of here for a while. I know Aunt Annie and Michelle need my help. But I have to think about me for a while. I need a rest for a while.

I know the driving across the county 12 to 14 hours a day is not much of rest for most of you but it works for me. In the past I would stay away from home until one of two things would happen. Either I would not want to be away from home any more. This is known as "Home Sick." Or I don't want to be where I am!

The first time I went to Sedona both thing happened at the same time. I was sitting in old Sedona looking at the mountains not wanting to leave and not wanting to go home. I must have sat there for hours thinking about what is was to do. At the end I decided I need to eat! I had to go back home because I had a job that paid me money that let me by food so I can eat. I figured out I love it because I could relax and not think about the stress of work. I think that was in 1990. Since then I have back a dozen time and thinking about stopping there again.

On the other hand, I may go north or east this time!

Hay, Bob & Shirley just came in. I got to go!

27-Sep-16 5:16pm @home

Today starts the 5th year at EW Training. I may be getting older but I can still swing some iron! It is great.

This morning I bought Michelle breakfast and she bought me lunch. What can I say? I like it!

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Visit with Bob & Shirley

I had a nice visit with Bob & Shirley the other morning. Shirley had some work on her shoulder saying the it was healing. Bob was ok. I think Shirley finally retired. She led me to believe that was the case. Good seeing you guys!

Time To Go

I have things to get done because I am going on vacation for a while. So this is about the end of this newsletter.

Renewal

The other day I resent the renewal notice again. I got a better response. There still a few who didn't confirm or unsubscribe yet. There are only a few so I will send the renewal notice again next month. I am only sending the email to unconfirmed subscribers so none worry about me spamming me.

If you confirmed, you will get an email that I published a new issue. Well, maybe I will send you an email to just say; "Hi!" Anyway I have to get going. Bye!

Little space left.

Mike said he is coming to Woodstock near the end of October. I think he will be staying at my house. I hope I get back from my vacation before he gets here. My plane is not done yet. I still have pumpkins to harvest. And I am not ready for the vacation just yet. And I need to renew my passport. Bye. 🌞

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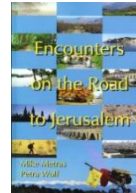
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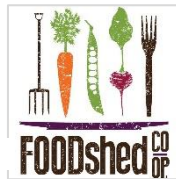
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Marty has always been a doer of things. For the last 50 years has lived within a mile of the same place. When he retired in 2007 decided it was time to travel and see the world. His brother was living in German. Mike and his wife, Petra were planning 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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