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28-Sep-16 8ish am @*\$

I come up to Starbucks to write in my newsletter mostly and watch people. I also try to read a little and visit with people some. Today I wanted to start to edit the last issue so I can get it out to you by Friday.

Today that won't happen. First John, then Bill, then that lady. This distracts me sometimes. So today is today and that is it. ☺

They have cleared out and the phone rang. Yup today will be today. Quick...the newsletter!

2-Oct-16 10:23am @*\$

This month is starting out a little rough. Friday night I thought I would publish issue 148. I had it all ready to go. Yup, not even on

the first of the month and it was ready. I went to my laptop at home and didn't see the current version of my files. That isn't a problem for the newsletter because it is stored safely in a few places. Only occasionally is that an issue. I got distracted when I noticed nothing was synced.

I noticed the sync program was not connected to my ownCloud server. I knew that my data was safe for the most part because there is a version on both my laptops. If the server had crashed I could get most of my data back. A couple of the file could be old but it would only be a few of them.

I decided to work on the problem. I started by backing up all the data on my cloud server to another place. You see I preach "Backup, backup, backup" but like a lot of

people I don't. So, I setup my backup sync and went to watch TV.

After I knew I had a backup I started working on the ownCloud server. I could not the ownCloud folder on the internet but I could connect to the server as if it was just another web site. You see I set it up that way so I would know if the server was down or my cloud was down. It was my cloud that wasn't working.

I keep using the words "ownCloud" and "cloud". Same thing. "ownCloud" is its real name of the program than I am running .

I worked most of Saturday trying to fix it with no luck. The recovery programs were not working either. I decided to update everything with no luck. I upgrade Ubuntu (Linux) for the latest versions and still no luck. Then I decided to replace the ownCloud program with a new version. I forgot to remover the old program first. With some of the old program you need to do that or you are asking for trouble. Once I learned that I started over. Somewhere along the way I told it to update the operating system (Linux) too. Well as the morning it still isn't working.

I am creating another backup as I type because I am getting nervous. I do not want to lose my stuff! ☺

The procedure for installing ownCloud is easy. It only takes a half hour or so. If I start from scratch it should only take a day. That would be building it from and empty PC. At this point I think that is what I need to do. I would have Ubuntu 16.04 and ownCloud 9. Both would be the latest versions. Because of all the other thing I have going it will take until about Wednesday. Most of what I need to do is wait. Start an install and wait, then another and wait, and wait... etc.

Linux is very stable. Once I have it setup and have the backup working it should never go down unless the power fails or some piece of hardware fails. I do not know what caused this to fail. Maybe it was me.

Now that I have decided to start over I will try to fix it and see what I can figure out. If I

can fix it and break it, I can find the cause and stop it from happen again.

When was the 25th. That is the last day it was in sync. I have dumped the log files so I can't research them. Wait the "syslog" should still be intact. I'll look at it when I get home.

Enough of this!

Garden

I have that one cucumber that is huge. Tomorrow I may pick it. I think it finally stopped growing. It is late enough I can start clearing out the garden. Vacation will wait for not.

Vacation

I know I told you I was going on vacation about NOW. Well I don't have my Passport back yet. My cloud server is down. I need to wait. Hmm...I wonder if maybe I don't want to go on vacation.

When I get near ready to go somewhere something breaks. Am I doing this to myself. I need to want to go on vacation. I am thinking I should get away to clear my mind.

Mike is Coming

Mike will be here near the end of October. He will be staying at my place. I don't need to be here. Mike could figure how to turn on the water and open the fridge door by himself. He doesn't need me for that. But it is Mike, and he is my brother!

My Airplane

The server being down is the latest reason I use for not working on my airplane. I did work on it a little today. I installed blocks to holding the cowl in place. I need to fix a crack in the cowl from the crash before I mount it. I still need to check out the wing.

I have these other projects too that are on hold!

Well, I ain't getting this this fixed from here!

7-Oct-16 9:39am @*\$ on Friday

Yup, it's Friday. I wasn't sure it was ever going to get here. My cloud server failed me and I didn't have a backup. I could not make

it work but I could make a backup, so I didn't lose a byte of data.

My ownCloud server was turned on about a year and a half ago and I have done very little to it. I had installed it on an older version of Linux and only thought about making a backup of it.

OwnCloud is a file storage system I control instead of letting some company in La La land somewhere having my data. OwnCloud the cloud server is free without support as is Ubuntu Linux the operating system. And I am using an old PC for the server with old small hard drives. Yup, the whole thing is free and I enjoy it as it is under my control.

All my data I available to me and me alone over the internet. Both of my laptops use the data and it is in synced all the time. If I save my newsletter on this laptop the same version is available on my other laptop even if I am in Spain 10-minute later. I travel fast!

This is the first time I have had a problem major problem I have had in the year and a half.

I backed up the data then I tried to get it working. It became apparent to me that my best bet was to start over as I have had not lost any data. This PC had some newer data so I turned off the cloud sync app.

I loaded up the server with the lasted version of Ubuntu Linux and made sure it worked ok The I copied my data back on to the server and loaded the latest version of ownCloud. Then I ran the program that gets all the dated/time the files used.

Then I turned on the sync app to sync up the other laptop. After I had that working, I worked on a backup program for the server. I have a 24-hour old back on two servers now. It runs automatically. Later I will setup a third version of the backup after I verify that number two is working. This will mean I will have 4 versions of my files that should protect me from myself.

I say "should have" because nothing is for sure when it comes to computer. Anything can happen. I have seen the sun shine in the thunder storm. Anyway, I feel safer! 😊

Now I can get onto other things. Things like finishing my airplane, cleaning up the yard for the fall, and de-cluttering the house a little for Mike's visit. Did I tell you he was coming to Woodstock later this month?

It looks like rain so I think the yard cleaning will wait. It needs to be de-cluttering and working on the plane. The plane is almost done but the clutter must get done.

I just needed to leave the house to work on my cup of tea this morning. It is busy up here today. I had to sit in the window next to the door.

I am using a new Laptop case for this little laptop. I can carry a lot of stuff with me. I just think I must have too much stuff with me. I think I need a smaller laptop carrier. I have too much space. I only need the mouse, power cord, and the laptop. I could leave all the other stuff in the case and leave it in the car until I decide what I want with me. It is a just-in-case thing anyway.

Now that fall is starting to happen I need to decide how much of my time will be going to my airplane. I didn't fly it this year. I must get it ready and then learn to fly it on the simulator so I will be more ready to fly later. But that will be later when I have more free time.

For now, I think I will go home!

9-Oct-16 9:47am @*\$

What next?

It has been cool the last couple of mornings. Yesterday it showed a low of 32°. I don't know if I am ready for that! I have my Cloud working now so my Weather station stopped posting on Weather Underground.

Garden

I spend a lot of time clearing out my garden. I must have gathered near a bushel of green cherry tomatoes. I must figure out what I am going to do with them. Maybe I can make relish or salsa. I think I will figure it out.

I still have some garden to clean up. I have 4 more pumpkins to harvest and can. Well

you freeze pumpkin. They say it is hard to can pumpkin. Freezing is easy. Just gut the pumpkin, put it in the pressure cooker for 10 minutes or so then peel off the skin. Then you grind it up fine and pack it in freezer bags and freeze it. The last time I did it I had twenty pounds of pumpkins. I think it was 9 pie pumpkins that I used. I had pumpkin until March as I recall.

I also have a few peppers since the last time I picked them. I think the pumpkins and peppers will wait until after I process the tomatoes. I may have to harvest them and process them later.

So, I wonder what's up with that weather station. It is working. It is just that it is not posting on Weather Underground. Hmmm, what changed?

Airplane

I think my airplane is back together now. All I should do now is charge the batteries and get back to the airfield. Too windy today!

De-cluttering

Well I have been cleaning the house a little more than normal. It is working so in 30-40 years I might have one room opened. ☺ It is easier then I would have thoughts. The problem is if you move something you need a place to put it. In this case you make clutter in another place. The idea is de-cluttering. This means I need to part with things. I am not emotionally attached to things like the past. So, it is easier to purge. The problem now is to trash, recycle, or donate the stuff.

Sitting up here is helping with that. Just typing about it keeps me thinking about it. Less is more! The less stuff I have the more room I have. Meaning if I purge enough stuff I could get less space. If I can get it down to about 100 square feet I could move into a motorhome. Not my camper because that is only about...wait that is 100 square feet. It is 6-foot wide and 19-feet long. There is about 100 square feet of space inside the walls.

There is everything I NEED in there. There isn't enough space for the things I WANT too.

I have 1,200 feet of space in my house as I recall. That means I should do a lot of de-cluttering and purging to live in my camper. Anyway, I am working on it! ☺

10-Oct-16 5:44am @Home

Wow today it is 50 years since I started working at the Auto-Lite! I remember that first day walking in through the door scared to death of what was going to happen. Once I get there I forgot all the fear and started listening to what I would be doing. Then started making friends. I was so busy that first day I forgot all the frightful things that were going to happen to me.

My first job was a hand trucker. I moved things around for the inspectors on the chrome line. They inspected the zinc parts that were chrome plated and packed them ready for the customers that you would be later installed on product to make them look nice.

What were these things? One of them they called "Flags". They looked a little like flags. What they were, was trim for a cook stove. There were also "Big Flags" and "Pork Chops" that went on different stoves. I remember the first time I saw them on the finished product. I thought it was neat that I helped to make them. I only moved things around for those old ladies. Wait I was only 20 years old and anybody over 30 was old back then. ☺

After a layoff, I was called back and became a Die Caster. I didn't have a clue what that was the first day. The set me up on machine # 34 and said;" When it opens drop the part in the pit. Then close the door and then push that button. When it opens do it again. I'll be back to check on you in a while." I think it was hours before Bob came back.

Later I got good at diecasting. Then they started using me as a lead man. Later I was promoted to supervisor. Then in April 1982

they got slow and a mess of us were let go. I was out of a Job!

9:36am @ EWT

This morning for the 6:15 class nobody showed so Michelle and I went to Starbucks to have a drink. We came back around 7:30 because Michelle had a personal training client. I did some work on the computer and then it happened about 8:15. It hit me the Sleepy's. So, I decided to do the 8:30 class. I figured it would help to wake me up. Well here it is 9:45 and I am too sleepy to drive home right now. Well not, but it is close. Michelle went for a walk with a client so I am baby-sitting the empty building. I could just lock up and go home but I did say I would stay 'til she returned. The way things are going I would get home and Michelle wouldn't have here keys and would call me just when I get home.

So, I guess I will just wait for her to come back. Besides I am just about too sleepy to drive home. Oh, she is back! Why am I so Sleepy?

12-Oct-16 7:45am @*\$

Good Morning and happy Columbus Day. Yes, it is! Last Monday was the Columbus Day Holliday. Today it the real Columbus Day. In any case, they say in 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue to find us. Ever since then we have another holiday. ☺ Thanks, Chris!

So today is "Don't have enough money" day at Starbucks. This morning I added so funds on my Starbucks' Card because I knew it was getting low. When I got in line I hear the cashier say "You need some more money!" a couple time. Then again I heard it while I was sitting over here. So, today's theme is "You don't have enough money" day.

Batteries

A couple days ago I tried to charge the batteries for my airplane and the charges keep telling me the batteries were not connected. I first thought I did not have them connected. That was not the case! I

switched the batteries and still nothing. I grabbed different batteries. They were fine. So it had to be the batteries.

I emailed the place where I bought the batteries because they only had a few charges on them I figured I might be able to get a warranty coverage on them. It was holiday weekend so I waited until yesterday for a response.

They wanted me to send me an email of my problem. The batteries don't charge because the charger says they are not connected but they are. So, I got out my camera/phone and made a quick movie showing what the charge was saying and that they were hooked up and all those things. I sent it to them. I guess they need to see that what I typed in my email was what I was telling them.

Maybe that is a good thing because the batteries cost \$55.00 each and they want to make sure they failed. In any case I can't fly until I get new batteries. Maybe I could just hang it on the ceiling and forget about flying and just look at it. ☹

Life Story

I haven't worked on my life stories in a while. I put a draft copy in the car so I have it with me. I could review it from time to time. Well it has been there forever now. Every occasionally, I think about it and it is way out in the car. And then I think of something that may need to be added to it. Some time I write it down and try the remember where I put it. Maybe I could write it in the note pad I keep in my pocket. That way I may have it when I need it. That would be scary because I always wondered why I carry this note book in my pocket with a pencil. Maybe that is why I have it with me. For notes? I think I should do that.

I have ideas now and then that I don't remember later. Maybe writing then down would help to remember them. You think? Hmmm what a concept!

14-Oct-16 9:03am @*\$

My laptop sat in the car overnight and got very cold. It might have got cold enough to freeze last night. I know yesterday morning I saw some frost.

The screen on my laptop fogged over when I got it out. It seems to have clear off mostly now. I am thinking it might be time to not leave it in the car any more. I know one time in the summer it would not turn on because it got too hot! I don't want it to get so cold my fingers stick to the keys. You will see something like "!!!!. iss
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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" or something else with my shivering.

I think I will just try to remember to take it into the house.

Your Life Stories

I was thinking why you might want to write some of your stories.

Let say you visit the place where your great-great-grandparents lived and are looking through the old house to see what is there and you find a small note-book. You open it up and find a couple notes that your great-great-granddad wrote. It is a simple note about digging a new well for momma so she doesn't have to carry water from the river all the time. And another short story about how much he enjoys living with her and it might be time to start a family.

This would be a treasure to find even if it wasn't from your parents. It is the little things that make a good life story. I would love to find to find stories that my Mom and/or Dad have written about their life. I have some of Mom's stories. I have it on my project list to go through them to see what is there. I know there is a 200-page manual script full of Mom's poems. That would be easy to reproduce. But like many of my projects I will get to it, "Someday."

Airplane

I had to buy new main batteries for my airplane. I had the first two either got damaged in the crash or went bad because they were very cheap batteries. They were out of warranty. In any case I have the new ones now and they are smaller. Same rating and cost three time as much. I need to modify the battery mount in the plane before I can use them. Maybe re-balance the plane too. Sometimes you can just have to keep going until you are done.

It is getting more wintery outside so need to get the pontoons built just in case it snows before I have the plane ready to fly again. First the battery mounts!

I must go install some clothing hooks in the bathrooms at the training center now.

15-Oct-16 7:41am @*\$

Well I looked over my airplane to install the new batteries and it apparent I must rethink the way they are mounted. The current method I am using won't work. The new batteries are smaller and lighter and must be moved more to the nose of the plane. If I mount them as I have with the old batteries the center for gravity will be way too far to the back and the plane will be very hard to fly. I am way too inexperienced to learn how to fly an airplane that is way out of balance. Tail heavy planes are very unstable and I need stable things in my life! ☺

I have an idea and need to think it over before I start cutting plywood. I have made some many minor changes repairing this after the crash. This will be a major change and I want to make it right.

Canning

Did I tell you I canned 12 pints of green tomato spaghetti sauce? Well I cleaned out the volunteer tomato patch and got about ½ a bushel of cherry tomatoes. Most of them were green. They seemed to be good, just green. I looked up green tomato recipes and

found this one for green tomato spaghetti sauce and thought I should try it.

It took all day to get the job done. I spent 3-1/2 hours clearing up the tomato patch in the garden and another 3-1/2 hours cooking and canning the spaghetti sauce. The other day I cooked up some macaroni and dumped in my sauce and it came out very well. I must pat myself on the back with this spaghetti sauce!

Maybe I should go in to the canning business? No, I have enough projects on my list. But can put canning on what I can do! Maybe I could try some pressure cooker canning. I haven't ready don't that kind of canning yet.

16-Oct-16 8:5am @*\$

Weather Station

The weather is a little glumly this morning. But, I have my weather station only posting day in one spot now. Well I think this is the case any way. I had replaced the hardware because the other one wasn't working and I thought it would be easier to just switch the equipment then to take the time to figure out the problem. Well, so much for thinking. It failed about the same time my cloud failed. That should have given me clue. But some time you think the problems are not related so you do different things to try and fix them.

I had my weather station think it was out at the old EWT location and on my roof at the same time for a week. It was a week before that it still thought it was at EWT and before that it wasn't working.

This morning at 8:15am was the last time it posted data at the old EWT location. Wait let me verify that before I get my hope up...Yup it says 8:15am was the last. The one on my roof has posted 3 times since then.

No if what I did is working right I can shut down the PC it is hooked to and let the weather station post the data through the internet via that cable it is hooked to. I'll check that out when I get home.

I don't need two devices sending data to Weather Underground. After a few days, you should not see "Invalid Location" posting in Woodstock any more. Just look for "Midtown". That me!

Open Projects

Let's see, weather station is fixed. And my cloud is fixed. I need to start working on my airplane a little more now. I also have those 3+ shirts to finish too. I bet you thought I forgot about them. I didn't forget them. It is just that the airplane stuff in in the way. Oh, I should finish those pontoons for the plane too.

Pie Pumpkins

I have those Pumpkins to can too. Maybe I'll do them today. They just get cleaned, cooked and freezer packed. I only have 5 so it shouldn't take more than a day. I can use the pressure cooked and save bunch of time. I have pie pumpkins so they are not so big. Maybe I could get 2 in there at a time. If I pack them in one pound packs it will be enough for a pie each. I have about 20 pounds of raw pumpkin. Maybe they will yield 12-15 pounds of finished pumpkin. I did this a few years back with 9 pumpkins but have no idea of the yield. Maybe this time I could see for the next time.

I cannot can them because it is too dense and will not can good. Freezing it will work best for me.

I could make Pumpkin soup it should can ok but I would have to process them an hour in the pressure cooker. And I don't have any more pint jars and the quarts won't fit in my pressure cooker. So, I think I will just freeze my pumpkin. That way I should be able to enjoy a pumpkin pie each month until next season then start over!

Yup, Weather station is still working. I can go home now!

19-Oct-16 @*\$

I was thinking about nothing and could not think of anything to type about. Then I wandering what I was think about and

noticed I am sitting at the table near the door and watching the people entering and leaving Starbucks. There are many people that come in here at eight o'clock for their morning drink. Some are moving very slow and some are quite fast. Are they in a hurry to get to work? Or is there someone sitting in the car waiting for them. Or are they moving slow because they need their coffee to get started.

Some are dressed better than other. I am not a fashion person so I cannot say some looks like bumps and other like million aires. After I thought Art Galt dressed like a farmer and found out he owned Galt airport and if memory serves 1/2 of Chrysler parts division too! And then there is Paul who has coffee with us guys who manufactures cosmetics for the big player. How a person dress does not really matter.

Sitting here watching people enter the building is hard to do. When you look up they are looking at you. I need to sit where I normally do to do that. Alas someone was sitting there this morning.

That leaves me to sit here and let people look at me when they enter Starbucks. Wait, I could read my book and just look over the top when they enter. They will think I am a ~~fat smeller~~ smart filler because I can read a book. ☺

20-Oct-16 10:21pm @home

Hmmm, what am I still up for? I don't know. I just thought of something and thought I would type it.

Life Stories

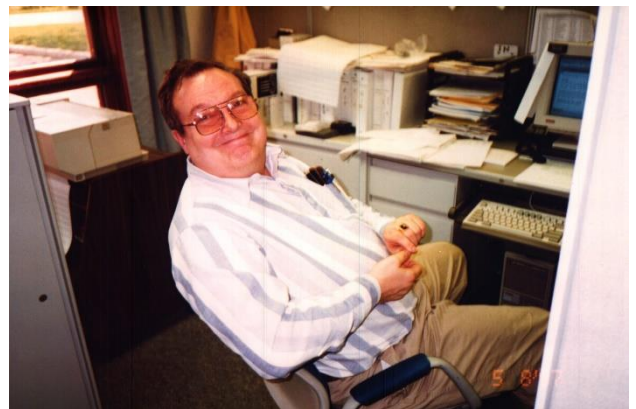
I just realized the I wasn't remembering all my like stories. I'm not talking about memory lost. I was just that it is that there is almost 70 years of things I wanted to put into my book. I know this is not realistic. I have been added a piece of events every now and then. Any way I happened to think I have written down the last 18 year in "The Life and Times of Marty Metras." That is what I called "Marty's Random Thoughts" in Volume 1, Issue 1 on

September 1998. Yup I only have the first 50 years or so to write down.

You know I think I have all the first 148 Issues in a pile for paper right behind with copies of the first 148 issues printed on them.

This picture is the first picture I put in first issue. It is what I have stored online as the first issue that is. It looks like an unfinished newsletter so I will need to look in that pile behind me. It is a funny picture...well you look.

That was me at my desk at Knaack. See I had a window. And my desk is still mess. I might still be wearing those pants too.



I need to go to bed and get some sleep. I'll get into this another time.

21-Oct-16 8:0am @*\$

Good look deciding

Cold this morning! I think it might be cold in a couple of weeks when we vote too. This whole election campaign has been a challenge to say the least. It has been he did what or she did that fight between the democrats and the republics. What I figure is that you either hate him or you hate her. It seems nobody likes him or her. What is a person to do?

There are five main candidates in the running though I never heard of the fifth one. There is Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, Gary Johnson, Jill Stein, and Even McMullin who's name I have not hears.

Trump looks like he is giving you the evil eye. Clinton is looking into the sky for answers.

Johnson, I only see staged photos of him. Stein is the most real looking photo I saw. And for the picture of McMullin who I never saw before he looks like he should have lines and number behind him. For looking at these five pictures I would choose Jill as she took the best picture. I am sure they who ever took these pictures had that in mind. And the person I would not pick it wouldn't be Even. This is based on just these 5 pictures. It is not the best way to choose our next president. Well, maybe! ☺

As for the person as I know that I have heard I don't like Hillary because I do not trust her. Donald, it too much of a radical. Gary seems to be running on the campaign that he is the other guy to choose.

This site shows all 38 of the current candidates for president. <http://presidential-candidates.insidegov.com/>

No I am not going to say who I am for! Only that we must decide for ourselves and do not have to tell anybody. Good luck choosing!

Autumn

I should get away from the poly-tick because it is giving me a headache. Since it is October the leaves are starting to cover my lawn. I would like to start clean them up but I think I will can the pumpkins first. October is pumpkin month and I have about 20 pounds to process. I kept my cucumbers too long and ended up trashing them because they sat too long and started to rot. Pumpkins store well in the raw state but are so easy to cook and can. Well, freeze. With 5 pie pumpkins, I should get 10 to 15 pounds to freeze. I can put a pound in each package making the equal to one can of pumpkin. Yup, one pumpkin pie! I just opened my last can of pumpkin so I am ready.

Though my Pepper plants are starting to flower again, I don't think it will yield more. It is just too cold. I will still wait until the leaves fall from the plants until I give in for the season.

The weather should warm some tomorrow and Sunday so the leave will wait. And the

wind may pick up and plow then against the fence making them easier to gather too. Yes, they will wait.

I also have other fall things to do before the snow flies too. Today I cannot think of that because it isn't time yet. Leaves must leave first.

22-Oct-16 8:57am @*\$

Pumpkin

Yesterday I spent a lot of time canning pumpkin. I started about 10:30 in the morning with about 20 pounds of raw pumpkins. At 3:30 in the afternoon I had 8 pounds in the freezer and the dishes washer and working on the cleanup. I had to pressure cook five batched and found that if I used just 10 minutes the skins peeled off freely.

Some recipes called for 5 minute in the pressure cooked and other called for 15 minutes. Ten minutes seemed to be the sweet spot to cook the pumpkin and the easiest getting the outer layer off. 15 minutes it was a mess getting the skin off. It peeled off in layer so thin, is was like an onion. Then I had to dig out that dark layer under it. I got most of it!

Anyway I got eight packages of frozen pumpkin in the freeze is 2 cup packs. That is enough for 8 pumpkin pies. Oh, and I have a ton of pumpkin seed for about 5,000 new plants. Well maybe 5 or 6 cups. I think I'll weight them to estimate the count. I know there is enough seed to plant my whole property. There are a lot of them!

They are on a towel on the washing machine with the fan blowing on them to help them dry. I think it time to go home and work on the leaves now.

Later @home

I calculated the count on those pumpkin seeds and I figure there are around 2,500 of them. More than I would ever want to replant.


I looked at those leaves in the grass and figured I would wait until it warmed a little.

Then I saw that airplane talking to me so I worked on it a while.

Now that I know that the data is syncing the way it should, I can go check on the backup to see that it is still working the way I like. Then it will be lunch time. Ah, maybe I have some mail now. Or email. Maybe I won't get anything else done today after all. ☺

Geocaching

I just noticed that one of my geocache traveler has traveled near 15,000 miles. Wow!

Name	Last Log	Owner	Location	Traveled
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Check it out at <https://www.geocaching.com/track/details.aspx?id=2564629> if you can.

24-Oct-16 6:38am @home

Running late this morning. Woke up at five o'clock and turned off the alarm and turn on another one that I thought was set for five-thirty. Well at five-fifty it started. By the time I was ready I only had one minute to get out of the house and drive 2 miles to the workout. I decided to wait until later for my morning exercising. The eight-thirty class will be fine.

I know I am home but I have a bowl of oatmeal the consume and then maybe I could have my Starbucks fix. There are a lot of things on my list for today. Maybe I will get one of them done before it gets dark out. Wait, it need to get light outside first! ☺

Oh, well, I need to start. See you later.

29-Oct-16 8:25am @*\$

It is nice outside this morning! I drove up here and was surprised, no farmers. There must have moved to the FS for the winter. I got out of the van and there was Heather coming around the corner. It was a nice morning so her husband and kids let her go

for a run. I haven't seen her for very long time. We hugged and visited them moved on.

Mike is here for the weekend. He came here from Santa Fe for a high school reunion. Did he say it was 55 years? Is amazing. I guess he is going to the coin club meetings too. Mike is a numismatist, coins collector. Cork, Mike and I spend a couple hours visiting up here yesterday.

I don't know if I will see him today at lunch time. He has my car and it had a full tank of gas. He could end up 600 miles from here. Maybe only 550 miles. He has been here since Thursday. ☺

Airplane

I got a battery to replace the UBEC that was bad. I had to cut a hole in the plane to modify the fuselage for the pontoon mount. So, I am working of the floats again and patching the plane again. The float kit is made for my plane but so the change I am making make the thing go together correctly. Well, hope so!

Sometime this weekend I should know if it all go together the way it should. I might get to fly this plane someday soon. Hopefully before it snows and after the Cubs win the World Series!

World Series

The Cubs only need to win 3 games. Last



night's game was close. Yes, I am watching the games. I think I watch more baseball in the last week than I have in the last 50 years! I

want the Cubs to win and if me watching it helps, what the heck, I can watch.

Wait there is another flag people are flying. Even in St Louis they fly this "W" flag!

When I first saw the "W" flag, I thought it was for Woodstock. The Blue Streak are from Woodstock and I figured that the high school must be winning.

Then it dawns on me it was for "WIN" when I heard the Cubs were in the play off. The last thing I heard the "W" is for "Wrigley Field."

In any case if you are a Cubs fan you can fly a bid "W" flag. On the other hand, you can fly a little "L" flag if you are an Indian's fan. I do not know what the "L" if for but I saw a few of them at the first game that was in Cleveland.

To me you could have had a "C" flag for Cubs, Chicago. Or a "W" flag for win in Wrigley.

In October 1945 was the last time the Cubs won a game in the World Series. That was a year before I was born. I think someone say it was 1908 the last time they won the World Series. It is about time for them to win. Go Cubs Go!

The Horses

Who remember all the horses around Woodstock. I was cleaning up a pile of paper last night and found a list of all those marry-go-round horses they had all over town. I looked at the date and I say it was dated 2009. It has been seven years since the horse moved on. Where are those horses now? Anyone know? I have heard nothing since they left.

I will try and post the locations of all these horses so you can look all of them over. I did a nice write up about them.

30-Oct-16 9:05am @*\$

I found the file with all the pictures of the horses. The master file waa one of them that got lost when my server crashed a while



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back. I did find the PDF copy and posted it on the MRT blog. It is dated 2011 but Cork tells me that the horses were out there in 2008. I was thinking it was 2009 but what-the-hay! What I posted is the same as the hard copy I found just with a different date. Maybe the spelling is corrected on the copy I posted.

I remember having fun looking for all those horses.

Halloween

Tomorrow it Halloween and I have not thought much about if I was going the dress down for it yet. I thought about putting on a Marty mask on. Then I remembered I did that. I dress like Anette, Michelle, a clone, gorilla, and other things over the years. I even think I colored my hair white once. Oh, well, I have all day to think about it. Maybe this year I will not try to be something I am not. We'll see!

Airplane

I have my pontoons built but not quite ready to go yet. I forgot about the covering and painting materials. I just ordered that before I came up here. I wasn't sure how I was going to cover it until this morning. Now that that is figured out, I can just wait for the materials to arrive. I am guessing about Wednesday. Maybe Thursday.

In the meantime, I can assemble all the other parts and the wheels and see if it all works. I don't think that I missed anything but the covering. I need to deal with that as time permits.

Leaves

The leaves are still not finished falling from the trees. In fact, they are staying stuck on the branches. Mike was saying in Santa Fe they are on the ground. He was amazed that theyare had not started to fall yet. After the



rain, we have more on the ground but it is too wet to do anything about it just yet.

The weather report for the next couple of days looks to be mostly dry but Wednesday there is a 60% chance of rain. I may have a couple days to remove a layer of leaves. We'll see.

Vacation

I have not thought much about going anywhere. I may be turning into a "Mope!" Is that the right word for someone who doesn't want to do anything? Wait, I look up "Mope" and see what it means.

Well the first definition is "a person given to prolonged spells of low spirits." That is not me! My spirits are not low, are they? Another definition is "mopes, depressed spirits; blues." Nope I am not a Mope!

I must just don't want to go anywhere right now! There is nowhere I would wreathe be than right here right now. So here I am!

Camper

I am driving the camper because Mike is using my car while he visits. I looked at it and it is very dirty. How did me van get so dirty The inside is dirty but I don't look at that. I look out the windshield and that is kind of clean. ☺

I think before I put the hose away for the winter I should hose down the tool box so it looks like a camper again. I think I will do that today. It is too wet to rack leaves but not for washing campers. ☺

Grammar and Spelling

I just ran the spelling and grammar checker in Word. I found many "," missing I never saw before. Maybe I lost it this time. Maybe a setting or update made it harder for me to get things right. Or maybe something else!

In any case, (comma) I start a lot with "So," don't I? "Oh, well" too!

Follow Up Notes

- It is amazing but my peppers are still alive!

- I am still leaving the leaves. *0% are still on the trees.
- The hose nozzle broke so the camper only has the passenger side clean.
- The life story goes on.
- My canning is complete for 2016.
- The weather station still works.
- My own Cloud is doing fine keeping my data ready for me. And it is backed up!
- My airplane and it pontoons are still not to fly into the clouds
- And one more thing...

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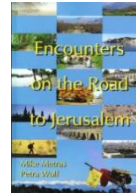
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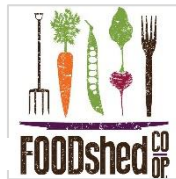
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Marty Metras



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 being able to speak her languages there was a lot of fear. 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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