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30-Apr-17 8:04am @*\$ 40°

I just got finished proofing issue 155. When I get home, I will look it over and publish it. I need those Starbucks distractions so I can concentrate of the proofing.

Camper

I got the A/C charged at the tire place. I decided not to use the Chevy dealer. Let see what's next.

Fridge works, water is flushed, washed it is good enough for me, all the inside lighting is working. What was on my list. Oh well, I make a new list. Let's see, Check the furnace, outside light, air the tires. And then pack some clothes and food and head out.

Wait I still need a place to go. I am thinking these places: The 48 states in one trip. It will take about two months. I thought about not entering any state twice. I will need to make a map with a general idea before I leave.

There are all the Woodstock's in the USA to pass through. I think there are 14 of them.

I like sitting on the mountain near Sedona. On the way, I could stop and see Marcia, Edie and Steve. On the way home, I drive by Wally's and Steve's in Iowa. Then if I am not too tired of

driving I could see Marven then Tim. I think that is everybody else that lives near home.

I could just go to Capron or Chemung too. I haven't drove through those town in years. I ask people if they have been on vacation in Capron or Chemung. Maybe I should check it out. I have been using that line since the 1960's when I worked in Harvard. Maybe there is a resort there I have forgotten about. ☺

I really am not sure where I might be going. I just know I need to get out of town and away from people for a while. That is what it is all about. But for now, I need to leave Starbucks and head home.

Follow up

It seems to be I missed the follow up to last month's issue of Marty's Random Thoughts. Let me try and do that now.

- My Camper is about ready
- I have Peas, and radish coming up from seeds. Being it is so cold I don't know how they survive
- Family Tree is coming around. Pictures and Bios will be next. But I still do not have all the data
- I did not figure out about April 23rd

1-May17 5:28pm @home 52°

It rains! I need a vacation. I have an idea how long of a trip it will be if I go to all 48 states. Google tell me that it will be 15,144 miles and 240 hours. Driving 8 hours a day would take 30 days. That would be about 500 miles a day. Too much driving in a day. At sixty days and only 4 hours a day and going about 60 MPH that would be about 250 miles a day.

That is just the driving part. There are field tips, day off, and turning left instead of going right to consider too. Then there is the cost too. Lately, I have been figuring \$100 a day for fuel, food and a place to stay. That meant about \$6,000 plus repairs if need. Now that I know this, there are options.

First Option is go to all the Woodstock's in the US. Google tells me there are only 16 of them. About 80 hours and 5,000 miles. That is a lot less drive time. Only 20 days at 250 miles/day and about \$2,000. All but four of them are east of here. I don't really want to drive east.

I could go see all the people I know all over the US. 60 hours, 4,000 miles, or 16 days driving.

I think I just need to get out of town!

2-May-17 6:14pm @home 47°

I'm still here today. I bought some supplies for the Camper and tested the furnace. The furnace did not get hot. It may just be air in the LP line. I'll try it again tomorrow.

Besides I have a sliver in my finger I can't not see. You would not want me driving all around the place with a sliver. Would you? It is one of those invisible slivers! ☺

DVD Shelf Life

When the first came out with CD they said they could last forever When the DVD first came out they say they would last for 100 years. Now the they have the re-writable CDs & DVDs they are only for about 30 years. I guess it depends on the quality of the material they are made from. This is what they are telling us now.

- Unrecorded CD-R and CD-RW: 5-10 years
- Recorded CD-R: 50-200 years
- Recorded CD-RW: 20-100 years
- Recorded DVD-R: 30-100 years

- Recorded DVD-RW: up to 30 years
- Recorded BD-R and BD-RE: 30-200 years

Source: <http://www.cd-info.com/archiving/longevity/>

There is a new technology in the DVD area. They are called Mdiscs. They make their DVDs are different. And they claim is that they will last 1,000 years. Here is what they say.

**Your data is engraved in stone
— literally.**

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carbon compound that lasts for
1,000 years.**

While MDISCs may look like the DVDs and Blu-ray discs you're used to on the outside, inside they contain new technology unlike any other disc in history.

Source: MCDisc.com

This sounds good. I might look closer into this. I only plan of being around for about 85 more years so if they fail 900 years from now someone else will have to ask for the \$20.50 back for the disc I burnt. Ok, I thought about buying one disc and see it is out of stock. Wait that was an 100gb Blu-ray disk. Yes, they come in 100gb size. The DVDs are a lot cheaper. They home 4.7gb same as the ones I have now. They came in three packs for only for less than \$10.00. That better! I might really check then out at that price. I have paid that much before. Right now, I think I have bought 100 of them for about \$25.00. I have 100 to use up first!

I wonder how they will be storing data 1000 year for now? Will we be here?

5-May-17 6:55pm @home 61°

Furnace is still not heating in the Camper. Bummer! I left the lights on and drained the battery in the car twice today! Bummer again! The seat belt buckle hits the door switch and caused it to think the door was closed and therefore the headlight buzzed never sounded. I think it is fixed now. If not it is time for a new

switch. This happens because the seat belt does not retract like it should.

In a couple days, I will see how my fix job worked.

World Travers

I got another email from Marvin today.

Friends All,

Since leaving "Piracy Alley", I have been told that two pirate ships were in the area. They were interested in two freighters and not the Queen Mary. This is comforting to know after the fact.

I have had the privilege of being the ship's escort on a number of tours since Oman. In Aqaba, I led a tour to Wadi Rum - Lawrence of Arabia was filmed here. This excursion was a disaster due to the fact that the tour guide didn't speak good English and the PA system didn't work. I almost had a riot on the bus. Enough said. Since then I have had wonderful experiences with excursions to Cyprus, Messina, and to the Amalfi Coast. Only one port of call remains, and that is Lisbon. I hope to go to Fatima.

Now that the World Voyage is coming to an end, I'm beginning to reflect on what I've seen, the people I've met, and all that I have experienced. This brings tears to my eyes. God is good.

See you soon. God bless!

Fr. Marv Tuesday, May 2, 2017 2:49 PM

Melody Joy

Melody Joy just posted one of her horoscopes. Check it out at <http://melodyjoy.doerofthings.com/>. Sign up on the blog if you want to be notified when she posts the next horoscope.

6-May-17 6:13am @*\$ 34°

Time Travel

As I understand it Time Travel is something the scientist are think about. They haven't really got anywhere. Though they are still thinking on it.

I was thinking about it last night for a while. I was wondering how it might work. Say two years for now I find there was something wrong with

my heart that can't be fixed any more. But if they found it ten year ago it could be fixed with a minor procedure. Say time travel was available ten years from now. I send someone back 20 years to fix my heart. Say when she gets there she must convince me that she can do this operation even though nobody can find anything wrong with it in the past. Then she should convince me she knows she knows what she is talking about because she is for 20 in the future.

Now she convinces me she is a doctor and know what she is doing and I have the operation. Ok problem is solved, or is it?

20 years after the operation is ten years from now. Would I remember that I sent her back to do the operation? I am doing fine now and forgot about this. Will, I send her back to fix me? Will, I even know about this? Now that I am fine do I need to send her back to do the operation. Do I even know that Time Travel is a reality? What we do now effects the future. We can change the future! How do we know we changed the future in the past?

If I lose my iPhone and must buy a new one the effects my future thought it may have a small effect. It effects my cash flow. I could have used that money for something else. It effects my time because I must re-setup the new phone to do what I want it to do. It also effects my emotions because I will be teed off for a while until get it working. This will affect my relationships because you won't want to be around me because I have a bad attitude. I could even lose some friends!

You see what happens always effects what happens in the future. Don't worry I found my iPhone. ☺

Also, don't worry about time travel just yet. I don't think I will see it in my lifetime. I am talking about until after the year 2100.

Water for Gas

Talking about what will happen in the future. Honda has an electric car that should be available in the summer. It is uses a hydrogen powered fuel cell. The hydrogen gas it converted directly into electricity. I wonder what

it might cost for the car and the fuel. Is the hydrogen easily available? We will have to wait and see. They said this would happen in the future. I guess the future is this summer.

I am eyeing up the Chevy Bolt. You charge it by plugging in in next to your refrigerator. They say it will go 238 miles on a charge. Since Maquoketa Iowa where I might go for coffee and come home is searching it. Is about 266 miles, round trip I would have to charge the battery in Maquoketa before heading back. I guess I could stretch it to Rockford on the way home. It would be 36-miles from home. Google Maps say 229 miles if I stop in Rockford on the way home. That would leave me only 9-miles for errors. Maybe I will just charge it in Maquoketa to get those extra miles.

I don't have a Bolt yet and don't see it happen this year so I will wait. Any way I will wait and see if it will really go 238 miles on a charge. After all I did have an electric car in the late 1970s. They claimed it could go 50 miles on a charge. I did get 51 miles once but it near killed the batteries. 40-miles range was more real of a figure. That used lead acid batteries. The new batteries are different chemistry and work different. A range of 238 may be more real. But what about heat and A/C. How do they work in an electric car? How much juice do they suck for the batteries? Maybe I should ask the Leaf dealer. Someone said that in the winter they don't go far because of the cold.

For now, I am still thinking Hybrid and not a full electric. The Chevy Volt goes 54-miles on the battery before the engine kicks in. We'll see!

Happy Birthday Bill!



9-May-17 6:48am @home 39°

It is still wintery! Will it ever warm up a little? I know it is a little better later in the day but this mornings are too cool for this time of the year for me. Maybe I am just remembering it wrong.

Way I could check my weather data and see how the first 10 day of May has been in the past.

May 2nd thru 9th

| Year | High | Low | Average | Note |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| 2004 | 88.8° F | 28.8° F | 57.0° F | Frosty |
| 2005 | 86.2° F | 31.2° F | 55.7° F | Frosty |
| 2006 | 80.3 °F | 35.3 °F | 59.4 °F | |
| 2007 | 91.7 °F | 42.4 °F | 61.6 °F | |
| 2008 | 85.2 °F | 35.4 °F | 55.3 °F | |
| 2009 | 80.6 °F | 39.7 °F | 58.8 °F | |
| 2010 | 83.3 °F | 33.1 °F | 55.2 °F | |
| 2011 | 76.2 °F | 31.5 °F | 51.6 °F | Frosty |
| 2012 | 87.5 °F | 44.5 °F | 60.9 °F | |
| 2013 | | | | Broken |
| 2014 | 89.2 °F | 39.1 °F | 55.5 °F | |
| 2015 | 84.6 °F | 49.1 °F | 63.3 °F | |
| 2016 | 83.3 °F | 37.6 °F | 54.9 °F | |
| 2017 | 64.0 °F | 32.8 °F | 46.8 °F | Frosty |
| Average | 83.1° F | 36.9° F | | |

Source: My Data on WeatherUnderground.com

I see I was having problem in 2013. I think that is when I replaced the weather station. In any case, it is colder this year than in the past 14 years. Must be the coming Global Warming. All in all, the temperatures have been about the same except for this year.

10-May-17 7:35am @*\$ 49°

It is a little warm this morning. But I still need a vacation! The next thing you know the walls will start closing in on me.

I was going to head out in the morning. I have an order from AdvoCare the was going to be delivered today but it got rescheduled for the 11th. Now I need to wait until Friday. I still must be back in Woodstock on the 17th. Plans don't always go as you expect. Do they?

I must be in Woodstock June 1st and then there is Jun 12th when I have to be in Rockford. I

could reschedule that one. I am going to get out of here! I am! Really! Really, I am! The walls will start closing in on me soon.

I should go bug Michelle now.



Need I say more?

12-May-17 6:33am @home 44°

Today it is Day

Believe it or not I should be out of here this morning. I have food, Clothes, Meds, Camera and laptop in the Camper. I need to top off the water and gas then I am out of here. I think I have everything I need. If not, Oh well!

I will be heading for places unknown. No, I have not decided where I am going just yet. North, I think this morning.

I need to stop out and give my keys to Michelle for safety then I may go out and have breakfast. Maybe not!

I just checked and I got some cash & a credit card. I need a pad paper and pencil for notes. Laptop isn't enough!

I needed that

So, my ownCloud server was down. It said the that the hard drive fail. I said; "Oh crap I don't need this!" My ownCloud server is where all my computer is stored. Everything! Let's try to re-start. That failed so I powered it down and re-started and it started up. I am leaving here now! I can deal with it when I get back. If it fails I just won't be able to get at my stuff on the road. I will survive!

Now I am out of here!

11:14am Menominee Falls WI @*\$

Heading to Tim's

I got this far. I need a break. I left Illinois at 8:30am and I am 114 Miles into my drive about. I still don't have a dentation. As for that I don't have a direction yet. I have been driving in circles. In Lake Geneva was going to stop in Starbucks but could not find an easy parking spot. Somehow, I ended going the wrong way. I am kind of heading north Oshkosh might be the next stop.

I sent an email to Tim to see if he would be available for a couple of coffee. I may have the wrong email address. In Oshkosh, I will try again. If I don't hear back I think I will turn left.

The Wi-Fi seems to have some restriction here. I don't want to use all my data time on my phone. I will wait for another source of Wi-Fi to check my email.

Break is over!

14-May-17 6:51am @ Iron Mountain MI 46°

It is a little cold here in the Camper this morning. I didn't turn the heat on last night and it says 44° on the thermometer. That is the same as outside. I know I could turn the heat on but I am tough! ☺

It is Sunday and not even seven yet so I will let Tim & Iris sleep be for I go knock on the door. Oh, I have been visiting with then the last few days. We have been catching up. I think it has been more than 5 years since I have seen them. Therefore, we have been talking and doing some sightseeing. Iron Mountain is an old iron mining town in a logging area. I found out the Ford Woodies were made here. Well the wooden parts. When the WW II was going on they converted to making gliders for the military. There is some history to explore.

Tim has 21,000+ people in his family tree. Yes, Tim has been working on their family tree for a long, long time. I asked him how far back it goes to just get an idea what I could do. I could not believe it when he had to look. I know I have data back to 1702. Well, the oldest date he had was 158 AD. Yes, I said 158AD!

Tim gave me a lot of help to let me start updating our family tree, And the Jansen tree too!

I did say 21,000 people in Tim's and Iris's family tree. I knew he was working on his family tree a long time ago but had no idea it was such a big tree. I don't even have our tree from Dad and Mom done yet.

Well, I am going to pound on their door now and wake them up. I 'm getting COLD!

19-May-17 9:57pm @home 43°

I got form Iron Mountain Sunday night. I had a good time with Time and Iris. I have been busy ever since. In fact, I just got then back in order so I can get back to the family tree stuff.

I wanted to make sure MRT was still working. And it is!

I learned a lot from Tim about creating family history and I will start working on it this weekend. I have a lot of thing to do to get started. So, I need to get some sleep. Good night!

27-May-17 7:42am @EWT 55°

Wow, it's Saturday already! I have been busy working entering family history data into the computer. I am around 450 people now. I went back and looked at most of the first 200 or so to make sure I was doing it correctly and the information that is available online. I am making sure I have the names, dates are and good as the can be.

I am working on Mom's side of the family now. I have family that don't fit together to the other just yet. I am starting to see some of them as I go through then the Jansen family history. I will have to go through it again. I don't like to do it over but sometimes it is necessary.

There must be away to enter a family without linking them to others. I am sure there must be. I just haven't figured it out yet. Maybe I need to start a new tree and then merge them later when I find a link. I will have to check that out when I get home. Can't be that hard to do.

I found Mom's Master Family tree. I am going through it to make sure I have all the people entered. There are a lot of Jansen's I didn't have in the copy I started with. It has those other families in it.

Well, I am going to help Michell now.

28-May-17 6:30am @*\$ 50°

I have been obsessed enter family history into the family tree program. I found I wasn't getting all the information the was available to me. I have slowed down and gone through people I have already put in the system. It has slowed me down a little. All in all, it is going along easy. I think I was up to 465 people entered yesterday.

I tried to make the Family tree available to all online. Alas, Family Tree Maker, Ancestry.com, are in the misted of as new version and it will be another month or so before that happens. Once I have it available online you will be able to view the Metras-Jansen families. They say this will be free to the viewers. You may have to register to use the service. For now, you will have to wait a little longer.

I am gathering all kinds of information about each person. I will be entering pictures of the people when find then. I will also enter biographical if found. It is amazing how information is available online. First comes names. & dates.

EW Training

I have been helping Michelle get ready for the Summer Athlete program and the directions for her car. I guess she is going to drive the grand marshal in the Memorial Day parade. She loves this stuff. And I get to help. ☺

There still time to sign you kids up for the Summer Athlete Program. The first session starts Monday, June 5th and the second session starts Monday, July 10th I think. Call EWT to get the details at (815) 308-5021. Michelle would love to talk to you.

I have had one of Jeremy's big ladder for a week. I have been fixing the insolation that has come loose on the ceiling at EWT. That seems to be done. I need to get the ladder back now. The ladder is so lone it fills my Camper. It makes it hard to go camping.

Keeping it Short

This month's newsletter is going to be shorter than normal because I don't have much to say. Oh, the plants for my garden are still in the trunk

of the car...got to go. They have been there for a week!

Well I haven't left yet. As soon as this update finished loading I am going home and cut the grass. It is getting quite long. I need to get on to a schedule so the grass gets mowed. I looked at it this morning and I see I need to bale it this time. I wonder how many bails I will get. How do you spell that "Bale" or "Bail" or is there another way? I will look!

Ok "Bale" is a package. "Bail" is like a bond. What about the other one when you get the water out of the bottom of your boat.

Ok I will bail my grass out of the lawn because I do not have a baler! ☺

Bye!

13-May-17 8:37am @*\$

Is it real, or is it MemoryX?

Sorry, it is the first think I thought when I say down.

Garden/Landscape

Weather has change for the better. I got my grass cup and I have started my garden. The Strawberries are planted again this year. And I have fence around then. Maybe I rabbit and squirrels will stay away. I have pulled grass and weeds for the Periwinkle patch. There a lot more weeds and grass in that patch to go.



English Ivy



Periwinkle

I am thinking of transplanting a bunch of the Periwinkle to the other side of the driveway. I know I have said that before. I rush in to those things. I thought

Periwinkle, and English Ivy might like the other side of the drive way. I am

amazed how well they have done considering they were so small when I planted just a few plants.

The ground cover seed does nothing. These plants were all started for 2" pots. Maybe only six of them. I am thinking If I prep the ground they should grow good. I may work on this later this week.



Japanese Spurge

Family Tree

I am up to 800 people entered now. I may try to merge the families to see how the Unruh, Andresen, Metras, and Jansen connect about Monday. I still have a bunch of Metras, Unruh, and Anderson families to enter. My 2000 number still looks like the total.

This is enough for May. Get ready for summer next month.

Who Notice

Follow up this month.

I am about to put the edits in this newsletter and thought I might update some of the things I have entered this month.

- The count of the people in the Family Tree is up to 900. Yes, I have slowed a little. Live has gotten in the way. Yesterday I started on the "Andresen" family from Mom's stuff. I got through the first 15 on the listed and ended up with 104 new people. This slows me somewhat.
- I have the Ladder back out to Jeremy's so now I can think about another drive about.
- Another field trip would be nice. ☺

Happy June!
Marty

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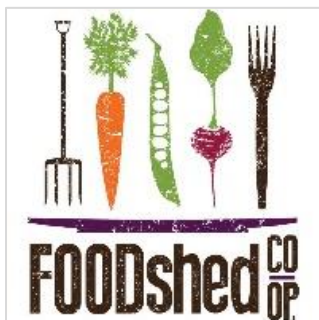
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