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3-Jun-18 8:11am @*\$ 62° Sunny

New Laptop

I finally bought a new laptop. People may stop complaining that my 10" Acer is too small to see the screen. I had no problem with the screen. I had other problems with it.

It was too slow because it did not have enough work space inside. With the small hard drive, 32gb, it left very little space for the temporary space it needed to move around.

I tried to buy another laptop for less than \$250 but I could not put a SSD, solid state drive in it. The SSD drives are fast. I started shopping and came up with this laptop.

It is an Acer e15, model E5-575-33BM. It comes with a 1,000gb hard drive. I found I could replace that for a SSD. After finding my

old SSD to USB cables wouldn't work on the newer drives, I put out the \$8.00 to buy a new one.

So, I cloned the drive that came with the laptop and installed it in the thing. It moves so fast now there is no dust!

I installed a 500gb SSD drive because that is the sweet spot in the price. I don't need a terabyte of storage. The total price for the Laptop, SSD and the cable was about \$550.00.

Yes, that is twice as much as I had in my budget. It should last me five years or so. That would make it cost me less than 33 cents a day.

Word Setup

I see my "\$o" and "\$c" are not setup yet. That means none of them are setup yet.

I should go there now! I need \$e, \$o, \$c and some others I don't remember off hand.

So, I need €, °F, °, ¢. I also need a mouse. The touchpad its too touchy. ☺... Wait I think I brought one! I did!

Ok that's done for them. I can now do this € ° ¢ and now this °F too! I think there might have been a couple others too. I will figure them out later.

There is a lot to remember when you are setting up a new computer

Dishwasher

I think I told you the controller failed on my dishwasher. I ordered a new dishwasher because the controller cost ½ the price of a new machine.

There was a mix up or I would have it by now. I should see it on Tuesday.

The new dishwasher has a timer to allow me to delay the start. This will save me some electricity. I can start it after midnight when energy cost a lot less.

Road Trip

Somebody has said I should also touch the 2 oceans. Well the gulfs and how about the lakes too. I think I will keep it to Woodstock's, Great Lakes, and the pathway to the 48-states.

I have put this Road Trip on hold for a while. My bottomless pit that holds my unlimited funds is starting to show its color. I need it to start to fill up a little.

I need to go home and proof the previous issue and get it out to you. Yes, I can do it here, but it works out better doing that at home.

Family Tree

I thought before I head home I would tell you I have 7,000 people in the Family Tree.

I can load that program on this laptop and work on it from time to time while I am not at home.

4-Jun-18 8:42am @\$ 61° Sunny

Today I have a couple more minutes at Starbucks. Michelle texted me telling me no coffee today. This lets me stay a little longer. ☺

New Laptop

I almost have my new laptop ready to carry around with me. I am still using this little one today.

I have the email to setup on the new one yet. I must look up the passwords.

I added only one thing on to the new one I don't have on this one, that is "Family Tree Maker". I don't have enough space on this one but I do on the new one.

Everything else should be the same. I don't need anything else that I know. I guess if I need something I have the room to add it later.

I am pretty sure the 500gb drive will be fine for this laptop. After all it is for portable use. The one at home has a 1000gb driver and it has 65% used on it. Having 1000gb would be nice but those drives are expensive. I paid less than \$120.00 for the 500gb SSD I installed.

Well I forgot my phone at home, so I must head back to get it.

6-Jun-8 4:29pm @home 75° Cloudy

Good afternoon!

I was searching pictures on google and came up with this one.



Milestones on-the Camino

Is this a grave yard for the Mile Markers? I saw this while looking for something else. I checked out the blog because I thought maybe the Camino was being shut down.

I thought I should look and see how many people completed the Camino. No Fear the Camino is still strong. Over 300,000 people got to Santiago in 2017. That is up from 277,000 2016. In 1986 there were only about 2,500 people. Is that right? 12,000% increase!

There were about 75,000 people when Mike walked the Camino in 2003. The year I went the first time and didn't complete the Camino it says there were 114,000 people and in 2012 when I walked the whole thing there were 192,000. That means there was 80,000 people increase since I Walked the Walk.

After reading that blog I see that I saw it before and they are just modernizing the milestones. It was dated 2016 so they may be done already.

Road Trip

My Road Trip is on hold for now. I have some medical issues I must take care of first. I am going to get out there!

If I get out of here in July I will be surprised. If it gets into August, it may be starting to get too hot for sleeping in a tin box. Ok I mean Camper. If I wait until September it means I will be driving through the Colorado mountains in October. There may be snowing to deal with.

Even though this trip will be around 55 days it could get up to three months before I get home. I do have to do some site seeing and I don't want to get stuck in the snow either.

If I wait until May 2019 it would be May, June, and July on the road. Wait, I have been thinking about the since 2011. I guess I could wait a few more months

We'll see how things go in the next few weeks.

New Laptop

My new Laptop with the SSD drive is going great. I have a couple email accounts to install yet. Everything else is working just fine!

I think I will go watch some TV for a while now.

9-Jun-18 7:33am @*\$ 61° It rains!

I feel like going for a walk, but it rains. Maybe I could go shopping instead. Maybe go to Walmart and see what I could spend my money on. Do I need anything? I just looked at my list and only need shoes and teeth cleaner. Walmart doesn't have the shoes I want. As for the teeth cleaner I can go a week or two before I need more.

I think it might be a ho-hum day.

Road Trip

My whole idea on the road trip was the drive to all 48-states and not drive through any one twice and do this in one trip.

I added the five Great Lakes because I was near them anyway.

I wondered how many other Woodstock's we had in the US. The first time there were 14 that came up when I searched. Now I find 22 Woodstock's one of which is in Canada. The one in Canada was on my route so I added it to my list.

I am rethinking it because there was nothing more in my plans except for 48-states, Great Lakes, and Woodstock's.

I am now thinking I need some one else who likes to travel should go along. They could have places along the way we could wander to along the trip. I am all for new things and revisiting things I have already seen. To enjoy some place or things I saw alone would nice to visit with someone else.

We could aw at the Grand Prismatic Spring

Look at the New York City Skyline

See down into The Grand Canyon

Go up the Gateway Arch in St. Louis

Visit the museum in The Washington Monument

There is Crater Lake in Oregon

And get our picture at The Hollywood Sign

These are all major places in the US to see. There are less known places to see too. Places like;

Alabama: Unclaimed Baggage Center

Arizona: The Thing

California: Salvation Mountain

Colorado: UFO Watchtower

Delaware: Miles the Monster

Florida: Airstream Ranch

Here is a place for you Betsy. Idaho: World's Biggest Beagle (Dog Bark Park Inn)

Marcia, this one is for you. Kansas: The World's Largest Collection of Smallest Versions of Largest Things

Who wouldn't want to visit Missouri: Nuclear Waste Adventure Trail

Mike and Petra might like to see Montana: Garden of One Thousand Buddhas

Jon, Bring your family to New Jersey: Lucy the Elephant

Marie this one is for you. New York: World's Smallest Church

I was here when it was just a free ice water stop. Look at it now! South Dakota: Wall Drug

We might end up in Utah: Hole in the Rock

I haven't been to England, so we could go to Virginia: Foamhenge

Harvard isn't the only one with a Cow. Wisconsin: Chatty Belle, World's Largest Talking Cow

And the last place might be Wyoming: Fossil Cabin

As for someone to go along with me. My Camper rides 4 and sleeps 2 easily with a little remodeling maybe sleep four. For the most part, a new model is not an option for me. I can stop of others or we could take a tent along. And I do have a four-person tent.

My Camper has most of the things to make it a home. Things like stove, refrigerator, microwave, eating and sitting around table, A/C, sink, hot & cold running water, shower, etc.

Now I don't have a TV, but I watch TV on my laptop if there is Wi-Fi available.

The microwave and the standalone A/C needs to be plugged into 120VAC while parked. I do not have a generator. Well not yet! ☺

The furnace will keep us warm if the house battery and LP gas are charged. I have gone 90 days with the Fridge running on a tank of LP gas. I forgot to turn it off once and noticed it was still running after 90 days.

My camper may be old, but it is solid for the most part. I know the shocks are the next thing to replace. But like the tires in 2013 I can replace them on the road. They are not a safety

issue. The camper was made in 1995 on a 1994 Chevy therefore it is only 24 years old today. I would like to be 24 years old again. ☺

Funny I just started thinking this sounds like a sales pitch. Maybe it is! You want to go along on a Road Trip?

What about the biggest Catchup Bottle, or the largest ball of binder twine. There a lot of things to see in the USA. Maybe I could find a sponsor for the trip. I could take pictures and write articles. If nothing else I am sure I could write a book or just put it in Marty's Random Thoughts.

MRT Subscribers

Most of the people I know don't know about MRT newsletters. Other than the 18 people on my email list other than me, I haven't really told anyone about my newsletter. I wonder why I haven't told any of the people I interact with about it.

Maybe I need to tell others they can subscribe to Marty's Random Thoughts at <http://martysrandomthoughts.com/blog/>. Just look at the top of the right column and enter your name and email address and each time I publish a new issue you will get a message telling you it's there. I don't sell any thing or charge for this. I don't give away your email address and I use spam controls the help stop spammers. And at the bottom of each email is a link for changing your email address or Heaven forbid, to cancel email notices.

I think I need to have a sample newsletter to get more subscribers. I wonder what I should put in it. I will have to think on that.

11-Jun-18 7:46am @*\$ 61° Overcast

Mike called last night. The first thing he said was that he was in the hospital. By the time you read this I hope all has gone well and he is home. I'll pray for you Mike!

I know he will survive his heart attack and be out walking very soon. Get well soon Mike!

Rain

The last coupled days it rained here. Yesterday I think we had about 3" in the last few days. This should help the farmers and the corn and beans should like it too.

Decluttering

I know I have been talking about decluttering my home for a long time. This morning I thought about doing it again.

I have ten rooms that need to be sorted through plus the garage. I figured if I spent one week in each I should be able to get most of it done.

Eleven weeks might not be enough to get finished because I got too much stuff. I would clear one room to just fill another. This would make the next room take longer. Or at least harder to do because some of the stuff from room #1 got put into room #2 or #3 will have to go back into room 1 making me have to go back into room 1 and look at it again. In that case I will need a couple more days in room 1 to get her done.

Seems like I may need two weeks per room. That is twenty-two weeks. It will take me until Christmas with all my coffee breaks I like to have.

Sitting up here isn't just making it easier to put this project on hold.

I have to go see the Doctor this afternoon and see what I have to do to get me in shape. I am pretty sure my big Road Trip will have to wait for this year. I am sure I will get a couple short road trips in before the year end.

Maybe Michelle will need some more kettlebells. The least trip I got to stay in a resort for a couple days and had a driver to bring me home. Wait that was a Hospital and they wouldn't let me drive home. I can imagine!

My Time Spent

I like to sit and watch TV too much. I watch with my eyes closed. Then I have to re-watch whatever I was watching. This doubles the time I am watching.

I spend a lot of time sitting out to EWT doing little more than looking up things on the internet. Yes, I do other things too! For the most part I sit in front of my computer.

At home I spend time working with the Family Tree Maker looking up ancestors. I have decided to only look up blood relatives for now. I have gotten sidetracked too many times and found myself out in La La Land.

I also start projects and get frustrated because I am missing some thing or don't have the tool to complete it. If I don't have the skill needed I can do research about it on the internet and try to learn a new skill. Learning is good but frustrated is not. Getting frustrated, causes me to stop and/or give up on the project. Then it becomes clutter!

Insite to clutter

Aw, that is where all the clutter has come from. That means that maybe all my clutter from projects I started and never completed. If that is the case I can look in to this clutter and see if I can make something of it or just get rid of it.

Sometimes I find a project sitting there and I have learned the skills to complete it. In some cases, I have no idea why I started it. In that case I should put it in the recycle bin, trash it or put it in a garage sale.

I have and idea for the decluttering project. Don't save the stuff!

I should take Michelle some coffee now!

Talk later.

12-Jun-18 3:50pm @Home 81° cloudy

Snowboard

I was watching a show on Netflix called Origins. They were talking about snowboards. Seems that somewhere in Turkey where it snows a lot of the time they tie a roped on a board to stand on it to get around. They did that for 400 years.

Well, in 1926 Howard J. Farce of Harvard Illinois built the first Modern snowboard. It evolved to what we have today.

Woodstock

I was wondering what anyone from Woodstock had invented that we still use. I headed out to the Internet to see what anybody had invented.

"Typewriter City"

Typewriters in a Woodstock business' window in 2013. Note the name "Woodstock" on some of them.

During the early part of the 20th century, Woodstock had become "Typewriter City." Home to the factories of both the Emerson Typewriter Company and the Oliver Typewriter Company. Woodstock workers had built more than half the world's typewriters by 1922. The companies were very much a part of life in the city during this time. Both factories had active social clubs, baseball teams that competed against one another, and Emerson even had a well-regarded band that played at public events. In 1919, Emerson Typewriter became the Woodstock Typewriter Company. The city grew and flourished with increasing demand for Woodstock typewriters up through and after World War II. Initially the company sold typewriters for use in the war effort domestically and abroad, but even after the war's end returning servicemen, now familiar with the Woodstock brand, chose these models for their households. The factory was in use until 1970 and has since been converted into lofts.

Source: Wikipedia

Wikipedia talks about a few movies made in Woodstock. Although this is nice, it isn't what I am talking about.

Claus Claussen

Do you have a passion for pickles? Claus Claussen founded CF Claussen & Sons in 1870. Claus was a vegetable farmer on land that today is in the Chicago city limits at 51st and South Western Blvd. Claus had a surplus crop of cucumbers one year, so he decided to bottle pickles and the legendary business was born. CLAUSSEN pickles were produced on the same piece of land until 1976 when the plant moved to Woodstock. Since then, every CLAUSSEN pickle is made in Woodstock!

Source: City of Woodstock

Berry Plastics

Berry Plastics has a long history of excellence in package manufacturing, with the ability and expertise to imagine new possibilities that meet and exceed customer and consumer needs. Whether its the plastic cap covering your favorite parmesan cheese, or the plastic container holding your olives, chances are it was made in Woodstock!

Source: City of Woodstock

Dordan

Dordan is located in Woodstock, IL, adjacent to the intersection of Route 14 and Route 47. Dordan is a third-generation family-owned and operated manufacturer of custom plastic packaging like clamshells, blisters, trays, and components. Dordan provides thermoformed plastic packaging solutions to the healthcare, automotive, retail, electronic, and industrial end markets. Dordan is a full service thermoformer, offering engineering-based package design, tooling, and thermoforming all under one-roof in Woodstock, IL.

Source: City of Woodstock

Though these three are unique to Woodstock, it is not what I am looking for.

So, I ask you, what was invented in Woodstock Illinois?

I'll keep looking around and see what I can find out and tell you later.

13-Jun-18 11:19am @EWT 71°

Two days ago, I heard Mike was in the hospital.

Petra called this morning to tell me about Mike. He is in the hospital in Santa Fe with a heart attack. Today, it isn't looking good. More information as it comes in.

15-Jun-18 2:10pm @Home 83° Sunny

Road Trip

While looking up a Zip-Code I was wondering if all 20 of my Woodstock's had zip-codes. Not having a zip-code does not make it not a town. Nevertheless, I looked up and saw that only 14 have zip-codes. This makes me think I might not want to go to them on my Road Trip.

If I am going to drive almost 14,000 miles should I only go to the Woodstock's with zip-codes or all 20 of them even if thy are just crossroads. Guess I should go to all of them. Even if it so I can say I have been to all of them.

Anyway here it the list of all 20 of the Woodstock's I have found so far:

City	State	Zip Code
Woodstock	Alabama	35188
Woodstock	Connecticut	06281 & 06282
Woodstock	Georgia	30188 & 30189
Woodstock	Illinois	60098
Woodstock	Indiana	USPS says Not Valid
Woodstock	Kentucky	USPS says Not Valid

Woodstock	Maine	04219
Woodstock	Maryland	21104 & 21163
Woodstock	Minnesota	56186
Woodstock	Missouri	USPS says Not Valid
Woodstock	New Hampshire	03293
Woodstock	New Jersey	08098
Woodstock	New York	12498
Woodstock	Ohio	43084
Woodstock	Oregon	USPS says Not Valid
Woodstock	Pennsylvania	USPS says Not Valid
Woodstock	South Carolina	USPS says Not Valid
Woodstock	Tennessee	38053
Woodstock	Texas	78393
Woodstock	Utah	USPS says Not Valid
Woodstock	Vermont	05091
Woodstock	Virginia	22664
Woodstock	Wisconsin	USPS says Not Valid
Woodstock	Ontario, Canada	Many

Now there are 24 Woodstock's. 16 with Zip Codes! I wonder where I might find more. Utah and Indiana, I still haven't found. [Google Maps can't find them.](#)

16-Jun-18 8:04am @\$ 71° Sunny

It looks to be a nice day. The sun is shining, and it is in the low 70s and the people are starting to gather at the Farmers Market. Better yet, I got my parking spot right in front of the door at Starbucks.

Oh, Michelle, a Starbucks employee gave me a gift card because she messed up my drink the other day. Today is going to be a good day!

Mike

Petra says things are not looking good for Mike. He was in the hospital in Santa Fe because of a heart attack. They moved him to Albuquerque for a different kind of care.

I don't have a lot of details right now. If you have prayers, maybe you could direct them to Mike. He could use them.

Watch Band

My Fitbit watch band is about to crap out. Where do you get a new one installed? The model I have is a Surge. I think it is too big. It gets caught on my sleeve and other things all the time. I wonder if they still make the one that goes in your pocket.

The Fitbit Surge also has a short battery life. It seems like it is on the charge every other night. Maybe I could see what else they sell.

I used to have a "One" that the battery went 10 days to two weeks after charged. You carried it in your pocket. It did not have a heart monitor, but it counted steps. That is all I need.

I guess I could head to the Internet and see what they have. I'll be back...

...Ok done! I ordered a new band for my Surge to be delivered around the 26th it cost \$7.57. It comes with the tools to install it too. And yes, I ordered another black one. It came in 5 colors.

Weather Station

The weather station on my roof has problems. This morning I looked up at it and saw the wind direction and one pointed North and the other pointed South.

One is not working. There were only light winds so one of them must be stuck or tilted to make the fin to hang down in the light wind.

In any case I need to go up there and check it out. Don't worry I have been up there many times. My ladder is still a little stable and if it collapses I can come down the tower. Unless it

fails while I am on it. In that case I will be waiting for you to come and help me. ☺

I'm drink black coffee and it is fine. I have been drinking latte for so long I forgot what brewed black coffee was like. Its ok!

It's getting busy in here. I should leave so others can enjoy this (my) table.

Besides, I have ordered my watch band and I have a weather station to check out.

18-Jun-18 6:53pm @home 71° Pouring

It was in the low 90s an hour ago. Like HOT! Much better now. It ooks like we got over an inch of rain in an hour. It is letting up now.

Mike

I haven't heard how Mike is doing. I wanted to give him some rest time. I'll try to call tomorrow.

Wendell

Wendell has not been at Starbucks for a week. This is not unusual because Marie and Wendell travel a lot. I usually get an email or to from him from time to time.

He stopped at EWT this morning to let me know his wife died last Monday. They were married for 65 years. I had talked to Marie a lot when she was at Starbucks with Wendell. Wendell said she had a lot of issues that contributed to her death. Marie will be missed. Rest in peace!

Woodstock, Utah



19-Jun-18 5:45pm @home 68°

Overcast

I just got off the phone with my brother Mike. He is in the hospital in Albuquerque New Mexico. He said that they were going to take him to Santa Fe to be in hospice and that he is not expected to live more than a few days.

Mike is 75 years old now. When we were kids we didn't get along much. Then he went away to school and then the Army. He was never home so we didn't see much of each other.

In the last 20 years or so we have been spending some time together. Not a lot but we talk on the phone and email each other.

I enjoyed my visit with him and Petra in Santa Fe last October. I think it might be the last time I saw him face to face. Shortly after that, they moved to their winter home in India. Mike and Petra do not like the cold weather.

They spend the warm months in Santa Fe. They get snow but guess it doesn't bother them in May.

Mike walked with me for a while on the Camino to help me keep the fear away in 2007. While I was in Europe I spent time with them when they lived in Germany. In 2012 Mike met me on the Camino when I walked the walk the second time.

We are brothers and as such we had different views of things. We never argued much about those differences.

Mike seemed to be ok with leaving this world. His view seems to be that it his time to see what is on the other side. He said that the hardest part right now it the waiting to die.

I guess I didn't tell you really what the problem is, did I? Mike's heart isn't working and there is not enough of it to keep working to keep him going.

And that is about all I can ~~talk~~ type about right! now

20-Jun-18 6:32am @*\$ 63° overcast

Is this Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday? The trash can still line the street but Tuesday it Trash Day, but the calendar says it's Wednesday. Ron called me yesterday to remind me of my blood test which is always on Thursday, but the calendar said Tuesday all day yesterday. My card has Jun-21 on and I made sure he meant Wednesday. The calendar on this laptop says Jun-20 and the 20th in under Wednesday.

Maybe I am still sleeping in which case it makes no difference what day it is. If it is Wednesday, then a mess of people forgot the take in their trash cans in and Pat entered my appointment for the wrong day or wrote down the wrong date on my reminder card.

In any case I think it was Tuesday yesterday and won't be Thursday until tomorrow. It is Wednesday! Isn't it? ☺

Road Trip

I have a few of days figured out on my route/plan that have too many miles. I show three days driving through Canada, but I think it needs to be five. The other days are only a few miles over my 300 miles per day guide line. The days before and after those days are short so they should be fine. The total time looks to be 65 days from start to finish. That should be fine.

I have 48 states plus DC in the US, all five Great Lakes, and twenty-four, yes 24 Woodstock's in my route. I'll let my Co-pilot figure out the sightseeing part.

Road Trip Co-pilot

Oh, I need a co-pilot for my Road Trip! I should let someone into my space. I thought I should have a partner in this project. There must be some one out there that can be away from home for three months.

I would like a fun person who does not smoke or drink. I can't take stopping every 15 minutes for somebody to have a smoke. And I want to

drive right by the bars and my fridge should have food in it. And If they are not fun the Road Trip could go on forever or cut short.

Don't get me wrong, I am sure we will have arguments and disagreements. That is part of life. Control freaks are not fun!

A beer or a glass of wine at the end of the day is not what I am talking about.

On the other hand, there is no smoking in my camper. I can't take that!

Did I just chase away a co-pilot? I'll be looking for some one who can drive a big van for those times when I need to rest.

Maybe I should make a list what I would like.

Some one that can cook or open a can of food. In most cases the food is already cooked so you can eat it from the can. I eat chips and cookies too.

My camper sleeps two. We can sleep in the same bed or one on the floor and one in the bed. Or one driving and one sleeping.

There is no TV or Generator. That means making coffee on the stove will have to wait until we are stopped. Can you make coffee at a traffic light? ☺

There is a A/C and Microwave, but they need to be plugged into 120 VDC to work. No Generator!

The A/C in the van needs to be charged before we leave. I should be fine for a year. If not, I can get it fixed on the road.

I avoid picking up hitch hikers. If I see someone in trouble I may or not stop to help. It all depends.

I can pay all by bills on the road via the Internet.

Wow, this sounds like a sales pitch. So, what do you do on your road trips?

What happened this, newsletter is getting long!

23-Jun-18 12:31pm @Mike's HOT° Sunny

Marie and I are here with Mike to relieve Petra for a while. Mike is not doing very well at all. Petra needed a break. Marie and I are sitting here helping. Cork, Diane, Marcia, and Edie were here the last couple of days, but they had to leave. It is rough just sitting here.

Petra has been her alone for the most part. Mike is pretty much out of it at this point. He may be becoming near the end.

Later 6:28pm

Marie and I left to get some lunch because the nurse was here to see for Mike. Petra & Kate were here when we came back. Petra is having a rough time of it. Marie & I are seeing to Mike fore now.

It is rough for all of us. Marie and I well be leaving here around noon tomorrow. There is nothing more we can do.

26-Jun-18 3:49pm @home 77° Raining

Mike

Marie and I just came back from Santa Fe where we said "Good-bye" to Mike. He has heart failure and they could do little for him.

We arrived home about 1:30pm and when I walked in the house the phone rang. Petra told me that Mike passed away.

Mike, you will be missed!

Here is my last picture of Mike.



*Michael Metras, 16-Jan-1943 to 25-Oct-2018
Camera in hand, straw hat while out walking.*

This picture was taken on the 10th of October 2018 when I was visiting Mike and Petra in Santa Fe.

I have no information on the services, currently.

30-Jun-18 3:34pm @home 93° Mostly Sunny

Mike Passed Away

By now, many of you may know that my older brother Mike passed away last Monday. He out lived Mom, Dad, and his youngest brother Jake.

He married his wife Petra in 2004 and she is still living.

Mike was a world traveler, writes and took great pictures. Wait, if you want to know about my brother Mike, check out his "Who am I" web page at <http://worksandwords.com/whoami.htm>

Mike was many things. One of which was he was my brother. It is easy to keep him alive in my heart.

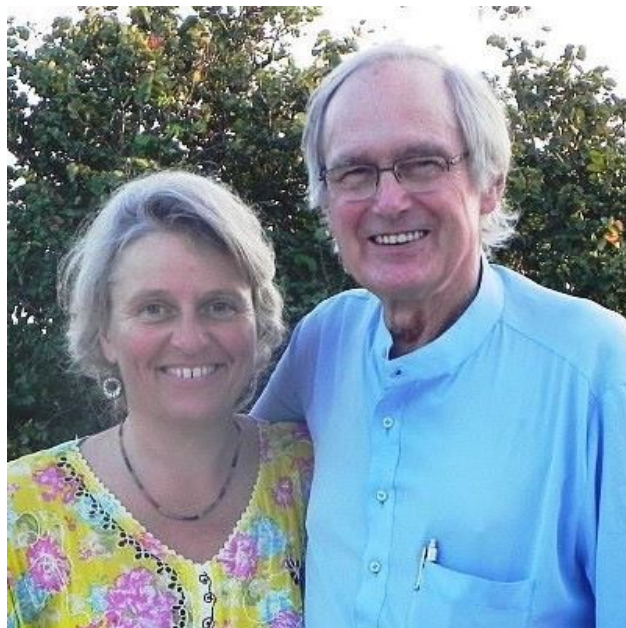
I was thinking if each of you would buy one of his books to help his wife Petra it would be great.

You can find Mike's Books on LuLu.com, Amazon.com, and BarnesAndNoble.com. I am sure you can find them other places too.

You can read about Mike's books on his web site at <http://worksandwords.com/index.htm> Mike wrote mostly travel and coin books.

Just search for "Mike Metras"

I think I will finish off this issue with pictures of Mike that I have



Petra and Mike

MARTY'S RANDOM THOUGHTS

The Backer Page



*Daddy, Mike and
Marie, Mom. before me*



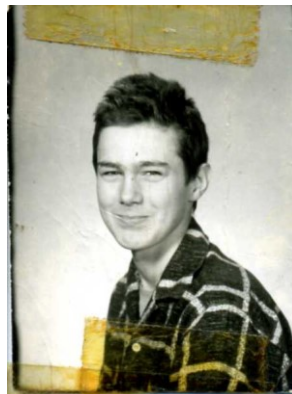
Mike in 1952



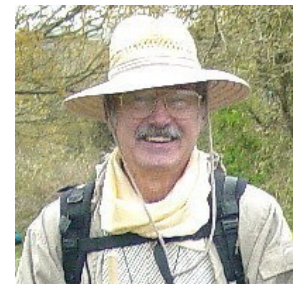
Mike & Petra on the Camino in 2003



Mike, April 1968



Mike in School



Mike (from Facebook 2010)



Mike & Petra walking from California to Jerusalem 2009-2010

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*Woodstock Paper about Mike and Petra
(Northwest Harold 21-Jan-2009)*

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MY BOOKS



← MY CAMINO DE SANTIAGO ADVENTURE
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My books are available online from Lulu.com, Amazon.com and from me personally.

Mike's and Petra's Books

Pilgrimage Creations

<http://www.walkingwithawareness.com/ourbooks.htm>

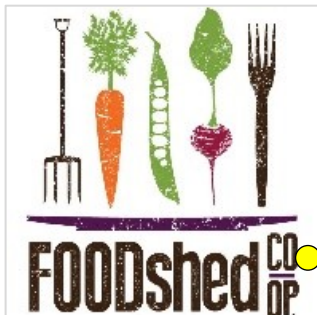
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