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17-Nov-18 10:24am @home 30° Snowy

I almost had to look at the last issue to see how I entered the date. It has been a long time since I have really entered anything into my newsletter. Times are changing. What have I been doing?

I have been writing procedures for Michelle for all the things I do for her with the computer. I forgot how much work that is. I used to do that at Knaack, but the was 11 years ago. Wow, I have been out of Knaack since 3rd March 2007!

I have been fixing things. Nothing hard just time consuming. Both exercise bikes needed some work. They are fixed.

Clyde stop working. It took a while the get parts to fix him. He needed a motor and a gear. Yes, he is only a mummy, but I could fix him, so his arms work now. I had to borrow a glue gun to finish him up. Thanks Michelle!

I have a glue gun but can't seem to find the glue sticks. The last time I saw them I said "I will have to remember where these are located. I may need them." So where are my glue sticks?

We have snow sticking now. The cold snow season is on us.

23-Nov-18 8:42am @\$ South 41° Sunny

Did you notice, I said "\$ South". We now have two Starbucks in Woodstock. The new one is in front of Farm & Fleet near the intersection of US 14 and IL route 47.

This is my second trip out here. They opened Nov 15th.

I like the one on the Square more than this one. The Wi-Fi here is dead slow. I just tested it and it is only 1.68 megs. What was dial up's speed? Oh wait, DSL was 3 megs. I used to have 26 megs at home. I had it tuned down because it was costing me too much because I wasn't using all of that.

I need to see what I use and adjust it for that.

Another thing with this place, it is too noisy. They are empty. and it sounds like a diner in here. The sounds just bounce around and it echoes.

I can go now because it is "Shop-Until-You-Drop" day, ☺ and my coffee is done!

25-Nov-18 8:08am @\$ 36° overcast

I checked my internet speed and it was over 6 megs.

Now I am up on the Square at Starbucks. That could get confusing if I just say I am at Starbucks and keep going to both. I will call this one "\$" and the other one "\$2" that way it will save ink?

Wow! The speed here is 38 megs. No wonder I come up here all the time. Wow. is 6-1/2 time faster than at home. Maybe I should start spending more time up here. I wonder what it is at EWT. I'll have to check tomorrow.

Snow & Grass

They Said yesterday we have 100% chance of snow today. They also said 8" of then stuff. I just looked out the window and I could mow my lawn. Yup I need to mow the leaves and cut the grass yet.

I just checked the weather map and they say 12" of snow. It is coming from Rockford and Elgin and it is a BIG one. I have time to drink my coffee and

head home before it hits. I don't think I will have time to rake too many leaves. I may have time the switch the mower with the blower. I wonder how my little snow thrower will do with 12" of snow.

Funny, Michelle and her husband bought a big snow blower. Thanksgiving it was still in the back of their SUV. Grant and his brother were going to unload it Thanksgiving and Grand and Michelle (and Me) forgot. It is too big for me! It is in a box on a skid and looks like it just fit. They used a fork lift to load it.

I wonder if Michelle's neighbors have a forklift. There are only a couple hours to get that thing unloaded and out running. I saw their shovel! ☺

Coins

Friday and Saturday, I decided to go through all the change I have accumulated over the years. This would be the change left in my pants and found in the washer & dryer. I found over \$300.00.

There were a few Silver coins, and nearly two rolls of Wheat pennies and a bunch of half-dollar and dollar coins. There were large (Eisenhower) and the new smaller dollar coins.

I put all of this in a nice neat order and put it back in the box to look at later.

Saturday, I decided to break into my Piggy Bank. The Piggy Bank is a clay pig I bought in Sedona Arizona years and years ago.



Before surgery



After all the coins leaked out.

At first, I was seeing only Quarters. After a while I found a few other coins. I found four Dollars, three Pennies, and three Nickels, then I came across a Chocolate coin. The rest was Quarters.

After that I divided the Quarters into two piles. One with the Washington Quarters the other with the State Quarters. Then I started counting. That story will follow another day.



The rest is Quarters

30-Nov-18 12:59am @home 35° Partly Sunny

New Project

I have been researching a new project. I could use some help with this, so I will let you know what it is and see what happens. I was going to send Cork an email because he may be interested. After a while I decided there was too much to tell just one person. Here is what I wrote so far.

I am thinking about starting a big project.

You may be interested on helping with it.

It is big enough I must clear the garage. (my job)

I have seen enough CNC Wood Routers that I think I would like one to make things.

The one I am looking at right now would be 4' x 2' and could be expanded to up to '5 x 10'.

CNC Build Kits, the company, makes smaller CNC routers but are not easy to expand.

This link will give you an idea what I am thinking.
<http://www.cncrouterparts.com/>

I am not going out and buying thing just yet. I have a lot of de-junking to do to make the garage ready for this kind of project.

That will take weeks and the garage is cold!

The 4' x 8' unit will just fit in the garage and still have room for a car, and some other things like a table saw, drill press, later a band saw, and maybe some other big tools.

I am talking from \$5000 to \$8500 to turn the thing on and do something. That is after the garage it ready.

I am thinking it may cost me up near \$7500 to fix up the garage.

That is clearing the garage, electrical, insulate, dry wall and heating it.

Just to get started I need to clear it and do electrical stuff, estimate \$500 – \$2000. Of course, I would do a lot of that. A garage sale would help recover some of the funds.

A heater could be from \$200 to \$800 depending how I go.

Insulation could cost \$2500 and the drywall up near another \$2500.

Wait, is the floor in the garage ok? I haven't had it cleared in years. That may need some work too.

This email got too long. It may be time to move it in into the newsletter.

To be Continued...

End of the Month

Bills are paid, and I have a little free time. I think since this is the 30th of the month, I will stop this issue and get it ready for proofing.

My plan right now is to save this then get some lunch. Then come back and proof it and send it out.

It is time to work on my Christmas letter. It is something I could work on all year, but you know how it goes. So, I could keep having random thoughts or just get going.

Marty

Wow,

It is ready to publish, and it is still November.

Adding a little

Thanksgivings Day

Most years in the past I would spend Thanksgivings Day with Aunt Annie. I am not sure where I went last years. Aunt Annie Died In October last year so I may have spent last year at home.

This year Michelle invited me to her house. He Sister-in-law's family, her Mom and Dad, and a few of there friends had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. Thanks Michelle & Grant for putting up with me! ☺

Christmas

I received my first Christmas Card today. Thanks Marvin!
Time to go!

MARTY'S RANDOM THOUGHTS

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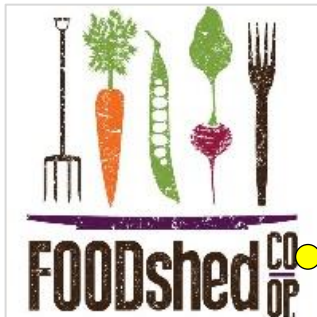
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