

Marty's Random Vacation

Newsletter

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Well I decide to take two weeks off and be on vacation. I say be on vacation because I'm not planning doing any thing. I will be doing things just not planning to have it happen. This will be the news of what happens when you don't plan.

It started Friday March 23rd, 2002. My boss, Matt, told me to not forget my pager just in case. Well, wouldn't you know it? I forgot it.

I got to my favorite restaurant for supper, Vaughan's, and Shirley tells me about the death of my good friend. Bill Salzman. I've known Bill for many years he has been a very good friend. I'll miss him. The funeral is Tuesday. I am going to pick Aunt Annie before I go.

Saturday, March 23, 2002

Aunt Annie, there is another story. She had Anguaptic/Angugram on her heart on Friday. That is the thing where open up the blood vein in the heart. My spelling of these two words is most likely wrong. She is at home already. I just talked to her and she must stay home and rest for about 4 days. Let's see...Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday...Yup! We can go for coffee on Tuesday.

I stopped at Vaughan's earlier to have breakfast. Shirley told me that Bill's funeral was Tuesday morning. Mary, Heather and Nora were working. I just happened to have a bag of jellybeans for them to help eat.

After breakfast, I drove to Knaack to get my pager. Get this I walked in, picked up my pager, said to the carpet cleaner guy and left. I didn't turn on the computer! Wow! That has to be a first.

After I go home, I logged in to the computer and fixed a problem I was working on yesterday. Withdrawal, I guess. I got that fixed and left Matt and Christine know because they know that I was working on the problem.

Here it is almost time for the Saturday after noon get-to-gather. For those of you who don't know, on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 a bunch of us get to gather and have lunch. Anybody who wants to come is invited. We order at 1:30pm if you are there or not. You don't have to call and say you are coming or not. Just show up or not. We ask about the regulars. We even would let a stranger sit with us if they like. Oh! It is 1:00pm I better get ready. I will let you know who showed up when I get back.

Sunday, March 24, 2002

I just returned from breakfast with Jeremy and Annette. And thought I would do my Income taxes this morning. I see this newsletter on the screen so I thought I would update it first.

Well I pressed the first key and the computer did a core dump. For you non-computer people that is to say it stopped. Being that it is Microsoft Windows computer, I feel this is normal when the computer is running all the time. I hate computers some times. Good thing is that I lost nothing and rebooting it solved the problems. Well, I think it solved the problem because I am typing away here and it seems to be working.

Yesterday at the lunch get-to-gather there was Jeremy, Diane, Betsy and I. We talked about random things. Nothing earth shaking.

After lunch I installed the front door jam for the door that Jeremy and I installed back in '95-'96. I thought it was about time. You know when you live alone you can leave things go for a very long time.

Now I will get away from this newsletter and work on my taxes.

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That was it for Easter.

Monday, April 1, 2002, All fools day.

I looked out the window around 9:00 - 10:00am and it was snowing. An April Fools joke? No it was really snowing. We got 2-3 inches.

I did not do much on Monday. I never left the house. I worked on one of my computers. I found one of the Linux boxes I was trying to load had the wrong kind of memory. That was part of the problem I was having. I think this one should be my new Windows PC. I need one of them.

I replaced the bad bulb in the ceiling fan. I started to get rid of some old junk around here.

Declutter is more the right term.

I watched a bunch of TV too.

Here it is Sunday night and I'm behind on my vacation updates.

Tuesday, April 2, 2002

Today I bought Windows 2000 Prof. and installed it on one of my PCs to replace the old one that has a 233Mhz processor.

Wednesday, April 3, 2002

I took my van to get a tune up and fix the idle pulley that is bad. I also asked them to see what was loose and make the noise in the front end.

Thursday, April 4, 2002

About midday they called me about my van. It needed both Struts and both CV joints on the pass. side. Larry said that it would be ready late on Friday.

Friday, April 5, 2002

Tried to wake up earlier today to get back in the groove for going back to work Monday. No luck with that. It was 8:30 before I got up. Oh, well.

Larry called around 2:00 and said that found more things wrong with the van. Timing chain is making noise. He said that it might need replacing soon. He said it could wait. It only is noisy when you first start it up. After the oil starts flowing it quiets down.

The other thing was an error code given off by the transmission saying it needs a solenoid. Larry said that this an easy fix that cost about \$300.00. He also said it might be a false error code because of just flushing the transmission. I'll wait.

I picked up the Van when Aunt Annie and I went for diner around 5:00. The bill for the van was over \$1,500.00! That is plus \$150.00 Trans. flush and the \$70.00 bill to check this out. That is more than half of what I paid for the van 3 years ago.

Saturday, April 6, 2002

Today I worked on my truck farm. I added 3 more pots to the farm making the whole farm about 20 Square Feet. I added a watering system to the thing so I can water it with out pulling the pots out of the truck.

I bought a Strawberry and a few flower seeds. About Wednesday, April 10th I will start planting this.

April 10th is the last day of frost. Well, closet enough!

Sunday, April 7, 2002

Today I got at 7:00am, this is really 6:00am because we had to set the clocks ahead last night. I wish they would stop doing that! Had breakfast with Annette at Vaughan's. Then I went to the Computer show in