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Birthdays

May 2	Cathy S	Jun 9	Jim S
May 7	Bill Mc	Jun 9	Nora S
May 18	Arlene	Jun 11	Nathan H
May 23	Kevin C	Jun 15	Voviollca
May 25	Sofije	Jun 21	Sue S
May 28	Arianna B	Jun 21	Sue
		Jun 24	Daron G
		Jun 28	Haley

If you don't see you birthday or you want to make sure I have then let me know.
 My master list is at <http://www.martysthoughts.info/randomthoughts/html/Birthdays.html>

21- May-2008 8:10pm 60° **Sometimes I Hate Computers**

Don't you just love computers? ☺ I installed a minor Microsoft update on my PC. Now it won't print the newsletter.☹ So I did a full update to Windows XP SP-3. I was figuring the minor update was bad and the full upgrade should fix it. Well it was the minor update that fixed the printer driver so I could not print. I guess all this time the printer driver was bad but it worked. The minor update fixed the problem I didn't know existed until I fixed it.

So back on the internet and find a fix for something that wasn't broken before it stopped working. **SOMETIMES I HATE COMPUTERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** ☺ ☹

Anyway right now I am printing the first copy of the newsletter. So cross your fingers.



23-May-2008 11:50am 52°

I have just finished publishing issue 33. It has high lights of my spring vacation 2008 along with some of the pictures. Now I can get on with other things. Things like working on the issue.

Birthday

Kevin's birthday is today. This is Annette's son. Happy Birthday Kevin!

Fuel Cost

I see gas was \$4.13⁹ at Chark on Lake Street this morning. I also saw no one walking. They were all out there driving. I guess people are complaining but still diving.

I get very good gas mileage on my car so I don't complain a lot about the gas prices. I don't like paying out all that money either. I buy about 12 gallons of gas a month so it only would cost me \$50.00 to fill up my car. Wow, it is that much! I hadn't thought it was that much before just now. I only paid \$40.00 before I went on vacation last month.

Now it is time for me to change how I drive and how much. I think I will let you know a few things I know that save fuel. These will things I know that make a difference and in some case are easy to do.

When I went to work in Crystal Lake ever day I filled up with fuel about every 4 weeks. Now that I do not drive that far every day I still have to fill up about ever 4 weeks. I use the same amount of fuel but I drive less. I was getting 40 mpg two years ago and now I get only 30 mpg. It isn't the car it's the driving. The car would still get 40 mph if I drove to Crystal Lake ever day.

The difference is that when I drove to Crystal Lake the engine would get warmed up after 3 or 4 miles and then the performance of the engine is much better. What I am doing now is driver to the Restaurant, a mile and half, and shut off the engine and let it get cold then start it up and drive home. The same is true for running around. This mean the engine almost never gets up to operating temperature when it is performing up to snuff. I am sure a lot of us do this.

One thing that would help is to combine our running to do it in bunches. I could try something like going to Farm & Fleet, Menards, and then stop for coffee on the way home. The engine would get warm on the way to Farm & Fleet. It would still be warm when I get to Menards and when I stop for coffee. This would help a little in my case.

What I have found my car stops for coffee on the way out and I forget I was going to Farm & Fleet and Menards. That is a 3-1/2 mile round trip with an hour in the middle for the engine to cool down. This is not very good for gas mileage.

This is one of the reasons I am thinking about running my car on water. If you that the H₂O apart and make it into HHO and feed it in to the air intake it will help the engine run better at cool temperature.

The other thing is to get an electric car. No warming up there. The only thing with an electric car is that I would be limiter on how far I could driver it in a day. Maybe only 50 to 100 miles because of the time it would take to charge it. With my normal driving it would be ok as long as I had a second car.

I think I will fill my car up and see how long I can go with out buying fuel again. For now how about combining trips with your car and see if it help your fuel usage.

My book

Remember 100 years ago I started writing a book about my trip to Germany and Spain. Well it was a year ago. I am working on it again. Sometime this year I am going to finish one thing. Maybe it will be this.

Before I went on vacation I got the correction Melody made. I started applying tonight. But I want to do less tonight. I think I am going to go and watch T-V and eat some M & Ms. Maybe I will get back to it tomorrow.

24-May-2008 11:16am 67°

Well I just got home from breakfast. I left here at 6:30am and yes I just got home.

Many of you may have heard me say I was going to convert the motor home to run on water. That is something that may happen some day. For now I am thinking of water to assist the gasoline. I will tell you I am looking in to and I will add pieces of what I am doing from time to time. I am looking to increase the fuel mileage per gallon by 50%.

I stopped down at my Honda dealer to talk to the service people to help me find a place on the car to hook it up. I have a Honda Civic Hybrid that already gets 40 mpg. After talking to Rick, It seems there is no easy way to hook it up on my car. That is without modifying it. Honda did such a good job on the design of the fuel system on the hybrid there is no easy way for me to hook any thing that would be different than the design calls for. I will have to make some modification to do what I want to try. I may do this but I do not want to modify the car just yet.

In the mean time, I bought a book back in the late '70s that is called "How to Get more Miles per Gallon" by Robert Sikorsky. It says; "...282 tips to save your gas..." I think I need to re-read this to see what I forgot.

25-May-2008 8:58am 61°

New waitress

We had a new waitress start at Vaughan's yesterday. Rachael has replacing Taylor moved on to another job. Good luck Taylor! I was there Rachael started. She seemed to be experienced at waitressing. She pitched right in with little or no guidance. It is nice to see a self motivated new employee. I have see so many new waitress just stand and it looks like they and think, "Da, I wonder what I they are going to have me do?" Yes, I have seen many look just like that. So Rachael it seems to me that you will be ok.

26-May-2008 07:07am 62°

Today is another one of those Monday holidays. Does this make today really May 30th? Or is this the second Sunday this week or is it really next Friday. In any case today is Memorial Day observance.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. ...

Source: <http://www.usmemorialday.org/backgrnd.html>

However it got started, it is a day to remember our service men and women who help protect this country so we can keep doing what we do.

Other things going on today

While looking for the origin on Memorial Day information, I found a lot more things that are going on today.

2008; Dracula goes on sale in London, *The History Channel*

THE DUKE DAY John 'Duke' Wayne's birthday 1907-1979, *440 International*

1521; Martin Luther's writings were banned by the Edict of Worms, *InfoPlease*

1924; President Coolidge signs Immigration law: restricting immigration, *Brainy History*

1896; *The Wall Street Journal* begins publishing the Dow Jones Industrial Average, *HistoryNet.com*

1868; the Senate impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson ended, *New York Times*

1864; President Lincoln signed an enabling act creating the Territory of Montana, *The Library of Congress*

1781; Bank of North America incorporates in Philadelphia, *Today-in-History*

1938; The House Un-American Activities Committee was established by Congress, *Yahoo News*

There is always a lot of history out there. I wonder what kind of history the future will bring us. You do know today is tomorrow's yesterday.

I think I should go eat breakfast and leave the history to the historians.

Birthday

Sofije's birthday is today. Happy Birthday Sofije!

27-May-2008 7:50am 42°

It was sure a nice day yesterday. On the way to Baker's Square in Crystal Lake to have lunch with Aunt Annie and Cassie I saw the temperature was 80°. This is a great weather for the first holiday of the summer. Yes, I know that it is still spring!

Anyway, it was so nice I opened all the windows in the house to air out the house. I left them open all night. Surprise, surprise, surprise! It is winter again this morning.

I should have cut the grass yesterday because it needed it. Today will be a better day to that. I will be able to see how my modified lawnmower works. Yesterday I made some changes to it so it can run partly on water. I will try it later after the chill gets out of the air.

Gas Prices

I see gas prices around here have been the same for a few days. I complain about gas prices because they are so high. We need to find a better way to produce energy to fuel our transportation. Everything we eat, drink and sleep in uses transportation. If I

don't spend the money for gas for my car, I am paying for it for the people who supply me with goods and services.

28-May-2008 4:26pm 68°

Good afternoon. I have been ordering parts I need to make the invention that helps run the car with water. You may think I am foolish. Maybe I am. After read a lot of information I am feeling I could get a 20% increase in mileage by just feeding a very small part of HHO into the engine. This is H₂O (water) converted to a HHO gas. HHO is Hydrogen and Oxygen gas that is given off by using electrolysis to separate water. I just call it a HHO gas generator.

To try this, I required no real special tools or equipment. Most of the parts are available at the local hardware and auto supply stores. While I am experimenting with the concept I have order some parts from the parts on the internet. They are not any thing real special. It is that even with the shipping cost they are cheaper than driving to the local store and buying them.

I have built my first HHO gas generator out of scrap parts I found laying around the garage. It isn't pretty but does produce a lot of HHO.

Now I have to find some where to mount it under the hood of the car. The problem with my car is there is no room for any thing. The HHO generator is not some big device. In fact it is the size of a quart fruit jar. There is no room under the hood! If time permits, I am looking at finding a different place to mount it tomorrow.

Birthday

Arianna's birthday is today not next month. I had it wrong in issue # 33. Thanks for putting me straight Aunt Annie. And thanks to get the spelling right too.

Happy Birthday Arianna!

29-May-2008 9:10am 59°

I wonder if the parts for my HHO device will show up today.

Water Heater

Remember a long time a go I replaced the water heater in the basement. Well that was not really true. I just put in a new one. The old one was still in the basement. While Cork and I were having breakfast he told me he had a lot of things to recycle center. I joked and said I still have that water heater in the basement. He told me he still had those old computers to get rig of too. So I took the old computer parts and he helped me get rig of the water heater.

Did you know we have place to take water heaters and they pay you a little for them. Behr Woodstock is located out east route 120 (Washington Street). This may be a place for you to check out if you have something to scrap.

Anyway, that project is completed!

30-May-2008 8:49am 60°

Happy Memorial Day!

I see gas prices are a little lower this morning at Clark. When I say a little I mean a nickel! I nickel is very little now days. You can not even send a post card for a nickel. They cost about a quarter. I guess a nickel is better than nothing.

Wind 11:39am

I was going to tell you that the wind was blowing with gust of 39 mph. The power has out! I think I will shutdown this computer because I am running on the battery backup.

31-May-2008 7:08am 62°

That was some wind yesterday morning. The highest gust I recorded was 39 mph at 11:30am. I also recorded a 39mph gust in March 2004 and a 40 mph in October 2004. I saw a lot of branches that came down in the wind. Few power outages but these were short lived. The wind died round to gust of 9 mph around 12:30pm. The average wind for yesterday was only 2 mph. So the wind must have blown itself out.

01-Jun-2008 4:35pm 81°

It warmed up a little today. Nice!

I had to go to Lens Crafter's today and get new thingies for my glassed. You know, those nose pads thingies. They had them changed in 5 minutes and I was on my way.

Fuel for the car

I had to get gas for the car before I head to Spring Hill Mall. I only bought 12.3 gallons and it cost me \$51.00. That sound like a lot. But that 12 gallon lasted me since April 4th. Yes, 8 weeks! I was gone on vacation for 3 weeks of that. And I got 44 mpg with that tank full. I love this car! Yes, I am rubbing it in! I did one good thing 6 year ago. On the 17th of June it will be 6 years. It has served me well.

Water in the gas

I have the mower converted to run a little with some water. The car may be next. The mower is setup a little different than the car because it does not have a battery to power the unit. I have to cut the grass a few time to see how this is working. It may or may not help on the mower.

Power Outage

The other day when the power was out for a few seconds for me, others were not so lucky. Three Brother Restaurant was out for hours. Same was for Wal-Mart. I guess Wal-Mart doesn't have any back up for the coolers because I heard they lost everything.

One of the traffic lights were out at the corner of route 47 and McConnell Road and cars were backed up to almost McDonalds. It took me 15 minutes to get that ½ mile. Traffic is always backups on 47, but not like this. By noon it was fixed and no cars. The drives must have decided to stay home.

05-Jun-2008 7:55am 72°

Get ready; it's going to storm in a few minutes. On the radio they were saying that we could get 70 mph winds with this storm. Yes I said, "70 mph!" It is very dark in the north. I am starting to hear thunder in the back ground.

Water in the gas

I only cut the grass once so I have nothing to report yet with the mower's gas usage.

I have been fabricating the parts so I can replicate the electrolyzer. I need to put this on the car or motorhome. I know this will work. I will not know how much gain I will get until I get it installed on something I drive. Besides it keeps me out of the bars. ☺ Thunder is getting loaded I need to get ready.

06-June-2008

Not much of a storm yesterday morning, just a little rain and wind and nothing.

07-Jun-2008 9:57am 78°**Rain**

Spring started off cool and dry. It isn't cool and dry now! Last year we had 3.43" of rain in June and 34-1/2" all year. We only have 0.95 as of today and 11" for the year. We have some catching up to do if we are going to do the same this year.

I show that we averaged 27" per year since I started recording it March 2004. Maybe the rain is normal. We need the rain to grow the crops to feed us. Also to shower, drink, wash our cars, and fill our swimming pools. From time to time we need the rain!

RV Travel newsletter

I haven't thought about travelling any where since I returned from vacation. The motor home has just been sitting there waiting for me to remove the rest of the things I took with me. I must not have needed them since I haven't missed what is still out there.

I think I will check out the RV Travel newsletter and see what is there that I think you might want to know.

Trivia

Every day, you blink about 27,398 times and take about 23,000 breaths, while your blood travels about 168 miles, and your body destroys nearly 13 trillion blood cells.

Bumper Snicker

I didn't retire. I surrendered.

Worth Pondering

The only way of finding the limits and the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible. -- Arthur C. Clark

Trivia

Every day, you generate an average of 3.5 pounds of trash.

Bumper Snicker

I'm still a hot babe, but now it is comes in flashes

Bad news for travel trailer

This looks like a very bad situation for this car and trailer. How the heck could this even happen? Well, truth be told, it wasn't by accident -- this is a public art exhibit in Chicago. We'd like to give credit to the photographer, but the picture was emailed to us with no credit noted. Anyway, pretty funny, eh?

Posted by Chuck Woodbury at 2:19 PM



Worth Pondering

Common sense and a sense of humor is the same thing, moving at different speeds. A sense of humor is just common sense dancing. -- Clive James

Trivia

A typical pencil can write 45,000 words or draw a line 35 miles long.

Bumper Snicker

The winner of the rat race is still a rat.

Worth Pondering

Progress always involves risks. You cannot steal second base and keep your foot on first. -- Frederick B. Wilcox

Source: <http://www.rvtravel.com>, Issues 327, 329, and 330 (not 328 is was missing)

8-Jun-2008 12:13 65°

I was just going through this issue and checking what I wrote and I see there are no goofy pictures. So here is a picture of Goofy.

Weather

The weather this morning has been something. First wind, rain, and then sunshine, and then it repeats and then it repeats again. I guess it's goofy.



Rainy Day

What should I do on this rainy day? May I could do some goofy cooking. Maybe I could do some goofy skiing. Or I guess I could just use the goofy phone and call some one and goof around. That is enough goofiness for now.



Fuel Usage

I just went for a drive. I drove to Elgin to visit a friend. When I left home I noticed for the first 120 miles on the tank of gas I averaged 45 mph. If you remember I am trying to get the best ever mileage on this tank. The best ever I observed was at about half 59mpg. That was in the mountains in Colorado. That was 5-1/2 years ago. Remember when Heather lived out there.

9-Jun-2008

Birthdays

Today we have 2 birthdays. My cousin Jim and my friend Nora have birthdays today. Happy Birthday Jim and Nora!

11-Jun-2008 2:29pm 86°

Hummm no notes the last couple of days. I wonder what I have been doing.

Lawn mower using water

I cut my grass 1-3/4 times on a tank of gas with the water injector. That is not very good. I think it might be because how I have it hooked up. I just pushed the vacuum house into the intake of the carburetor until it started to suck air. I think it was messing up how the carburetor works. I do not want that to happen. So I am going to hook it to the other side of the carburetor. That would be right into the intake manifold. After that I will have to see what happens.

Car using water with the gas

This is getting to look more like it isn't going to happen. Do you remember I said that there was no where to put the HHO generator under the hood. This is the size of a quart jar. Well, it is a quart jar!

I thought I would put it in the trunk and run a vacuum line and a wire to the engine. I thought this would be easy enough. I got wire and I bought a spool of vacuum hose.

Well I looked thing over and checked out the manual to see where they ran the wires. It looked like they ran all the wires down the rocker panel under the doors.

I had to remove the plastic cover over the door jam between the front and back door on the passenger side. I used the passenger side just in case I had to drive the car. I could leave it apart. Then I thought the rocker cover for the back door would be next. Yes but, I had to remove the rear back rest in the back to get it off. I had to remove the back seat first. Ok, back to the manual. Oh, another screw was hiding. Oh, those clips are tight. Ok, now back to the rocker cover. So the seatbelt needs to be unhooked.

Ok, center panel, lower panel, rear bench, back rest are removed and I haven't broke and thing and I have not drawn any blood. Sometimes when I take things apart I draw blood or pinch a finger or something. And my hands are still clean too!

While tracing the path of the wires from the trunk I see they go under the carpet. After lifting up the carper I see the wires go to the middle of the car. The path is not through the rocker as I thought. They go to the middle of the car and have a very tight path with plastic cover with no room for a wire, let alone a vacuum hose.

Since I had this opened up, I got a good view where things were routed. I don't want to mess up Honda engineering. I shouldn't be running my stuff in this channel. I looked it over many times. Then I put it all back together. I need to rethink this before I proceed.

I haven't giving up yet. I just need to backup and regroup.

Restaurant for Sale

I see the Tip-Top-Café at the end of Main Street is available again. I see a FOR-SALE sign in the window. I think someone should buy this and make it into a Soda Fountain Diner. I went out on the internet to see how to lay it out. I found many pictures. There should be a page of them some where in this issue.

Last November I started to update my restaurant list. This would be a list of the restaurants in Woodstock. I didn't finish it yet. I think my list might have been lost when my server crashed last month. I think there were 66 on the list. Maybe I should see if I can find it.

Birthday

Nathan's birthday is today. Happy Birthday Nathan!

The End

That is enough for this issue.

Marty



I left this page blank.
Marty

From the Inbox

I received this from Mary the other day.

TWO GLASSES OF WINE

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 glasses of wine theory...

A professor stood before his philosophy class with some items on his desk in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.

He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'YES.'

The professor then produced two glasses of wine from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor, as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things; your family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favorite passions; things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else; the small stuff.

If you put the sand into the jar first', he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the good things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18 holes. Do one more run down the ski slope. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first; the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.'

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the wine represented. The professor smiled. 'I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of glasses of wine with a friend.'

Source: Email from Mary