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Yesterday

Hummm...I wonder what happened yesterday. I see I didn't write anything. Let's see...I remember having breakfast with Mary and Heather. Oh I remember getting up at 4:30am and being wide awake so I stayed up and was going to be the first one to see Mary. I messed with the computer for a while and then it started to get late. Then it was after seven so I figured I would wait a little and see Heather at the same time. I read the paper.

By the way there wasn't anything in the newspaper except for those 400 cement blocks that some was giving away.

When I left it was 9:25 and I told them I would be back for my 9:30 break. I didn't get back until 1:00pm to have lunch with Anila, Aunt Annie, Diane, Cheli, and Cork. I think I was just working on the computer off and on the rest of the day.

Today

I went out to have breakfast. I sat with Anila and Voviollca dad. We had a long visit. Then I came home. And here I am!

27-Oct-2008 9:42am 37°

I guess I am getting more use to this cool weather. At least I am not complaining about it as much. I see there is a 30% chance of precipitation today. It might be snow, then a little warmer the rest of the week.

My Student

Remember a few issues ago I was help a friend with math. Well my student has not taken the GED test yet, at least not as of yesterday.

My student is very smart at the same time is scared of tests. So I am kind of pressing the issue.

I took the GED test back in 1983 and everybody at the college told me I couldn't pass the test unless I took the GED course. After getting the text book I remember it being about 3 inches thick I too got scared. Not of the test but of the text book. It would have taken me 6 months to a year to read through that book.

I decided to take the test and see what happened. If I failed I could study what I didn't understand than take the test again in 30 days.

I past the test the first time and they told me it was above the average. I didn't think I did that well but I did past the test.

So I told my student that I would pick 'em up today at nine o'clock and drive 'em to take the test. I got another reason for not going. So I let 'em set a date and it will be tomorrow at 8:30am.



I will be there to drive and a little support. Cross your fingers.

Retirement Party

Corrine is retiring and there are having a retirement party Tuesday night. Corrine started at Knaack just after I did. She has been the receptionist for twenty years. It will be good to see her again.

I haven't been down to see anyone I use to worked with for a year. I have heard a little gossip. I have only had contact with Matt and Christine. They don't work there any more either. Oh, I did see Ginger at Vaughan's for a few minutes once a month or so ago. So I heard a little then.

It may be good to see some of my old co-worker at the party.

28-Oct-2008 8:10am 26°

Wouldn't you know it? I just was about to leave the house when the phone rang. Yes, it was my student with another excuse. But I got a promise it would happen tomorrow at 8:00am. I am told that the GED test takes about 3 hours. This mean tomorrow evening we should have a new graduate. I backed off because it isn't always to push too much. I will let you know what happens.

Motorhome

For a few days I was going to wash the motorhome so I could put it in storage for the winter. It has been too cold and windy. Today the weather people say only 45° today. That is too cold but the next few days they say clear and partly cloudy with temperatures of 52°, 64°, 61°, and 49° for Saturday. From the forecast it looks like from 1 to 4 pm on Thursday will be the best time to do it. The wind is projected to be 13 mph out of the SSW but the house will block most of that. And it should be sunny making it feel warm. Maybe this week I will get it cleaned up.

Tree Leavings

Autumn is here and the trees are shedding there leaves. I went out and moved the first batch of leaves to the curb for the city to pick them up. They still do that don't they? I hope so because I see the neighbor has them out there too. Now if they just pick them up before the wind puts them back where I have to pick them up again.

29-Oct-2008 7:20am 28°

Only 28°! I just got back from Starbuck's and I walked. I was only a little cold. I didn't think it was only 28° or I would have gotten really cold. Maybe if I would have had gloves, a hat, and zipped my jacket I would have been sweating. There was no wind and that makes a big difference. I think I will call Cork and see if he still goes for breakfast once in a while.

Retirement Party

I went to a retirement party last night for Corrine. I had a good time. It was good to see so many of my old friends. My camera didn't do so good. I think my camera is loosing it.

Corrine was the first contact when you called Knaack for 23 years. She will be missed at Knaack and by me. The story is that she will be doing more fishing with her husband John.

Student Update

I had it wrong. My student wasn't going for a GED test. The test was just math and English test. The results to the English test will be reported in the next couple days. The Math test was passed. We will wait and see how it went.

Woodpecker Attack

I have a woodpecker attacking the post on my front porch. There is already a big hole in the post that the little pecker has created. Tonight I covered it up with some metal to try and discourage him, or her. I only saw it for a few seconds so I not sure but I think it was a Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers that looks like the one in the picture. It also could be a Hairy Woodpecker. I'm not really sure. As I said before I only saw him, her briefly.



Hairy Woodpecker



Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

30-Oct-2008 9:45am 38°

Here is just about the end of the month again. We have today then Halloween and then done.

I am Moving

Yes the cost of electricity is too much the way I am now. Wait! I am not moving Marty's Random Thoughts is moving. www.martysthoughts.info is moving to www.MartysRandomThoughts.com. I have found it is cheaper to move my web and mail servers to a hosting service. Get this, it cost me about twenty dollars a month for the electricity to power the web server setup in my house. I can have someone else host it for about ten dollars a month.

There are more benefits than just the electricity cost. I will not need a server any more. I can leave town and it will still be running. If power line breaks and my backup battery goes dead you can email me and I could still get it any where in the world.

I have the skills to set this up so I am going to do.

I had martysthoughts.info is registered in a difference place than my other web addressed and it will expire in August 2009. This gives me time to move everything to MartysRandomThoughts.com and make sure everything works. I may even redesign the look of it.

Once I have it up and running I will let you know.

Making Things Work

I have been working on my web sites for a week trying to make everything works before I move it the hosting site. Some things will work just fine and some things need

some changes. Most of the move is straight forward, other need some tweaking. And still others need major changes or even replacing.

It is kind of like moving into a new house. If the stove doesn't fit you either need a new stove or do some remodeling. It is kind of the same with computer stuff.

Some Cleanup

While moving I saw that there were no pictures for my 2006 spring vacation posted. Today I have been working on that. The spring 2006 was the first trip with my motor home.

I think I have this taken care of now. I even cleaned up some of the pictures. If you want you can go to www.marty-metras.com and check it out. There is more of my adventures post at Marty-Metras.com than just the spring 2006 adventures.

Motorhome

So I went out and worked on cleanup the motorhome. A couple days ago I got this super cleaner to clean the roof. I have been out there working is since after lunch. I guess even though is says to just "spray it one ad scrub a little and rinse it off" it does not mean what I thought it did. I told the guy next door that I thought I could spit on the roof and move it around with my shoe and it might do a better job. I didn't try that!

I did try using elbow grease and a scrub brush and it looks a little better. I think I might go back to good old soap and water. I think that is what I did last time.

It ain't no fun!

31-Oct-2008 11:07am 56°

Happy Halloween! I have already seen some scary people today. Kim and Sandi at the Three Brother were dressed up and so was I. Maybe tonight there will be some more.

After I left Kim, I went to see Mary. There were so busy we didn't get time to talk much. I think Mary broke her finger nail when she gave me coffee, that was when she gave me the finger. No, No No! I didn't me it that way.



I meant this finger. I almost thought it was really a finger for a second. It looks so real.

Don't be scared kids!
It's a cookie! This gives a whole new meaning to biting your finger nails. Is this what they mean when they say;" Finger cookies?"

Boy does that look real in this picture!

Halloween Pictures



Kim as Hippy & Ricky as bus boy



Kim & Sandi were twin Hippies



Enough pictures Kim?



My Hair turned whiter...



... so I put on this hat and coat to cover it up.



01-Nov-2008 8:35am 44°

Wow, is November already. I better start my Christmas shopping. ☹

Halloween

I went to Mary's last night to check out her Halloween decorations. I hope you got a chance to get over there and see them because I didn't get any pictures. The whole family gets involved in setting up the Halloween things in the yard and around the house. When I was there, there must have been 40 or fifty people checking things out.

I was standing there looking at one of the scary things and it started to move a little. There were a lot of moving things. This ghoul seemed to me to moving very slow and smooth. I was wondering how they did that. Must be padding inside that kept the noise of the motor at bay. Then some little girl came close the monster lunged at her. I was watching too intense, I jumped a little too. Yes, it was a real person. It was a fun time!

Christmas Decorations

Jeremy and Mary are always putting up Christmas lights and sometimes it seems like they are in competition. We will see what happen this year.

The Election

Remember that Tuesday is Election Day. This morning's newspaper said that there were over 23,000 people that have voted early in McHenry County. It also said that the 23,000 was only 10% for the registered voters. That leaves over 200,000 in the county to VOTE METRAS-PAJA.

Remember that Voviollca and I are your last choice if you don't like the other Bozos. I speak for me when I say this. Voviollca may want to get elected for real. You may know how I feel. Here is a recap of the Smarty Marty Party

No Promises, platform is an orange crate, the campaign head quarters is Vaughan's, and the slogan is "You don't like the other candidates? VOTE METRAS-PAJA, A vote for us is a vote for nobody!"



Elections from the Past

I remember some of the campaign slogans from my past.

"I Like Ike": Eisenhower 1952, 58

"Vote Early and Often": Chicago mayoral (Maybe every time)

"Get out and Vote. Vote for the Kennedy of your chose, but Vote": Kennedy 1960

"There isn't a dime worth of difference between those other two guys": Wallace 1968

"Indicate a preference for a duplicate. Pick a pair": Woops that was a Budweiser ad

Ad**Marty's Random Thoughts book 1**

I hear some of you have been passing copies of my newsletter on to friends and relatives. You can now get Marty's Random Thoughts as a book. This is available in black & white or you can download it in the full color. You can also buy it as a book printed in color but it cost way too much. At the time I published this newsletter the B&W version was selling for less than the cost for me to print it on my printer. My publisher just raised my cost. But for now I will leave the price where is. If I print it in black & white on the inkjet printer it would take 2 or 3 things of ink to print it. It would cost me about \$35 if it was in B&W if I use refilled inks. New black ink cartridges would cost about \$75. Plus you need paper.



I will keep the price down until after 2008 ends. Right now you can buy directly from my publisher for \$15.00 at <http://stores.lulu.com/metras3>.

Go to <http://www.martysrandomthoughts.com/store/index.html> to see other **Random Thoughts** I am selling. If you have any problems then just contact me.

My Brother Mike's New Book

You have been hearing about my new book from me most of the year. Now finally it is here. **[Germany to Rome in 64 days: Our Pilgrimage](#)** now available on our web site and at lulu.com. ***Germany to Rome in 64 days: Our Pilgrimage*** is a book about our pilgrimage walk from Kisslegg, Germany to Rome in summer 2006 and winter 2006-7. It's about how Petra and I interacted with the people we met and the places we walked through on this pilgrimage. It's also about the path itself and its many faces. And it's the story of our internal pilgrimages through our souls, minds, hearts, and spirits as we walked that external path through Germany, Austria, and Italy to Rome.

Source: Mike Metras <http://www.WalkingWithAwareness.com/gtrpilgrimage.htm>

Birthdays

Oct 3	Matt M	Nov 1	Tristan P
Oct 18	David P	Nov 2	Erik T
Oct 22	Tristan and David's Anniversary	Nov 12	Olivia
Oct 23	Annette C		
Oct 23	Tom P		

If you want to see birthday, Anniversary, or other special date listed make sure I have then let me know.

My master list is at <http://www.martysrandomthoughts.com/randomthoughts/html/Birthdays.html>

I was wondering what to put on this page. Here is what I came up with. Yup, you're right, nothing! See you next issue. Marty