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## Happy Thanksgiving's Day

### 28-Nov-2008 11:50am 38°

I was thinking I might want to plant some bamboo next spring. I thought of planting it along the north fence. I found that *Phyllostachys aureosulcata* Yellow Groove Bamboo will grow in this area. What do you think?

### Thanks 3 Bro's

I just returned from having Thanksgivings dinner with Aunt Annie and Marge at the Three Brother Family Restaurant. Each year they offer a free turkey dinner on Thanksgivings Day. It was fantastic! Thank you Three Brothers!

### 27-Nov-2008 8:40am 28°

Good morning. I think my cold is almost finished. At breakfast I think I only coughed once. ☺

### Old Friend

This morning I had breakfast with Tim. You may remember we used to have breakfast every morning years ago until he moved up north. He was in town and we visited about old times and talked about what was happening in our lives. We had a good time. It was good seeing you again Tim.

## **Newsletter**

I am just finishing up printing issue # 44 on Marty's Random Thoughts. I should be ready later for your enjoyment.

### **Shop Until You Drop**

They have been calling today Black Friday. I don't like that name. It make is sound like a bad day. I like the name "Shop Until You Drop Day" better. It is the first day of shopping for Christmas.

This is the day when many people go shopping and try to stay out of fights. That is fight over the one item you wanted to buy and they only had two and three people wanted to buy it.

It is the day they always had five-hundred empty parking spots before today but the only one you could find was one spot and it was just seven block from the door.

It is the day that there are no shopping carts to be found unless you would have picked up the one that was out by your car but you are already in the store.

Today is the day you think you are going to buy all that neat stuff you saw on TV that nobody has any of it in stock.

Today is the day you couldn't find your car in that lot because you had to park so far away. And when you found it you see you locked your keys in the car and you forgot to charge the battery on your cell phone, no matter because you left the phone at home away. You spot a friend a few rows over in the parking lot but you don't get to her fast enough because you were carrying all of those packages because you didn't go back for that cart. Then you drop one of your packages and break it. And she drive away not seeing you and leaving you stranded and it is only 20° and the wind is blowing and it is snowing.

And to top it off after you get you car going and your driving home you remember that nice guy that helped get you in to your car stole your purse with all of your IDs and all of credit cards. You were so happy to get your car unlocked you left with some of your packages sitting in the snow in the parking lot. You drove back to get then and find the snow plow driver did not see then and they are covered in the snow bank somewhere.

Now your are on the way back home with no money or ID and no cell phone and you run out of gas while taking a shout cut where there is no traffic.

Well should I go on with this story? I think not! I have shopping to do and it will never happen to me.

Shop until you drop!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### **Little Later**

I went out for a coffee break and then out to see what was happening at the how many people were shopping. I didn't plan on doing any shopping just to see how many cars were in the parking lots. I drove through Wal-Mart's lot and there was a lot more that I would normally see. Then I drove by Farm-n-Fleet, Menard's and then K-Mart to see how many cars were there. It looked to me like there were lots more cars than I normally see at these places. The traffic on the roads seemed to be normal. Maybe all of them were

in those parking lots. Maybe this may be a normal for a Friday but I suspect they are Christmas shoppers. I wish the retailer a good season. As for me I am not ready to go shopping yet.

### **Electric Usage**

I just checked my electric usage and it looks like my bill will be around \$70.00. I think it will be higher partly because I have been using the heat and partly because I have the thermostat set higher than I would normally because of having a cold/flu. Maybe a little is because I dried 3 loads of clothes in the dryer.

Now that I am feeling better I will have to start using the clothesline again, lower the heat, and get that web server shutdown.

### **30-Nov-2008 12:32am 33°**

Oh, it's tomorrow already! Today, well yesterday I felt much better so I went outside to finishing the cleanup in the driveway and clean out the garage. I loaded the pickup with the scrap metal that was around and go to the recycle center and to get gas. I went to start the truck and nothing happened. The battery was dead. I just figured I had left something turned on. I put the charger on the battery and kept working on the clean up.

After a while I try to start it again and I only got a click like a dead battery. After checking things I figured it either the battery, solenoid or the started are at fault. I left the battery charger on to check it out later and went to lunch.

Now it is 12:30 at night and I didn't get back out there to check it out. I just had a can of chicken noodle soup and I think I will go to bed and check it out after day light.

On TV they are telling me what happened at the Little Big Horn and in the bedroom they are reliving Kennedy's death on the radio. I don't think it is the best thing to be listening just before going to bed. But I am heading there anyway.

### **It is 12:18pm 37°**

I went out to check on the pickup thinking it might just be a loose wire. I did not find any so I guess I have to remove the starter. Lucky for me it started to snow. I gave me a time to look at the manual to see how to remove it. Now it is cold and windy so I get to get warm and have lunch first.

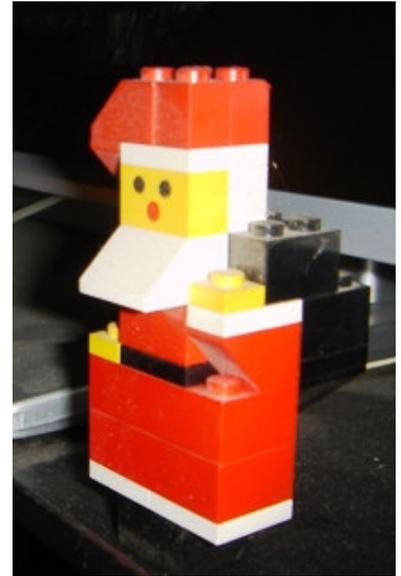
I wonder if the pickup would start with a push. I would try it if I thought it might work. If it does I will be lucky again. That means I will be able to take it and have someone else change the started. If it doesn't start I will be stranded down the street and have to call a tow truck anyway.

Hummm...what to do crawl under the truck or give it a try to start it...Hummm.

## **Christmas Decorations**

While returning from lunch we drove by Jeremy and Tonya's and then by Mary's to see how the competition is going with the outdoor Christmas decorations. Look like both are doing coming along. It was too early so neither had their lights turned on. It looked Jeremy & Tonya had more inflated items but I am not sure because I saw none inflated. Mary had some with air in them too.

We'll need to keep an eye on them to see how far they go. As for me I have my Lego Santa Claus standing next to the TV. Maybe I will put up a string of lights later.



## **1-Dec-2008 11:22am 27°**

We had our first snow storm for the season. Well it wasn't really a storm. It was 4 inches in 24 hours.

After hunting down my warm boots and the shovels I got it all cleared out. Well, I cleared it enough for me.

It was a wet snow and the wind was blowing the wrong way for me. The snow blower took care of it with ease. Now I wish the rest would melt and dry up so I could go out and fix the starter on the pickup so I could move it to give me a little more room to remove the snow the next time. I guess I will have to wait.

## **Snow**

I moved that snow out of the driveway this morning but it has been snowing all day. I might have to go out and move it again in the morning. And maybe I will have to do it again tomorrow. It also looks like there may be more snow coming on Wednesday.

## **Birthday**

We have two birthdays today, Jimmy and Steve. Happy birthday Jimmy and Steve!

## **2-Dec-2008 9:37am 22°**

So it is cold and windy outside. I was going to go out and start getting the pickup setup to work on replacing the starter. I think I will go have coffee with Mary first. I think I will stretch this out to a few days. After all I really don't have to go any where with the pickup. The cold won't be that bad as long as I don't stay out there too long. The wind will shorten how long I can stay out. The wind just sucks the heat right off of you when it is below freezing. But if I go get coffee first I should be fine.

## **The Starter**

I've been out for coffee and I have the pickup up on jack stands. I looked around and didn't see the starter. I didn't get down and crawl under it because all that snow has melted and it is a little too sloppy. I am warming up so it will be even a bigger mess later unless it warms enough to dry up the slop. Not today I think! I check it out in a couple hours and see if it is a better place to work. Remind me around 2:30.

## Who is Jack Frost

*Some elf who nips at your nose, of course. In other words, we don't really know. But he probably came from Norse and Russian character of Jokul Frosti. Jokul is closely related to Santa Claus, and may even be the same being! There once was a Norse dude known as Father Frost who gave gifts to good children. But Father Frost was old and cranky and a bit scary, while Jack Frost is young, playful, beautiful, and fun who loves to entertain children -- and paint. So who knows?*

Source: Davis Weather Club E-News

## Spam Update

You should know by now that I am not hosting my own email any more. Since the Nov 17<sup>th</sup> I have only quarantined 8 emails since then. I still get spam but not like I was before. These go to the "metras.org" account. All other URLs are being hosted by a service.

Now that the total count is up to 58767 in 278 days, I think I can stop counting now. I will be able to spend a whole lot less time to dealing with spam.

## Later

I never got out there to work on the pickup. I was doing other things and no one reminded me when it was after 2:30. By the time I noticed what time it was it was dark.

## **3-Dec-2008 12:06pm 36°**

Some things go better than others. Yesterday I went out and put the pickup up on jack stands so today I could start removing the starter to get it fixed. Today before breakfast I got out my big blue tarp and covered up the pickup so if it rain or snowed it might be dry enough to work on it under the tarp.

Since it hadn't rained or snowed this morning I decided to crawl under the truck and see what I had to do to remove it. I put some boards on the edge of the tarp and with the aid of a couple of step ladders I could make a kind of lean to work under. It was crud but it would do it the weather didn't get too bad.

I soon found out I didn't have the truck jacked up high enough to do any work under it but it was high enough to see what I had had to do and maybe the wrench I would need.

After Looking around a while I could see any starter. I went inside to look at the manual and it says it is on the left side. That is the driver side, isn't? So I went back out and looked some more. It was hard to get under there to see so just thought I missed it. Nope, no starter! So I went back inside and looked at the instructions again.

I looked at the picture that showed the bolts and there looked what I was looking for. So this time I looked thru the book to if I could for a call out of parts. I finally found one that had a picture of the bottom of the front end. I studied it and it looked like the starter was on the passenger side of the pickup. This did not make sense to me because I remembered they use to put the start close to the battery and the starter relay so they didn't have to run long heavy wires to it. At least I would do that it saves energy and copper for wire, money that is.

So back out to the pickup, move the tarp out of the way and it is too dark to see on that side. Inside I go for a flash light. Back out to the pickup and move the tarp again. Ok, that is a starter and it is on the right side of the pickup! I guess they meant the left side of the engine.

Ok that kind of means I had to start over. I had to jack up the pickup and block it up on the passenger side. I really need both sides jacked up because the pick is right up tight to the motor home on the passenger side.

So I jacked it up on both sides high enough that I had the tires 8 inches off the ground so I could put the spare tires and wheels under then for safety and the jack stands under the frame to make it ridged. Then I try to push it off the jack stands by rocking the pickup as hard as I can. If I can knock it down it is not safe and I will start over. After doing that I check to make sure that all is secure. It is good and I replaced the tarp because the snow flakes were starting to fall. Tomorrow I will start again after I align the tarp back in to a lean-to so I can work under it. After jacking it up different the lean-to had to be fixed. Enough for today!

### **Birthdays**

We have two birthdays again, Joe Anne and Donna. Happy birthday Joe Anne and Donna!

### **4-Dec-2008 10:44am 15°**

#### **Stuck bolt**

Boy is it that cold? I have been out working on the pickup for an hour or so. I just came in to let the penetration oil soak in a little. I am pulling that starter and I have one bolt that is being stubborn. It is very tight but it is moving. The other 2 are just fine.

I have had stubborn bolts before and you just have to take your time. A little heat, at little penetration oil, and a little time and they come out. I looked up on the internet to see if there any thing new on how to remove frozen bolts. I only saw one new trick. That was freezing the bolt. The idea is to make the bolt just a little colder so it shrinks enough to let the penetration oil get in between the threads.

I don't have any to do that right now. Heating it a little and cooling it with penetration oil usually works and sometimes rapping it with a hammer too.

If you get in too big of a hurry you break the bolt or tear up the head. Then you have a bigger problem than you had when you started.

So I haven't rapped it with a hammer yet but the penetration oil has had time to soak in and I am warm again so I best go out and see if I can get the pesky bolt out.

Maybe I should go for some coffee first. I haven't see Alyson in a long time. The pickup will be there when I return.

#### **Birthday**

Bill's birthday is today. I wished him a Happy Birthday last night at diner. Maybe I will do it again tomorrow night too. And A Happy Birthday Bill today too!

### **Another Writer**

Tammy daughter to my friend Tim has just had her first book publisher. Check out her web site at. <http://tammybarley.com/index.html>

I was at her house a while back helping her with a computer problem. I knew about her book but with other thing I had forgot. I after seeing Tim last Friday he had told me about it. He sent me an email today with this link. Now I know my second author.

I guess this means I need to get working my book about my adventures in Spain last year.

### **The Starter**

Maybe this is going take longer than I thought. I one pesky screw is still giving me problems. It is still tight and moving very slow. Moving it is near ready to come out and putting penetration oil on it helped some what. I tried to heat it up bang one it and oiling it some more but had to stop because I ran out of the penetration oil. This stuff I am using I have been using for years. It seems to work better than WD-40 and Liquid Wrench. Those two start fires when you use them on some thing you get too hot. I have done it before. This "PB" stuff has a very high flash point. So unless you have an open flame it works much better for this. It is called PB Blaster and has been around for 50 years.

Don't get me wrong, Liquid Wrench and WD-40 are very good products. Some time you need something else. Maybe tomorrow I will finally get it removed.

### **Notable Residents of Woodstock**

I knew about Chester Gould and Orson Welles but not about Lynn Stewart - cofounder of Hooters Restaurant. Did you know that?

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Woodstock,\\_Illinois](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Woodstock,_Illinois)

### **5-Dec-2008 3:34pm 16°**

Should have I have gone outside and worked on the pickup today? No, too cold!

Did you know Cork was in the hospital? Well, he on the way home now.

I have been working on my websites today. And it is time to do something else now. My bottom is getting sore.

I think I will work on my book for a while before dinner. I have to get that finished some day.

### **Birthday Party**

At dinner tonight we had a mini birthday party for Bill. It in nice to know there are people be sides me that are still getting older.

### **7-Dec-2007 11.53am 15°**

I wonder what happened yesterday. I see I haven't any notes. Maybe there was no yesterday. I know I noticed it was getting cold last night before I went to bed. I remember giving Cork a hard time about being at Vaughan's more times then me. That is hard to do!

Oh well that was yesterday, and this is today.

### **Birthday Yesterday**

Woops! Happy Birthday Ryan! That was yesterday.

## The Sun

I see the sun in setting at 4:21pm today and it will rise tomorrow about 7:10am that is about it for this year in a couple of weeks the days will start getting longer. I am already looking forward to springs. The forecast is coning for snow the next few days. I just looked at the radar and it looks to me like we might get some in the next few hours. Maybe it is time to go south for the winter.

### **8-Dec-2008 6:15pm 30°**

I am starting to remember why I started to buying newer cars about 30 years ago. Anyway, I have the started replaced on the pickup. And it was bad. All I have to do not is take the pickup down off the jack stands. I can do the tomorrow after I move all of that snow they say we are going to get tomorrow.

### **9-Dec-2008 8:04am 34°**

Well it has been raining all night and now it is snowing.

#### **Later in the Evening**

So it rained until around 9:00am and it has been snowing ever since. This makes it a little harder to get the truck off it blocks. It is a good thing I am not in a hurry to use it. One nice thing is that it is covered up so snow is not getting all over it.

### **10-Dec-2008 11:06am 18°**

You know, I am tired of winter already. I guess I will have to wait because it isn't even winter yet. I guess I am tired of this weather more than tired of winter.

#### **Farmers Almanac Forecast**

*Great Lakes/Midwest December 2008*

*1st-3rd Cold and dry. 4th-7th Fair, then wet Illinois through Ohio. 8th-11th Heavy snow for Wisconsin, Michigan. 12th-15th Fair and turning colder. 16th-19th Becoming wet, especially Great Lakes. 20th-23rd Fair and pleasant. 24th-27th Heavy snow spreads through the Great Lakes. 28th-31st Fair skies, followed by increasing clouds.*

Source: <http://www.farmersalmanac.com/weather/USA-Midwest-weather.com/weather/USA-Midwest-weather>

#### **Weather History**

Did you know the Farmers Almanac has weather data back to 1945? You could find out what there weather was on the day you were born in you aren't much older than me. The report below shows it was warmer on the on the day I was born.

*High Temp: 46F*

*Low Temp: 33.1F*

*Average Temp: 42F*

*Dewpoint: 39.3F*

*Wind Speed: 13 Knots*

*Precipitation Amount: n/a*

*Snow Depth: n/a*

*Observations: Fog, Rain/Drizzle, Snow/Ice Pellets*

Source: [http://www.farmersalmanac.com/weather/time\\_machine](http://www.farmersalmanac.com/weather/time_machine)

**11-Dec-2008 10:55am 25°**

It was just about like old times this morning. I went to breakfast to see Kim, Bill and Steve. I missed Bill he left before I got there. I saw that Sandi wasn't working because she was in Las Vegas. I saw Larry, her husband, so I visited with him for a while. When I noticed it was 9:30 I thought it might be time for a break so I headed to Vaughn's to see Mary. She was busy so I read the newspaper. Then Arlo came in and we were also trying to figure out how to save the world. We weren't getting any where with that so we decided to go on with our lives. I finally got home a little bit ago. So here I am. Now what?

**My Book**

I spent a lot of time today working on my book of my adventures from the spring of 2007. That is when I went to Germany and Spain last year. I ordered a printed copy to proof read. I had no idea how much work it was to write a book. It has been over a year and a half since I started working this. Hopefully I will be finished soon.

**12-Dec-2008 9:17am 13°**

Nice sunny day for my birthday. And did you see that full moon this morning.

**Birthdays**

I have a lot of birthdays on my list to go over. I will start with Linda's sister. I don't even know her names. This is Linda of Sewing Concepts up on the Square. Happy Birthday Linda's sister!

And then there is Teri. Many of you might remember Teri. She used to work at Vaughan's a very long time ago. I remember when I first heard her birthday was the same as mine. I was twice as old as her. That is not the case any more. I must be getting younger. Happy Birthday Teri where ever you are!

Melody's birthday is also today. I just talked to her yesterday and wished her a happy birthday a day earlier. I have been Melody's technical adviser on her web site. Check it out if you get a so desire. It is Americas-Best-Psychics.com. Happy Birthday Melody!

And I know one person that is having a birthday. He is old enough to start collecting Social Security. The next time I talk to him I am going to tell him to get out there and apply. I don't know if he wants you to know that today is his birthday. If some one else remembers it is his birthday I will put his name in here later.

For now Happy Birthday all of you who share my birthday with me!

**Anniversary**

I almost forgot this anniversary because I never wrote it down. Mike and Petra became a couple of this day. And in my opinion they are soul mates. How could I forget this date? It happened on my birthday. Happy Anniversary Mike and Petra!

**13-Dec-2008 10:59am 34°**

Yesterday the mystery birthday was mine. Last night at dinner Shirley brought me a birthday cake and we all enjoyed it. Thank Shirley! This morning Heather and Mary sang Happy Birthday to me and I had to blow out my candle. Thanks Mary and Heather!

I am almost filled up with sweets now. Not quite but I am getting near full. I might be able to eat one or two more bites.

Now that I am sixty-two I think I need to go out and check on Social Security.

**Birthday**

Today is Anila's husband, Arben birthday. Happy Birthday Arben!

**Pickup**

I haven't had a good day to get the tarp of the pickup yet. I went out this morning when I saw it was above 32° but the tarp was still frozen to the ground. Even the blocks I had holding are froze in. With the wind blowing and now that it is over 35° maybe by noon I can give it another try. One of the forecasts I heard for tomorrow was for 52° so there is always tomorrow.

**14-Dec-2008 11:51am 40°**

Wow, 40° and it is the middle of December!

**Gas Prices**

I saw in the last few day gas prices went from \$1.44 up to \$1.69 today. I was waiting for it to go down to a buck before I filled up. Being I think it might have bottomed out I decided to fill up everything.

I got the pickup back on the ground and filled it up with Shell at \$1.699 and the car at Clark for a \$1.599. You may ask why I paid a dime more a gallon for the pickup. First it was only eight gallons so it was on eighty cents. And I had a Shell cash card that had some money left on it. So I basically got it free because I do not remember where that card came from. So it might as well be a free fill up.

With gas going down to \$1.44, I thought I had to see when I paid that the last time. In 2002 my records for the Honda say the average cost per gallon was \$1.49. At \$1.69 would be what I was paying in 2004. Before today the last I bought gas was Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at \$2.45 a gallon. The most I paid was on July 15<sup>th</sup> at \$4.30 a gallon. That might be the high because on the 18<sup>th</sup> I filled the pickup at \$4.27 a gallon.

Do you think the prices are going down or up? I am thinking that we have seen the bottom and they are on the way back up.

**Grass**

I just came back from being outside and I can see grass all over the place. It looks like the temperature got up to 42° so far. That melts a lot of snow. Being it is very windy helps a lot too. Mike tells me that they are calling for snow in Paso Robles so they might get some of their grass covered in the next couple days.

**15-Dec-2008 2:31pm 11°**

What happened, yesterday it was 42°? Maybe that is why I am cold today.

**Birthday**

Happy Birthday Ed! I have heard what is doing since he went back to California.

**16-Dec-2008 12:09pm 12°**

Winter has set in after it being so warm over the weekend. Sunday 42° and zero today, this Midwest weather just keeps changing.

**Anniversary**

Today is Arben & Anila's Anniversary.

**Christmas Letters**

My annual Christmas letter is posted on [MartysRandomTHoughts.com](http://MartysRandomTHoughts.com) along with this newsletter.

**Year 2008 at a Glance**

I thought before this year came to an end I would give you a quick summary of Marty's Random Thought for 2008,

<b>January, Issue # 28</b>	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Vaughan's came out with their new menus
27 <sup>th</sup>	My niece, Samantha had a baby boy, Travion
28 <sup>th</sup>	I had the rest of my rotten teeth removed
<b>February, Issue # 29</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup>	I started working on my book about my travels in Germany and Spain
11 <sup>th</sup>	I restated my plans to run for office for the November election
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mike and Petra should have finally received their belongings from Germany in Paso Robles
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Marcia and Dan were in Italy to see Samantha and her family.
<b>March, Issues # 30 and 31</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	I was retired a whole year
30 <sup>th</sup>	Earth Hour was yesterday
<b>April, Issue # 32</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Illinois Sales Tax went to 7%, I filed my Income Taxes, Aunt Annie got the word that they broke her car and she would have to wait 2 or 3 weeks before it was fixed. And it is April Fool Day too!
12 <sup>th</sup>	I finally start my Vacation
14 <sup>th</sup>	In Kansas at Marcia & Dan's
15 <sup>th</sup>	Stopped and visited with Edie her family.
17 <sup>th</sup>	Arrived at the RV park in Sedona
22 <sup>nd</sup>	I arrived at Mike & Petra's late in the afternoon. I was done driving for a while
23 <sup>rd</sup>	I got to touch the Pacific Ocean for the first time
30 <sup>th</sup>	After missing a few corners trying to get to Yellowstone but it was closed, I decided it

	wasn't to be this trip
<b>May, Issues # 33 &amp; 34</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stopped in Maquoketa, IA And visited my cousin Steve. We visited for hours.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Returned home to An antenna falling off the tower, 20 lbs of mail, and house plants needing watering badly
7 <sup>th</sup>	I went to Bill's 50 <sup>th</sup> birthday party
8 <sup>th</sup>	I just cut my own grass for the first time in over 10 years
23 <sup>rd</sup>	I see I found that gas was up to \$4.13 a gallon
24 <sup>th</sup>	I started to look at ways to save gas of the car and electricity for the house
<b>June, Issues # 34 &amp; 35</b>	
20 <sup>th</sup>	I bought a pickup.
<b>July, Issues # 35, 36, &amp; 37</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	I have installed new clothes poles and put a solar panel on one of them
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sadie was born today
16 <sup>th</sup>	I started using the Clothesline to save electricity and money
21 <sup>st</sup>	I went to Cantigny with Bill & Kim and met a lot of the WGN radio people
27 <sup>th</sup>	Lillian was born today
31 <sup>st</sup>	I spent a lot of time trying to get my Woodstock Die Casting pension
<b>August, Issue # 38</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	I started using the solar panel to save on electricity
10 <sup>th</sup>	I went to an Energy Fair in Oregon, IL
28 <sup>th</sup>	My color printer finally died
31 <sup>st</sup>	I printed my biggest newsletter yet
<b>September, Issues # 39 &amp; 40</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup>	I start a project to get the garage sided
6 <sup>th</sup>	With this Electric bill I saved fifty bucks by fixing the A/C and using the clothesline.
9 <sup>th</sup>	I made a book with the earlier issues to my newsletters available to everyone
11 <sup>th</sup>	During a doctor visit I got him to changes of my meds because I felt over medicated.
14 <sup>th</sup>	I started having trouble with my rain gauge
15 <sup>th</sup>	The Northwest Harold changed the format and cut many of things I used to look at
17 <sup>th</sup>	I noticed the squirrel stated to pack away nuts for the winter
20 <sup>th</sup>	With Bill's help we prime the paint on the garage then wrapped it with Typar® This is also the day thy told they were going to take \$500,000,000 of our taxes and give it away
21 <sup>st</sup>	It went to 700 billion dollars
31 <sup>st</sup>	I started a batch of Pumpkin wine
<b>October, Issues # 41, 42, &amp; 43</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	The Cubs are playing in the playoffs. Also the Sox and the Brewers
8 <sup>th</sup>	Voviollca agreed to be my running mate after Aunt Annie and I agreed she wasn't
9 <sup>th</sup>	I started canning some pumpkin
11 <sup>th</sup>	Bill came over and helped install more siding later in the day the last pieces was installed
18 <sup>th</sup>	I finished installing the rain gutters on the garage
24 <sup>th</sup>	Gas prices went down below \$3.00 after being over \$4.50 not too long ago.
30 <sup>th</sup>	I moved my web sites to a hosting service
31 <sup>st</sup>	Mike published another book "Germany to Rome in 64 Days: Our Pilgrimage"

<b>November, Issue # 44 \$ 45</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	We elected a new some new people and I wasn't one of them
6 <sup>th</sup>	All of my web stuff is mover to a hosting service
8 <sup>th</sup>	Processed those Pumpkin seeds
10 <sup>th</sup>	Put the motor home away for the season
20 <sup>th</sup>	Found a 50MPG motorhome
25 <sup>th</sup>	Gas prices dropped below \$2.00
26 <sup>th</sup>	That \$700B is not \$7.4T And Mike and Petra tell all
<b>December, Issue # 45</b>	
	That would be this issue

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**Birthdays**

Dec 1	Jimmy W
Dec 1	Steve M
Dec 3	Joe Anne
Dec 3	Donna, Steve's Sister
Dec 4	Bill
Dec 6	Ryan S
Dec 9	Flo (Kim's Mom)
Dec 12	Linda's Sister
Dec 12	Marty M,
Dec 12	Melody W
Dec 12	Teri Z,
Dec 13	Arben
Dec 15	Ed P
Dec 16	Arben & Anila's Anniversary

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

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**Merry Christmas**

Christmas will be here before you know it. I think I am going to cut this issue short and get to doing Christmas stuff. I haven't really started any thing and it is only few days away. So you may not see any more things written this year.

Let me say this just in case.

**Merry Christmas**

**And a**

**Happy New Year**

Marty