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April Fools Day

So it is April Fools day today.

Fool #1

After coffee with Bill & Steve this morning I hopped into the car and noticed the phone wasn't charging. I found the 12 volt cable before I went on vacation so I wanted to use it. Since I don't use the cell phone much it is best kept in the car. Well it looks like I don't drive enough to charge the phone either. So I brought it back inside to charge where I will forget it when I want it.

I guess that is April Fools on me,

#1

Fool #2

I also noticed it was 720 on the car radio. On Wednesday Cork and I go for breakfast in and it must be my time to drive so I headed over to his house and figured I would call him from the driveway. After all that is why I bought the cell phone in the first place. I knew it wouldn't be charged enough in the few minutes it took to drive over there but that would be fine because I could just leave the key on.

Well when I got there I looked at the clock on the phone it said 6:53am. Then I looked at the radio and it also says 6:53. Woops it was WGN 720 I saw

before. I turned around and went home. I figured he would be still sleeping. It is his day off. Let him sleep a little longer.

Fool #3

WGN was talking about new taxes on cigarettes. That was all they were talking about! This will be a state tax. Do we really need this?

We all want services so they tax us to get more money and we all complain about it. Can't we start doing things for our self?

I just heard 60 cents from the Feds and another dollar from the State.

Maybe I should start smoking so I could quite just to save money. ☺

Fool #4

Also heard on WGN they want to make it a law that you have to wash you hand. I think they were talking about the schools in the cafeterias after and before serving food or something. You should be doing that anyway.

Let's have some more laws! Isn't there already a law about child endangerment that they could use? We have so many laws now. We could use most any law to cover most anything.

All we have to do is enforce the laws we have now.

HDTV

I have been thinking about getting rid of DirecTV because of it costing over

\$600 a year. I like to watch the stuff that I can get on it but I could buy 6 to 8 tanks of gas for the motor home for that.

For about 10 dollars I could buy a HDTV converter and put up an antenna and then the rest should be without cost.

This idea seemed sound until I came home from breakfast. I looked at the TV tower and noticed that the trees got very tall in the twenty year years I have lived here. Back in there early 80's if I went up on the tower I could see a long ways over the trees. Today I see that 32 foot tower looks like it as tall as a tooth pick.

Unless I want to harvest a whole lot of tree I may have to rethink this antenna idea.

03-Apr-2009 11:55am 50°

Wow it is 50°!

You need a discount card to get a converter box? Go here and fill out the form and they will send you a \$40.00 discount card.

<https://www.dtv2009.gov/>

03-Apr-2009 9:37am 40°

Oh it 9-30. I have to go for coffee now. I will type something later.

Spring is here

Is spring here now? I just hung my first load of laundry on the clothesline. Remember I save a bunch of electricity last year by doing that. Since I have a gas drier I had to save some gas too. That means I didn't spend that money on energy.

You will notice I didn't say "I have saved money." That because I spent it on other things. I will continue on with my project to stop using so much energy. I

will work on the electric mostly because it is the easiest to measure.

I use natural gas for hot water, heat, the drier, and cooking once in while. I stopped using it in the drier and heating water changes will not change for now. And when it get cold in the house I will heat it.

I will work on trying to save on gasoline. I use that in the car, pickup, and motor home. The motor home uses the most and the car uses the least. And the pickup isn't used much.

Since the weather is getting better it will be easier for me to start to work on these kinds of projects. And even that is easier when it is above 40°. The only project I have to work on when is cooler than 40° is moving snow. And I don't much care for that one.

4-Apr-2009 9:49am 42°

Farmers Market

Heather asked me last week when the Farmer's Market on the Square is going to start. I forgot and so did she. so Here I am looking it up while I am thinking about it.

I did a search and Woodstock's Farmer's Marker has its own web sit. It looks like it open until May thru October Tuesday and Saturday from 8:00am to 1:00pm. That will make the first on Saturday, May 2nd this year.

They also say "Vendors and Music are now inside the square"

There is a lot more info on the web site at: www.woodstockfarmersmarket.org .

Woodstock Events

Woodstock also has many events. Check out www.woodstockil.gov . Just click on Community Calendar on the top.

They have all kinds of events listed right thru September. After that they are just a few. Maybe event start resting in the fall.

If you know of an event that is coming up let me know in enough time that I can put it in the newsletter earlier.

Easter Egg Hunt

Location - Woodstock Square.
That is all the information I have on that.

5-Apr-2009 3:54pm 39°

I see I have been getting behind on my newsletter reading since I was on vacation. Tonight I am going to catch up on a couple of then.

RV Travel

Fun Stuff



Feed those kids beans. . .

Here's a place where you can save some dough by getting your kids fed for free. Just load your youngsters up at breakfast with canned pork and beans then bring 'em to this place for lunch. Tell those kids to let loose in front of the restaurant folks and, sure as the sun shines, they'll soon be feasting on some good chow.

Trivia

At the campfire, forget wood! Burn Twinkies!

Twinkies, the ultimate junk food, were tested in 1995 by students at Rice University. Among the tests was how well a Twinkie burns. Here is what the students

discovered: "After careful analysis of the results, we feel that Twinkies could be an acceptable substitute for firewood in some situations. They are especially ideal since, while the Twinkie is within its freshness period guaranteed by Hostess, it will remain moist, and therefore not burn until an accelerant is added, thus removing the possibility of premature Twinkie combustion."



Random RV Thought

If you want to make a friend, do this: On a cold and rainy day in a campground, if you spot a tent or a tenting couple holed up in a tent, invite them into your cozy RV for hot chocolate or maybe even dinner. You will most likely make a new friend (or friends) and enjoy good conversation."

Bumper Snicker

Cat -- the other white meat.

Worth Pondering

"Old age is the most unexpected of all the things that happen to a man." --Leon Trotsky

Source: <http://www.rvtravel.com/publish/newsletter/issue370.shtml>

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Trivia

The first woman to drive

In the summer of 1899, Mrs. John Landon got behind the wheel of a 1897 Haynes-Apperson automobile. Mrs. Landon was a stenographer for Elwood Haynes who asked her to drive his car 1.5 miles to the factory after lunch. This prompted Haynes to start advertising that his cars were so safe even a woman could drive them.

Random RV Thought

In the early days of the automobile industry, before only Ford, GM and Chrysler were left, thousands of companies came and went. Anyone with a tool box and a garage could open a shop. A similar thing occurred in the first half century of the RV industry. Today, just as it happened to auto makers, one by one, the weaker RV makers are closing -- survival of the fittest in action.

Bumper Snicker

Is reading in the bathroom considered Multi-Tasking?

Worth Pondering

"To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides." --David Viscott

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And One More TV Travel

Photo of the week

A tough choice!

So, which road do you take? Is Good Road good enough, or do you really, truly need to take the Best Road? Low-achievers might settle for "Good Enough Road," but our ace RVtravel.com staff photographers haven't spotted that one yet.



Random RV Thought

Whenever you can, get off the Interstates and drive the back roads. You'll battle fewer big rig trucks and get up close and personal with scenery and the local population. Pause often along the main streets of small towns, have lunch, or maybe just a milkshake. Drop by the general store and buy the local paper. It's 10 times more fun taking a back road than speeding along a boring Interstate.

This is what I like to do. Just because the exit sign says "No Services" doesn't mean that there is nothing there. You just have to drive a little more to find it.

Bumper Snicker

I started out with nothing and still have most of it left.

Worth Pondering

"Happiness is not achieved by the conscious pursuit of happiness; it is generally the by-product of other activities." --Aldous Huxley

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09-April-2009 2:01pm 60°

What happened to the last few days? I know I wrote some stuff. Hummm...I looked around and the last day this was edit was on Apr 6th at 9:34am. Well that isn't the first time I lost a few days.

If any one can figure out what I did the last few days please let me know so I can put it to paper. In the mean time I think I will go clean the motor home a little. I know I did some of that yesterday.

I was planning on making the newsletter a little shorter so it is easier to print. I wasn't planning on just removing

a bunch of stuff after all I went to all the work of typing it.

Oh well sometimes you loose it.

10-Apr-2009 7:49am 35°

If my typing looks tired it is because I didn't get to bed last night. I spent the night watching TV with my eyes closed in the chair.

Mom & Dad's Wedding

On this day in 1942 Mom and Dad were married. I am sure glad they got hooked up or I wouldn't be here. I guess none of the seven of us would be.

Safety Pins

I just saw that the versatile safety pin was patented on this date in 1849 by Joseph Hunt.



I don't know if he invented it because of the Fibula (Latin "to fasten") is an ancient brooch. It was used for the same kind of thing for more than two thousand years.



Braganza Fibula/Brooch, Celtic art 250-200 BC, British Museum

April Birthdays

Day	Name
4	Lucy
11	Heather L
11	Roxanne M,
14	Jeremy M
18	Petra
19	Dave S
22	Carol 1942
30	Janet J

Today is Day 100 of 2009