

## ***Issue # 57 June 2009***

### **1-Jun-2009**

After going out to walk in park and not having my boots I did do much of anything. Well I did publish Issue # 56 of the newsletter. I couldn't finish seal coating the drive because of the rain.

### **2-Jun-2009 8:18am 49°**

Has fall returned? It is very cool out there this morning. Maybe I should go back out to walk in the park now that I have my boots and it is cooler.

### **Horses**

After breakfast I drove up on the square to see if more horses might be on the Square. I see there was another batch this morning.

While up there I took pictures of each horse I found. These were in front of the businesses on the square.

Later

I found 2 more horses and took a picture of the one by the Police Department that brings the count up to 23. That just leaves 2 more to find.



W. Jackson & N. Johnson in front of the old Court House



N. Johnson at the old Court House on the Square



*Cass between Johnson and Main*



*On Benton between E. Jackson and Van Burn*



*Cass between Main and Benton*



*Lake Ave. in front of the Police Department*



*On the corner of Benton and Van Burn*



*Washington in front of Police Works*



*N. Johnson near Cass on the Square*

### **3-Jun-2009 9:12am 56°**

At breakfast this morning Cork told me of another horse by the fire department out in his area of town. That will bring my list up to 24. Maybe there is one at the other fire department out in Jeremy and Tonya's area of town. Maybe they told me that on Sunday at the party and I wasn't listening.

This will make two of the last four I need/want pictures of.

Did you know we have three fire departments now? When I first moved to town we only had a garage that had fire trucks in it. The firemen were all volunteers. Times have changed!

Ah, maybe there is a horse by the library. I will go see later.

I think I need to get out and finish seal coating the driveway before the rain comes again. The weather forecast gives me 3 days to finish this project.

### **1:15pm**

I found the horse out by the fire house out on Dean Street but none on Raffel or by the library. Either they won't have one or they just aren't there yet.



On the website for the Horse of a Different Color, [www.hodc.info](http://www.hodc.info) I read that the horses will be on display June 10<sup>th</sup> thru September 26<sup>th</sup> 2009. This gives me some time to find those stray three ponies. They will show up soon.

If you are looking for more information about the horses try here [www.mstrp.org/cp-project.html](http://www.mstrp.org/cp-project.html)

### **Driveway**

I just came in from seal coating another third of the drive. I have to wait another twenty-four hours for it can dry so I can move car and pickup out of the way so I can finish. It looks like the four pails I bought are going to do the job.

I am getting better at spreading this stuff. I was putting it on a little thinner as the instruction say. I just looked and there are a couple spots where it is too thin. The other day it was too thick. In a while is should be dry enough that I can patch those thin spots.

### **Correction**

I had the Band Concert on the Event Calendar at 7:00am. It is really 7:00pm. Thanks Aunt Annie!

### **04-Jun-2009 8:09am 51°**

Before I go out and make noise this morning with the blower to get ready to seal coat the rest of the driveway I thought I would check my email. Making noise this early may bother the neighbors. So let's see what is there.

### **From the INBOX**

Since I have been chasing horses lately I had to place this one in here.

### **A Day at the Track**

*One day while he was at the track playing the ponies and all but losing his shirt, Mitch noticed a priest who stepped out onto the track and blessed the forehead of one of the horses lining*

*up for the 4th race.*

*Lo and behold, that horse - a very long shot - won the race.*

*Before the next race, as the horses began lining up, Mitch watched with interest as the old priest step onto the track. Sure enough, as the 5th race horses came to the starting gate the priest made a blessing on the forehead of one of the horses.*

*Mitch made a beeline for a betting window and placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though it was another long shot, the horse the priest had blessed won the race.*

*Mitch collected his winnings, and anxiously waited to see which horse the priest would bless for the 6th race. The priest again blessed a horse.*

*Mitch bet big on it, and it won. Mitch was elated. As the races continued the priest kept blessing long shot horses, and each one ended up coming in first.*

*Bye and bye, Mitch was pulling in some serious money. By the last race, he knew his wildest dreams were going to come true. He made a quick dash to the ATM, withdrew all his savings, and awaited the priest's blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on.*

*True to his pattern, the priest stepped onto the track for the last race and blessed the forehead of an old nag that was the longest shot of the day. Mitch also observed the priest blessing the eyes, ears, and hooves of the old nag.*

*Mitch knew he had a winner and bet every cent he owned on the old nag. He then watched dumbfounded as the old nag come in dead last. Mitch, in a state of shock, made his way down to the track area where the priest was.*

*Confronting the old priest he demanded, 'Father what happened? All day long you blessed horses and they all won. Then in the last race, the*

*horse you blessed lost by a Kentucky mile.*

*Now, thanks to you I've lost every cent of my savings - all of it!'*

*The priest nodded wisely and with sympathy. 'Son,' he said, 'that's the problem with you Protestants; you can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and last rites.*

*Source: Email from Arlene*

After that maybe I should go out and get the rest of the driveway ready to seal coat and then head out and have breakfast while it dries and warms up some.

**05-Jun-2009 11:18am 74°**

Boy is it nice out there. After breakfast this morning I unblocked the driveway after sealing it yesterday.

### **Plants**

I planted some flowers and watered the rest new plants. Some of the bulbs are starting to grow there way out in to the sunlight.

The grape plants have many leaves but are growing slow. I planted four grapes. One of them hasn't shown me that it is going to grow yet.

I have to check to see if any of the radishes are ready yet. They haven't been one of my best crops.

I see I only have one Cucumber seedlings.

The Rhubarb I planted last year is better this year but there isn't enough for a pie.

Maybe I should plant my garden in the pickup again. It seemed to grow quite well in there. Maybe I am must wait more for things to grow.

### **Horses**

When I went for my coffee break I was going to tell Mary that I still had to

find two more of the horses. When I park my car I parked next to a car with the license plate number "HORSES 2". I started to laugh.

I told Mary and a couple heard me and said it was there car. Yup, I asked them where the other two horses were. It was funny because they had no idea what we were talking about. They live in Bull Valley and hadn't seen any of the horses on the Square yet. So I told them a little about them. When they got ready to leave they were head to the Square to check them out.

Oh I found another one yesterday. It is in one of the empty store fronts on the Square on Benton Street just north of E. Jackson. I will get a picture later. So you see I have found 25 of the 27 of them located.

#### **After Lunch**

I went up and tried to take a picture of the horse in the store front and it was too bright. Here is what I got.



*Benton Street near E. Jackson on the Square*



*On Dean Street in front of Fire House # 2*

There are still two horses out there somewhere. Maybe if there were wearing bells we could hear where they are.

If you don't understand why I was telling you maybe after you read my book you might.

#### **News Flash**

I was just out to [www.hodc.info](http://www.hodc.info) and they have a map of all of the location. I have to check this list and see which ones I missed.

They also have a place for you to vote for your favorite "Horse of a Different Color." Check it out.

#### **06-Jun-2009 6:25am 54°**

I after going through my pictures of the horses I would see just what one I missed. Well I had found all of them I just miss posted some of the pictures. Hence I counted wrong. I was looking for more and there aren't any. I had the last one when I found the one hiding in the store front on Benton near E. Jackson.

Now I can walk out to have breakfast with Mary and Heather.

#### **Dragging**

I just returned from breakfast and I am dragging. On the way out it hit me a

little past half way and again on the way back. I am pooped!

Tonya, Jeremy, and Diane were having breakfast so I joined them.

Mary was saying that a lot of people said that they were tired this morning. Maybe that nice weather yesterday did us in. It sure was a nice day, wasn't it?

### **Bad Car Day**

About 10:00 I drove out for coffee and when I went to leave my car wouldn't start. It clicked but would not seem to turn over or start.

My car starts most of the time before you get the key turned all the way to start. It really starts easily! I just didn't feel like a dead battery. That would be different.

So I asked Heather if she would drop me off on my way home. She agreed.

So I waited. She could see I was ready to go. If someone is doing me a favor I don't have any problem waiting. I was thinking what I need to get ready to bring back to check out the car and what might be the problem.

It acted dead but not like a dead battery. So I guessed I would bring some small tools, an electric tester, and the jumper cables.

So Mary, Heather and I left a little after eleven and when I got to the cars I got confused because Mary said she was driving her car. Heather had told me I would have to wait while she got gas on the way home. I just figured I was going with Heather. She only lives a couple blocks from me. Mary says let's go. So we took off and I was home shortly. Thanks Mary and Heather.

So I got my tool box and made sure it was stocked with the tools I might need. I grabbed the volt meter, jumper cables and the big battery charger. And headed back to Vaughan's with the pickup.

I noticed it was around twelve-fifteen when I got there. Anila must have sensed I was hungry because she handed me a dinner roll and said eat this.

I asked her to call Aunt Annie and tell her I was already here and she did not have to pick me up for lunch.

Anila asked if I was going to try the car before I did anything else. I agreed because if it starts I would just drive it home.

I put the key in the switch turned it and it started! I could not make do anything different than it has for the last 7 years. Yes, I have had this car for 7 years this month. The only time it failed to start is after it sat for a month when I went to Germany to see Mike and Petra in 2007.

Here is what I think happened. When you start this car it is much quieter. Not like my Ford pickup. This is so quiet that when you have the radio turned up a little too much you don't hear it unless you look at the lights on the dash.

People have commented on how quiet it is.

Anyway I think there was nothing wrong. If there I will wait for it to act up later.

### **More car problems**

I had Aunt Annie give me a ride to lunch after all so I could bring the pickup home. I have had trouble driving the car and the pickup at the same time.

While we were waiting for Anila to bring us our checks Sharon brought us more drinks. After a while Sharon brought our checks and I asked what happened to Anila. While we were eating Anila was doing a quick delivery and had a flat tire out by Holiday Inn.

When I left I drove down to see if I could help. Being on the wrong side of the hi-way I drove down to turn around. I saw her dad and Voviollca were there helping. By the time I got turned around and back to them the police were there. So I waved and returned home.

I guess I have to go back to Vaughan's for dinner so I can make sure Anila got tire fixed changed.

#### Later

Well Anila said she was glad her dad was available to change the tire because she had never changed a tire before and didn't have an idea how it was done. I guess you can always learn new things.

### **08-Jun-2009 10:17am 67°**

The grass didn't get cut again. I kept dilly dallying around and it rained again. I must be very luck to be able to put this off so long. I may have to hire a farmer to bail the grass in the back. The front isn't too bad yet. Maybe I'll get it later id if doesn't rain again.

#### **Lost but Found**

When I go for a walk I almost always pickup at least one piece of trash. I figure it helps a little to keep the streets looking a little better.

Some times I find thing along the road and pick them up. Since I started walking this spring I have found a silk neck tie, a fork, and a little cash.

Over the years I am always finding something of value. Well I thing it is special enough for me to take the time to bend over and retrieve it. And I always attach a story to it.

I decided to write those stories down and put them in with Marty's Adventures.

Did you know I had a web site that has my adventures in it? I update this once in a while and I started way back in I think 2003. If you think it something you would like go to [Marty-Metras.com](http://Marty-Metras.com)

#### **Sundial**

I use to have a couple sundials. I had a wrist sundial that I wore for a couple years. It was just like a watch except for the sun had to be out.

I also had a pocked sundial that I made. It was about the size of a pack of cigarettes only about ¼ as thick. I made it so it would work at 42° latitude that is where Woodstock is located. I guess it would have worked while I was in Spain too. Where I was it is about 42°. That why when I was there in the spring the weather was much as it was at home.

What ever happened to my sundials? Hay the sun just came out!

#### **Grass**

Well I get the grass cut! Do you know how hard it is to type using only your left hand? I do now! I couldn't type very well with both hands before cut my thumb.

Don't worry it just a small leak. I cut it on the grass catcher bag when was putting it back after emptying it. It is really a small cut but it leaked all over the mower before I saw it. Enough one hand typing!

### **Gas Prices**

Would you believe the gas prices are going up? Did you see the prices of late?



Maybe the rain will stop so I can walk some more.

### **09-Jan-2009 8:11pm 62°**

It is the end of the day and I don't remember doing anything very exciting. I went for breakfast and coffee later home then next thing I knew it was now. I guess I did some laundry.

Maybe I should take the rest of the day off.

### **13-Jun-2009 6:30pm 67°**

I don't know what to tell you. I see I have not writing any thing since last Tuesday. Where have I been? Hummm...

There must have been something happening that I can tell you. Well let's start with new things and maybe I will remember things from the last 2 days.

### **Voviollca Vacation**

I gave Voviollca a big hug for her birthday on Monday. I may not see her for a few months. She and her family is

going to there home town in Albania. I will miss her.

Have a good time Voviollca! Don't forget to send us a card or an email or something.

### **Electric Mower**

I have been cutting the grass my new cordless electric mower and it is doing just fine. I would do much better if would cut the grass before the grass gown so tall. It reminds me when I try to cut the grass 5 or 6 inches tall.

I could blame this on the rain but it is more liking being lazy. I just have to cut it more often.

I have been using the solar panel to charge the battery. It takes a long time to charge it because the solar panel is just a little small to use for this.

I am looking into what I can do to hook this up different and still use the solar panel to charge it.

### **14-Jun-2009 4:39pm 79°**

What a wonderful day! I hope all of you are enjoying it as much as I am.

I went for a drive this morning and almost went looking for a convertible. I have had a convertible before and today was made for convertibles. I wonder it Shirley & Bob still have theirs and were out cursing?

How about a nice Honda S2000 Convertible in white or maybe I could change to yellow this time.

Maybe it could to a BioPowered Convertible like this Saab concept car.





Meet the Saab 9-3 BioPower Hybrid Concept

It is a nice looking car. Alas it is only a concept at this time.

**15-Jun-2009 11:23am 81 °**

Can come one figure this out for me? I was never very good at word puzzles.

A	B	C	D	
1	1	2	3	4
2	5			
3	6			
4	7			

Across:

1. Ferrigno feature
5. Sold in loose form
6. Pile of tobacco
7. Certain postal rate

I think that 5 across is "BULK". It is part of a Geocache puzzle. After I get the words I will convert to numbers that will give me the coordinates. That will tell where the cache should be located.

I am thinking it is on this side of Wonder Lake. There is another in

Down:

1. Apiary denizens
2. Brooklyn version of "y'all"
3. Building extensions
4. Low islands

Wonder Lake. If you would like I will pick you up and we could go find them together.

### From the INBOX

Here are some bumper stickers:

**'Fairness' isn't giving my money to lazy people.**

**You Think Healthcare Is Expensive Now? Just Wait Till It's FREE!**

**everything is fine. just keep watching T.V.**

**DON'T SPREAD MY WEALTH... SPREAD MY WORK ETHIC !!!**

Source: Email from Steve

**16-Jun-2009 7:11pm 64°**

### Geocaching

This morning I went out looking for some of those geocaches. I went to Boger Bog and did some hiking. When I was near the area where the cache should been I started looking. It took a little time to find it, but I did.

I had eaten breakfast and an early lunch so I figured I could handle another hike. So I headed for Lippoid Park.

I only was at this park once before for a Knaack Picnic a very long time ago.

After looking at the map I started walking the path. Then I looked the GPS and figured it would be much shorter cutting across the ball fields. When I got near my goal I got back on the path going westward.

I was within a tenth of a mile (528 ft) when I stopped paying attention. I walked right by my goal and right out of the park on to one of the city streets. I looked at the GPS to get my bearings and figured I could walk the street and back into the park. After a short while I know there was no way back in from that side.

I backtracked into the park. Then I started to pay attention. Maybe the GPS needs a bell to wake me up. Anyway I got back on the path and when I was near the location I left the path to find the cache. It was right as noted in the posting. I signed the logbook and headed back to the car.

I didn't measure how far I had to walk to the car. It was a long ways. I was near the southeast corner of Lippoid Park and my car was way over in middle of the parking area.

After that I decide I was lucky that I didn't get rained on yet. It had tried to rain a couple times. I went the Gerry Street Nature Area and check out my cache. Being new at Geocaching I want make sure all was well wit it. It was fine.

This isn't all about Geocaching. It is about getting off my backside and getting some exercising too. I might have walked 7 or 8 miles today.

#### **Dinner**

Aunt Annie, Shirley, Bob, Lulu, Shcrifa, Anila and her kids, and I went to Pizza Hutt for dinner this evening. It is

nice to see people when they are not working. I don't think I have been in Pizza Hutt since they first opened back in the 70's. When did the open anyway?

#### **17-Jun-2009 6:44pm 73°**

73°! Is that right? I just looked at the one on the North side of the house and it said 89°!

That one is next to the bedroom window that was open but the evening sun was shining one it. Nothing I can do about that one.

The 73° is the one on the south side of the house and part of my electricity monitor. The Weather Station also says 76° and that has the sun shining on it too. I guess it must be around 75° then. That is figured out.

#### **18-Jun-2009 10:01am 72°**

Are we going to have a nice day today or rain again? The forecast says "T-Storm, 60% chance of precipitation" for today and tomorrow. Saturday & Sunday look like they will be nice.

#### **20-Jun-2009 11:48pm 79°**

Did you know it rained yesterday? It was hard for me to tell it stormed so hard. I lost power around 5:30pm and I don't think it was back until eight o'clock this morning.

It was storming so hard I could not see the school next door. I was talking to Aunt Annie on the phone during this when I saw I couldn't see the garage behind the house either.

My weather station record a wind speed of 14 MPH with gust to 38 at 5:30pm. And it did rain some. The weather station recorded 4.6" for the storm.

It looks like we will be good to go without more rain until tomorrow. ☹

### **No Electricity**

When I first was without power yesterday I thought; "Ho Hum it will come back soon." While it was out I watched the storms. It was really storming for a while!

When it let up a little I walked around the house to see how the rain gutters were working. I noticed the back yard was flooded and not going down the drain.

When I put in the drains for the down spouts I also put two drains for the yard. I use to have flooding in the back yard when there was a heavy rain. The one drain wasn't working. It was still raining but I managed to unplug it and start the water flowing. Water flows fast through a four inch drain pipe.

After I got that working I went out to the motor home, fired up the generator, turned on the A/C, and watch a movie. It was still raining and the drain was working.

I came back into the and watched the blank TV screen until I fell asleep in the chair. You see I don't need the TV working to watch TV with my eyes closed. When I was finished with my nap I went to bed.

I think the power came back on around 8:00am. I checked my computer stuff to make sure it all restarted. The battery backups work if the power is only off for a short time. Not fifteen hours! I had to start of couple of them. The firewall and the Weather Station PC need to be start manually.

All seems well right now. I can go do other things now.

### **Stormy Side Effects**

We had more than 4.6" of rain in just a few hours. The storm had winds of up to 38 mph. There is always side effect after a storm.

My basement is wet. I think a lot of this is because of the flooding in the back yard. The water was almost up to the back stoop. It wasn't very deep but didn't have any where to go.

The front yard was also flooded. All of that water was flowing from the back yards ot from the roof to the front yard. And there is that rain gutter I haven't fixed yet. So having water in the basement does not surprise me.

I decided to go to Isabel's for breakfast this morning. Ronny asked if I knew why The Three Brother was closed. I didn't because I hadn't been there yet.

When I left Isabel's I head to Three Brother's to see how much water was standing there. I have seen it when there was 3 feet of water inside the building.

It took at lease a half an hour to drive route 47 from the north side of town to the south side. Yes a half hours to go maybe two miles.

When I got there the traffic light was flashing red at Lake and Rt. 47. I notice no signs of flooding at the Three Brothers. Latter Aunt Annie called me and told me that some one had told her they still were with out power. It is hard to keep the coffee hot with out electricity or open the cash register so people can pay for their coffee.

After that I headed to Rain Tree Park. This is a big retention pond for the

storm water and it is many areas and I have seen it full after a big storm. I was near full but not like a few years ago when it was over flowing. I would guess today it was  $\frac{3}{4}$  full.

I also saw a lot of big branched on the tree banks. I had a few down in my yard.

### **After Lunch**

On the way to lunch and one the way home I saw that there a lot of broken trees along my normal route. I haven't done any sight seeing but I can guess there a lot more throughout the county. I don't thing we need any more people driving around sight seeing while people are trying to cleaning up the mess.

### **Mike & Petra**

I see on the 18<sup>th</sup> the Pilgrims were in Jefferson City, MO

### **22-Jun-2009 8:39am 71°**

Yesterday while riding around checking out the country side I see a lot of standing water in the fields. On the other side I saw a lot of dry areas on top of the hills. It rained so hard that most of that rain just ran off. It is kind of dumping a pail of water on your driveway. I will wash it off but it will be dry is a few minutes.

### **Geocaching**

In the morning yesterday I went to Pleasant Valley Conservation Area and did some hiking. There were some soggy areas on the trails. I found one of the 3 caches I was looking for. After finding the one it was getting warm enough for the bug to come out. That makes it a little harder to enjoy the hike. Both of the other 2 were just off the trail in the tall wet grass and/or weeds. I decide I would

wait for another day when I might not stir up all the bugs.

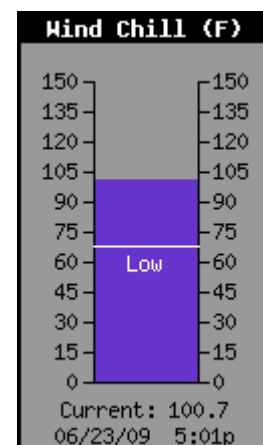
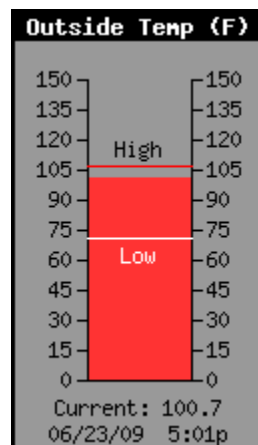
For me this is about getting out and doing some exercise and if I find the cache along the way it is a plus.

Most of the caches I have found have been a nice diversion just of the trails. They serve a break along the hike. The geocache leads me to a new park.

There are about 45 geocaches listed that are less than 10 miles of home and about 600 with in 20 miles. I have only logged 8 finds so I guess I have a ways to go to just find those 50 or so that are in McHenry County.

### **23-Jun-2009 6:14pm 100°**

All I can say for today is it is HOT!



*Remember the wind chill is not always for the winter.*

This morning I was out in the garage work until I went for coffee around 10 o'clock. It was already 90° with no wind. I think I will stay right here in the A/C until tomorrow morning!

### **Solar Mower**

While I was working in the garage this morning I was rewiring the Electric Mower so I could charge it with the Solar panel. After I can mow the grass I will

use the Solar panel to do just that. Right now it has a full charge.

The reason rewired this is because the mower's system is 24 volts and my small and only 12 volts. I had to wire in a switch so I could change it over to 12 volts for charging with the solar charger. It wasn't hard to do it just took a few parts and some time.

I could have charged it from the solar panel before but this way I do not need to use an inverter to change the 12 volts DC to 120 volts AC and then use the 120 volt AC charger to convert it to 24 volts DC to charger the mower. I remove two devices to covert the voltages that use electricity.

I will not be saving very much juice. Every little bit helps.

The whole idea with this solar panel was to use the sun to help me with some of my energy needs. There is enough solar energy shining on the earth in one hour to power all the needs for the whole world for a day. Well that is what they say on that commercial.

The sun helped the grass grow, it can help me mow!

### **24-June-2009 8:33am 80°**

I got up a little early today because I thought I might cut the grass before it got to hot and humid. Well it is already over 80° and very humid. I think I will wait until tomorrow. On the other hand I have had breakfast and there is a little breeze. I think I will go and try mowing the grass anyway.

### **Fried Eggs**

How hot dose the black top need to be to fry an egg? When Cork and I went to lunch I had my inferred thermometer

in my pocket so I was playing with it. Where the sun was shining on the black top it was 132°. Is that enough to fry eggs?

Ok, I went to the internet for an answer.

### **Hot enough to fry an egg**

*This is how hot it is in Australia's capital city right now. But, is it hot enough to fry an egg on the sidewalk?*

*In cooking terms, an egg needs a temperature of 158F to cook,*



*and most sidewalks do not get up to that temperature. The egg, when cracked open on the cement, cools it down.*

*Black macadam sidewalks are hotter than gray ones, and using metal as well, can raise the temperature. So you could try using aluminium foil on top of the sidewalk surface.*

*And lastly, you can place a pane of glass under a frypan, on top of the sidewalk or cement. For good measure, you can place another pane of glass on top of egg in the frypan.*

*Now, another way to try to cook an egg, is on the bonnet of a car that has been outside on a very hot day. Don't use a teacher's car, you're likely to get detention.*

*Posted by Leslie*

*Source: <http://myscienceprogram.blogspot.com/2009/02/hot-enough-to-fry-egg.html>*

**Just in case you wanted to know:**

### **About This Holiday**

Oatman Sidewalk Egg Frying Contest! Egg frying contest is held July 4th at high noon on the downtown streets of Oatman, AZ. along old Route 66. There are also Old West gun fights, wild burros roaming the streets, food, entertainment and more.

Note: Only solar heat may be used to fry the eggs, and there is a 15 minute time limit.

*Source: <http://www.imgag.com/product/full/ap/3032677/>*

## From the INBOX

*I can't wait to try this in the summer!*



*Mosquito Spray...Worth a try*

*I was at a deck party awhile back, and the bugs were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor with Listerine, and the little demons disappeared. The next year I filled a 4-ounce spray bottle and used it around my seat whenever I saw mosquitoes. And voila! That worked as well. It worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the food table, the children's swing area, and the standing water nearby. During the summer, I don't leave home without it.....Pass it on.*



*OUR FRIEND'S COMMENTS: I tried this on my deck and around all of my doors. It works - in fact, it killed them instantly. I bought my bottle from Target and it cost me \$1.89. It really doesn't take much, and it is a big bottle, too; so it is not as expensive to use as the can of Bug-spray you buy that doesn't last 30 minutes. So, try this, please. It will last a couple of days. Don't spray directly on a wood door (like your front door), but spray around the frame. Spray around the window frames, and even inside the dog house.*

*Now these are Good Mosquitoes!!!*

*Source: Email from Kim*

**8:00pm 87°**

It is still hot! 8 o'clock and it is still 87°! The forecast for tomorrow is 40% chance of precipitation and maybe T-Storms. Maybe it will be cooler before Monday.

**26-Jun-2009 1:22pm 86°**

**Dead Air**

You know that Electric Mower would cut more grass much better if I plug it and charge the battery. I went out this morning to cut the back yard and did the trimming and noticed it ran out of juice. It was plugged in to the charger so I wondered what happened.

When I put it back in the garage I nosed that the other end of the cord was not plugged into any power source. I guess I must have figured that that power would come from thin air. Well yesterday it was thick air. Well thick or thin air makes no difference unless there is a wind generator pulling electricity from it.

**Celebrity Deaths**

We have had a few deaths in the last few days. There was Farah, Michael, and Ed the other day.

I looked for a web site that would show me celebrities who died in the last week or so. I found this site that has celebrities who died in 2009.

**Celebrities  
who died in  
2009**

As of Jun 25th



Alain Bashung



Alan Livingston



Altovise Davis



Andrew Martin



Andy Hallett



Barbara Rudnik



Bea Arthur



Beatrice Arthur



Bernard Ashley



Betsy Blair



Charles Tingwell



Cheryl Holdridge



Dan Seals



Danny Gans



David Carradine



[Dom DeLuise](#)



Dorothy Simpson



Ean Evans



Ed McMahon



Farrah Fawcett



[Gianna Canale](#)



Giovanni Parisi



Horton Jr.



Jack Kemp



Jade Goody



James Whitmore



Jane Bryan



Jane Randolph



Jasper Van Der Hurd



Jett Travolta



## Marty's Random Thoughts

Jimmy Boyd



Karine Ruby



Kathleen Byron



Kenny Rankin



Linda Dangel



Louie Bellson



Lucy Gordon



Marie Glory



Marilyn Chambers



Michael Jackson



Mickey Carroll



Molly Bee



Nand Buyl



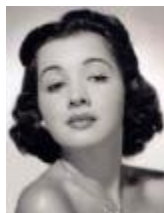
Natasha Richardson



Nick Adenhardt



Oleg Yankovsky



Olga San Juan



Pat Hingle



Patrick McGoochan



Peter Dennis



Phil Carey



Ricardo Montalban



Rob Renfro



Sable Starr



Shakti Samanta



Shirley Rickert



Susanna Foster



Sydney Chaplin



Wayne Allwine



Wendy Richard



William King

*Source of  
Celebrities  
who died:*

[http://www.whosdated  
who.com/celebrities/  
people/list/celebrity-  
categories.asp](http://www.whosdatedwho.com/celebrities/people/list/celebrity-categories.asp)

## **28-Jun-2009 6:09pm 78°**

What a fantastic day! I am still enjoying today.

With the wind blowing and the dry air my laundry dried and got fluffed up just like using the drier.

### **Mike and Petra**

I talked to Mike a couple of days ago. The heat and humidity has been hammering them. There were soaking up the A/C in a Bed & Breakfast in St. Charles, MO when I was talking to them. They should be in Illinois today.

That makes them about six hours from here. Well that is about what it took Steve to drive it when used to live up here. I tried to contact Steve who lives in St. Charles to go find them and say "Hi!" but he wasn't available.

Well I have some more the day to enjoy.

## **29-Jun-2009 5:09pm 73°**

I think it has been another nice day today. I'm not sure. I had a case of the Sleepies all day. I must be catching up from all that hot & humid weather last week. Dare I say I did nothing all day?

### **Today**

Yesterday is gone we no longer have it. It cannot change. It is done and over with. Remember the good parts and learn from the rest. Try not to live in the past as it has gone.

Tomorrow has not come here yet and may never come. You can plan for

the future if you can but don't live there as it will never be tomorrow. Try not to live for tomorrow for you may never see tomorrow.

Today is where it is. Today is now and even as I write it is passing into yesterday. Today is now! Now is not a few minutes ago or a few minutes from now it is now. We do every thing now we do not do it tomorrow. If you did not do it now you can not do it yesterday either.

Today is the tomorrow of yesterday and today is the yesterday of tomorrow. Live in the Now!

Now that I have said this I should ask; "What is that I was going to do today and slept through?" Well is there tomorrow I haven't slept through it yet!

### **Month End**

The month of June is passing away quickly. Being that today is the 29<sup>th</sup> today there is only one day left this month.

I have 3 pages to fill in the issue. It is going to print 20 pages if I put something in there or not.

Maybe I could leave a couple of pages blank so you could make your own story.

### **What is going on**

#### **My Book**

I have been trying to finish my book called "*Marty's Adventure Camino de Santiago 2007*" This is my adventure when I went to Mike and Petra's in Germany right after I retired and then

walked across Spain. It will be a little over 200 pages.

I want to have one more look through it before I publish to the world. I have to let go and do it. It is like my child. I want to let go but I also want the hang on to it.

### **Reading**

Remember that survey a couple months ago about people clamming they read over 100 books a year. Well I should finish my second one this year. I go through fazes. I read a few book and then nothing for a very long time.

I have been trying to read more often. I keep buying books and never seem to get around reading them. I have many technical books. I look for answers to technical issues. I have many self help books that start reading but loose interest in many of them. I buy a book once in a while because it has an interesting cover story and when I get home I put it on the shelf to get to some day.

So this year I finished Mike & Petra's story "*Germany to Rome in 64 days: Our Pilgrimage*". As I read it, it was almost as if I was there walking there with them. I remember one morning when they were walking in the snow I turned up the heat to warm me.

You can get this book directly from Mike & Petra. Check on his web site: <http://worksandwords.com/>. There is a lot of information about this.

Thinking about Mike & Petra, They have walking the country since January 16, 2009. That 164 day since they left home.

From the [www.WalkingEast.com](http://www.WalkingEast.com) web site I see they have covered 2650

miles (4292 km) and they are in Elshah, IL today.

Google Maps say that Elshah, IL is only 4 days walking. That means if thy walk 6 hrs a day it will take them 16 days. That would be about right. Mike told me a while back it would be around July 15<sup>th</sup> when he would get to Woodstock. On the other hand it is less than a 6 hour drive.

### **30-Jun-2009**

Yesterday is gone and I didn't write any thing. So I will end this issue to start the next. I leave you this to think on.

### **Coded Message**

Here is a coded message for one of my friends. Please decode it and let me know how I did. Only the one that that decodes this should get its meaning.

*Të jetë i lumtur.*

*Jini të gëzuar!*

*Mos lejoni të fëmijës jetim kërcëlloj ju poshtë.*

*Unë mendoj se ju e kuptoni se çfarë jam duke u përpyetur të thonë këtu.*

*A e dini se Google perkthen nga anglisht në shqip. Nuk e kam bërë para shqiptare.*














































*Thjesht shkoni në "www.google.com" dhe klikoni në gjuhën tools.*

I hope I got this right.









Well I'll see you next issue.

**Marty**

## July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<u>01</u>  <u>7pm» City Band Concerts</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>  <u>Fourth of July Fireworks</u>  <u>8am» Farmer's Market</u>
<u>05</u>  <u>Annette's Mom's Birthday</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>   <u>8am» Farmer's Market</u>	<u>08</u>  <u>7pm» City Band Concerts</u>	<u>09</u>  <u>Diane M.</u>	<u>10</u>  <u>Anne Hams concert</u>  <u>Off Square Music Open Mic</u>	<u>11</u>  <u>Master Gardeners Garden walk</u>  <u>Hebron Country Market</u>  <u>8am» Farmer's Market</u>
<u>12</u>  <u>Heritage Fair</u>  <u>Sadie (2008)</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>  <u>Sharon P.</u>  <u>The Magic of flowers flower show</u>  <u>8am» Farmer's Market</u>	<u>15</u>   <u>Golf Outing</u>  <u>7pm» City Band Concerts</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>  <u>Pat Green concert</u>	<u>18</u>  <u>Saturday Mornings in the Garden</u>  <u>Gavers Barndance</u>  <u>8am» Farmer's Market</u>
<u>19</u>  <u>Folk Festival</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>  <u>Carol's Sister's Birthday</u>  <u>8am» Farmer's Market</u>	<u>22</u>   <u>7pm» City Band Concerts</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>  <u>Movies in the Park</u>  <u>“Beauty and the Beast Jr.”</u>  <u>Sidewalk Sale Days</u>  <u>Off Square Music Open Mic</u>	<u>25</u>  <u>“Beauty and the Beast Jr.”</u>  <u>Sidewalk Sale Days</u>  <u>Saturday Mornings in the Garden</u>  <u>8am» Farmer's Market</u>
<u>26</u>  <u>Marc</u>  <u>Lillian P. (2008)</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>  <u>8am» Farmer's Market</u>	<u>29</u>   <u>7pm» City Band Concerts</u>	<u>30</u>  <u>Aunt Annie</u>	<u>31</u>  <u>Carol's Other Sister's Birthday</u>	

## August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						01  Trent  Woodstock Mozart Festival  8am» Farmer's Market
02  Woodstock Mozart Festival  Pat D.	03	04  8am» Farmer's Market	05  McHenry County Fair	06   McHenry County Fair	07  McHenry County Fair  Lidia's Birthday	08  Wiggly Field Lights  Lulu's Birthday  Woodstock Mozart Festival  McHenry County Fair  8am» Farmer's Market
09  Woodstock Mozart Festival  Tammy B  McHenry County Fair	10	11  8am» Farmer's Market	12	13 	14	15  Woodstock Mozart Festival  Russ  Bill & Kim's Anniversary  8am» Farmer's Market
16  Woodstock Mozart Festival  Scott	17  Mom's Birthday (1917-2001)  Mickey's Birthday	18  8am» Farmer's Market	19	20 	21	22  8am» Farmer's Market
23  Taryn 's Birthday  Mary A.	24	25  Betsy M.  8am» Farmer's Market	26	27 	28  Alex B.	29  8am» Farmer's Market
30	31					