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## 2-Sep-2009 11:48am 67°

Well I just come back from having coffee at Vaughan's. It took me as long to drive there and it does when I walk.



The road construction

must be done. We must drive slow and stay out of the way so they can finish as soon as they can. I like to go and visit my friends at Vaughan's. I will most likely still be part of the traffic from time to time. Wait... I could walk.

For now I will try to stay off of Route 47 from the six corners (Rt. 47 & Rt. 120) to Three Brothers Restaurant (at Lake Ave) and Calhoun Street from the railroad tracks (about Seminary Ave) to Route 47.

As you see from this map I made there is a big area that is going to be slow going for a while.

I didn't go past the Lake Street to see if more of Route 47 was being worked on yet.

My thought is if you are going from midtown to Vaughn's or the Three Brother to take Lake Street for now.

## Mike & Petra

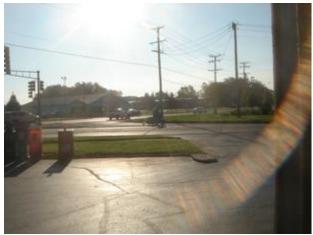
Cork and I went to breakfast with Mike and Petra this morning before they left town. Yes they have left the comfort of Woodstock to start back on their journey to Jerusalem.

They started walking from the Three Brothers Restaurant. That was neat, Mike, Cork, and Marty, we are three brothers too.



The Pilgrims stop for the last photos before Walking East.

Mike said the next major stop will be Milwaukee on the walk east.



Mike and Petra are WalkingEast into the sunrise.



Some pictures do not look very well when you crop parts of it out and try to enlarge it so it can be viewed more easily.

As always read more about their journey at <u>WalkingEast.com</u>.

#### Garden

I planted my fall garden about a week ago and the radishes are up. I call it a garden but it is really a big flower pot about 12" by 30". It is easier than digging up the ground.

This pot is one of them from a long time ago when I had a truck farm. Do you remember this?

## 04-Sep-2009 9:52am 62°

#### Now 10:22pm

Bedtime now! Write tomorrow.

## 05-Sep-2009 2:24pm 77°

Would you believe it was only 45° at seven o'clock this morning? That is what my thermometer read when I left to walk out to see Mary and Heather. It was so foggy when I woke up at 6:30 that I could not see the school next door.

The fog had lifted by the time I started my walk and the temperature was much warmer by the time I arrived home at 9:00 though he air was still very damp.

## **Movies Trivia**

I was catching up on old movie until lunch time. I was watching old TV shows from the '50s. The stars were Duncan Renaldo and Leo Carrillo. How may of you remember what TV show that was?

#### **Feedback**

#### Steve wrote:

Hi Marty,

Have you thought about getting on Facebook? I think the way that you like to log and have everyone's birthday reminders that Facebook would be perfect. I have been on it since the beginning of the year and have about 40 people on it as my friend and I can track their birthdays and other things that they post. Maybe you already have an account out there.

Just a thought.

Talk to you soon, -Steve 8/12/2009

#### Reply:

I don't have enough readers that spend much time on the internet. I spend a lot of time online but until I have more interest in me have a blog or Facebook I am going to be sticking to my newsletter.

## Anila asked:

Anile ask; "Why she could not find here name in the last issue?"

#### Reply:

All I could tell her is that she just has to look because it is there.

## 06-Sep-2009 8:56am 60°

It feels and looks like it is only six o'clock in the morning. It is glooming out there. Well I am awake and ready to get

out there and check it out. Maybe the sun will come out and the fog will leave us.

## 07-Sep-2009 8:44am 59°

## **Happy Labor Day!**

The first Labor Day in the United States was celebrated on September 5, 1882 in New York City. In the aftermath of the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of the US military and US Marshals during the 1894 Pullman Strike, President Grover Cleveland put reconciliation with Labor as a top political priority. Fearing further conflict, legislation making Labor Day a national holiday was rushed through Congress unanimously and signed into law a mere six days after the end of the strike.

Cleveland was also concerned that aligning a US labor holiday with existing international May Day celebrations would stir up negative emotions linked to the Haymarket Affair. All 50 U.S. states have made Labor Day a state holiday.

Read more at the source of this http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labor\_Day

Thanks for working today!

## 08-Sep-2009 10:19am 67°

Oh it is time for coffee. Well before I go I wanted to tell you Mike & Petra should be in Milwaukee looking for that boat to take them across Lake Michigan today. I see on Mike's web page he has a summary chart of the miles they have traveled. This is the link if you want to see it.

http://walkingwithawareness.com/ctjrout egraphics.htm#miles

Now I can go have coffee!

## 09-Sep-2009 11:10am 69°

Today is 999 or Maybe you like to call it 09/09/09.

I just came back from having coffee and reading the newspaper. There is a couple of thing I noticed that made me smile today.

First I didn't see my name in to obituaries or police reports. I almost never look at them. For some reason today looked and I lucked out, not there!

There were 2 stores in the "Water Cooler" section you may not have seen.

## \* WATER COOLER

N.Y. man donating 40th gallon of blood W000RURY, New York

-A New York man is donating his 320th pint of blood this week, making him one of two people in the U.S. who has given 40 gallons. Seventy-five-year-old Al Fischer of Massapequa planned to reach the milestone Tuesday, 58 years after he started giving blood. According to a New York Blood Center official, only 83-year-old Maurice Wood donated more blood than Fischer.

Group tries to take Chili's pepper sign BENNINGTON, Vt. A giant chili pepper on the roof of a Chili's restaurant in southern Vermont was a hot property police said four people were caught trying to steal it. Bennington police said the group ran 470 feet of extension cord across a four-lane road and through a parking lot to power an electric drill used to detach the logo sign Sunday.

An alarm went off about 4:30 a.m., thwarting their plans to make their getaway in an SUV. The AssocLitedPreis

Source: Northwest Herald 09/09/09

Another thing you can now buy your train tickets online. It is about time since we haven't have had a ticket agent in Woodstock for about 20 years. Go to <a href="http://metrarail.com">http://metrarail.com</a>

## **Autumn**

Autumn is coming and the leaves are starting to fall. I should go cut the grass so I can move the leaves a little easier after more start falling.

## 11-Sep-2009 11:23am 73°

In case you didn't know today is 9/11. I over slept until the phone rang at 9:11am. Yes it really did happen at 9:11.

## My 911 Call

It was Cork. I have been helping him a little trying to fix Jeremy & Tonya's computer. He tells me that other people are having the same kind of problems.

His problem is Internet Explorer locking up. I told the first thing to do is make sure his Anti Virus is up to date and scan the whole drive.

I have a program on a USB flash drive that has another brand of anti virus just in case the one on the computer is broken. I tried to bring it up to show it to Cork and I couldn't do it. After an hour I got that fixed.

In my case it was one of Window's updates that caused the problem. Until I removed this upgrade I could not open any of the USB flash drives.

Security Update for Windows Media Format Runtime 9, 9.5 & 11 for Windows XP SP 3 (KB968816)

I uninstalled all of the updates that were installed on 09/09/09. Oh, that was 999 day! After each one was removed I tried to read the flash drive again. When the one above was removed things worked again.

In a little while I will reinstall it and see if the problem returns. If so I will mark it to not reinstall.

#### More on Corks Call

So Cork called to tell me he would check on that update and that there was no virus.

He was also telling me about Diane's car. First the A/C would work.

Then something else electrical failed. Then he told me that Jeremy said that some one left the light on.

Cork went out to turn them off and nothing happened. Cork said there car has that automatic thing to turn off the light s and it didn't work. He said they would not turn off manually either. He said he had to pull 4 fuses to get all of the lights out.

I asked him if the computer virus had jumped across platforms to attack the cars computer. I think for a second he might have believed me. ©

I can't wait to here what that is all about. Cork, what was the problem?

#### **Virus**

You know they are still talking about that Swine Flu. You know that jumped from pigs to chickens to humans or something like that.

For the last couple of days I have been feeling below par. I have been sneezing and have a slight sore trout. I am also dragging and feel low. Maybe it is the compost mold or something.

Well I will now install that Window's upgrade and see what happens.

## Money

Did you know it was legal to print your own money? You cannot make your own coins.

#### **Windows Update**

## 12-Sep-2009 5:13pm 78°

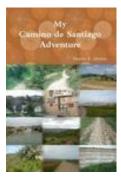
Well I have been staying home most of the day. I still have this cold. I call it a cold because as of yet no fever.

I think I need to go to Wal-Mart and get the cure. Oh, I think I published the Onion Cure in one of the issues of this newsletter. I will go get an onion and see if it works for a cold.

#### My Book

Most of you have heard me talking

about writing a book about my trip to Germany and ending walking across Spain. Well, I have it finished and it should be ready to get by the time I have this issue of my newsletter published.



It only took me just over two years to finish. You can see a sample of it at my publisher LuLu Press at <a href="http://stores.lulu.com/metras3">http://stores.lulu.com/metras3</a>.

## 13-Sep-2009 4:06pm 83°

I slept right through the night up to 5 minutes after noon when I got a phone call. Five minutes later Aunt Annie was at my door to pick me up for Cork's surprise Birthday Party. This was his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

They told him it was going to be a dinner with and Diane and the kids. When he came in there were 30 other people in the room. Yes we surprised him!

I took a few pictures so you could see all of these people. I only knew about ½ of them.



This is some of the people at Cork's 60 Birthday Party.



Diane's Mom and Dad



Taking pictures of Cork looking at his cake.



Cork with Heather and her family.

I haven't received my copy yet. I will start showing it around once I get it.

You can buy it online as a paperback book or download it. I am sure

I will put an ad in the newsletter from time to time.

## 14-Sep-2009 6:14pm 80°

Today I think my Cold is 90% gone. I have felt very well all day.

I have been working on having a blog that would look all most like my newsletter today. I have been using WordPress on my web site for my blog and it will let me create style sheets to make look almost like anything. I searched the internet and found many templates to help get me started. It is still going to take some time to get it the way I want it to look. I will be the only that will see it for now.

## 16-Sep-2009 7:48am 61°

I sell I have been missing days in the newsletter. Yesterday Aunt Annie, Marge, and I went down to IHOP to see Shirley and celebrate Anila's Birthday.

Unfortunately Anile could not make it. She told Aunt Annie she had my cold. I guess I had to give her something for her birthday. 

Get well Anila.

## My Book

I keep checking the front porch to see if received my book yet. I can't wait to see how the finished product looks and feels in my hand.

#### **Memories**

I think I might be starting a new phase in my life. I have started to write down my life's stories as I remember them. I say as I remember it because I remember things one way and other have told me that they remember it different. I guess if I live it I remember it at my point of view and others as there point of view.

Take the idea that you see a crime happening. I am inside the building and you are on the outside.

I am on the inside and I see a Clerk with his hands up and a Robber with a gun pointing it at the Clerk when he shots the Clerk. I also see a Customer behind him at the window pull his gun and shot at the Robber. I see Clerk fall and the Robber run out the back.

You being side see the Clerk with the hands up and a flash from the gun from the Customer in the window and the Clerk fall.

You are remembering the man in the window shooting the Clerk. And I'm remembering the Robber shooting the Clerk and the Customer in the window shooting at the Robber.

Now both of us saw the crime from a different point of views.

40 years later we meet and talk about our memories. Neither of us kept up with this in the news. Each of us remembers it different. Both of us saw the came crime but neither of us think we are talking about the same one.

I remembered one thing and you remembered some thing else. Your story is right and my story is right. It is all about how we remember what we saw.

This is not a true store. If it was true both you and I would have been on WBBM news radio tell every about it 40 years ago to get our 15 minutes of fame.

#### Seen on the Internet

I was out on the internet looking up how to spell "unfortunately" and found this picture for the web site listed. I thought you might like it.



Source: http://www.oddee.com/item\_87332.aspx

## **Computer is Slow**

I have having trouble with my Computer being slow so I did a lot of clean up and it helped some what.

Today I have been scanning some old pictures to get them into the computer so I can share some of them with you. I thought I should scan them at very high resolution, maybe 4800dpi.

At 2400 dpi after 45 minutes is wasn't done. I went back to 1200 dots per inch (dpi). That is slow but one minute is better than hour or more.

#### **Old Pictures**

I have been scanning these old pictures and trying to get a time line and a location and who the people are in the pictures.

Mystery Woman

There are



**MYSTERY WOMAN** 

Picture taking 1952 at Greenwood School

only three pictures left in this album. There is me, my brother, Mike, and this cute little girl. Marie, my sister's picture is missing. There are 3 names written under the places for these pictures in Mom's hand writing.

Here I one maybe you can help with. The picture was taking in the school year of 1951-1952 at Greenwood School. That is Greenwood Illinois. I was in kindergarten. The Principal was Mrs. Chesak, Superintendent Mrs. Enders, and my teacher was Mrs. Derr. Don't think I remembered all of this. It is written on this picture album.

So here is the little girl. Who is she? Send me and email at <a href="mailto:thoughts@martysrandomthoughts.com">thoughts@martysrandomthoughts.com</a> if you know who this is. She could be around my age now. Maybe she is looking for me too, any ideas?

#### Pictures of me

While scanning pictures I have been putting them in groups by the year they have been taking. Right now I only have a very small sample.

The ones I have done so far are pictures that Mom put together of me. The oldest picture in the album said "Summer of 1947...Hartford MI... 4 ½."

Hartford Michigan isn't part of my memory. I looked it up on Google map and I see it is about 6 miles east of where I was born and 16 miles north of where I first remember living.

Maybe that is a question for Mike. He would have been about 12 times older than me at that time. What you think Mike? Any ideas where Hartford Michigan fits in to my early life?



It is Marty in high chair and it is the summer of 1947 in Hartford Michigan.

Who is the Monkey and who's House?

Enough of this for now it is time for me to rest up so I can take a break.

## Big search

I have been searching the Internet to see if I can find some software that will age a picture of some ones face to show what they might look like 50 years later.

Now I can go on to other things.

## 17-Sep-2009 10:39am 68°

Wow! My dad would be 98 years old today. Happy Birthday Dad!

## My Book



I received the first copy of my book today. I will look it over today and if it looks good I will order a few copies for you to buy if you want. After I

order a few I will let you know price.

## 18-Sep-2009 1:29pm 78°

How did I miss your birthday Edie? It wasn't in the Web Calendar and it was in my birthday list on my Web site. It is a good I remembered it. I may be in deep trouble if I miss my baby sister's birthday. Because I have been so bad I am going to sing the Happy Birthday song out load to you right here in the newsletter. This is for you Edie.

Happy Birthday to you;

# Happy Birthday to you;

Happy Birthday to you;

## Happy Birthday to you;

Happy Birthday dear Edie....

# Happy Birthday dear Edie....

Happy Birthday to you.....

# **Happy Birthday to**

## you....

Well it is what I could do with the music font I could find,

## **Cork or Daddy**

Was Daddy at Cork's Birthday party last Sunday? Is this Cork or our Dad?



Source: Email from Cory

#### **Road Construction**

All the road construction that started one the first hasn't been bothering me much. I hope it isn't inconvincing you very much either.

## My Book Ad

I went to Germany to visit Mike and Petra just after I retired in 2007. While in Europe I walked a couple hundred miles across Spain on the Camino de Santiago. I took a lot of notes and since published a book from my journal.

"My Camino de Santiago Adventure" is available on from LuLu Press at lulu.com/metras3. LuLu charges \$19.95 plus S&H for the book and only \$4.95 for a download copy.

## 19-Sep-2009-12:42pm 74°

Rrrrr, today be "International Talk like a Pirate Day". There is an official site for International *Talk Like A Pirate Day* too. It is <u>talklikeapirate.com</u>. Check it out if you are so inclined.

#### My Book in Color

I first published my book in black and white to keep the cost down. The download version is in color. If interested in a color version of my book it too is available from <a href="www.LuLu.com/metras3">www.LuLu.com/metras3</a>. The color version cost about 2 ½ times at \$69.95. If you really want to see the pictures in color download the book for \$4.95. The download is in color only so if you download you save money and get color.

## My Book from Me

I have ordered a few copies of "My Camino de Santiago Adventures" and should have them by time this newsletter is published.





B&W Version

The new Cover look list this.

## 21-Sep-2009 9:58am 60 °

Nice rain last night. We got about ½ inch of the wet stuff. It the first rain I show this month. Every little bit helps.

## **Autumn**

So the leave should start to fall a little more now that autumn is here. My problem is that we missed summer this year. Yes we had a few hot days but nothing like you would normally have in the summer.

Here are some of the weather stats:

Month	Temperature	Days
June	Above 100°	3
	Above 90°	8

July	High 89.2	1
	Above 80°	22
August	Above 90°	2
	High was below 70°	7
September	Above 80°	7
	High in the 70°	20
	Highs in the 60°	1
Brrr	Highs in the 50°	2

Maybe this is why the leaves are falling already. It hasn't been the warmest summer I remember.

Enough of this I have to do paper work today.

#### **Bore or Hobby**

I asked a question of a coupe of people; "What do you do to keep for being bore?"

Most of us have jobs or that main routine that we do. Being a wife and mother is also a job. Most women raise the kids and the husband. Yes I am a guy but I have to take sides on this. Most women start working when they get out of bed in the morning and don't stop until way after they go to bed at night.

Most guys go to work and come home and then do few projects around the house.

Now don't get all up in arms about what I just said every one is different.

What I am getting at is that even with everyone's busy days there is free time when you are not doing your routine things. You have some kind of hobby or activity you do that keeps you from getting bored.

Some may play golf other might sew still other may go to the may shop and hang with friends. You make not think of them as hobbies but they keep you from getting board.

Being a parent will keep you very busy. You can still have a hobby. You may work in your wood shop to get away from it all for awhile. Maybe you paint pictures or draw.

What I would like to know is what you do when you are not making a living to keep from getting board?

Either tell me when you see me or email me at

thoughts@MartysRandomThoughts.com

## My Life Story

I started writing my life story. That got me thing about the hobbies people my have that are different that there normal life style.

I found that school picture of the little girl from the '50s. I ask Cork and he said it was Marie. Marie said no it was from Mike's class. While I am wait to hear from Mike I asked Anila. I enlarged the picture up to 8 ½ x 11 and asked her to figure out who it is. So far I don't know who it is. Maybe I should say I know who it isn't.

I started to talk about hobbies. I asked Marie what she does to keep from bring bored. This is what I heard from her.

## Marie's Hobby

Marty,

I'm still into miniatures. About 2 month ago I finished a pizza shop. Tried to make it like "Costa's" the place next to where I use to work. I took it in there when I was finished with it and Sam, the owner, thought I was giving it to him. Told him it was just to show him, if he wanted it was \$250, he declined. A few days later he ask if I could leave it there for a few days so people

could see it. I did. He was so happy. Now I'm working on a dress shop. I am sending you a picture of the pizza shop and the dress shop (in construction) so you can see them. The clothes fit a 5 1/2 inch doll (one inch scale) I like to sew but these are a pain in the a.... Most of them I glue together. I have 5 more I'm going make then we'll see if I want to do any more. I have made a total of 10 stores. I gave Rob, my old boss the beer store as a Christmas gift last year. I had made 250 cases of beer. What a job. I have a bakery, garden shop, bridal shop, toy store, coffee shop, book store, and an ECT shop (has everything). I made most of the furniture and the stuff in them from scratch or a kit. The stuff I couldn't make I bought. It's a very expansive hobby. As an example, the pizza shop alone cost \$99. I was lucky and got 3 of the stores like that for \$25 each. One of the other ones was \$75 and I got it for \$35. The coffee shop I make out of plywood. I try to cut corners wherever I can.

Well, you asked. Now that your board I'll quit. Just remember you asked...

Love. Ree

Source: Email from Marie



Marie's Miniature Dress Shop Picture by Marie

Note in the front of the picture there a tape measure sitting in from of the Dress Shop. Anila don't get any ideas about that wedding gown.

What is your hobby?

## The Pilgrims

I just checked and yesterday Mike and Petra we at Alma, MI. For you that don't know where that is, it is near St Louis. Read more at <u>WalkingEast.com</u>.

## Watching TV

I have told many of you that I watch 2 or 3 TV shows at the same time. I don't watch 3 TVs at once, but flip channels during commercials. It is hard some times because the networks are having the commercial breaks at the sametime. This makes it hard at times to flip and watch more than one move at a time. It almost makes me to start reading 2 or 3 books at once. I could switch books between chapters.

## Woops

Spring doesn't start until 4:18pam tomorrow. Good night!

#### **Marie's Miniatures**

Marie sent me a few more pictures of her miniature creations. She said I could share them with you.



The Book Store





Thanks for those pictures Marie. We'll see what hobbies others have and feature on them.

## 23-Sep-2009 7:38am 62°

I am sitting here waiting for Cork. We go out for breakfast most Wednesday morning. I was looking to see whose birthday it was today. I remember the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month there was almost always one.

Ethan Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>, Kevin May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sue June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mary August 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Tom & Annette October 23<sup>rd</sup>. I guess that isn't so many on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month. I still feel I am missing someone's today. Is it your?

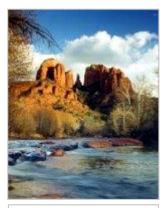
## **Looking for Jobs**

I am looking for jobs for four of my friends. They have experience in the restaurant business and have been waitresses. Some part time and some full time. I highly recommend all for of them.

They all four lost their job because of the slowing economy. The restaurant took their jobs back so the owner could hire their family members. I have known all of them for many years.

If you know of any jobs out there let me know. I can tell them to go and apply. Email to <a href="mailto:thoughts@MartysRandomThoughts.com">thoughts@MartysRandomThoughts.com</a> of just tell me and I will let them know.

I saw that picture of Sedona and remembered I haven't been there for a while. Maybe it is time for a vacation.



Sedona Arizona

## 24-Sep-2009 8:45am 62°

It is a little hazy this morning. I guess you could al most call it fog. That didn't stop me form starting to walk to the Three Brothers for breakfast. I got near the square and was thinking; "What if the weather turns to rain, I only have my little umbrella with me. I better just

Picture by Marie

go to Angelo's instead." So I did and now I am home and dry.

It isn't the rain for say that made me change my mind it was getting soaked only having my little umbrella. You would want me to get my little umbrella all wet would you? Next time I will take the big one.

## **The Pilgrims**

I see Mike and Petra must have gotten their compass working again. For a while they were going north, they are backing WalkingEast and were in Saginaw on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. For a while I was thinking I would have to go find them and point east for them. ☺

## Wow I just got them

I just got a knock on the door. It was Becky and she left me a package. It was my first few copies of my book, "My Camino de Santiago Adventure."

If you would like to be one of the first to get a copies just ask me. If I run out I can normally get more in 7 to 10 days.



You can also buy this book from www.Lulu.com/metras3.

Or you could download it for \$4.95.

## Where's George

Today my "Where's George" score is 468.87. My hit rate is 2.69%. What is yours? Did you ever wonder where you money travels? Find out where you Georges go at <a href="https://www.wheresgeorge.com">www.wheresgeorge.com</a>

## 26-Sep-2009 9:20am 60°

There are only 90 days until Christmas today. Some say there are only 1,183 days until the end of times. And one more thing, I want to see the year 2100 so I only have 32,970 days until the end of the century.

#### **End of Time**

They keep telling us that the world as we know it will come to an end on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012. I don't know it that will happen or not. they said it would happen in the year 2000. We are still here! I think thing could change. They always do.

So before you go start thinks about dooms day try to make thing a little better for all of us. Try smiling at some one you don't like and tell them to have a great tomorrow. You won't have to be any nicer than that. Once you get use to telling them to have a nice tomorrow you might start wishing them a nice life.

You don't have to get carried away by giving them a big hug and saying; "I am so sorry I hate your guts." Just say; "Have a good tomorrow." Maybe it will help you feel better.

That way if the world comes to an end you will have all these new friends that may give you some of the food and shelters when the world falls out of the sky.

#### The Year 2100

When I was in grade school one of the nuns asked the class; "What do you think you will be doing when the year 2000?" As she was asking different students I wasn't paying attention to their answers. I spent my time think about that it was 1958 and that meant there was less than 42 years until the year 2000. I thought and thought and decided right then I was not going to think too much about the year 2000. I was going to think

more about 100 years later. After all I would only be a little over 154 year old.

Ever since that I decided I was going to try to live to see the year 2100 just to see what is like.

I started to count the day before retiring while worked across the street. I started counting at 11,099 days. Some where around 8,099 days I lost count.

All of a sudden I realized I was 2 year past my target date. The target date was December 12, 2004. I retired Mar, 4, 2007 some 812 days late. This is 11,911 days after I started counting. I did retire!

I guess what I am saying here is to hold on to your goals and dreams. They may not hold to you time schedule but they can still happen.

## **Saturday Gathering**

We have moved our Saturday afternoon gathering from Vaughan's to The Three Brothers Family Restaurant. Our group was getting smaller and smaller at Vaughan's. I think I was the there alone some of the time.

We all figured it was time for a change so we have all agreed to move to a new location. If you would like to join us you are invited. For now we will be have decided to join up at the Three Brothers at the corner of Lake Street and IL Rt. 47 around 1:00pm on Saturdays and we order at 1:30. You don't need to call and tell us just show up if you like. We will be happy to see you.

It would be funny if two or three-hundred people showed up. © Normally a big group of us is 10. Three Brothers has room for more.

I think we have been gathering up for lunch for more than 10 years. We

order lunch and talk. We have always said anyone can come if they like. So come in and share dinner and some talk.

Oh, bring your own money because the talk is cheap but the food and drinks are not free.

#### My Life so Far

I started writing down the stories of my life as I remember them. I started from when Mom and Dad were married. Yes that was over four years before I was born. I remember it well. ☺

I am amazed how much I remember in those early years when I was less that 5 year old. We moved to Illinois when I was not yet six. And over 50 yeas later I remember many parts of my life in Michigan.

I have that picture of that little girl I showed you in this issue I still don't know who it is. If you could help with that mystery it would be nice.

Mike and Cork thinks it is Marie while Marie and do not. Your turn!

#### Think Positive!

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#### **Motorhome Form The Past**



1915 Lamsteed Kampkar - an early recreational vehicle manufactured by Anheuser-Busch. The vehicles were mounted on a Model T Ford chassis and sold for \$535. This example is owned by Peter Kable in Australia

Source: http://www.oldwoodies.com/gallery-rv.htm.

## 28-Sep-2009 10:25am 57°

For the last 3 years I was going to take my car out and have it detailed... I tried to clean the tree crud off the other day. I was not having any luck. Maybe it is the paint. I don't know.

I wanted to wax it for the winter so the snow would push of easier. So this morning I decided to take it to the detailer and let them deal with it. So I dropped it off this morning and they will do it tomorrow. I'll let you know how it turns out. Funny, I can't remember there name. It is the one out on the street that where R&B Metal is on. Oh yes Midas Touch Company.

## 29-Sep-2009 11:41am 53°

It was very cold this morning. I saw some one walking their dog this with gloves on. I showed 44° at 6:30.

Maybe that was why the put all of the grooves in the road on Route 47. When it gets cover with snow and would have been slippery the grooves will help us drive.

#### **THANK YOU**

I took my car out to Midas Touch Company to get it cleaned up.

I just picked my car after having it detailed. I don't think my car looked that clean since I bought it new 7 years ago. They did a fantastic job!

# Thanks People, Marty **Midas Touch Company**

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## 30-Sep-2009 9:37am 44°

Did we skip fall too? I was only 38° this morning. Hummm...

#### Heard on the Radio

I heard there is a safety issue with the hybrid vehicles. I guess more pedestrians are getting hit by them. They say the pedestrians do not hear the hybrids because they don't' make any noise.

That isn't the hybrids fault. I was taught to look both ways before stepping into the street. Wait I can blame the car because I stepped out in front of it!

#### Last Year's Newsletter

I just remembered that I have not as yet put last years Marty's Random Thoughts together for you who might to have the complete set. I should get that done before this year is finished. Maybe I will get it done.

#### **End this Issue**

Mike and Petra are in Emmett, MI less than 25 miles from Canada.

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