

## Issue # 64 Yearend 2009

### 25-Dec-2009 2:45pm 35°

Well last night's rain cleared most of the ice off the roads. It also left a lot of snow everywhere else so we have our white Christmas. I enjoyed Christmas lunch with Marge and Aunt Annie.

The family spent Christmas at Tonya & Jeremy's. I took a few pictures and I found out that my camera needs some work. Even with the flash the pictures came out too dark. I will have to work on that. I am not ready to buy a new camera right now.

Here are a few that turned out.



*Betsy and Shawn: Betsy looks cold and Shawn looks very tired*



*Diane & Cork: Cork is laughing because he didn't know which camera to look at next.*



*Josh & Michaela: I don't think I had seen Josh this century. It was good seeing him. It was nice meeting Michaela.*

As I said most of the pictures did not turn out very well. I guess we do not have to have picture to enjoy being with family. I know I enjoyed my time last night. Thanks Jeremy and Tonya for inviting me!



*This picture had nothing to do with the flash not working right. It was a mistake I still thought it was a neat picture. Guess what it is.*



Josh & Me: Josh is 30. Boy they grow up so fast.  
Source: Cork

**28-Dec-2009 4:57pm 21°**

Today I replaced both belts on the snow thrower. This time it cost me \$38.00. That is about 10% of the cost of the snow thrower. I just got started installing them when Aunt Annie pulled in and I had to go for coffee. You know I just had to go, don't you? ☺

After I returned I installing the new belts. It is all ready for the next snow. That would be about Wednesday and Thursday. I'm ready!

### **The Pilgrims**

Well Mile and Petra are on their way again. Yes they are WalkingEast.com again. The only thing they are traveling north. ☺

### **From Before My Time**



Oliver Typewriter Company factory in Woodstock, Illinois around 1908. This was before Woodstock Die Casting was across the street from my house.

**29-Dec-2009 3:53pm 18°**

Today has been a nice sunny day. I like the sunny days in the winter. I do not really care for the cold that goes along with it but I can live with it.

### **Year at a Glance**

I was just thinking since this will be the last issue of the year I should see some of the things I have noticed.

### **Birthday List**

Do you know there are 144 events on my birthday list? Check and see if you are on there. If you are not on it then you should tell me so I can get it on there. I am checking it out this week but I need your help to make it right. Check out my Birthday list at

<http://MartysRandomThoughts.com/Birthdays.html>.

### **My blog**

I started a blog but I haven't been updating it very much. I updated it a few times when I went on vacation and then there it sits. Yes I lost interest.

### **Windmill**

I setup that wind turbine a few months ago and it waits until better weather so I can move it to the tower where there is a better chance for it to catch some air. That might be a better project for next spring.

### **Solar Panel**



Though this is small it has been charging the electric trimmer and the electric lawn mower all year. Oh yea it also kept my camera battery charged too.



It is a little too small for much more during the growing season. I need to find a user for the extra power in the winter. Maybe I could use it to power the Christmas lights.

### The Pilgrims

Mile and Petra started on their journey walking from California to Jerusalem on January 16<sup>th</sup>. They made it all the way across America before the end of the year. After taking a few days rest they started walking again from Lisbon.



If you want to keep up on their adventure you can read Mike's journal at <http://WalkingEast.com>

### The Weather

Our weather has been much the same as always. Here are some of the stats from my weather station.

Month In 2009	Days with Prec.	Inches of Prec.	Low Temp.	Avg. Temp	High Temp	Avg. Wind	High Gust
Jan	5	0.1	-19.7	15.8	33.8	2	25
Feb	7	.06	-4.5	25.4	54.7	3	28
Mar	9	3.2	6.3	36.9	71.1	2	33
Apr	15	3.9	25.0	46.4	85.5	3	36
May	9	2.4	35.9	59.7	89.5	2	29
Jun	13	4.8	42.4	68.5	103.0	1	38
Jul	14	1.7	51.1	68.3	88.7	1	24
Aug	12	4.2	41.9	68.1	91.6	1	22
Sep	7	0.9	38.1	61.6	84.0	1	32
Oct	19	4.3	24.8	45.6	68.1	2	32
Nov	8	1.4	24.4	40.1	66.3	2	26
Dec	10	2.9	-1.9	24.4	49.8	2	25

### Vacation

I took a couple of road trips this year to hang out with and Mike and Petra while they were walking the country. The first time was in mid February and March in Arizona and New Mexico. On the trip home I stopped in Kansas and Iowa to do some visiting.

Next trip was to the Mississippi where I spent 2 days getting the new fuel pump installed in the motor home. Then I had a day trip down

to Utica in the car. This trip was about 100 miles south of home.

On all of those trips I had a great time except for the repairs for the motor home.

### Motor Home

In September I decided to rent out the motor home while wasn't using it. Later I decide to make it available for sell if someone wanted it. So far neither has happened.

### Horses in town



In May they had a bunch of hand painted on horses on the Square for some reason. After checking them I found they were placing them all over the town for people to see and later they were a fund raiser.

I spent a lot of time finding and taking pictures of all 27 of these horses. I had a lot of fun finding all of them. When I was just about finished the fund raiser posted the locations. My job was done. And I lost interest.

### Geocaching

In April I was checking out the parks in Woodstock and doing some Geocaching at the same time.

Geocaching is a kind of game where you hide a cache of things and use a GPS to get it location. Then you post it on the internet for other to find.

I did some searching and placed some caches. After a couple months I kind of lost interest. Maybe in the spring I will try it again.

### The Year has Come to End

It is time to end this issue and the year. I will put a list of birthdays that you can post on your fridge or whatever you want to use it for.



# Marty



## Birthdays 2010

January	Birthday
Jan-01	Ned H
Jan-06	Kim M
Jan-06	Mike A
Jan-06	Kelly H
Jan-15	Tonya M
Jan-15	Robert L. R.
Jan-16	Mike M
Jan-20	Hilda
Jan-20	George Burns (1896-1995)
Jan-22	Sandi & Larry's Anniversary (1991)
Jan-23	Ethan H
Jan-24	Ina
Jan-26	Chelli M
Jan-31	Steve B
February	Birthday
Feb-02	Josh H
Feb-02	Sam H (3 Bro's)
Feb-05	Kim H (1952) (3 Bro's)
Feb-06	Laurie S. (1960)
Feb-13	Brenda P. (Telly's wife)
Feb-13	Druata
Feb-14	Kim's Dad
Feb-16	Nicky H.
Feb-16	Devyn J
Feb-19	Chad P
Feb-20	Jessica Mc -1982
Feb-26	Shirley M
March	Birthday
Mar-01	Jenae
Mar-02	The day I retired (2007)
Mar-06	Marie K
Mar-08	Bruce M
Mar-08	Taylor B
Mar-09	Sandi P -1943
Mar-10	Sandi's other Anniversary
Mar-13	Sandi's Anniversary -1977
Mar-13	Steve S
Mar-16	Marcia G
Mar-13	Dad Died (1983)
Mar-20	Victoria (IHOP)
Mar-21	John K
Mar-30	Christine P
April	Birthday
Apr-04	Lucy
Apr-06	Bill Murray was at the 3 Bro's (1992)
Apr-10	Mom & Dad's Anniversary (1942)
Apr-10	Fatima 1963
Apr-11	Heather L
Apr-11	Roxanne M.(1954)
Apr-14	Jeremy M
Apr-14	Diane's Mom
Apr-15	Dave C
Apr-18	Petra W

Apr-19	Dave S
Apr-22	Carol (1942)
Apr-26	Jannet B
Apr-30	Janet J
May	Birthday
May-02	Cathy S
May-04	Linda (Angelo's)
May-07	Bill Mc
May-18	Arlene T
May-18	Shcrifa G
May-21	I bought my house (1988)
May-23	Kevin C
May-24	Holly (Mary's Sister)
May-25	Sofije
May-26	Marge P
May-26	Gramma Jan
May-28	Arianna B
May-31	Getti H
June	Birthday
Jun-01	Carol's Sister's Birthday
Jun-09	Jim S
Jun-09	Nora S
Jun-12	Nathan H
Jun-14	Mary's Mom and Dad's Anniversary(1949)
Jun-14	Luiza
Jun-15	Voviollca
Jun-21	Sue S
Jun-23	Sue
Jun-24	Deron G
Jun-24	Drink Real Coffee Day (2008)
Jun-28	Haley
July	Birthday
Jul-05	Annette's Mom
Jul-09	Diane
Jul-12	Sadie (2008)
Jul-14	Sharon P
Jul-21	Carol's Sister's Birthday
Jul-26	Marc
Jul-26	Lillian P (2008)
Jul-30	Aunt Annie
Jul-31	Carol's Other Sister's Birthday
August	Birthday
Aug-01	Trent ???
Aug-02	Pat
Aug-07	Lidia ???
Aug-08	In 1988 The Light went on in Wiggly Field. It was raining on Aug. 8th, 1988 and the game was delayed or maybe not played at all.
Aug-08	Lulu
Aug-09	Tammy B
Aug-15	Bill & Kim's Anniversary (1992)
Aug-15	Russ
Aug-16	Scott ???
Aug-17	My Mom (1917-2001)

Aug-17	Ronny (Fatima's dad?)
Aug-17	Mickey's
Aug-23	Mary A
Aug-23	Taryn ???
Aug-25	Betsy M
Aug-26	John H. (3 Bro's)
Aug-28	Alex B
September	Birthday
Sep-01	Bob M
Sep-06	Jack B
Sep-07	Annette & Dave's Anniversary (1991)
Sep-13	Denis G
Sep-15	Anlia G
Sep-15	Corky
Sep-17	My Dad (1911-1982)
Sep-18	Edit M.
Sep-19	International Talk Like A Pirate Day
Sep-29	Cork & Diane's Anniversary
October	Birthday
Oct-03	Matt M
Oct-18	David P
Oct-22	Tristan and David's Anniversary
Oct-23	Annette C. (1962)
Oct-23	Tom P
Oct-28	Larry P
November	Birthday
Nov-01	Tristan P
Nov-02	Erik T
Nov-02	Danual Boon
Nov-06	Patty (Mary's Sister)
Nov-11	Sally H
Nov-12	Olivia
December	Birthday
Dec-01	Jimmy W
Dec-01	Steve M
Dec-03	Joe Anne from the 12/05/07 Gathering
Dec-03	Donna, Steve's Sister
Dec-04	Bill M
Dec-04	Oscar
Dec-06	Ryan S
Dec-09	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-14	Ed P
Dec-16	Arben & Anila's Anniversary (2002)
Dec-21	Marty A.
Dec-28	Vicky M

Source:  
[Marty'sRandomThoughts.com/Birthdays.html](http://Marty'sRandomThoughts.com/Birthdays.html)