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16-May-01 748pm 58°

I think it was around three o'clock when I left home to walk up to the Square to check out Fair Diddle. I walked around the Square both way and through the center to check out the many vendors.

I must have not been in a mood to be there. There wasn't any this that impressed me. Don't take this wrong. There was a lot of stuff to look at it is just I didn't feel like looking at much of anything. Maybe the next time!

Fresh Salad

While checking the garden today I saw that I hadn't harvested any Spinach yet. So I got a bowl and cut enough for a small Spinach salad then I pulled a few more Radishes.

After washing this I had a nice fresh Spinach and Radish salad with vinegar and oil. And it was good!

The Spinach should grow back and give me another salad later. And there are still a few of radishes for later.



17-May-10 9:50am 54°

Here we are with another Monday. I am a funny sort. In my working life Mondays were not a problem for me. Now that I am retired you would think every day was about the same. Not true, Mondays are here and I feel them like they are Mondays.

This morning I took Issue #71 to StarBuck's to proof read and just finished make the corrections and am about to print it to see how it looks. It is only 2 days after I decided to start a new issue. Well I best get started.

While printing a few copies I think I will work on the 2009 book version of Marty's

Random Thoughts. Maybe I will get it ready to publish before the end of the year.

Marty's Random Thoughts -2009

I worked on Marty's Random thoughts 2009 for a while, whilst I was publishing issue #71. I found some problems in the page numbering I haven't figured out yet. I got frustrated so I let it before now. I'll get back to it at another time.

18-May-10 9:33am 59°

Birthdays Today

Shcrifa G, Anila's Mom's birthday is today along with Arlene. Happy Birthday to the both of you!

Gas Savings

With gas prices on the rise again we need to start sharing a ride with other people. Tiny thought this might be an answer.



Source: Email from Tiny

The way I figure it the motorcycle must get about 100 miles with one person. Doesn't that an equivalent to about 900 mile-per-gallon? My car only holds 5 so I would only get the equivalent to 300 mpg at the best. ☺

Thanks Tiny!

19-May-10 8:27am 57°

Every once in a while somebody test my server for security leaks. With my server being open to the internet 24 hours a day 365 days a year this can happen. I get email when someone tries too hard.

Once in a while it happens much as when you dial the wrong phone number 2 or 3 times in a row. Those you just laugh off and go about your day.

On May 18th at 04:46:31 someone tried way too hard to log in and check their mail. A computer IP address 74.52.167.72 tries to login to my server 34,354 times using 2,816 different user IDs averaging 12 times per account with one they tried 88 times. I am pretty sure they didn't find a valid account to get connected.

Looking up IP address show this information:

Name: The Planet Employee VPS Program

City: Dallas

State: TX

I think I am secure for most attacks. Maybe I did well here too.

I just checked the log and noticed that this attack last until 1:00am this morning. All by the same person so that 34,000+ tries is a very low number. Tomorrow's report will show more. That may be why my server felt like it was dragging.

I guess I have to write another program to check that log hourly for attacks.

I have blocked this IP from entering my system again. I can do this!

Later

I now have a program that runs ever hour and checks for attacks into my email system at home. It will tell me that some has tried in the previous hour and alert me via email and my cell phone email. And I only took 2 coffee breaks while setting this up.

Windmill

I had to move the pickup so I could load a mess of stuff to go to the recyclers Saturday. Yes, I didn't wait until Saturday to load up the truck.

The truck is holding up the Windmill tower. You park on the stand for the tower and then tilt it up and slip in the pin. Taking it down is just as easy. Pull the pin and tilt it down and service it.



I got lucky! Remember when I nailed the greenhouse to the blacktop. That was where I had to put the windmill when I tilted it down. Well I got lucky it just about cleared the greenhouse. I only had to rotate the tower base about 5° to clear for the windmill to clear the greenhouse. If there wasn't any play in the system I may have had to have two men and small boy to help me take it down.

After getting it down I moved the truck and re-aligned the base to give me the proper clearance. I marked on the black top with paint so when I move the truck Saturday I can put it back in the right place.

Today I only had to move the pickup two feet forward so I could open the tail gate to load all of those monitors. So now half the stuff it loaded I have to see what else I can load into it before Saturday morning. The rest of today is for other things.

I have to work on fixing those page numbers on Marty's Random Thoughts 2009 The Book for now.

20-May-10 9:48am 69°

I need to get a life. I went up to Starbucks for coffee at 6:30 this morning. From there I went to Town & Country and had coffee and an English muffin and visited with Anila for a little bit. Then I remembered I hadn't seen Kim since Tuesday so I had breakfast with her at The Three Brothers. Knowing I would not see Mary if I went home I stopped at Vaughan's and visited her and ran into Tom and Chris. By then I had had way too much coffee so I headed for home.

I called Honda to see if I could bring my car in to check out that noise in the front end. They told me to bring it in at noon. I guess if my timing is right I could stop and visit Shirley at IHOP while I am in Crystal Lake.

Let's see, McDonald's is closed so I can't go there. Maybe I could stop at Angelo's and Isabel's before the day is over. And if I play my cards right Dairy Queen.

So by 9:30 I have been in four restaurants. It is still in the day. There may be more. ☺

9:49pm 59°

Before two in the afternoon I made it to 5 different restaurants and one I repeated. I was overfull of coffee by then.

While at Honda in Crystal Lake getting my car fixed I went to McDonald's making it number 5 and when I returned to Woodstock I had to stop and see Anila. Well didn't I?

Car Problems Fixed

The noise in the front end was a sway bar end that was bad. That along with a couple other servicing cost \$325.00.

As for thinking I might have to replace the big battery for the hybrid drive that was not the case. I told them it seemed to never charge over half way.

It seems that I don't get on the road enough. All of the short tips seem to be one of the causes of this issue. They say you have to get the RPM up to 4,000 to reset the computer. I tried this and it looks like it will be just fine.

I also never drive the car at 2,500 RPMs let alone 4,000RPMs.

This tells me I need to go for a field trip to reset the computer and give my car some exercise. Maybe I could run alongside and we would both get some exercise.

No where to go, maybe Flap Jacks. Flap Jacks is a 3-1/2 hour one way drive. Well I'll find some place to go. Now I think I will get some sleep because it is bed time.

22-May-10 9:36am 66°

After returning from breakfast this morning I remembered that it was recycle day. At MCC they were taking electronics for recycling and were taking monitors for free. The best I have found was they would take them for recycling for five dollars. Since I had 7 of them I saved thirty-five bucks.



Taiwan's Recycle Logo. Some of that stuff I recycled must have come from there.

They were exception up to ten items. So I just filled the pickup and had 10.1 items. The 0.1 was the remote for that old T-V, they took it.

They opened at 8 o'clock and I got there a little before nine and it looked like they had enough stuff to fill the semi-trailed that was parked there. I gave them almost enough stuff to fill another skid.

They were prepared. The people stopped their cars/pickups and a whole crew of men came over and started carrying you things to skids or Gaylord's (big box). When the skid was filled, someone shrink wrapped it to make it ready to load on the trailer. It was less than 5 minutes and I was on my way back home.

I was going to stop for coffee on the way home but their parking lot was full. Besides today Is Farmer's Market day and I haven't been up there yet this year.

New Birthdays

I just found out it is Marie's birthday today. That is Marty's sister. That is not me, Marty. I have a sister Marie too. It is Mary's Marty. Yes I am Mary's Marty but I am the other Marty. Oh wait...Mary has two Martys! This is Marie, Marty, Mary's husband's sister and not Marty, Mary's son.

Anyway Happy Birthday Marie!

I am tired after explaining that. I should go for a break.

RV Travel Newsletter

For you Off-Road people, here is a five minute video to watch. And yes they are pulling a trailer. I may not try this!

<http://www.rvvideos.com/2010/05/dont-try-this-with-your-travel-trailer.html> .

Check it out even if you don't have a 4x4 to tow your travel-trailer.

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Farmer's Market

Do you remember we have a Farmer's Market on the Square on Tuesdays and Saturdays through out the spring and into the fall? After I took my break I backed the pickup into the driveway and walked up there to check it out. They have a lot of things to check out. I made the rounds and checked them all out. When I decided there was nothing I wanted I headed to Main Street and ran to Heather. She was getting a gift for her Aunt Marie. Yup it is the same Marie I just told you about earlier this morning. When I was near the barber shop I remember that I forgot the last time I had a haircut. I walked in the door and all the chairs were full all. All four barber chairs and all of the waiting chairs. I told them to have a nice day and I will get a haircut some other time. Then I returned home to rest up for lunch.

Recycling

I think I will look around and see if I any more recycling. Cork said that he doesn't have very much so if I can find more he would pick it up along with me after lunch. Hummm...I wonder what I can find...



23-May-10 8:16am 70°

Being it is 70° already I wonder what today will bring. In a half hour or so the grass should be dried enough to get out there and mow. Yesterday afternoon when I had time it was too hot for me. So this morning I need to get it done.

Thinking about mowing the grass they make robot lawn mowers starting around \$1,000 now. The last time I looks they were about \$2,500.

Here is a Solar Robot Mower made by Husqvarna. I am not going out to buy it just yet. It is around \$4,000

