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**16-Aug-10 8:45am 63°**

On the way home from breakfast I got stuck behind a freight train. I thought I might count the cars as I did when I was younger.

I turned off the engine and started counting. Three engines then I got up to a total of nine and it was gone.

I remember getting over 100 cars in the past. I guess even the freight trains go by faster when you get older.

I think while I am letting the dew get off the grass I will get the prior issue ready to print.

**17-Aug-10 8:14am 64°**

How easy we change. While at Town & Country having breakfast, Anila was freezing. She

even had goose bumps. 64° is not very cold. On the other hand if you are used to 90° and humid then 64° and dry may chill you.

I like weather between 20 and 80 degrees. In the olden days minus 20 to 120 degrees would have been ok for me. Now days zero to 100° I can live with for a while. I like 68° to 75° and humidity of about 30% best.

**Calendar**

I see I missed some birthdays and event the last few days.

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Connie's Birthday

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> Russ's Birthday,  
 Bill & Kim's Anniversary

Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Scott Birthday,  
 Anten's Birthday

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Mickey's Birthday,  
Uncle Bob and Aunt Macey  
Wedding day.

Today was Mom's (Esther) day of  
birth too. She lived to be 83 and if  
she lived beyond 2001 would be  
92 years young. Happy Birthday  
Mom!

Happy Birthday &  
Anniversary to the rest of you too!

### De-cluttering

After looking trough the last  
issue I see I got carried away  
telling you about my de-  
cluttering. You might even say it  
was cluttered with de-cluttering.

I had 4 containers out to the  
recycling this morning all of them  
were full. Maybe I can fill up my  
big tote and another 4 recycle  
bins for next week too. We'll see.

### Index

I forgot to put and index in  
the last issue. I only did it for two  
issues and someone told me I  
always have it in there.

### Whoops!

I'll try and keep the index I each  
issue. If I forget please remind me.

### 18-Aug-10 4:19pm 84°

Cork and I spent the morning  
today. After breakfast we went to  
a few places then to a Senior Fair  
at MCC.

I thought I was de-cluttering.  
They were giving so much stuff I  
just had to fill up my bag. Wait, I  
had three bags. I thought about  
this being more clutter while I filled  
the bags. Yes I put bags in my  
bag too. I also picked up some  
pens & pencils to write about it  
too.



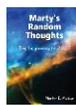
Free Clutter I brought home

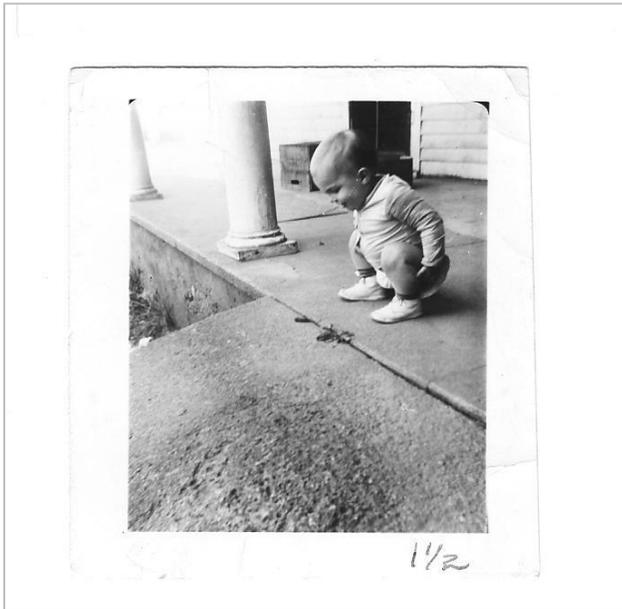
### Old Pictures

I like finding old pictures that  
are over 50 years old. It is fun  
when it is someone you know.

Have you got some pictures  
you want to share?

I found a picture of me that  
was 62 years old.





*I wonder what I was looking at*



**Today I'm still am looking at things on the ground 62 years later.**

## **19-Aug-10 7:00am 66°**

School time already! I think school must be starting. I see a lot of little kids with the parents standing on street corners on my way back from my morning coffee this morning.

### **Free Clutter**

Why did that clutter come home with me yesterday? I guess it was free and old habits are hard to break. I think I will go look it over and see just what I brought home and what I can use.

Maybe I will just telling you about it and what I might be able to do with it will help me stop picking up clutter and bring it home.

### **3 Bags**

One of these bags will be good for storing those plastic bags they give me in the stores. When full it is will be going to Wal-Mart for recycling.

The second has strings on the side so you could use it as a back while jogging because it is bright yellow.

The third one is one of the bags that you use instead of those of the plastic bags. I will put this on in the back seat of the car so I can forget I have it and get some more plastic bags.

I could have done without all three except for I used one of them to hold all of this clutter.

**2 Clippie Things**

One of this is a bag clip like you might use on a bag of potato chips.

The other one is narrow and it looks like you might use it for notes to put on the fridge. It has a magnet.

I have many chip bag sealer and I don't leave notes on the fridge for myself. More Clutter!

**3 Fridge Magnets**

I got three more magnets with advertisements on them.

I have so many magnets on the fridge now I am not sure what color it is any more. If I put too many more on there I am going to reinforce the floor. More Clutter!

**Pencils, Ruler, and Eraser**

I picked up 3 pencils that I can draw lines with the ruler and erase with the eraser that I picked up.

I used the last pencil three years then lost it. I still had a dozen others to replace. I really didn't need 3 more. I will lose the erasers because all my pencils come with one. I am not sure about the wooden ruler. I still have the one from when I went to grade school. More Clutter!

**5 pens**

I just got more pens. I can never find one when I need one. The free ones used for advertisements are fine for a while but they go dry and become clutter. I will take these out to Anila because they never have pens that work. They might as well have some more that might not work. For me it is more clutter.

I took those pens with me for Anila when I went for breakfast. She wasn't there so I brought them back. Same Clutter here!

**Post-It Pad & Face Tissue**

I will lose the tissues before I use them. I find those post-it note pads all over the place now. Yes, more Clutter!

**2 Pill holders**

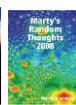
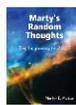
Why did I pick them up! I don't use all for pill holders I have now. When I get to that area with my de-cluttering... Well you get the idea, More Clutter!

**Emery board and a Manicure set**

Now I can keep my nails looking wonderful for the ladies. I can trim and sand them and then may have them painted and polished. Yah, right you know that is going to happen. More Clutter!

**Band-Aid Holder**

Here is something everyone should have. ☺ It is a hard shell



plastic sleeve that holds 5 band-aids and they pull out like Kleenex.

I have this box in the bathroom that they are easier to get at. In my eyes this is more clutter!

**Bottle Sleeve, 8 oz Plastic Bottle of Water**

I guess you might be able to put one of those 8oz cans of pop in it instead. I have a few of these sleeves cluttering up the house that I don't use now. I think there 2 or 3 of them in that box of stuff that says "Knaack" on it.

I stopped buying the plastic bottles of water because they cost too much and the plastic isn't being recycled. I use filtered tap water. I like it just fine. Sleeve and the bottle is Clutter! Yes I'll drink the water before it expires.

**Plastic Magnifying Glass**

I got one of those very thing flexible plastic magnifiers. I have a dozen of them around that I can't find when I want to use it.

This one has Inches and CM marks on the edges making it more useful when I can't find a ruler too. Again Clutter!

**Paper Clutter**

I got seven flyers for hospitals and rest homes. Also there are two of those cards you can put your meds list on in case you forget. And I think these other

things are card holders for the med list. Clutter!

**A Few Usable Items, Maybe**

I got a map of McHenry County. It is a real nice map that I might use once or twice before it becomes Clutter.

There is one of those rubber pads you use to help grip a jar when it is hard to get it open. I know a few weeks ago Aunt Annie was saying she didn't know where hers was.

Believe it or not I thought of Aunt Annie when I put it in the bag with all my other Clutter.

So now I have these items of clutter to deal with too. Why did I do this to myself? Wait...why did I do it to you? I cluttered up two full pages of the newsletter talking about it.

Clutter is hard to keep away from us. It is like eating healthy. You have to keep working on it. I have forty new items to deal with now.

Well I need a break from all this clutter!

**20-Aug-10 9:05 am 77°**

Well that lottery ticket I bought the other day is now cluttering.

I think I am getting obsessed about clutter. Maybe I have to do that to get me motivated to de-clutter. So far my de-cluttering has

gotten off to a slow start. I just have to remind myself it will take time and it will happen.

**23-Aug-10 824am 64°**

### **Birthdays**

Today is Mary's birthday. The other day she told me she wasn't going to have any more. Maybe that is part of the reason she will be out of town for the next couple of weeks. Happy Birthday anyway Mary!

It is also Taryn's birthday

### **Donate the Clutter**

Tomorrow Purple Heart is coming to pickup donations. I have 2 big boxes. It is clutter for me but it useable this for someone it is mostly clothing and other working things that someone could use.

It was 3 boxes in the house but just 2 after I repacked it.

### **Leftover Clutter**

I still have 1-1/2 boxes of clutter left in that pile. This is stuff that Purple Heart doesn't want. From their list they don't want anything you have to plug in to the wall. I have a lot of working electronics stuff gets donated elsewhere or recycle somewhere. That is what is in those two boxes and the other are empty.

This de-cluttering is going slow but reading the book is keeping me focused on the project. I think I will go look at that pile of "free clutter" I brought home last Wednesday and see what I can pass on to others.

**24-Aug-10 11:09am 78°**

This afternoon I am going over to Rockford to see what is happening with motor home. They have had it a year now and haven't rented or sold it yet.

I know the market hadn't been that very well but it has been a year. Maybe they lost it.

I'll go after lunch. That will give me time to go to the Three Brother and see Kim. I never got there last week. She may think I am mad at her. I'm not!

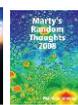
### **The Pilgrims**

I see Mike and Petra have post new information on [WalkingEast.com](http://WalkingEast.com) web site. Check it out.

**25-Aug-10 9:47am 66°**

Yesterday I went to check on my motor home to try to find out why it had not sold or rented yet.

It looks like the owner told them to rent theirs before the customers. And for selling it they have to sell the ones they have



money into first. This means that mine is much lower on the list.

While there I tried to make a deal for as very nice 1996 Roadtrek. They numbers just didn't work out where I could afford it. Well I could have gotten it but I wouldn't have enough money left over to buy food. And I do like to eat!

### **Birthdays**

Happy Birthday Betsy! Do you remember when it was you gave me that tree in the front yard? I see it is higher than my antenna tower that I am going to put windmill. If it grows too much higher I might dig it up and bring it over to your new house. Have you picked out a place to plant it yet?

#### There is a Song...

See the tree, how big it's grown, but friend, it hasn't been too long, it wasn't big. I laughed at her and she got mad, the first day that she planted it was just a twig...

Happy Birthday Betsy!

**29-Aug-10 10:41am 83°**

### **Birthdays**

Happy Birthday John! This is John of The Three Brothers. Yes one of the three brothers. It was on the 26<sup>th</sup> and I must have forgotten.

Yesterday was my nephew-in-law, Alex's birthday. Happy Birthday yesterday Alex!

I must be losing it because I missed two in a row.

### **I haven't been gone**

I see I have not posted any things in 4 days. I wonder what I have been doing. Anyone have any ideas?

### **Restaurants**

#### Vaughan's

This morning I saw a sign on the marquee at Vaughan's. I read "Half off breakfast Sunday." I was wondering if it that meant ½ price or if you order two eggs you only get one.

#### Town & Country

I ate at Town and Country you can get Toast, potato, bacon, an egg, and coffee for a total bill of \$4.22. The "Lite Bite" is a great deal!

#### McDonald's

September 2<sup>nd</sup> Mc Donald's is scheduled to reopen after five months to rebuild the whole place. It looks nice on the outside!

#### Other Restaurants

I haven't been checking on other restaurants around town. Wait I did see that Scoops has some tables and chairs. There is a sign reading that they have French fries now. Didn't they before?

If you hear any news about restaurants around town let me know so I can tell everyone else.

**30-Aug-10 8:19am 70°**

You will never guess who I saw this morning. I guess I should tell you since you will never guess.

Ina came in to Starbucks and said; "Hi!" I haven't seen her in a long time and it was good to see her.

Index Note:

I am trying to index everyone's name that I have in each issue. I am making a master list to make it easier than mark each name in the newsletter. It saves me hours using a master list.

I ask you for a little help. If you do not want to be in the index or you are missing please let me know. It will help me do this for you.

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