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16-Oct-10 9:47am 57°

Aunt Annie

At the end of the last issue I told you Aunt Annie was in the Northwest Herald. Since I could not find a paper to read it, I searched the internet and found it. It was in the paper on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 in the Letters to the Editor section. Here is what she wrote:

Rules of road ignored

To the Editor:

When did they change the rules of the road? Seems nowadays no one seems to drive according to the rules, and it seems everyone seems to think the roads are only for them. No wonder there are so many accidents.

Very few people stop behind the white line at a stop sign. They don't give the pedestrians the right of way in the crosswalk. People don't know, I guess, that when it is raining they are supposed to have their lights on. They pass on the yellow line, speed

and disregard the signs. They don't signal. They pull out in front of you, because it seems everyone wants to be first in line. They are in such a hurry. And this pertains to bicyclists, too. Most of them don't travel according to the rules of the road.

Even some school bus drivers and police do not heed the rules. Where do people get their licenses?

Annie

Source: www.nwherald.com

New newslater layout

I finally got the new template setup the way I want it. So while I printing issue #81, I will start telling you some things while I see if it works ok.

Logo

I put a little shading around my Marty's Random Thoughts title on the top of the page. I just it looked a little better. Let me know what you think.

Standardizing Layout

I think I have a standard how the newsletter might look now. Being that my newsletter is random I don't know how it can be standardized and random at the same time. We'll all see how long that last. For now this is me standardizing my randomness.

Minor Changes

I have made a couple changes to my template already. It still needs a little tuning. I made changes before I had the first page typed. And Yes I changed the master template too. If I don't make the changes to the master then each issue will look different. That would make my standard random 😊

Even & Odd Pages

Note page two now has a colorful heading. It is a smaller version of the

one on the front page. The Heading on the even & odd pages are the same for now. I will decide later to see how that works out.

The even & odd page footer are also different... Whoops! The margins are wrong! I'll be right back...

Boy That Was Fun

I thought it would be easy to fix the footings and headers so they different for even & odd pages. It was easy once I figured out that I has the section breaks all messed up. Now that I only have pages so far I only think I have it fixed.

At this point the first page looks ok and page two looks ok. I'll write about something else or go watch TV for a while.

From The Notebook

From time to time I clear out the pages in my notebook and tell you a whole lot of random stuff I find in there. This time I think might be different. Let me see what I can find.

Aug 8th Laptop computer for Anila

Some day I am going to help her find a laptop

Aug 10th Lon-Lat for Watervliet

I know where Watervliet is I was born there. I am not sure why I wrote Lon-Lat. The Long and Lat for Watervliet is 87z15'38" Lon by 42n11'12"Lon. Now you know too.

Aug 20th Whats up with Whoopi.

I was watching The View and Whoopi Goldberg seemed to be grouchy and not looking at the camera



or talk to anyone. I never found out why for sure.

Sep 24th Ozzie & Harriet

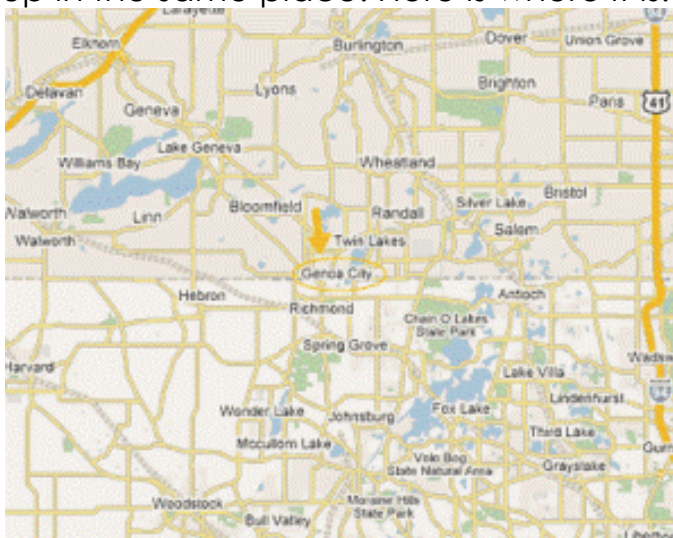
I was thinking about then off and on and wondered if the show was on Netflix. I'll check ...They have a mess of DVDs if I want them.

Sep 29th Motorhome Mileage 15028

I wrote it down when I dropped the motor home at Camping World RV Sales. It's FOR SALE!

Oct 5th Where is Genoa City Wi

Town & Counter has a 3rd Restaurant up there. I had 3 people give me different directions how to get there. No two of them seem to ended up in the same place. Here is where it is:



It looks like you take rout 120 to US 12 and go north thru Richmond and you will see it just across the Wisconsin border.

Oct 8th Find straws that work

This one is for Aunt Annie and Marge. Well, me too I guess.

Oct 10th Not a cough in a Carload

Here you go Marge:



Oct 13th People for the Birthday List

Oct 16th Sarah (Mary's daughter-in-law) Oh that's today!

Oct 2nd MJ (Mary's son)

I better get them on the list so we can all see them....That's done!

Birthdays

We have two birthdays today. Arlo joins me once in a while for coffee at Vaughan's and at Angelo's. Arlo turned 80 today. Happy Birthday Arlo!

And a new member to my birthday list Sarah. Sarah Is MJ's wife. MJ is Mary's son. Mary is Marty's wife. Now do you know Sarah? Happy Birthday Sarah!

17-Oct-10 4:17pm 59°

There is still something wrong with the template for my newsletter. I think I will just have to work with it until I figure out what the problem is. I fix one thing and it messes up something else.

I don't expect it to be perfect. I just want to make it to be kind of consistent. I lost the footers and when I got them back the page numbers were messed up then I lost the issue numbers and then when I got the working...well so I thought then the even page had only pages and the odd pages had issue number and no pages.



Well now I am starting page four and I am going to save this and look it over and see how it looks. Wait why is there a gap between the paragraphs?

Well let me check the footings first!

Well the alignment was a little off for the even & odd page footers. I think that is ok now. The first line of paragraph indent was too much. I think these things are ok now.

Let us move on to other things and come back to this later.

Running The Line

Remember a while back I was talking about driving across the white line at a stop sign. Well one of our friends did it the other day and got stopped. This time just a warning was issued.

I learned in Driver Training class when I was 16 years old you should stop behind the stop sign or the white line if there is one. You may have too.

Yes I slip up from time to time. I even know a couple corners you need to watch out for because you cannot see from behind the line and might drive through. One is at the south end of Clay Street and another is on the south end of N. Johnson Street. Both of them you can see nothing from the line. So watch out there. Stop and ease out.

Question

I had two people ask me the same question today. Why do people hold your breath when they drive by a cemetery?

1st Answer: *i believed if you don't hold your breath when you're going past a cemetery you will breathe in a spirit! And that that spirit will either kill you early or control you*

2nd: *I think it was my neighbor who told me that you had to hold your breath when passing a cemetery or something bad would happen (die, bad luck, possessed, etc). The bad part was that there was a small graveyard between my house & my bus stop that I had to pass every day, twice a day. I faithfully held my breath every time. Until we went to visit one of my mom's friends...who lived across from a very large graveyard? Obviously I had to breathe; and nothing bad happened. So I decided not to believe it anymore.*

3rd: *When we would go on school trips in elementary school, a rumor went around that if you didn't hold your breath when going past a cemetery, the souls of the dead people could enter your body with your breath. Also, when going over bridges, it was best to keep your feet off the floor in case the water rose and the bridge became flooded. That way your feet didn't get wet. Plus, we were convinced if you didn't duck your head when going under bridges and such, that the bridge would be too low and cut your head off.*

We were morbid kids, but I still hold my breath when going past a graveyard.

Source:

iusedtobelieve.com/death/people/hold_breath_in_cemetery/

I don't remember holding my breath but Aunt Annie thought we did when we were kids. I know people that hold up bridges when they drive under them. That is another story.

18-Oct-10 9:04am 46°

Birthdays

We have 2 Birthdays David P and Samantha W. Dave the owners of Vaughan's and Sam my niece. Happy Birthday Samantha and David!



The Pilgrims

At last report the pilgrims will be leaving France and stepping into Italia soon. I get some inside information but you can keep up with their progress at www.WalkingEast.com

Survey

I have put a survey on the web site about how you read the newsletter. There are only 3 questions there. Please fill it out if you can. I am just wondering how you read my newsletter. You don't have to tell me your name unless you want. It may help me know how I will do things in the future.

Eye-Fi

I was looking at my new camera and I found it is capable of putting my pictures on the internet. They make a memory card that has a built in Wi-Fi (wireless internet) connector built in. If you can connect to the Wi-Fi it will send your pictures to where you have set it up to send them. I set up to send a picture to Facebook. I took a picture and the camera sent it write out there. Yes you can turn this off too.

Another you can do is have keep your memory stick cleared out so it never runs out of room. I set it up to leave 75% of the pictures on the memory stick. That way it gives me time to make backup is something goes wrong.

This product is called Eyf-Fi, "Wireless Photo & Video Uploads"

Newsletter Template

When I opened the newsletter file to tell you about Eye-Fi, the first two pages is all messed up again. I may have to rebuild this once more. I wonder it was the whole template that got messed up or just this document. I hope it isn't work that is messed up.

Well I am hungry now so I will eat something and deal with this later.

19-Oct-10 10:13am 46°

Old Friends

Lucy and her dad, Pedro joined me for breakfast this morning. It was good visiting them.

Pedro works at The Three Brothers and Lucy McDonalds and attends McHenry County College.

Landscape

Garden

This afternoon decided cleaning out all of those Gourd vines. I saw a dozen or so fruits there were left for me to harvest were missing. For while I thought someone took them. Later I found a few half eaten up in the yard.

I am guessing it might to be my squirrely friends. That made me feel better because I do remember them being there waiting me to harvest. It looked better after that was cleared out.

Leaves

I spent a little time on getting the leave off the back lawn. I used the mower and the bagger. It was going well until I went to empty the bag. I

found that it was empty after doing half the lawn. I started laughing! I still had the plug in so the thing had been mulching the leaves. It did a very good job grinding up the leaves. But it was sure funny I found that bag empty because it did a great job cleaning up the leaves.

Kids are Home

Kim told me Jessica & Chris are back home. I remembered they moved to Oklahoma after they got married.

After a memory refresher that Chris was school to be a Air Craft Controller they are back in the area. I think Kim said that Chris is work at Mitchell for now.

Camera

I took a couple pictures with the new camera and using the Eye-Fi memory card the pictures were copied up to my folder at DoerOfThings.com.

Right now that only works here at home on my wireless network. Now I have to figure how to make it work at Starbucks and maybe McDonalds. That way I have a couple places to backup my pictures when I am away from home. I will update you on this later.

20-Oct-10 11:16am 55°

I got nothing yet. I opened this newsletter to enter something and saw that the first page was still a little corrupt and I lost whatever I had on my mind. I wonder if it isn't this newsletter file but the template that is corrupt. I

guess I have to recreate the template once more and see what happens.

Well that is another project to add to my list. I should make of list of projects and see how it gets.

Vacationers

Cork and Diane are back from home. It sounds like they had fun on their trip. I will let them share it with you when you see them.

Calendar

I updated the Birthday/Event list today. Nothing was added. I saw a few typos and fixed them. I also updated the mobile version it was very much out of date. The mobile version is just a text file that is much easier to read form mobile phones. There is nothing fancy just a list. The direct link is

doerofthings.com/PC/Calendar.txt .

Camera

I think I should go up to Starbucks and see if I can get my camera to connect on a public Wi-Fi system. Either I do that or I go out and move leaves around in the yard. Guess which one I want to do?

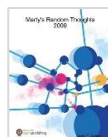
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Leaves

When I headed up to Starbucks It was so nice for raking leaves and I couldn't find a place to park. I didn't walk because I had my laptop.

Anniversary

Tristan and David's Wedding Anniversary



23-Oct-10 10:34am 52°

Draw the Line

I can't believe I didn't tell you yesterday morning. I was so excited when I realized it. I just have to tell you before I forget.

Yesterday morning when I walked up to Starbucks every car I saw at a stop sign stopped! Not only did they stop but they stopped behind the line. Not most of them but all of them.

You would be excited to if you could walk all the way from my house to Starbucks and not get ran over.

Birthdays Today

Today Tom P and Annette's are having a birthday. Happy Birthday Tom & Annette!

Newsletter Format

I think I have the newsletter template the way I want it for now. It hasn't messed up for a while so the odds are that it might work out ok.

Index & Table of Content

The index & Table of Content (TOC) saves some space as three columns. I think it will be fine as long as I don't get the heading or index words too long. I will try it for a while and see how it works.

MRT the Book

Now that I have the newsletter looking a little better I am going to start working on the book version of Marty's Random Thought for 2010.

It took me months to get 2008 ready for the publisher. I thought if I started a

little earlier I might be able to have the 2010 edition ready in January.

You do know you can get my newsletters in a book and it is cheaper the paper & ink it takes to print.

If you go to www.lulu.com/metras3 you can see what I have.

I still have a few copies at home too.

24-Oct-10 9:04am 54°

Spock too Soon

Yes I spoke too soon. I opened this newsletter and it was all wacky again. I am thinking I might have to redo the template again. I think I might have to replace the normal template that the new one is based on.

The normal.dot file is what all templates are based on. If you create a new template it is based on the normal.dot file. Creating any template from scratch is a very long and drawn out process.

Since I really didn't do anything really exotic it should have not gotten corrupt. On the other hand the normal.dot template has been known to get corrupt from time to time. I'll have to see if I can find a new copy and replace the old one.

Crispy for the Holidays

Violca told me she started tanning again. I asked if she started now so she would be nice and crispy in time for the Thanksgivings Day.

I always thought she spent a lot of time in those tanning booths. She tells me it was only eight minutes.

I was playing with my camera and we decide I would take a picture each week on and see if she really gets any tanner. I will try to post a new picture each week so you can see how it goes. Of course I will stop if Viollca changes her mind.



Viollca after one day tanning

Free Lottery Ticket

Yesterday I found another lottery ticket. This one had three plays for the Mega Millions for the 22nd. I am going to check it out now.

I guess that is why I found it. It is because it was just laying there so I would put it into the recycle bin with the other papers. ☺ No I did not win!

What do I Eat

While at Town and Country, Tom brought a menu from the truck stop in Hampshire. It was full of pictures of the All-you-could-eat food. He said that all of the food was all you could eat. So I thought should see what I eat for four dollars and twenty-two cents.



This is called "Lite-Bite" at Town and Country.

At Town and Country order a Lite-Bite. You can get one egg cooked to your liking, one piece of sausage or bacon, a slice of toast of your choice, some potatoes of your choice, and a cup of coffee. And today they gave me a slice of orange. I paid only \$4.22 for all of this. Now if I would have that coupon that was in the paper the other day I would have got my coffee free.

Getting ready to Vote

Who are we voting for any way? I'm not clear on this. I know we need a governor and a senator or two. Who else do we need to vote for?



With the mess the economy is in do we need new people with new ideas? Maybe the current people have started thing into play that will work out in time.

Two years ago I thought it was time for a change and I voted that way. Now two years later I am not so sure that things are any better. Maybe all or none of the things are trying are making any difference.

Before I though the Federal Government should have done nothing. Since then they have been throwing money to everyone and they are not spending it because they are all scared what might happen.

The car companies sold some cars and it made little difference. The banks got a bunch and they are not letting go of very much. The health insurance companies are being helped. It sounds like they force us to buy from them.

Well I see these signs up at the constructions sites saying they are using the Rebuild America funds. What does that mean anyway?

Of ninety percent of the people are still working a lot of them are not spending money. If people don't buy things then they won't make more things. If they don't make thing we will run out. If they are not making thing the jobs dry up, you are out of a job, and no longer have money to buy things.

If you are low of funds then buy what you can afford. Buy good food, clothing, housing, and stay healthy.

Back to where I start. Who do you vote for that can guide us through this economy? I am still not sure! ☺

Not Normal, Normal

I told you that my normal.dot file was possibly corrupted. Well I looked for help and found that I could delete it and Microsoft Word would recreate to factory defaults. I did that and opened this file and it looks ok for now. I might still have to recreate my template. For now I am only 80% sure it is ok.

New Phone

Marge's phone is acting up and she needs a new phone. She says she wants a dial phone. I went out looking for them and there are hard to find. Either they are expensive or you have to bid for them on eBay. Expect to pay from fifty to four-hundred dollars for a working dial phone.

I am not sure dial phones will still work on our modern ATT system any more. I wonder if I have one hiding away in a box somewhere that I could use to try on my phone line.

Resturant

I went to a different restaurant this afternoon. Marge Aunt Annie went to Pizza Hutt I had a Personal Pan Pizza and it was good.

RV Travel

Trivia

In Idaho, famous for its potatoes, even ice cream is made of spuds. Alan Reed, president of Reed Dairy in Idaho Falls, replaces milk solids with potato flakes, then turns the starch into fructose ("nature's sweetener"). The resulting ice cream has half the calories of normal ice cream. And its taste

gets rave reviews. Visit the dairy when in town and try it.

Bumper Snicker

Sure wish my wife was as dirty as my truck.

Source: <http://rvtravel.com/issue451.shtml>

It's been a while since I read any of those RV Travel newsletters. I had to see what Chuck Woodbury was up to.

Trivia

The common housefly lives from two weeks to a month. A female is receptive to mating 26 hours after her birth. She can lay about 500 eggs in her lifetime in batches of about 75 to 150.

Random RV Thought

How many pots and pans do you carry in your RV? Which ones have you used in recent times? Those you have not used you likely don't need: leave them at home from now on -- they're just extra weight.

(Marty's note: If you don't use them they are just clutter)

Bumper Snicker

One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.

Worth Pondering

"A slip of the foot you may soon recover, but a slip of the tongue you may never get over." --

Benjamin Franklin

Source: <http://rvtravel.com/issue452.shtml>

There are more issues but I read enough RV Newsletters for today.

25-Oct-10 7:27am 52°

Well here it is the 25th and that means that there only two months until... Wait you don't want to know that.

Book 9

I finished book nine this morning. I was working on reading one per month. That makes me 4 weeks behind. Maybe I can find a smaller book or easier book

to help get caught up. I only have a week to read the tenth book.

This book titles "The GIFT, ESP, the Extraordinary Experiences of Ordinary People" was very good and I give it 4.5 stars on the MRT scale.

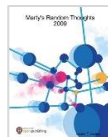
Instead of me telling you about it please check Marty's Random Thoughts issue #81 on page # 5 to read what this book about.

26-Oct-10 10:31am 54°

It be a little windy this morning. I clocked gust at 31 mph already. Because it was out of the southwest it was perfect for raking some more leaves. I went out in the front yard and loosened up the wet leaves and just throw then up in the wind. The wind took most of them to the fence where they may stay for a less windy day.



The fence catches lots of leaves and saves me some raking for later.



Is It Still Wrong

I opened this newsletter a little while ago and it was all hay wire again. I have an idea it has something wrong with the operation system. I have deleted and re-installed Microsoft's C++ updates. There were 5 of them. I removed all five and reinstall the complete package again.

Patches on patches on patches scare me. When there are more than three patches or updates for the same thing I wonder if they are just fixing what they didn't get fixed the first time.

It is like putting a tire patch on a tire patch. They may get you to tire shop but don't drive across to country.

Now that I have re-installed the Microsoft visual C++ package and re-booted the PC I'll see if that could be the problem.

The Microsoft Visual C++ is part of the core of the windows operating system. If some of the critical parts of it are corrupted it can cause some of the problems I have been having with my template.

I just thought of something. I haven't seen the effects of my problem because I have been fixing it before you see it.

Here is one of the things that I saw today. After every paragraph or two there was a new heading footer that was the same as the first page just I fixed the big gap after the "table of content."

After I re-installed MS C++ I also recreated the normal.dot file. Now this copy opened up without all the crud in it.

I haven't ruled out a virus yet. A virus can cause all kinds of weird things too. And it could have corrupted that file too. We'll see!

Now I will save this and close down my PC and take a break and see what happens when I return.

Who is that Actress

I have been watching some of Star Trek Deep Space Nine DVDs and the person who plays Kai Winn kept reminding me of some one. Kai Winn is one of the characters you love to hate. She also played Nurse Ratched in *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

Today I see her real name. It is Louise Fletcher.



Don't they just look mean?

Nurse Ratched

Kai Winn

27-Oct-10 11:27am 57°

I need some gas for my snow thrower. Should I wait until it is too late? Yup, I should wait. Usually the first snow melts by itself so I just wait.

I wonder if I could use the snow blower to move those leaves to the

other side of the fence. That would be neat if that would work. I could blow the leaves and mow the snow.

Most of the leaves are still over by the fence so they won't be too bad to handle.

Not Leaving

Not me the trees! We have had very heavy winds for the last two days and I looked at the lawn and I still see very few leaves in the front yard. I thought I would see them all piled up against the fence. This is not the case.

I looked around and I see they are all stuck up in the trees. Usually this time of the year with all the wind rain I thought they would have been on the ground. I guess I am mistaken. The leaves are holding on the branches very well this year.

Garden

I'll bet you thought I was finished with my garden for the year. This is not the case. I still have that Eggplant in the greenhouse. I think it is done growing but it is still blossoming meaning there may be more.

I cleaned up where the Gourds were growing and planted some Carrots and Radishes. Then I planted about twelve Fava Bean seeds.

The Fava Beans are a big winter hardy variety that the beans are big like the Lima beans. I am told you can plant them and they will grow well after the frost. I thought I would give them a try

and see what happens. I know that the Carrots and Radishes should be fine.

Later I might try to grow something in the greenhouse. It would be neat to go out on a cold January noon and pick a fresh salad.

28-Oct-10 8:45am 40°

The Pilgrims

I was just looking at the statistics page at www.WalkingEast.com You know those guys have walked over 5,280 miles! There are 5,280 feet in a mile. That means they have worked over 27,878,400 feet. Now that is quite a feat! ☺

Birthdays

My Calendar shows that it is Larry P's birthday today. Sorry I don't remember who you are Larry. Happy Birthday any way!

I just remembered three friends I used to work with at Knaack a long time ago. They are Ken S, Mike C, and Alfredo M. I remember that I had heard their birth dates all on the same day. They were amazed I remembered. Happy Birthday Mike, Ken, Alfredo.

Calendar Info

I am starting to understand more of the options I have on my calendar program I use online. I see I can maintain more information on what I post online. I started to put descriptions in my Calendar Pad program's database so it will display for you and of course me as reminder who these people are. I have people in here I am



not sure who they are like Larry P. Sorry, my mind is cluttered.

I will try to update a few each day. In a year or so I may be complete or just getting started. ☺

Bad News

You know I don't like telling bad news but here it is. The Pilgrims had stopped the pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Petra broke her leg and is going to be laid up for a while. Check out Mike's Journal for the details.

www.WalkingEast.com

Get well soon Petra!

29-Oct-10 10:41am 37°

I don't know about you but I am getting tired of getting phone calls from robots. The first few calls weren't too bad but they keep coming and coming. Most of them are related to "Poly Ticks" and some are charities.

If the "Poly Ticks" would tell me something they plan to do it might not be so bad. Every call I have received had been telling me all the bad things someone else is doing and not what they want to do to change things for the better.

I can do that with my computer too. I think I will become a "Poly Tick" and start bugging you. Remember me! I might run for office again. Remember my slogan.

If you don't like the other guys

VOTE METRAS

A vote for Marty is a vote for nobody!

Have you notices that I now refer to the political candidates as plastic bugs, "Poly Ticks."

For the next few days I may even stop answering my phone. So please leave a message. I will most likely call you back.

No Call List

I don't know how many of you get a lot of junk calls (telemarketers). If you get a lot of sales call you can be added to the governments "Do Not Call" list. It will get rid of most of the sales and marketing people. It will not get rid of charities and the Poly Tick people. They are exempt.

Most of my call other than friends and family are those guys.

The website to register and read about this is <https://donotcall.gov/>. It is simple to use. Just put in your phone number and email address and you are on the list. It takes about 30 days before you see a difference in the junk calls.

For my friends who can't do this online I don't know what to tell you I can't find a phone number to call. I guess the "Do Not Call" people were getting too many junk calls too. ☺

Exceptions

I looked up exceptions and here answer # 29

Are calls from political organizations or calls soliciting for charities covered?

Political solicitations are not covered by the TSR at all, since they are not included in its definition of "telemarketing." Charities are not covered by the requirements of the national registry. However, if a third-party telemarketer is calling on behalf of a charity, a

consumer may ask not to receive any more calls from, or on behalf of, that specific charity. If a third-party telemarketer calls again on behalf of that charity, the telemarketer may be subject to a fine of up to \$16,000 .

Source: Q&A at <http://donotcall.com>

30-Oct-10 11:41am 51°

Are you all ready for all of those goblins tomorrow?

Things to Pass Along

What do you pass along to others? Heather was going to give me some Friendship Bread. She never did so I asked her what it was. She told me she wouldn't do that to me.

I guess it is some kind of bread where you pass along the starter part and you make some bread and pass it along to someone else. I am guess it is something like a chain letter but it is bread starter.

Anyway Heather said she wouldn't do that to a friend. I was willing long ago when she first said something. Not so much now.

Yogurt

Yogurt is kind of the same things. If you make your own yogurt you save some of it to put in the next batch.

You could give some of the yogurt to a friend so they could start their own.

Wine

Wine is another one of those kind of chain letter things. Before you put your sodium-sorbet or whatever that stuff is called that you mix in the wine to stop fermenting you save some of the wine. You would use this wine to start the next batch in place of yeast.

We are Spoiled

We just go to the store and buy things already packaged for us. Bread is baked, sliced, and packages. Yogurt is made with starter that is very controlled before it is packaged. And for wine if you don't put that yeast stopping stuff in it will blow the cork. Ask me I've done it.

Most of us have lost the art of making our own food. We go to the grocery store and buy it from the freezer or in a can and rip the package and zap it in the micro-way. When it is finished we go to the TV with it to watch a commercial that tells us how much easier if we would buy their stuff.

I am one of them for the most part. I also go to the restaurants and watch their entertainment when I eat.

We are spoiled!

Broken Leg

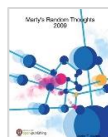
They put Petra back together and she is on the mend. Get well soon, Petra!

Month End

This newsletter is getting kind of long. So after lunch I decided to start proofing it. It is a mess. I am trying to squeeze out enough room to get all into 16 pages. You will know if I did it in 16 pages when you see it.

More Room

I spent some time today squeezing out some more room by moving some stuff around. Sometimes the pictures leave a lot of white space.



Now that it is midnight I think will quit for the night knowing I have some room left for tomorrow. Good Night!

31-Oct-10 9:19am 34°

Happy Halloween

Even as cold as was this morning I have seen a few people playing dress up already for Halloween.



Viollca & Yvette at Town & Country



Me and my friend Jack O'Lander

My brother Mike's books
For more details go to

WorksAndWords.com/bookindex.htm

Mike's
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My Wish List

From time to time people ask me what I want for Christmas. I don't know what I want until it is time to just go out and buy it. Then I usually just go out and buy it. So I decided to make a wish list.

My list will be added to each time I think of it and will just keep adding to the list until my birthday late this year.

Some of the things may sound silly and some may be expensive. After all it is after my wish list.

1. **Mickey Mouse Dial Phone.** I think they last made these in the late 1960s. It was about then they went to the touch-Tone phones. I just like the looks of the old dial phones. And I always like Mickey because his and my initials are both "MM."
2. **Kindle Wireless Reading Device.** The latest version cost less than the last. This one holds up to 3,500 books. They claim 1.3 million free books are available and best sellers around \$9.95. At one book a month I could have enough books to last me 291 years in my pocket at one time.
3. **iPod or a Tablet PC.**
4. **Some house plants.** I don't have very many house plants. This is mostly because I only have a couple windows that sun hits and there is other plants that have to be in those windows. So I have looked to the internet to find me plants that don't need much light. I have a couple I am working with now though I found two that I would like. One is the Chinese Evergreen and the other is the Cast Iron Plant. Both of these are said to be hardy and need only a little light to do well. I would like to add them to my wish list.
5. **Vacation.** I don't really need a vacation but I would like to get away for a while. Go somewhere see something. Maybe just get in the car and drive until I need fuel and see what there is to see. I haven't really gone anywhere since July last year when I spent two days at the Ford dealership getting a fuel pump replaced. Yes I had a great time with Mike & Petra too!
6. **I want Petra's recovery to be healthy and fast!**



Chinese Evergreen



Cast Iron

Calendar



Marty's Random Thoughts

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11th Year

Woodstock, Illinois, USA, Earth

Marty Metras

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Oct-02 MJ (Mary & Marty's son and Sarah's Husband)
 Oct-03 Matt M
 Oct-10 The Day I started at Woodstock Die Casting (1966)
 Oct-16 Arlo's Birthday
 Oct-16 Sarah (MJ's Wife and Mary & Marty's Daughter-in-law)
 Oct-18 Samantha W
 Oct-18 David P
 Oct-22 Tristan and David's Wedding Anniversary
 Oct-23 Annette C. -1962
 Oct-23 Tom P
 Oct-28 Larry P

November

Nov-01 Tristan P
 Nov-01 Tom H's Dad's Birthday
 Nov-02 Erik T
 Nov-02 Denial Boon
 Nov-04 Aunt Irene & Uncle Bud Anniversary 1944
 Nov-05 Uncle Bud Maynard (1918-1985)
 Nov-06 Patty (Mary's Sister)
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 Nov-12 Olivia
 Nov-26 Scott Maynard
 Nov-30 Miki Maynard

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