

# Marty's Random Thoughts

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**04/04/2007 10:28am 28°**

So here we in April already. I have been retired over a month. And all those big thing I was going to do haven't real started yet. I did get on the treadmill for 10 minutes this morning. Then I set down in the chair and rested for an hour. That is about right isn't it. 10 of exercise to 1 hour of rest.

Why is it so cold out side? I thought we were going to get global warming not another ice age. It was almost 70 yesterday. Today we will be lucky if it gets above freezing.

Tomorrow Mike and Petra will be heading back to Germany. I am still not sure what I will see while I am over there. I thought about going to Rome and then I thought Paris. Now I am thinking Spain. Maybe I will just wonder around. Maybe I will come up with some random thought for my newsletter.

## Random Quotes:

We hate some persons because we do not know them; and we will not know them because we hate them.

*Charles Caleb Colton (1780 - 1832)*

Men are born with two eyes, but only one tongue, in order that they should see twice as much as they say.

*Charles Caleb Colton (1780 - 1832)*

The quality, not the longevity, of one's life is what is important.

*Martin Luther King*

Ideas are far more powerful than guns. We don't allow our enemies to have guns, why should we allow them to have ideas?

*Joseph Stalin (1879 - 1953)*

First say to yourself what you would be; and then do what you have to do.

*Epictetus (55 AD - 135 AD)*

You cannot fix a broken heart by pretending it's not broken.

*Penn and Teller*

Politeness is half good manners and half good lying.

*Mary Wilson Little*

My father was often angry when I was most like him.

*Lillian Hellman (1905 - 1984)*

Source: <http://www.quotationspage.com/random.php3>

There is one other thing, I just can't think of it right now. Enough of the quotes.

**04/08/2008 Easter Sunday 5:33pm 36°**

From the email bag:

## LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

- \* Memory was something that you lost with age
- \* An application was for employment
- \* A program was a TV show
- \* A cursor used profanity
- \* A keyboard was a piano
- \* A web was a spider's home
- \* A virus was the flu
- \* A CD was a bank account
- \* A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- \* A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- \* And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy  
....you just hoped nobody found out



Source: Arlene

Today I walked out to Vaughan's for breakfast and home again. Yes, I did! And you know other than my nose getting cold on the way there, I live to tell you about it.

Later Aunt Annie and I went to Round-the-Clock to meet Anila and her family for lunch and she never showed up.

Random Rumors:

I heard that one is going to have a baby and another was going to get married. Neither is true so I am not even going to tell you.

Mike and Peter ate home in Kisslegg now. I talked to Mike today and they are having weather in the 60s. Look at what they left us.

I loaded up my backpack to see how it felt. First try it's weight is 27 pounds with 5-8 more stuff to load into it. So my goal is 20 pounds or less I will have to work on it. I used Mike's list and after talking to him I find out that some this stuff he was wearing. Of course if I would have read what he sent me I would have known that. That may trim off some weight when I remove that stuff. You basically only put in the backpack what you can't do without. You don't need to take a personal computer and a 32 inch flat screen so I guess I won't take those with me. I will leave them in the motorhome for after I come back. I should try this again to see what I have over packed so far. Since I am part pack rate I will have to see what I can not have in the backpack.

**04/10/2007 09:52pm 39°**

Today was Mom and Dad’s wedding day. It would have been their 65th. Hope they are enjoying it together where ever they are.

I have been out walking the last few days getting in better health/shape for when I go to hike in Spain next month. I have logs 7 miles since Sunday. I need to get that up 7 miles a day. What! I just checked and it says a 90% change of snow tomorrow and maybe Thursday too. What is going on here folks? The calendar says April not January. That is weather for ya!

Here are a coupled things from RV Travel:

**Bumper Snicker**

"Your child may be an honor student but you drive like an idiot."

**Worth Pondering**

"Study the past if you would define the future." -- Confucius

Source: <http://rvtravel.com/publish/newsletter/issue270.shtml>

Today in History:

First Arbor Day

Nebraskans planted more than a million trees on **April 10, 1872**, in celebration of the first Arbor Day. The occasion fulfilled the dream of Julius Sterling Morton, a newspaper editor and former governor of the Nebraska Territory. Morton, an ardent proponent of forestation, lobbied for years for a holiday to encourage the planting of trees. In 1885, thirteen years after Arbor Day was first celebrated, Nebraskans changed the date to April 22 in honor of Morton's birthday. Arbor Day is now officially celebrated worldwide on the last Friday in April.

By 1907, Arbor Day was observed in every state in the Union, principally through school programs. Schoolchildren were urged, through these celebrations, to consider the planting of a tree as a patriotic, even pious, act, as well as a sound investment and a contribution to community aesthetics.



Source: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/today.html>

**04/11/2007 09:05 31°**

Surprise, Surprise, Surprise! I guess it is no surprise because I said it yesterday. It is Snowing!

About 3” it looks. My rain gauge says 0.30” when melted. This is snowman snow. So if it keeps up when you read this you could run out and make a snowman. Stay away from the snow angles. It is way to wet for that.

We have a birthday today. Your all remember Heather, Daughter to Mary, and mother to Olivia. it is her birthday today. Happy Birthday Heather!

I have to get on the stick here. I have been forgetting the birthdays. In the past I remembered everyone’s birthday. I missed Lucy’s on the 4th. And Janet Jackson’s birthday is coming up on the 30th. No not that Janet Jackson, the other one.

Oh yes, Jeremy’s is the 14th. I think you all know him. Don’t you? And Petra’s on the 18th.

It is still snowing. Well, I still need to make a trip to Crystal and McHenry. Guess, I best get started. I looked at the radar and it looks like it will snow for a while longer. So I will just go.

**04/14/2007 11:44am 46°**

Jeremy birthday today. The big three oh. How did he get so old? Happy birthday Jeremy!

I got my weekly issue of RV Travel this morning. I see this postcard with a picture of what I might look like if I go to Arizona and spend too much time in the desert.

**Postcard of the Week**



Read the who story at <http://rvtravel.com/blog/chuck/2007/04/man-or-beast.html>  
Source: <http://rvtravel.com/publish/newsletter/issue271.shtml>

**Bumper Snicker**

"If the screams from my trunk bother you, turn up your radio."

**Worth Pondering**

"Only the mediocre are always at their best." --  
*Jean Giraudoux*

<http://rvtravel.com/publish/newsletter/issue271.shtml>

Enough for the RV stuff.

**04/15/2007 10:59am 56°**

So Bill, I did the walk from Home, through the Square, out Dean, across Kimball to Vaughan's it was around 3.5 miles and 50 minutes. Then I ate breakfast and headed for Jewel then home. This was another 1.5 miles. it was around 35 minutes including the time in Jewel. On the way to Vaughan's my right calf started to hurt. This is a sign of needing water. So I took a drink and rested for a minute or two. It got better shortly. Now that I am home my feet hurt. Maybe it is the new shoes. I'll change them some as I get finished writing this.

This Bill is for Bill M. not Bill M. Oh I guess you are both Bill M. Well you decide which one I mean. This Bill M. could be called Bill W. ☺

Anyway I went about 5 miles and it took about 1:50 and remove the resting it was one hour twenty minutes or about 3.7 MPG carrying a 3 pound load(water). This is way too fast except for the fact I was not carrying a 20lb backpack. And it is pretty much lever. Mike told me to shoot for long walks about 2 hrs. And plan about 2 MPH pace. I have trouble walking that slow. Maybe after I am carrying 20lbs I will slow down.

So I had this very light jacket on this morning and it was very wet inside. I must have been giving off some water(sweat) while I was walking. Other than that nothing but sore feet because of the shoes.

So here are some of the places I could walk if some one was home to give me a right home if I am worn out when I get there. Mileage is driving distance. So walking could be different.

Arlene's	0.8 miles
Bill's	6.6 miles
Kim & Bill's	2.6 miles
Steve's	0.9 miles
Bob & Shirley's	2.8 miles
Vaughan's	1.3 miles
Three Brothers	1.6 miles
Mary's	1.5 miles

Anila's 3.3 miles

Aunt Annie's 5.0 miles

I think I will stop here. I am getting tired just thinking about walking all of these places. If I did not get to your house it is just because I got tired figuring the miles to get there. Oh it is long ways to Mike & Petra's in Kisslegg, Germany. Google Earth puts it at 5,131 miles. It says about 30 days and 2 hours. The route goes across the Atlantic Ocean as part of the route. It says "Swim across the Atlantic Ocean, 3,462 mi." That is funny because I would have guessed it was only 3,463 miles. Must be a short cut I don't know about. ☺

I save the route in case you need to see it. I didn't know I could get to Kisslegg from here.

**04/16/07 6:17pm 60°**

Well Since I haven't been out walking today I have been looking on the Internet to see if I want to use a walking stick or not. I found this really good web site about walking sticks. Looks like I may find a couple.

Check out this site:

<http://www.personal.dundee.ac.uk/~pjclinch/poles.htm#Knees>  
Pete's Page has a lot of other stuff on walking and backpacking.

04/17/2007 09:13am 44°

So here I am just back from another walk totaling about 3.5 miles per the GPS and about 1 hour carrying about 4 extra pounds in my backpack. Even though it is in the low forties and the wind is blowing 6 MPH with gusts to 18 and I still got sweaty. So either I am still out of shape or I am pushing too head. Again I am not short of breath or tired. My feet are a little sore because of these shoes. I am going to go back to my old shoes and see what happens.

**04/21/2007 6:51pm 70° Yes 70°!**

Tomorrow it will be one year since Jeremy & Tonya was married. Wow, where does the time go. Best wish and I feel you are in for 50+ more years.

Lucy sent me an email that I missed. I found it to day. Sorry Lucy.

Rachel told me she was going to send me one with a joke. I haven't seen it yet.

I just go an RV travel newsletter. Here is something neat that was in there:

Mark Horowitz's cell phone number is 510-872-7326. He would like you to call him and invite him to dinner. Ever since Horowitz's phone number was publicly exposed on a piece of furniture in a Crate and Barrel store catalog, his phone has been ringing. And what Horowitz wants to do is meet with those who call for dinner. Here's a fascinating five-minute mini-documentary about why he does it, how he came up with the idea, and then some highlights of his meals with strangers. Horowitz travels from dinner engagement to dinner engagement in an old mini-motorhome.

If you want to see the video that goes along with this check it out here:  
<http://rvvideos.blogspot.com/2007/04/have-motorhome-will-travel-for-dinner.html>

And they're other things in the newsletter too.

### Bumper Snicker

"I'm right. You're wrong. Deal with it."

### Worth Pondering

"My doctor told me to stop having intimate dinners for four. Unless there are three other people." -- Orson Welles

Source: <http://rvtravel.com/publish/newsletter/issue272.shtml>

Lets see what else is going on. Oh today I walked 5-1/2 miles. after the first 1-1/2 mile I ate breakfast and then I continued the rest until I got home. I had an 8 - 8-1/2 pounds in a fanny pack and it took around 1-1/2 hours. Still doing around 3 MPH. This is still a little fast but I am still not carrying much weight. I cant get any more weight in the fanny pack so I will have to switch over to to use my small backpack. I only have about 3-1/2 weeks before my trip to Germany. I want to be able to make one 10 mile hike with my backpack full. Remember it is still over 20 pounds.

**04/22/2007 5:23pm 81°**

So how is it going with you? Do you want to tell others about your life? If you sent me an email I could put some of it into my newsletter. Remember the email address is on the footer of the newsletter. And unlike the email address that Lucy used I check that one once in a while. You could also put it on paper and either mail it to me or had it to me when you see me. In any case, Tell me if it is ok for me to use your name. Remember I only use first names and once in a while the first letter of your last.

There is no people getting email copies yet. No one has asked yet! Do you know I can send you an email copy if you want it.

I don't know how I am going to handle Marty's Random Thought while I am in Europe. I guess that will be random too.

I am getting near the end of page for so it is time for some updates.

Random Stock Prediction up

<i>Company</i>	<i>date:</i>		<b>2-3</b>	<b>6-9</b>
	<b>11-28</b>	<b>04/20</b>	<b>Months</b>	<b>Months</b>
Caterpillar (CAT)	61.60	71.82	68.00	79.00
Toyota Motors (TM)	117.44	125.93	122.00	100.00
Cummins (CMI)	118.23	77.42 <sup>§</sup>	130.00	unknown
Boeing (BA)	87.94	93.29	85.00	unknown
Dow Chemical (DOW)	39.65	49.28	41.00	unknown

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Predictions are based on the gap that needs to be filled. And these are my guesses.

Invest at you own risk. **(\*) Split**

Marty

This is an unpaid ad:

Check out Mike's product.



Check out the web site at:

<http://www.worksandwords.com/prods.htm>

There are links there to all of his books and CDs

Source: <http://www.worksandwords.com>

This is enough for this issue. April is winding down so we need to get ready for May flowers.

I end this issue with the thought of the month:

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." -- *Anne Bradstreet*

Source: <http://www.aspirenow.com/thought.htm>

**La paz esté con ti.**

**Marty**