

Marty's Random Thoughts

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Birthday List

Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan	
3rd	Matt	1st	Tristan	1st	Jimmy	1st	Ned H
18th	David	2nd	Erik	4th	Bill W	6th	Kim M
23rd	Tom	12th	Olivia	6th	Ryan	15th	Tonya M
23rd	Annette			12th	Melody	16th	Mike M
				12th	Marty	23rd	Ethan H
Sept	30th			12th	Teri	26th	Chelli M
	Cork & Diane's Anv.			12th	Linda's Sister		

If you don't see your birthday and you want to make sure I have then let me know.

My master list is at <http://www.martysthoughts.info/randomthoughts/html/Birthdays.html>

29-Sep-2007 07:06pm 68°

Continued from before

Aunt Annie's brakes are fixed. I guess what happened is they forgot to adjust the parking brake cable. After they did, that all was fine. Makes you wonder doesn't it?

I had filled up 12 pages on the last newsletter, and I cut it off in the middle of the day. I think 12 pages are enough for one issue. Maybe I will try for 18 this issue. We do have Halloween to deal with in October. I think we should all wear a mask on Halloween. It is on a Wednesday this year.

Mike and Perta

I got an email from the travelers. Here it is, in part...

"...We had five days in Yellowstone-Teaton area. Really great time though many of the geysers were rather dry at this time. This AM we are in Sun Valley, ID. We didn't know it was such a tourist area even a jet airport here in the middle of nowhere. We should be at The Dalles on the Columbia River in OR in a couple days to visit a friend. So we are getting there slowly. Lot of new things for Petra to see. She was a bit startled by the semi loads of Potatoes in Idaho among other things.

Almost camped in Craters of the Moon last night before rain changed our minds..."

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30-Sep-2007 10:56am 68°

Last day of September, is it not? Did this month drag on for you or zip right through as it did for me?

Lucy update

I contacted Lucy to see how she was doing. She said; "...I've actually been using this time to go out a bit more and take advantage of my last year of high school. I've been going to some games and going out with friends..." That is a good thing to enjoy your last year in high school. You make bonds that may last a lifetime. Lucy also told me she might show up for one of our get-togethers soon.

RV Travel

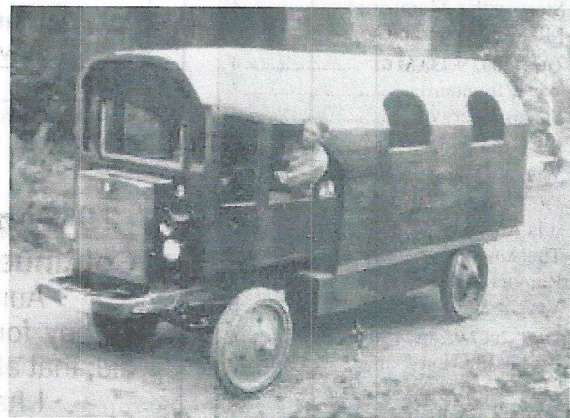
Oldest Motorhome

Charles Kellogg owned and drove the world's oldest RV. The RV itself, a motorhome, was not so old, but the material it was made from -- a one-piece carved-out log of a 4,800-year-old coastal redwood tree -- surely gave it a solid claim as the RV made of the oldest materials.

Charles Kellogg was born in the California High Sierra in 1868. His neighbors were Indians, who became his teachers. One thing that young Charles learned was to sing like birds. Later, he performed his bird calls around the world. They were recorded by the Victor Talking Machine Company.

An even more remarkable talent was Kellogg's ability to extinguish a flame of fire with this voice. Because of his unique talents, for a time he was the most popular headliner in Vaudeville.

For the rest see the source: http://www.rvtravel.com/publish/news/historic_log_rv.shtml



Kellogg and his Travel Log.

Trivia...



In old days when a motorist purchased gasoline, an attendant pumped it. But independent station dealer George Urich changed all that in 1947 when he opened three "self-service" Gas-A-Terias in the Los Angeles area. The idea: motorists would save money by doing their own pumping. Instead of hiring attendants to clean windshields and check oil, Urich hired attractive girls in slacks and tight sweaters and put them on roller skates to race around to collect money. The gas stations were huge -- 18 to 21 pumps on islands at right angles to the street. On average, a motorist saved five cents a gallon -- a big deal back in those days. Gas-A-Terias were so successful that copycats followed. . . and you know the rest of the story.

Bumper Snicker

"Without geometry, life is pointless."

Worth Pondering

An intellectual snob is someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture and not think of The Lone Ranger -- Dan Rather

Source: <http://rvtravel.com/publish/newsletter/issue295.shtml>

Melanie update

I contacted Melanie to see if she had moved to California because we had not heard anything. She replied; "...Tell Bill and Arlene and Annie I said hello and let them know that I miss being harassed by them. I miss drawing flowers in crayon on all of your checks too. Contrary to popular belief, I am not living in California yet. My present circumstances are keeping me from relocating until May. I'll be here for at least another 8 months. So, I still have

2 cats and some fish, not 6 kids:) I wish I was on the west coast living in a quaint little villa, but that plan will just have to wait...."

And she went on to say: "... Also, let Arlene know that I corrected my typo and YOU copied and pasted my error in the newsletter. I want her to know that I did everything within my power to correct it and after that it was out of my hands. I miss all of you. Take care. I'll talk to you later.

Lil' Melanie"

She also told me that in an earlier newsletter, I had not corrected a quote she had made about missing "Irene" where she really meant "Arlene". This I missed. She said woops back when she sent it and I never corrected it. Sorry Melanie and Arlene. I just copied the email and stuck it in the newsletter as a quote. This was back in Volume 07, Issue 08a, from August 17th, 2007.

Sorry about that!

Woops Wedding Anniversary

I had none of the Anniversaries on my list. Aunt Annie told me she thought today was Cork and Diane's wedding Anniversary. Happy Anniversary Cork and Diane!

01-Oct-2007 9:06 58°

So I am up and have had my breakfast and have been to Menard's and bought a drill bit. While I was checking my email from Steve, I found this story that I am going to share with you.

Story with a Moral

In 1923, Who Was:

1. President of the largest steel company?
2. President of the largest gas company?
3. President of the New York Stock Exchange?
4. Greatest wheat speculator?
5. President of the Bank of International Settlement?
6. Great Bear of Wall Street?

These men

Were considered some of the worlds most successful
Of their days.

Now,

80 years later,

The history book asks us,

If we know

What ultimately became of them.

Source: email from Steve. See: The Answer Later

A Note from the Universesm...

Thinking...

is the ultimate contact sport.

@www.tut.com

Why you get sent home when your fired



Source: email from Steve

Mike and Petra update

Mike called tonight and they were driving through Walla Walla, Washington. I remember a long time ago the US 14 ended at Walla Walla. This is not the case anymore. US 14 ends at Yellowstone now and Interstate 90 takes over.

Mike says that they stopped in Dayton, WA to ask directions at the restaurant named Manila House, I think they had fantastic food. Both Mike and Petra said to say: "Hi!" to everybody.

02-Oct-2007 9:45am 61°

It was a little foggy out here this morning. Cool and damp too.

Water fountain

I rebuilt my water fountain yesterday. I moved all the rocks and stones from it and removed the sediment and leaves then cleaned it out. Then I set it back up different from the way it was before. I put the water full in the middle of the pond so it could be seen from all sides. It was facing the driveway before. I could only see the back from the porch. So I could not enjoy it as much when I was sitting on the front porch.

I added a switch to turn off the water pump when the water level gets too low. This way, I might not burn the pump when it runs dry. Now I should look for a heater to keep from freezing up this winter. I think it might be neat to have it running in the ice and snow of winter. There is still that idea of a train out here in the back of my mind.

What is that sound?! Oh, this is the first Tuesday of the month. I forgot that the set off that Air Raid siren every first Tuesday of the month. Or is it a tornado warning now? I use to laugh when this happens. If we have sounded that siren every first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am for the last 50 years, it wouldn't be surprising to find out some people just tune it out and say; "Ho Hum!". If I was going to bomb someone, I would do it on the first Tuesday of the month. No would ever think it would happen. If you want to hear a Aid Raid siren then go to this web site: http://www.williamson-tn.org/co_gov/depts/eco/siren4.mpg

Dose any one remember when "CD" was "Civil Defense" and Not "Compact Disc" or a "Saving Certificate"?

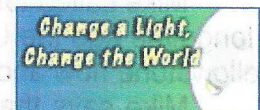
Saving Energy

Since I have past the pickup to others to deal with, I started to wonder how often I had used it as a pickup. I had it around 7-1/2 years, and put about 7500 miles on it and got about 15 miles to the gallon. That means I used about 500 gallon of gas. That means in those 7-1/2 years I could have drove about 20,000 miles with my car. But on the other hand, I would have only got about 4,000 miles in the motor home. In the motor home, that is a nice drive to Arizona and back. In the car, I could go from Woodstock to Walla Walla, to Los Vegas, to Dallas, to Key West, to New York, and then back to Woodstock TWICE and maybe still have gas left over.

So I think I will start thinking about saving more energy. I bought one of those energy saving compact fluorescent light bulbs 11 or 12 years ago. It cost big bucks back then. And you had trouble finding them. I used it in my computer room up until last year when it finally failed. Since then I have replace almost ever one of the old bulbs with the energy saving light bulbs. I think I paid \$11-12 dollars a piece for those many years ago. Now you can buy them for a buck if you look around, and you can get them almost everywhere they sell bulbs. I think I have not had another fail either.

They really are cheaper to use. If you have a 26w compact fluorescent and use it 4 hours for a year it will cost you about three dollars to use. A 26w fluorescent put the same light as an 100w regular bulb that would cost you eleven dollars a year. That is a saving of about \$7.00 per bulb And over the life of about 10 years that is about \$70.00. This is per bulb! I just counted 12 bulbs. So at current electric cost, I could save over \$800.00.

"Change a Light, Change the World!" And remember to turn them off when your are not using them!



03-Oct-2007 7:02pm 65°

Today was Matt's birthday. Matt was my last boss at Knaack. Happy birthday Matt!

Who are you going to call

Ever had one of those days when stuff goes wrong and you don't want to tell anyone, but you tell ten anyway? Well Aunt Annie did and said to let all of you know. She went to Round-The-Clock for lunch with a couple friends yesterday. When she returned to her car she didn't have her keys. She thought she left them in the restaurant. She checked, and no keys. Not to worry...she carries an extra set she had way back from when the car was new. Well, this was the first problem. The key didn't open the door. The trunk key worked. I guess when she had the keys made those many years ago she never checked to see if they worked.

Well one of the ladies that was with her found the other set of keys. Yup, you guessed it. They were locked inside the car in the ignition! Aunt Annie wasn't about to give up. The next thing is to try the police to see if they would help. One of the ladies went inside and asked if they would call the police. I guess Aunt Annie either forgot she had her cell phone or maybe she forgot the phone number for "911". Anyway when they contacted the Crystal Lake police, they didn't know where Round-The-Clock was. They needed the address. That was funny. New dispatcher I guess.

So the police woman arrived and asked all kind of question to make sure Aunt Annie was the person she said she was and the car was really hers. Before the officer started to break in to Aunt Annie's car she noticed the hood was warm. She asked if the car was running. Aunt Annie said "No! No way? Is it?" Sure enough , it was! Anyways, the police woman got the car open and they all had a good laugh. *Don't tell Aunt Annie I told you.*

04-Oct-2007 9:32am 59°**It is Amazing**

Yes it is amazing what you can find on the Internet.

**The Answer**

1. The president of the largest steel company. Charles Schwab, Died a pauper.
 2. The president of the largest gas company, Edward Hopson, Went insane.
 3. The president of the NYSE, Richard Whitney, Was released from prison to die at home.
 4. The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cooger, Died abroad, penniless.
 5. The president of The Bank of International Settlement, Shot himself.
 6. The Great Bear of Wall Street, Cosabee Livermore, Also committed suicide.
- However:
 In that same year, 1923, The PGA Champion And The winner of The Most important golf tournament,
 The US Open, Was Gene Sarazen.
 What became of him?
 He played golf until he was 92, Died in 1999 at the age of 95. He was financially secure At the time of his death.
- The Moral:**
 Screw work.
 Source answer: Email from Steve

Rumors Blaster

There is a rumor that Shirley and Bob have jobs and are going to work every day. Well, I asked both Shirley and Bob. Both of them tell me that it ain't true! People you need to check out your stories. So Bob and Shirley when do you start? ☺

Vacation Maybe

I am thinking of going to Arizona in a month or so for a couple weeks. Anyone else thinking about it too? Now remember I said; "...Thinking about it..." I could go through St. Louis and stay with Steve. Maybe watch a Cardinal's game with him and Miki. Then swing through to Kansas and see Marcia and Dan. And swing by Edie's and say; "Hi!" Then go to Sedona and sit atop a mountain for a few days. Then head over to California and see if Mike and Petra found a place to stay. They I may have found a home by then. It would be mid November by then. Then I could zigzag back through the middle of the country until I run out of gas money. Hummm... that would be a bunch of gas money. Here are the average gas prices as reported around the USA. From NJ at \$2.54 to Hawaii at \$3.22

State	Regular	State	Regular	State	Regular	State	Regular
Alabama	\$2.71	Illinois	\$2.90	Montana	\$2.96	Rhode Island	\$2.69
Alaska	\$2.99	Indiana	\$2.70	Nebraska	\$2.84	South Carolina	\$2.65
Arizona	\$2.69	Iowa	\$2.71	Nevada	\$2.85	South Dakota	\$2.89
Arkansas	\$2.72	Kansas	\$2.71	New Hampshire	\$2.68	Tennessee	\$2.69
California	\$3.00	Kentucky	\$2.71	New Jersey	\$2.54	Texas	\$2.69
Colorado	\$2.84	Louisiana	\$2.71	New Mexico	\$2.90	Utah	\$2.78
Connecticut	\$2.88	Maine	\$2.84	New York	\$2.93	Vermont	\$2.80
Delaware	\$2.62	Maryland	\$2.70	North Carolina	\$2.79	Virginia	\$2.68
District of Columbia	\$2.79	Massachusetts	\$2.67	North Dakota	\$2.95	Washington	\$2.96
Florida	\$2.83	Michigan	\$2.87	Ohio	\$2.71	West Virginia	\$2.84
Georgia	\$2.74	Minnesota	\$2.72	Oklahoma	\$2.70	Wisconsin	\$2.89
Hawaii	\$3.22	Mississippi	\$2.69	Oregon	\$2.87	Wyoming	\$2.83
Idaho	\$2.81	Missouri	\$2.59	Pennsylvania	\$2.78		

Source: <http://www.fuelgaugereport.com/sbsavg.asp> on 10/04/07

05-Oct-2007 9:28am 76°

Until about Monday it looks like the weather is going to be very warm. Then they say maybe rain for a few days.

Bird in the House

Is there an old wives tale about a bird getting to the house? I cannot remember of one. The other day I opened the door to the back porch and there was a bird flying around. Like me, it was a little scared for a split second. I thought; "What's that?" I guess the bird thought the same. I thought very little of it and I just propped open the door and got out of its way. And away the bird went. Today I was thinking, was this an omen? Is there an old wife's tale about a bird getting inside? The only thing I know is that there is a hole somewhere and a bird can get in the porch. I guess it can be added to my list of things to do.

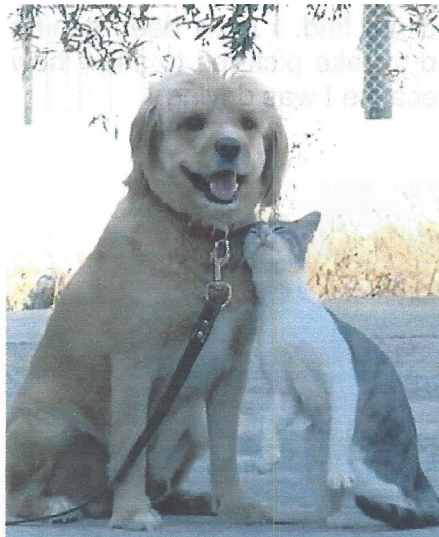
This just in!

This is part of a bunch of pictures from Arlene titled "How To Keep happy in 18 steps:"

7: Keep cool Under Pressure==>

Another one is about "Friends Come In All Sizes..."

Caption below is: "They'll be there when you need a shoulder to lean on...."



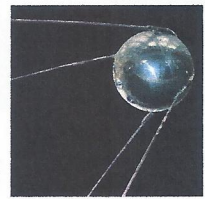
Source: Email from Aelene



Sputnik

Wow! It was 50 years ago. I must be getting older because I remember this.

The Soviet Union kicked off the Space Age 50 years ago this week by firing a basketball-size satellite called Sputnik into orbit, where it's feeble "beep... beep..." would serve as a wake-up call to American dreams of preeminence and nightmares of nuclear attack. Back then a lot of people thought it was really a bomb. It turned out it was 23-inch, 183-pound aluminum orb, essentially a radio transmitter with four swept-back antennas. Look how far we have come now. Look what I found! WOW!



Another result pointed us to *The Satellite Situation Report from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Dated September, 1997, the report counts almost 25,000 man-made objects: 8681 currently in orbit, and over 16,000 objects in a state of decay. Not every single satellite is included.*

06-Oct-2007 7:30am 65°

Well, I got nothing! I am up and ready but my random thoughts must be taking a rest yet. Maybe what I need to do is to eat, drink, and see Mary. That is, I need my morning cup of coffee. Maybe that will help get things started.

Yellow Car

A while back Mike and Petra were looking for a new car, and found one. They were looking for the right car but they were looking for it to be yellow. They looked high and low for the right car. And in the back of their minds I think they still want to get a yellow one. The

reason for yellow is that it stands out and is easy to see. Yellow means I am here, can you see me? The way they talked, they did get the right car for them. Alas, it did not come in yellow. I told them about Earl Scheib's who paints cars.

I read something in Popular Science a long time ago that was talking about the color that is the easiest to see. In other words, what colors would be best in all environments and weather for you to see? As I remembered it was white then yellow. That is why I have a white car. Some peoples think it is red. For us red-green color blind people, red does not stand out. Yellow does! School buses are yellow! I think white and yellow and very, very light cars are the easiest cars for me to see. Even in fog and snow storms.

Now back to that yellow car that Petra and Mike could not find. I have been seeing many yellow cars allover the place the last few days. I started to take pictures to show how many I have seen that I could get a picture of. I missed many because I was driving. Here is a sample:



Yes, they have yellow gas stations for those yellow cars. The flowers were yellow too.

07-Oct-2007 7:30am 67°

Those weather people tell us it could get up to 90° today. What's up with that? Isn't it October?

Here is a random thought

This morning while putting my shoes and socks on, I noticed something wasn't normal. I do not know why I noticed it, but when I did I thought; "Hummm... why is this? This is different." I normally put on my right sock then the left then the right shoe then left. This morning I caught myself putting on my left sock then the right then the left shoe then right. I thought this seemed a little strange because I do not remember now if that is what I always do or not. I laughed and thought; "Maybe I got up on the wrong side of the bed." Can't happen, because the bed it is up tight to the wall on 2 sides. Then another strange thing happened. When I put my belt on I put it on backwards. So I think today is going to be a strange day. I guess I will have to be aware of what I do today and see what other strange things I do. So all of you will have to think back to this date and remind me of the strange things I do. I know! How can you tell if I am being

strange of normal for me. I guess if I start acting normal that would be strange for me. Anyways, keep an eye on me, I need watching today.

Sports

Baseball

Well, I watched some of the 3 games in the baseball playoffs between the Diamond Backs and the Cubs. I am a Cubs fan but not a die hard fan. I hoped they would have won, but alas it did not happen this year. All I can say is there is always next year. Good luck next year!

Football

The Bears aren't doing so well this year. They have won 1, lost 4. On the other hand, Packers has won 4 lost zero. Marie, are you still a Green Bay fan or have you switched to the Steelers with 3 wins and only one loss? Being born in Michigan, I should tell you that the Lions are 3 and 1. And the Colts, Patriots, Cowboys, and the Packers have not lost yet. On the other side the Dolphins, Saints, and the Rams have not won yet. There are about 12 more weeks so this can all change!

Hockey

Right now, it looks like Chicago is 1 and 1. I haven't watched a pucking hockey game in years and years, so this is all I got for you.

Soccer

Yes, the rest of the world's football. Until now, I do not think I knew the Chicago soccer team's name was Fire. The Fire has 9 wins, 10 losses, and 9 ties.

What about Woodstock

Woodstock Blue Streaks w4-l3-t0, Marian Central Hurricanes w4-l1-t0...enough sports!

09-Oct-2007 9:47am 54°

A little cool this morning. But wait until tomorrow.

Three Brother

That is The Three Brother's not to be confused with my 3 brothers. At the Three Brother's this morning, I got there and Steve was in my spot and Bill was in Steve's spot. Jim came in just in front of me and Mike had his spot. So I sat in Bills' spot. This made it a little rough when Kim was serving our breakfast. We almost had to eat each other's breakfast.

After a while Bill had to leave so I moved over to Steve's spot so I could talk to him. Problem was, he was sitting in my spot so it almost was like talking to myself.

Bob came in and he mostly sits in a booth. Both his spot and his alternate spots were being used by others. We invited him to sit at the counter. Bob almost never sits at the counter. He sat where Mike was, who was in Jim's spot. So after a while Jim was going to leave and went to talk to Bob. Remember, Bob is in Jim's spot where Mike was.

Bob doesn't sit at the counter because he is a long-legged guy and his knees get banged up on the counter because there is no room. When Steve left, he turned sideways in his seat and we talked for a long time. Just before we left, Phil had come in and he was sitting next to me, but he was not in his usual spot either. I didn't see who had his spot. At this point, I thought it was time to leave.

So I went to Vaughan's. I had coffee and a muffin. Mary gave me the edited newsletter from Heather. Being I am a little behind getting it printed, I decided to get home and get it printed.

I just got home and the phone rang. It was Aunt Annie. She was in town and asked if I had been for coffee lately. I told her yes, but I could always go for coffee. She picked me up. So I have been to Vaughan's twice today I, and I got my spot twice. What is going on at Three Brother? Enough about spots now, I will work on printing the newsletter now.

Lost relations

I just got an email from my cousin Dave who I do not remember hearing from for 10-20 years. I didn't know he was even in the country. So if it was really him I sent him my address. If it isn't, it's probably some email spam from someone else. I will see what happens. I will just wait and see if he gets back to me. There were 3 kids in that family Dave, Sue, and Pam. If that was really you Dave, then welcome back from wherever you were.

Printed Newsletter

Looks like the people who are getting the printed newsletter, will keep getting it. And the people that read it online will keep get alerted when a new issue is put there.

10-Oct-2007 9:09am 43°

It is a little cool out there this morning. It is a little easier to take, now that we are getting use to fall a little.

Auto-Lite

That is Woodstock Die Casting I mean. I went to work there on this day back in 1966 and left there about 15-1/2 years later. It was 30-Apr-1982. A few years back, it turned in to an empty lot and now it has one big building on it that has 11 home in it. I heard was sold for \$750,000.00. Yes, 3/4 of a million dollars! That seems like a lot of money for me. Now it looks like they are getting ready to build some more of them over there.

This just in

Email from Mike and Petra:

"...We will be in California finally in a couple hours... All going very well. Getting anxious to settle a bit and find a place with the same pillow for more than a couple days!"

They left here on September 13th. A month is about all I could take away from home.

Wanted ASAP!!!

Be on the look for an animated, talking Christmas tree. Mary is looking for one. She was telling me that she can not find one anywhere around here. If you see one somewhere let myself or Mary know where you saw it. I am not sure what this is, but here a couple pictures I found on the Internet. You can email me at thoughts@doerofthings.com and I will see she gets the message.



11-oct-2007 3:54am 45°

Good morning. I just woke up. I guess I had enough sleep. Since I am up anyway, guess I need to take advantage of being awake. I wonder what I should I do with these extra hours? Maybe I could save it up for extra sleep tonight. © Well I'm up now.

After being up for an hour so, I think T-V at this time of the day is a waste. There is nothing on except for "Paid Programming". Yes, just people selling stuff, not much else. Maybe I should have rolled over and gone back to sleep. Maybe that is why people turn off the T-V and and go to bed at night.

Orange handles

When I am in a restaurant, I order diet coffee most of the time. Sometimes the waitress does not know what I mean. I do it just to be smart, just to get the reaction. This all started back when lite beer first came out. It was really diet beer but they would never call it that. It just wasn't mocho. They called it "Less filling". To me that is diet. Diet coffee is more well known as

decaf. It use to be called Sanka a long time ago. If I remember correctly, it only came in instant form. That is why the color of the handles on the coffee pots in the restaurants are orange.

Random Patterns

Are there patterns that are random? And can randomness have patterns? The two words mean just the opposite. So I looked up the word 'Pattern' and it said; "Anything repeated in a predictable combination." Then I looked the word Random and it says; "The word random is used to express lack of purpose, cause, order, or predictability in non-scientific parlance." When I looked up Random Patterns I found nothing but patterns - they called them random, but I see patterns. I guess only our thoughts are random. This tells me that our nature is to be random and look for patterns in it.



Psychic or Random.

From: Steve [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 12:34 PM
To: [REDACTED]@doerofthings.com
Subject: DEFINITION OF RANDOM

MARTY,DONT KNOW IF THIS HAS BEEN IN YOUR NEWSLETTER,BIT THE DEFINITION OF RANDOM IS USED TO EXPRESS LACK OF ORDER,PURPOSE,CAUSE OR PREDICTABILITY.

A couple hours after I put Random Pattern in this issue I get this email from Steve.

My question here is - is Steve reading my newsletter before anyone else see it, or is he psychic? It has been sitting on the screen of my computer from 10:00 am until now. And I have not talked to Steve since about 7:30 am this morning, not the time on the email.

From the Internet

If you have internet access and have some time check out his site.

<http://www.goodquotes.com/funnythoughts.htm>

Source: Steve

12-Oct-2007 8:02am 41°

Knock on the door

Last night, I had a knock on the door. It was Bill with a hand full of ink cartridges. Thanks Bill, I will put them to good use.

Mike & Petra update

Mike and Petra are in the area around Mendocino, CA looking for a place to stay. Mendocino is about 1/3 of the way down from the north of California on the coast just south of Casper and just north of Little River and just west of Route 1.

13-Oct-2007 7:51am 45°

Free Lunch

Today I will be going to a seminar at Crystal Valley RV in Island Lake. They will tell me how to winterize my motorhome. It feels like I just de-winterized it a month ago. I might learn something. If nothing else there is a free breakfast and lunch that goes along with the free seminar. Did I say it was free?

Winterizing a RV

The short story to winterizing an RV is to get the water out and put the Anti-Freeze in.

Get all of the foods out. Turn off the gas(LP). Fix things that need it. Clean and lube the whole thing. Fill the gasoline tank, disconnect the battery and park it out of the sun if you can.

There is a little more than that but that is the basic concept.

RV Travel news

Trivia...

The average life span of a mosquito is two weeks.

Bumper Snicker

Fishermen don't die, they just smell that way.

Worth Pondering

I have found that there ain't no surer way to find out whether you like people or hate them than to travel with them.

—Mark Twain

Source: <http://rvtravel.com/publish/newsletter/issue296.shtml>

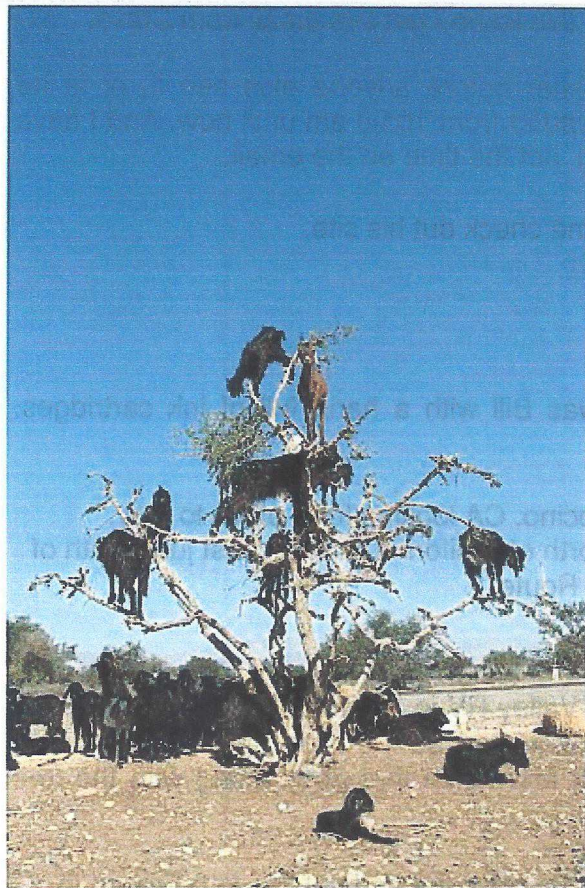
17-Oct-2007 8:18am 46°

Near the end of this page so I am going to cut it off. More next time.

Marty

20-Oct-2007 9:23am 44°

I just got this back from Heather and I did a little formatting and now I have a bunch of space here. So since hollow weenie is almost here, I thought I should put some goats and goblins in here.



Oh, maybe I meant **GHOST AND GOBLINS**.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Marty

Marty's Random Thoughts

Volume 07 Number 10a-extra

Woodstock, IL

17-Oct-2007

Newsletter printing

I just received the newsletter from Mary who receiver it from Heather who edited it for me. I don't think I will have it ready to pass out until late this afternoon but I am getting it ready now as I type. I always look it over once before let you all see it. Some time thing still slip through any way. I am printing the first copy now. Lets see if I get the pages in the right order and the ink colors are all there. I think I printed it 3 time when I did it last. it was 18 pages and The first time I print one copy it was ok. Then I did a batch of 4 and one side was upside down. Then I printed the same thing on both sides. Then I got it printed and one of the colors ran out. That is because I had jut printed my book and those picture eat all my ink. That is why I sent the My trip journal to Lulu to be printed. Oh, the printer stopped! Lets see how it looks.

Ok, let see...Page 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9,10, 11-12. Yup, that's right. To me the yellow cars look yellow, the orange coffee looks orange, the blur sky looks blue and the green back ground looks right. Wait, the old motorhome has no color! Oh, that is in black and white. Now I am printing the second copy and the printer is telling me it that the color ink cartridge is getting low. I will have to watch that.

Ok, I changed the paper and told it to print the cover page of the newsletter. I am making the cover out of heaver paper on this issue. I want to see how it looks on 24 pound 96/108 bright paper. That is paper talk for better paper. If I would buy a new printer I could tell it to get the cover page from one paper tray and the rest out of another. and print it on both sides at the same time. Maybe fold and staple it to. Hay, if I was still working it could use to \$10,000 one that they have at work. Or I could just slow down and watch what I am doing and all would be fine..

The first side on the better paper looks good. I have to wait for the other side for the color pictures to see how that looks. It is doing the back side and that looks good. When I start charging for my newsletter I can buy that paper. I still have 7 full package of the other paper to use, that is enough for about...wait, I have to get a calculator. Hummm...YI have enough paper fro 3-5 years. I think I will just keep doing what I am doing for now. Oh, and there is that case of old 8-1/2 x11 paper that Mike left here for me to use up. It is starting to turn yellow on the edges. Anyone want some scratch paper? It would be great scratch paper. Let me know.

Just ran out of color. Looks like green ran out first. I keep forgetting that I need to watch how I load that paper when I want to print on the back. it needs to be dry or 2-3 pages feed at the same time. I lost 3 pages again. I have to reprint both sides of them. Bummer!

I guess I am going on and on about this printing.

This isn't to be a good for printing in color. That looks like it doesn't have any yellow. That is a refill and it is my last color cartridge. Well some of those are going to be printed in black and white or with the color off. I don't feel like going out and getting these refilled today.

So is it the refills that are bad or I just used all the ink on by book and a fed pictures? Maybe I didn't put that one cartridge aside when it was spent and so I thought I still had a full one. I will refill one more batch of color one and see how it goes.

For now I put an old cartridge back in and it is looking better but not right. There isn't much color on what is left so I will just let it go.

*Oh *\$#@! Now it is telling me the black is low. Maybe today I should hand write this. Or just give you blank paper and forget it. Like I said, One mo batch of refills and if I have problems It will be new cartridge or I will use the laser printer and it will be black and white then.*

Enough of this! It is time for lunch. and it is printing what it is printing... Well, black was getting light so I switched it. That better!

So is Aunt Annie going to pick me up or will I have to drive? Aunt Annie spoils me! I called and no answer. She may be on the way. I will wait for a few minutes and see if she comes buy before I leave.

Good! It is still printing ok. One more side to print then staples them. Then I can get on with my life. Wait, this is my life! OK turn over the paper and print the other side Marty!

Wait, I'll use the Laser printer for the other side. It is only text and no color. Ink is cheaper. Maybe I should give up. I printed a sample it is fine. Then I forgot to tell it to just print the one page on the rest. Start over with this batch. But you get black and white only!

Well I am back from lunch now. So for you people who look the printed copy of the newsletter you get one page that is black and white a the ones that read this it online will get color.

I am adding this to the middle so you know what is going.



October 20, 2007

Marty's Random Thoughts

Tonight



Clear. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday



Mostly sunny. Breezy...mild. Highs in the upper 70s. South winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to around 35 mph.

Sunday

High 74 Low 53

Partly Cloudy



Monday

High 63 Low 48

Chance of Rain



Tuesday

High 59 Low 42

Chance of Rain



Wednesday

High 55 Low 43

Chance of Rain



Thursday

High 57 Low 42

Chance of Rain



Regional Weather

CITY	HI / Lo	CONDITIONS
Alden	72/53	p.cloudy
Algonquin	76/54	p.cloudy
Capron	72/52	p.cloudy
Cary	75/54	p.cloudy
Crystal Lake	75/54	p.cloudy
Fox Lake	74/54	p.cloudy
Fox River Grove	76/55	p.cloudy
Garden Prairie	74/53	p.cloudy
Hampshire	76/54	p.cloudy
Harvard	72/53	p.cloudy
Hebron	73/53	p.cloudy
Huntley	76/54	p.cloudy
Ingleside	74/54	p.cloudy
Island Lake	75/54	p.cloudy
Marengo	74/53	p.cloudy
McHenry	74/54	p.cloudy
Pell Lake	75/52	p.cloudy
Richmond	73/53	p.cloudy
Ringwood	74/53	p.cloudy
Spring Grove	74/53	p.cloudy
Union	75/53	p.cloudy
Walworth	74/51	p.cloudy
Wonder Lake	73/53	p.cloudy
Woodstock	74/53	p.cloudy
Zenda	74/52	p.cloudy

National Weather

CITY	HI / Lo	CONDITIONS	CITY	HI / Lo	CONDITIONS
Albuquerque	81/41	p.cloudy	Las Vegas	82/59	p.cloudy
Anchorage	40/22	p.cloudy	Little Rock	77/54	clear
Atlanta	78/46	clear	Los Angeles	79/57	clear
Bangor	72/48	rain	Madison	68/52	p.cloudy
Billings	52/34	rain	Memphis	82/58	clear
Birmingham	79/48	clear	Miami	85/76	tstorms
Bismarck	61/37	p.cloudy	Minneapolis	67/50	p.cloudy
Boise	48/32	tstorms	Montpelier	66/46	c.rain
Boston	70/53	c.rain	New Orleans	83/62	clear
Bowling Green	76/50	clear	New York	73/53	p.cloudy
Buffalo	64/50	c.rain	Oklahoma City	83/64	clear
Charleston	80/59	clear	Omaha	78/49	clear
Cheyenne	67/29	m.cloudy	Philadelphia	71/48	p.cloudy
Chicago	71/55	clear	Phoenix	91/65	clear
Cleveland	66/55	p.cloudy	Portland	69/48	p.cloudy
Concord	70/46	p.cloudy	Raleigh	79/46	clear
Dallas	88/64	clear	Richmond	79/45	clear
Denver	78/32	p.cloudy	Saint Louis	83/57	clear
Detroit	68/54	clear	Salt Lake City	53/32	rain
Harrisburg	69/47	p.cloudy	San Diego	68/59	p.cloudy
Hartford	72/49	p.cloudy	San Francisco	65/52	clear
Honolulu	78/73	rain	Seattle	54/44	tstorms
Houston	86/65	clear	Sioux Falls	73/44	p.cloudy
Indianapolis	72/54	clear	Tampa	82/70	tstorms
Kansas City	81/58	clear	Washington	76/51	p.cloudy

World Weather

CITY	HI / Lo	CONDITIONS	CITY	HI / Lo	CONDITIONS
Amsterdam	55/41	p.cloudy	Madrid	69/39	sunny
Athens	71/64	c.rain	Manila	87/77	c.rain
Auckland	62/50	c.rain	Melsbroek	48/42	m.sunny
Bangkok	91/78	p.cloudy	Mexico City	73/57	c.rain
Beijing	68/50	sunny	Montreal	68/48	p.cloudy
Berlin	48/30	c.rain	Moscow	53/39	c.rain
Bogota	62/48	c.rain	Nairobi	80/57	p.cloudy
Brussels	51/35	c.rain	New Delhi	96/64	sunny
Buenos Aires	73/59	m.sunny	Oslo	46/39	c.rain
Cairo	89/71	m.sunny	Paris	53/41	m.sunny
Calgary	50/32	m.sunny	Prague	44/28	c.rain
Copenhagen	50/35	m.sunny	Rio de Janeiro	86/75	p.cloudy
Damascus	84/50	m.sunny	Rome	59/44	c.rain
Dublin	59/48	p.cloudy	Seoul	69/48	m.sunny
Frankfurt	46/32	c.rain	Sha Lo Wan	84/73	m.sunny
Geneva	46/33	p.cloudy	Singapore	87/75	c.tstorms
Grantley Adams	87/75	c.rain	Stockholm	48/37	p.cloudy
Guadalajara	78/57	c.rain	Sydney	89/64	m.sunny
Havana	87/73	c.rain	Tahiti	86/75	c.rain
Jerusalem	80/66	sunny	Taipei	77/73	m.sunny
Johannesburg	77/59	m.sunny	Tehran	77/60	m.sunny
La Paz	93/69	sunny	Tijuana	78/57	sunny
Lima	64/59	m.sunny	Toronto	69/51	sunny
Lisbon	77/55	p.cloudy	Vienna	46/35	c.rain
London	57/41	p.cloudy	Warsaw	44/37	p.cloudy

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Current Weather

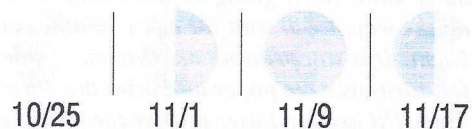


Current Outdoor



Sun & Moon

Moonrise: 3:20 PM CDT Moonset: 12:16 AM CDT



Sunrise: 7:12 AM CDT

Sunset: 6:04 PM CDT

Weather as of 3:25 PM CDT



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