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29-Nov-19 6:49 pm @home 33°

Believe it or not I have just published issue # 181. I got it out 3 days early. I think I will be looking into the Christmas Letter and come back to this.

1-Dec-19 2:16 pm @home 35°

New Month

Is this Advent now? I think so. There are only 24 more days until Christmas. Wow! Where did the time go? Oh, that's right, I wasn't around much for November. Then there was that time I spent trying to get that CNC Router to work form me didn't help much. What about the good times, don't they count?

Well I had good times and bad times this year and still it is a new month. So, Happy December 2019!

5-Dec-19 10:20 am @EWT 37°

Sunny

Melody

I checked in with Melody and found out the she could use your prayers. She has been in and out of the hospital the last few months. Maybe you don't know but Melody is my Birthday Buddy. She is also a 12/12 baby. I have known her for a very long time. Wow, how long has it been? Maybe since I

lived on East Jackson, 30 years? Get well soon Melody.

People

I have a lot of people who subscribe to MRT. Many of you I have not heard from in years. How are you? This year I will not be mailing out my Christmas Letter. I have already published it. The cost of postage is too high. I want to help keep my friends at the Post Office working, but I need to save a little money too.

Shoot me an email and let me know how you are doing.

Thoughts@MartysRandomThoughts.com will get to me. I am also on Facebook @Marty Metras. There are more than one of us. I am the one with my picture on it.

CNC Router

I know I haven't talked about my CNC router in a while. The Maslow CNC Router kit I bought last January turned out to be a bust. I will be taking it down and using its parts to cut my losses.

I have ordered an X-Carve CNC router to replace it. It is much smaller being about 30 by 30 inches. It too is a kit, but it comes with a 200-page assembly manual. It is my birthday and Christmas gift to myself.

I received it and it is unpacked in the dining room so I can look at all the pieces. There are a lot of them! It is going to take a

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long time to assemble. I need to make room in the garage. I could put it together in the house, but I will still have to make room in the garage. And then it would be too heavy to move it out to the garage. Best clear out the Maslow and make a space in the garage first.

6-Dec-19 9:26 am @EWT 32°

Starbucks

Well Starbucks on the Square was closed all week. Not to worry, the one by Farm & Fleet was still open!

The Starbucks on the Square was remodeling and opened this morning. I was in there and they have new tables & chairs, new paint and all new coffee makers. They removed the shelves where they sold the cups and home coffee from. That gave them 3-4 tables. All and all, it needed it and looks all new.

My Health

Well I have been out of the hospital for a while and my health is starting to stabilize. Now I must take a course in self-deception, so I don't screw it up again. I got a make this body last 82 more years you know.

Today I need to go buy some food. Per the doctors my diet is NO salt, very low sugar & fat (oils). That means no more Ritz crackers & Frito's Scoops. Oh, woe is me!

CNC Router

I worked on assembling my new router yesterday. The assembly manual is about 200 pages. I got to page 50 already. It is going well. It must be moved out to the garage at some point. At this point I am putting together smaller subassemblies. Yes, it is in the house for now. It is warmer!

I need to work in the garage to clear out an area and build a bench for it. I also have to take the Maslow CNC Router out. It is all glued and screwed and is going to take some work and I was told to take it easy for a

while. We'll see how easy I can make that job. 😊

12-Dec-19 8:19 am @EWT

This morning at 12:12 am they said the full moon peaked. That would make it 12:12 12/12. Neat! I was born on 12/12 at 1:40 pm. That is neat too! That makes today the first day of the rest of my life.



*Full Moon 12/12/19 at 12:12 am
my Birthday*

I had a whole mess of thoughts to type in here for you, but I am having a brain freeze. Maybe, it is the 73 years I have been draining my thoughts. It will come to me and then I can add it at a random time.

16-Dec-19 4:46 pm @home 27°

I almost have the table built in the garage for my new CNC router. I also have a lot of the parts assembled in my dining room. I can't really assemble any more of in in the house. It is at the point where the parts will get too heavy to move into the garage. In a few days I may start moving the subassemblies out to the garage to complete it.

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The cold is slowing me in the garage. I don't like working out there using the kerosene heater. I must leave the door open, so I get some fresh air. It isn't bad for a short time, but I like to breathe.

Oh, I took a picture of that full moon on my birthday.

Well, one of my servers died. I ordered a new one to replace it. I also got one for my CNC Router. The laptop I have been using is very old and it needed to be replaced. Both servers are not new and they both need to be built up. One of them will be my backup server for everything. It needs to be beefy. The one for the garage, not so much.

My backup server had been acting up for six months. It will be up and running by weeks end. I hope! The other one I will install Ubuntu (Linux) Desktop instead of MS Windows.

My Linux computer will need a lot less baby-sitting. At EWT our record is 185 days without a reboot. My Windows computer I think I might get a week.

I have a Linux desk top running in the other room, but I haven't been doing anything with it. The one I build for the garage will get used all the time. My Linux server, same thing just without the desktop installed, almost never give me any problems. My backup server was old and had hardware problems. Thinking about it, it wasn't working well when I set it up.

Anyway, I need to get it up and running.

27 Dec-19 2:52 pm @home 35°

It isn't as warm as it had been but still nice for this time of year.

I went to Tammy's & Alex's to celebrate Christmas this year. I had a great time! I left well after it was dark and decided to drive by Jeremy's & Tonya's to check out their light display. All I can say is; "WOW!" They are going to run out of room soon and will have to get the place next door. 😊

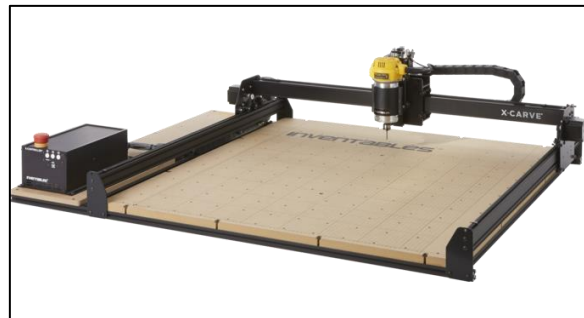
If you get some time take a drive by and check this out. If you are going from Woodstock then go out West Judd, cross US 14 then stay on Kishwaukee Valley Road until it turns. After the first turn go straight because that is Vermont Road. They live just down the road a little. It is hard to miss!

Just keep going after you check the display out. Vermont runs into Collins Road at the stop sign you turn left and follow it back into Woodstock. It turns into South Street. I guess you could just turn around and go back the same way too.

Hay, I don't think anyone took pictures. We must have been having too much fun catching up! 😊

New CNC Router

I finally finished assembling my new X-Carve. I have squared it all up and done the first calibration. It is ready for me to do my test part. I was surprised how square and calibrated it was right after I finished putting the thing together. This one is going to work so much better than the last one.



X-Carve 1000mm CNC Router

I still must build a PC for it. It just came FedEx a couple hours ago. I can run it from my old Laptop, but I needed it to be a current PC. It cost me less for the new PC than it would have cost me for a new Windows license. I already have WiFi, wireless keyboard and mouse for it. I just should pop in an extra hard drive and make sure everything works. I don't see any problems doing any of that.

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It is a little cool working in the garage today. I can get this PC going and go back out to the garage tomorrow and run my test pattern.

Christmas Letter

This year I did not mail the Christmas Letter. I posted it on MRT. After losing a month with the hospital and working on the X-Carve, I just didn't feel like sending out any mail.

28-Dec-19 10:02 am @home ~34°

Now What

I see my Weather station is not sending date to Weather Underground. I guess something had to go wrong today. ☹️

I need to finish up my PC for the garage. It seems to be working fine. I need to add the wireless internet, mouse and keyboard before I take it out in the cold garage. Then I will run my test pattern.

I will finish my backup server before I start messing with my X-Carve. I can't wait to get out there and start making things. I have 28 jobs to try once I get it running. A few of them I tried on the Maslow with no luck.

Ok this year is almost over. I'll see you next year!



I did not forget you!

*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year*

Marty

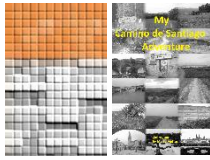


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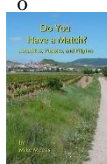
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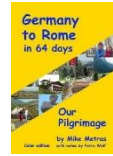
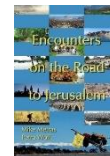
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