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### Happy New Year

I hope you are safe and healthy, as I think I am.

### New Look

I am starting this year with a new look. I have changed the look of Marty's Random Thoughts. I hope you like it.

There are so many features in MS Word, I thought I might take advantage of some of them.

I looked at Word's stock borders but did not see any I liked. The watermark looks neat!

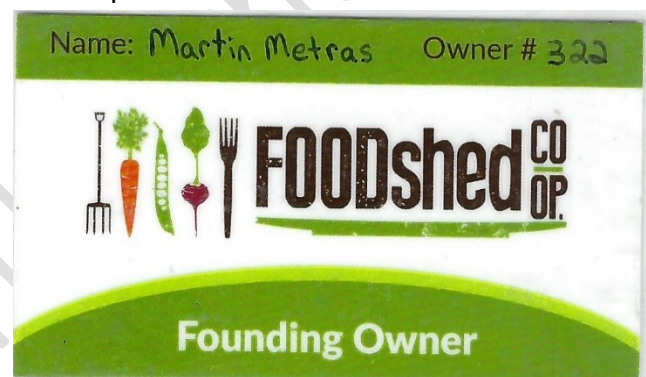
### FoodShed.coop

We have still a way to go before we start the building process for our new store. We have a location now. It is on the corner of Lake Shore Drive and US route 14.

Since we are a CO-OP, we need more owners. It is one of the things we need to do to keep all the governments happy.

To become an owner, go to <https://www.foodshed.coop/become-an-owner>.

I am proud owner # 322



It looks like it will be 2022 when the store will open. I would like to say this because of the coronavirus but it has more to do with the number of owners than anything. So, become an owner and you too can vote on things.



### Post-Christmas Day

I stayed away from the family Christmas evening gathering this year. I figured there would be too many people there for me to feel safe. I feel safe most every place I go but this time not so much.

I cannot remember the last time I missed one of these gatherings. Well not for the last 70 years or so. This year I figured I did not want to try it.

On the Saturday lunch with the family group, it is small. I feel safe.

Christmas day with Michelle and her parents there are only the five of us. I feel safe.

Christmas Eve could have many more people than I wanted to be around.

I hope the gathering went well and you are all healthy and safe.

Merry Christmas to all of you!

## New Beginning

I created a Facebook Group called Marty's Random Thoughts. I will be using this in addition to my blog to notify you of new publishing's. I have been finding that many people are using Facebook and not email so much. It is just another way to communicate. You now can join Marty's Random Thoughts on the blog and through Facebook.

I think I have invited my current subscribers to make it easier for you on Facebook.

The Facebook link is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2939809806264780>. Or just search for the group "Marty's Random Thoughts".

Nothing else has really changed. I just add MRT to Facebook.

## X-Carve

I think I am caught up a little now. I can get out there and work with my CNC-Router a little. I think it might be thinking I am mad at it. There were other things going on. It is a little late to start making Christmas stuff. Well unless I start making them for next year. 😊

## Drones

Now what is going on? First, we had UFOs messing with airplanes. Then we had the drones getting in our air space messing with the aircraft.

Now it seems we have guys flying around with jet packs. Yes, two pilots have seen men in Jet Packs flying at 3000 feet.

I want one of them!

Check it out:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8yqx419Llo&feature=emb\\_rel\\_end](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8yqx419Llo&feature=emb_rel_end)

## Snow Forecast

Today is the 29<sup>th</sup> of December and the forecast is for eight inches of the white stuff. Maybe it will get here this time.

This issue has become the end-of-the-year issue. I should start putting the dates back. I was going to leave them off, but I miss them. It helps me remember what day it is.

Today is the 29<sup>th</sup> not the 28<sup>th</sup>! It is almost over with. In a couple days I can stay up all night and practice writing 2021, 2021, 2021...

It is the only way I will remember!

Here it is 29-Dec-20 10:02 am @EWT 24° ☁

## Weather

How do I get this image as an icon?

There must be a way to get the weather emojis like the other ones I have. The only ones I have for snow is ❄️ and ☁️. The snowflake looks like a snowflake. The cloud looks like a raining cloud.



Oh, if you enlarge it, it looks

like a snow cloud. I guess I could use this when it is snowing. I will need to wait until four o'clock when the forecast says it will start snowing.

What does the raining cloud look like when it is

larger?



or ☁️. Guess they are

different. 😊

Oh well, I will just have to remember when there 3 dots, it is snow and 2 for rain. ☁️☁️.

Too small for my eyes!

At 4 o'clock the weather will be ☁️. And tomorrow it could be rain and snow ☁️ and ❄️.

I still need another emoji for rain/snow mix.

Something like ☁ Looks Like this:



Maybe I will stay with what I have from Microsoft. They are free and easy to get to.

## Marcia Said



*It's been raining here today!*

30-Dec-20 6:12 pm @Home 20° Dark

This year is winding down now. I may miss the 2020 year. Only because I did not get to go all the places I wanted.

Then news has been filled with the sick and death count with little about the well and living.

I am alive and well! I have one more day this year and I plan on being the same in 2021!

## Weather

We had some snow and rain last night. I want to thank Jeremy and Bob for clearing the driveway and the front walk

I used to like moving the snow, not so much now a days. Oh, I will go out and move it if I want to go somewhere. For the most part it will melt in the spring.

Where is my snow blower? I think it is buried in the garage. I charged the battery today. Little good that will be if I do not get the snow blower out by the door.

They just had the forecast, and the next snow will be around noon on New Year's Day. I will wait!

*Encouraged by thy former Generosity, I once more present thee with an Almanack, which is the 7th of my Publication.—While thou art putting Pence in my Pocket, and furnishing my Cottage with Necessaries, Poor Dick is not unmindful to do something for thy Benefit. The Stars are watch'd as narrowly as old Bess watch'd her Daughter, that thou mayst be acquainted with their Motions, and told a Tale of their Influences and Effects, which may do thee more good than a Dream of last Year's Snow. ...PRA 1739*

## Election

I was thinking about the election in November and I found this quote!

**Peron had a wise saying. In politics, you can recover from anything except looking like a fool.**

*-Alma Guillermoprieto (1949 - )*

## Year End

How should I end this year? Let's see...

EWT is finished for the year. Michelle and Karyn are out back talking. I was talking to Karyn for a long time. I guess that means Karyn's year end is to listen to us.

Michelle has been healing from a muscle strain and will be working on that for a day or two.

I am working on my morning coffee. It should have been finished by now. I wonder what is up with that.

2020 will pass no matter if you or I celebrate the coming of 2021.

Well, Karyn just left for the year. She will be back next year!

## Last Task

I have one last task I must do before this year comes to an end. Michelle's salt spreader is not working. I will take it home and see what I can do for it. Right now, it looks to be all corroded from the salt. It looks like it might be cheaper to just trash it and get a new one. That is my first impression! 😞

### *Later the Same Evening*

Well, it was a pain to disassemble that salt spreader. All fasteners were corroded. Penetrating oil did not help much to cure decayed steel from salt. Vise-Grips helped a lot. I replaced a few screws and cotter pins. And I only put it back together wrong once.

I sanded and oiled all the moving parts and fixed what I could. To the best of what I can tell it works.

I do not have any salt to test it with so I will return it to EW Training next year.

**Out with the old and in with the new.**

# **Happy New Year 2021**

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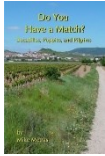
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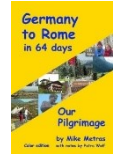
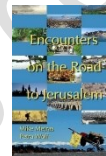
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764 owners on 12/31/2020

We are a group of regular folks working hard to open a community-owned grocery store in McHenry County, IL and we hope you will join us!



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