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30-Apr-22 4:56 pm @Marie's 62° F

So, I went through the last issue, it looks fine the first time through. I will publish in the next day or two.

Since it is raining right now, I thought I might see what the Farmers have to say about May for the Midwest.

Farmers Almanac for May 2022

• 1st - 3rd

Sunny to partly cloudy.

• 4th - 7th

Showers, then fair skies. Showers (hopefully) move out of Louisville in time for Derby Day.

• 8th - 11th

Heavy rains for Great Lakes.

• 12th - 15th

Thunderstorms for Upper Tennessee and Ohio Valleys.

• 16th - 19th

Showers for Great Lakes, then fair, cool weather.

• 20th - 23rd

Fair from IL, MI, points east.

• 24th - 27th

Squally from WI, points east, followed by fair skies.

Not much different than we have been having for a while.

Camino in 2023

I know I have been talking about walking across Spain on the Camino. Not sure about 2023 but that is the goal for now.

I have a few things to figure out now.

- 25-30 pounds more gear.
 - I could get a cart
- Must have a place to charge my batteries in the Albergues/hotels
 - o Pull the "Poor Marty" card!
- Have somebody change my dressing every two days
 - Find someone to go along or find someone on the Camino?
- It is a long flite to get to Spain
 - Need to have all eight batteries with my carry-on baggage. That would be most of that 25 lbs.
- Oh, I forgot the dressing. More thing to carry
 - Bigger cart ©
- Where are the LVAD hospitals in Spain
 - Spain has some, but how much training does the rest of the country have in case I need help
 - I need to figure this out

More as it comes up. I have until May 1st, 2023, or so to figure that out.

MRT

5-Mar-22 11:40 @Marie's 53° F

I caught COVID somewhere. Yesterday because I have a LVAD I need to spend a day in Chicago to get checked out. Seems it is a mild version, none the less, I am isolated. It was my turn.

Now I need to finish proofing the last issue and get it out to you. Bye!

Ok I just published the April-2022, # 211 issue. I now need a break!

7-May-22 10:57 am @Marie's 58° F

Here is Saturday and I am still isolated. Only about 6 days left of this.

Marie & Tammy will be heading out on there trip to Alaska for a week. They have it all figured out so I will not be alone. I feel I could survive being alone, but I should not try just yet.

The sun is out today, and it looks quite nice outside. I need to get out there and enjoy it for a while. I have been sitting around inside too much. Watching the TV and using the computer needs to stop.

11-May-22 (:22 am @Marie's 78° F

I am still staying at Marie's and enjoying her company. I wondered how that was going to work out. Marie and I are so different. We are getting along very well.

Thanks Marie, for letting me recover at your place!

Not at Home

Not being at home limits me to what I can do. I do not need all the things I have at home.

I have been here 2-1/2 weeks now and long to go home. I need to stay here until I can make it alone.

I will need to stock my food supplies when returning home and restart my mail. Then settle in to living alone again.

I can wait until they let me drive again. © Right now, I cannot jump in the car and go somewhere when I want.

Wait, I need to mow the lawn when I go home too. Well, at least it is not shoveling snow!

Recovery

I have been slowly recovering from the operation. My strength is recovering, and my wounds are healing. I just need to get walking some more.

12-May-22 9:55 am @ Marie's 81° F

When I saw the date, it reminded me that I bought my house back in 1988. That was 34 years ago. Who would have thought I might live there this long?

COVID

Back on 3-May they told me that I had COVID. I had a high fever and took two Tylenol and headed to the hospital where I was evaluated. By then my fever was back to normal and I felt good.

After a day in the hospital for test they sent me home. They told me to quarantine myself for 10 days and I will be fine. That will be tomorrow. I can wait! Being isolated is no fun. I like my freedom!

They said I had it so light because I had had the injections. It is a good thing I had these shots.

LVAD

I have had this LVAD for about 7 weeks now and have no problems that I know about. I need to find a unique way to carry the controller and batteries. I am looking at a vest that I would make that may make it easier. I have also ordered a vest that might work too. My blue jean jacket works fine for this, but summer is coming, and I need something lighter.

30-May-22 6:37pm @Marie's 85° F

Happy Memorial Day

I got to be in the parade today. I usually help Michelle get her car ready then watch the parade on West Jackson. This year I sat in the backseat and tossed candy.

Update

It has been a long time since I felt like writing anything.

MRT

I have been healing quite well. It has been two months since I received my LVAD. Yes, two months!

I am still not to drive, sit in the front seat, or be on my own. I am getting around, but I am still a little slow.

Yesterday, I helped Michelle and Grant with their garden. We laid a stone wall, moved fifteen bags of dirt, and planted about fifty plants.

Well, I held one of the rocks for Michelle to pack dirt around it. And I cut open those bags of dirt. And I made up the labels for Grants plants.

This is the shortest newsletter I have sent out in decades!

I have only gone home a few times to check things out. My brother Corky has been keeping the lawn cut. Tammy and Michelle have been my caregivers, and I have been staying with my sister Marie.

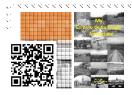
Thank you for taking care of me.

I may be a kept person until July. Not sure yet. I know I am not ready just yet.

Thanks to all the people who have sent me good wishes.

See you next month! Marty

MRT



My Books

← My Camino de Santiago Adventure Walking the Walk, Camino de Santiago 2012 → 2ND Editions



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Mike and Petra's Books can be found on LuLu.com and Amazon.com





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