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1-Dec-22 8:57 pm @home 30° F

Well, I published Issue 218. It is ready for you

2-Dec-22 7:35 am @EWT 36° F

Good morning!

I just checked the air fares to Spain and back for May-June next spring. Well, they start at \$1,373.

That is a long way from the COVID days when it was down to \$215!

I am not ready to book just yet. I will look again after Christmas.

Train Table

I am remaking the stand/table for my layout. I am making it so I can flip it over to do the wiring. It is way too heavy now to do it without help.

I have not weighed it lately, but when it was empty it was around 55 pounds. Could be near 100 pounds now.

Starbucks

I have accumulated many reward points. I got our coffee free this morning and 1593 points waiting for me to use up. We will have free coffee for days.

I wonder how many points does it cost for coffee anyway? No matter, it is free. 😊

Yah right, I paid for them by buying coffee with real money.

Too much Internet

I was just on the Internet, and I saw this video that is worth watching. It is a little long, but it is well worth the time. It gets better after all the

music part. I see I have a long wait to outdo the "Longest Melody Played by A Model Train - Guinness World Records." Check it out:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=980225356699674>

It looks like a site to behold!

7-Dec-22 6:46 pm @Home 34° F

When driving to cardio rehab in McHenry my mind wonders because I have made the same trip many times.

Today I was wondering about fairy tale people. Here is what I was thinking.

Leprechauns: they live in Ireland. They hide their gold at the end of the rainbows. Elves: live at the South Pole and help Santa Claus to make toys. Midgets: live in Hollywood and make movies like The Wizard of Oz. Well, some!

As I recall Fairies came from England. That is except for Tinker Bell who lived in Never-Never Land with Peter Pan.

My question is those Gnomes. Where do they live or come from. Or are they really "Genomes"? My Spell checked says they are "Gnomes."

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Yes, GNOME is a Linux browser too!
I was wondering where those guys with the pointy hats came from.



Back to Christmas Letter!

8-Dec-22 10:36 am @EWT 36° F

The Christmas letter is done! Now I need to get it sent out so people can see it. I hope to make that happen before Christmas.

I will bet if I work on that in the next couple of days it might happen.

Fitbit Walking

According to my Fitbit I have walked many miles since March 19th, 2021. I have covered the Camino Frances some 568.1 miles by 21-Jul-22. Then I headed to the Wonderland Trail where I covered 143.7 miles on 19-Sep-22. Now I am virtually doing the Seattle City Walk and as of today covered 203.8 miles.

Yup, I have been busy walking 916 miles! No, that is not me in that picture. I would look more like this one.



What did I look like in 2012 when I was back packing across Spain. I will need to see if I can find a picture from the past when I return home from there.

14-Dec-22 9:19 am @EWT °?

Birthday

So, I made it past my birthday last Monday without any celebrating. Yes, to me it was just another day of the week. And now I will be 76 for a while.

EWT

I helped Michelle and the property owner clear out things from the last occupant. I took home the electronic stuff to check out.

I made the train layout so I could flip it over to work on the wiring. While doing the landscaping I covered the bottom with plywood to keep the glue and plaster from dripping all over the floor.

I cleared off the loose things from the layout and flipped it over, so I have a clear space to do long-needed sewing.

Well, that turned into a workspace for the electronics for EWT. I still have 2 boxes to bring into the house. I may be turning in to a hoarder!

☹️ Hope not!

Yes, I have stuff that I might use in the coming years, but I am getting short on space.

In any case I have more computers and printers than I need. I need to pass them on. If you know of anyone looking let me know?

Train

My train will need to wait until I make space again. 😞😞

Health

I have not been drinking enough water. Nowhere near enough! I set a timer to go off every hour during the day to remind me to drink water.

Water is different from coffee, tea, and Coke Cola, it is different. Well so "They" say.

I am on glass number three and only had to pee twice so far. 😊

Can I drink 10 glasses a day?

"They" say you should drink half your weight in ounces of water a day. Meaning I weigh about 215 pounds. That is 107.5 ounces of water a day.

That means about 13.5 cups of water. That is 3-1/2 quarts! 😊🌊

Well, number 3 is gone.

Well, I need to go bug Michelle now! 😊

21-Dec-22 8:50 am @EWT 6° F

First day of Winter and already the temperature is up to 6°. Tomorrow, they said we would have ten inches of snow! Wait, they have revised it to 3"! Don't you just enjoy the forecast?

Friday the forecast is -1° and wind gust at 27 mph. Who knows!

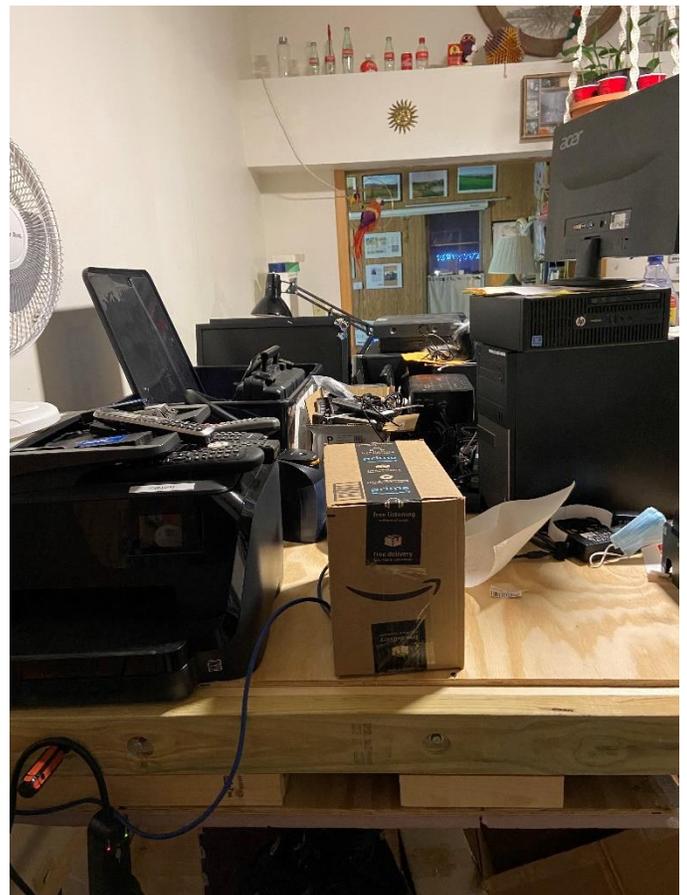
I think I might just stay home on Friday.

Train Project

I have temporarily put the building of my empire on hole. When we cleared out all the stuff from EWT I brought a ton of electronics stuff home to check out. This is computer related.

I have turned over my layout and I am using the bottom as a place to check out all these computers, monitors, and printers. There is video and sound equipment too.

Here is my pile of stuff.



The Stuff

The layout is on the underside of the table.

This keeps me out of the bars. Well, it does not keep me from Starbucks. I get there mostly every day for a cup of Joe!

Christmas Letter

I have finished my Christmas letter and will post it later today. I could do that on my snow day. 😊

I will see more of them this year. Yes. I received one so far this year. Thank you, Jeremy & Tonya!
I eagerly wait to receive Christmas/Winter/Year



End letters from others. Hint, hint! 🍀

That is a "Gif" picture. I wonder if it works after I make this a "PDF" file.

Last picture taken of the layout.



I will cut this issue short to work on Christmas stuff.

Sad

I heard today that an old friend died on December 14th.

I think about him from time to time. We spent time having breakfast at The Three Brothers. After I retired, we did not stay in touch.

I remember when my brother Mike and Steve collected coins together. Wow, that was in the later 1950's or early 1960's.

Steve Boswell January 31st, 1944, to December 14th, 2022, Age 78.

Steve, we will miss you!

25-Dec-22 10L31 am @home 4° F

Just got back for Starbucks and figured I should get this issue on the road.

Something before I do that.



That all Folks!

2022 ENDS

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Marty

PS: CHRISTMAS LETTER IS POSTED.

Follow up

- Model Railroad is on hold until next year.
- The Camino trip is on the wish list and off the planning list. Too many things that must be ready. It is not the walking. I should be able to do that. Just slower. It is all that stuff I need to take with me. Today I do not think I will go alone.
- Cardio Rehab is finished. Today was the last day. They had me do a walking test for 6 minutes straight. I averaged two miles an hour. I was pushing it and at the end I was getting pooped. Level ground

on a rug is much easier then walking across Spain. 😊

- I have all that computer hardware. So, if you are looking for something, let me know. I just started checking it out and so far, it all looks like good stuff. The PCs all had windows 7 on them but they were working. A couple crashed so I loaded Linux. I will put newer Windows on them later.

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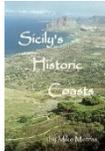
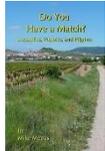
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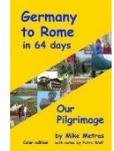
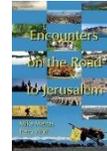
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