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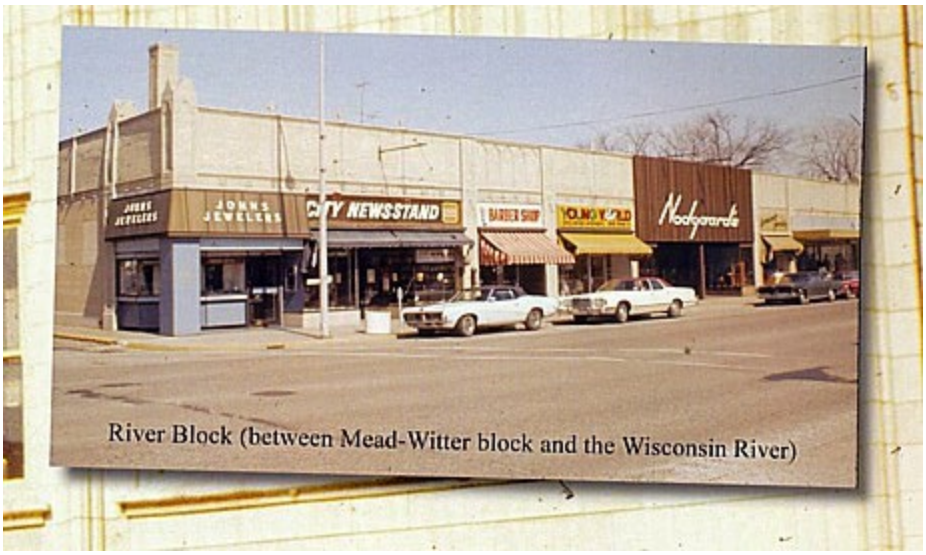

River Block (between Mead-Witter block and the Wisconsin River)

This week's topics:

1. Any Hobbies that you have started or continued from your past? What are they ? How much time do you spend on them?

2. What is/was your favorite sandwich that you made that you couldn't get at a restaurant or diner etc

3. Does anyone grow water melons or cantaloupe anymore? Can not find any really flavorful ones this year.

4. Would you like to trade your 2020 vehicle with all the new enhancements like satellite radio, GPS, safety features and increased gas mileage with lower emissions for a 1960's model that didn't require an electrical engineering degree to understand?

5. Outhouse memories - Ever use one? Tip one over? Burn one? Clean one?

6. Horse memories - Riding, keeping, whatever.

7. Playing in the band memories. Parades. Concerts.

8. Growing up on the farm memories. Chores?

9. Epidemics of childhood memories - measles, mumps, chicken pox - quarantines.

10. Catalog memories - Sears, Wards, Spiegels - What did you order?

<u>And responses:</u>

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#2-favorite sandwich...cut up ring baloney on Wonder Bread, then butter, peanut butter and mayonnaise. A real gut bomb and by today's standard, a heart attack special.

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1. Any Hobbies that you have started or continued from your past? What are they ? How much time do you spend on them? I do photography as a hobby and have for many years. Nature and landscape photography is what I like best but have done weddings and family outings.

2. What was your favorite sandwich that you made that you couldn't get at a restaurant or diner etc Peanut butter and banana sandwiches were the best.

3. Does anyone grow water melons or cantaloupe anymore? Grow watermelons and cantaloupe on the farm this year. Had to water a lot due to the erratic weather. Had good flavor so must have done it right.

5. Outhouse memories - Ever use one? Tip one over? Burn one? Clean one? When we were growing up at the high school for the bonfires in Witter Field the top of the bonfire was always an outhouse. The senior class always seemed to get one somewhere. Do not remember when the practice of the bonfires ended but it was a fall highlight for many years. IT did end before we became seniors.

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We live in an area that was watermelon fields for years before housing developed. But, here in central FL, the melons have been delicious this year.

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#4. My current vehicle is a 2019 with just about any feature the mind can imagine. It drives very well and handles well, but there is just something missing. That something is the ability to do anything hands on with the vehicle. First, if I want to check the oil I push the menu button for oil and I get a whole litany about the quantity and quality of the oil in the crankcase. In addition it tells me how many miles I should drive until Service is required. That's great, but on my old 53 Mercury I'd just pull the dip stick to see if in fact there s any oil left and if there was how black it appeared. Back then I didn't need a computer to tell me if I needed oil or an oil change, I just made the decision on my own and I was proud of the fact that I was a darned good oil checker! On my Merc when I needed to change the spark plugs all I needed was new plugs and a wrench to get at the plugs which, on a flathead V8, were conveniently displayed right on top of the cylinder heads. On my Lexus I can't even find the spark plugs. Maybe I'm just getting old and cranky, but I always felt a sense of accomplishment and self worth if the car actually ran after I worked on it. I really wish I could trade my computer on wheels for my blue 1953 Mercury Monterey!!

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1. Any Hobbies that you have started or continued from your past? What are they ? How much time do you spend on them? I have continued my hobby of Ham Radio; living in an HOA community, I expected difficulty from the HOA Board regard to being able to construct the antennas that I wanted. I decided to design a single wire dipole that would run over 320 feet long and be over 50 feet high and hidden by trees. The President of the board came by with all the reasons that my design would not be acceptable. He asked if I had any other plans that would work for me. I described a multiple band plan of four antennas to cover all bands. It was what I had wanted in the beginning, i.e., an all HF band rotatable antenna on a fifty foot tower, a multiband VHF-UHF omni directional antenna for metro area coverage, a Space antenna set up for EME (earth-moon-earth bounce) and a VHF-

UHF antenna for satellite radio communications. It will take many more dollars, parts and time but that is all part of the fun.

7. Playing in the band memories. I remember LynSue Baldwin being a great percussionist when I was starting out; she was way better than anyone else. Besides she could do the batons and dance on her toes. My son wanted to be a percussianist at about age 10. We got him a drum set and his sister got him set up for instructions. Two weeks later he was better than dad. He went on to teach the drums to friends; I sound-proofed the rec-room for him and his students. He picked up our guitars and soon he was greater than his parents and was teaching other students. He was in the schools band programs and was the lead percussionist through JHS and SHS. He also had his own rock group.

He got hired by Schmidt Music Warehouse as an instrument technician and he could repair any instruement. It was fun going to sales with him and seeing him pick up a pile of junk and turn it into a beautiful sounding instrument; often before we could figure out what it was.

Concerts were great as he was featured as the lead percussionist for the bands and orchestra. Our friends would tell about Brian's performance's for years; one remembered my talking about Brian having studio recording equipment and she wanted to know if Brian could help her daughter make an oboe audition tape for a college scholarship. They talked with Brian and came over on the next Saturday. In less than 30 minutes, they came up with finished (edited) tape; she got a scholarship. Last month, his ten year old son got his first guitar, a custom made Fender.

10. Catalog memories - Sears, Wards, Spiegels - What did you order? I am sure that I did at some point order something from these, but I remember the purchases from Allied Electronics, Heath Kit, Crutchfield

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NO , I Would NOT trade my 2020 vehicle with all the new enhancements, that require an electrical engineering degree to understand. It's just ALL the frustration, until YOU learn ALL the new systems that are built into the car.

In January I ordered a Mercedes-Benz AMG C- 63S - made in Germany. The car was delivered to the dealership the last week of Aug. - almost 7 months.

The digital Instrument cluster has it's own computer system and which button do you push and OR what direction ! The Distronic Plus on this car is like a self driving mode. Driving 60 mph on a road with speed control on and a curve comes up at 35 mph, the car will automatically slow up to make the curve . Now I just shut speed control off on the curve, so I can drive faster in the curve and this car is built to do the curve at any speed. I was going to put some different performance air filters this car , Now I found out that these performance air filters have oil spray on them . In this car , the air filters have sensors on the 2 air filters on this motor. The oil will cause the sensor to send a warning to the car and now I have a new problem . There are many more items, that I could write about, but the last thing was that the Finance Manager, at the dealership went crazy, because the Wisconsin Plate was $85. In Minnesota , the plate would be $ 2,000 , and gas prices per gallon are about the same in both states. Thanks Scott Walker