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This week's topics:

1. Thoughts/experiences regarding online dating?
2. Women alumni - first got a credit card, able to rent a car, obtain a loan, had their own bank account and anything else that wasn't permissible, like sitting at a bar in a tavern?
3. Ever want a motorcycle? Get one? Still got it? Ever have an accident?
4. Ever own a car with a continental kit? What?
5. Got relatives or friends in Europe? What do they think about the world

situation?

6. How often has your car driven round the world on its' odometer? 23,000 miles is once.
7. What part of your body is malfunctioning today?
8. Celebrating St Patrick's Day? How? Are you Irish?
9. Forget to "spring ahead" - didn't set your clocks?
10. Got a war story?
11. Anything else you'd care to write.
12. Topic for next week?

and responses:

Gene Hafermann - [genehafermann@charter.net](mailto:genehafermann@charter.net)

I had some interesting and some wonderful experiences with dating after my divorce in 1990. Most dates were set up through mutual friends and a few via personal ads. But I had younger daughters (3 and 7 when we divorced) and much of the 1990's I was focused on my daughters and my work.

I did have 3 significant relationships during that period, but for various reasons they didn't result in a long term commitment. Once on-line dating became an option, it was much easier to sort through profiles and communicate via email until you both felt comfortable meeting. In 2005 I met a wonderful woman via Match.com and we have now been happily married since August 2006. So I would say my experience with online dating was quite positive.

I expect my current 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee may be my last vehicle. I bought it 5 years ago and it works great. Just like my other 3 Jeeps, the only somewhat major issue has been the water pump failing on every one of them. I drove the 1987 one 210,000 miles, the 1996 one 270,000 miles, and the 2006 one just over 200,000 miles. This 2011 one only has 125,000 miles on it and I no longer drive more than 10,000 miles a year so I think barring an accident or major repair I should be good for 10 more years and I'm not sure my body will last much longer than that.

My wife is 60% Irish and she loves celebrating St Patrick's Day and eating corned beef (I am not a fan of this Irish cuisine).

You might be right about the Rapture. Not really wishing that on my daughters and their families, but I'm ready whenever the Lord calls.

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Chad Lewis - [chad.a.lewis@comcast.net](mailto:chad.a.lewis@comcast.net)

10. I have a couple of stories. I had just been assigned to be the engineman to one of my ship's 9 "Mike" boat landing craft. Before dropping into the water I was told to check the packing of the two propeller shafts. I tightened the packing plates all the way and thought I was OK. Apparently my boat had not been in the water for months and, as we were going upriver (Chu Lai?), both shafts began gushing water. The bilge pumps could not keep up so we had to beach to keep from totally sinking. Our rescue Mike boat, equipped with a large pump, pumped us out so I could install new shaft packing (a greasy, rope-like material). Lesson learned.

Several months later we had landed on the beach miles north of Da Nang. Since there was no shelling going on, I decided it would be cool to swim in the crashing surf. I quickly realized that a 2ft sea snake had the same idea. I think they call that mottled gray bugger "Mr. Two Steps" for obvious reasons. I still don't like snakes!

13. After years of heart and prostate meds, I haven't felt the rapture in quite some time.

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Bob Schmidt - [2803chopper@gmail.com](mailto:2803chopper@gmail.com)

3- Actually, over the years, I owned 13 Harleys. Did a fair amount of cross-country travel, attended rallies, and went to Sturgis a number of times with some other guys. Really was a fun sport. We moved Arizona, I laid it down twice, neither was my fault, and decided not to wait for number three. Also, when I saw my age group showing up in bib overhauls on trikes, I decided my Marlon Brando days were over.

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Roger Fritz 65 - [fritzcat11@yahoo.com](mailto:fritzcat11@yahoo.com)

#7 Malfunctioning body: I'd bet that there isn't anyone who could not have something to say about this topic. Physically I'm doing well. Holding my weight

under 180, getting lots of outdoor exercise and eating right. Just a little arthritis in one thumb. My brain is the part that's having issues. Signs of dementia. Loss of memory. Not enough time or space here to relate even some of the examples. Names of people, places I've been, spelling, and holding more than one thought long enough to get the second thought out.

In general, I'm enjoying the here and now, and realize that we should all be making the best of the time we have left.

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#2. When Bill and I were in the Army, women could not have dependents and stay on active duty. That meant I came off active duty 2 months before my 3-year commitment was up, because I was 6 1/2 months pregnant. There was no such thing as maternity uniforms yet. They came later. Also, Bill was phased off active duty 2 months early but I could not claim him as a dependent. He wasn't starting school for 3 more months so had no job and no one would hire anyone for only a few months. Now even same sex couples can claim each other.

We have helped pave the way for many changes in the military. In the National Guard and the Reserves, we both went on to retire with almost 50 years between us.

#12 Has anyone tried that supplement Prevergen that is supposed to help with memory and mental clarity issues? I wonder whether it helps?

Thank you, Kent, for a great job of keeping us connected!

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EVER WANT A MOTORCYCLE? GET ONE? STILL GOT IT? EVER HAVE AN ACCIDENT? -- I've written about motorcycles in previous newsletters, so I'll try and keep this one brief.

I acquired my first motorcycle in 1964. It was a Honda Street 90. I've had about 25 bikes since then. It sounds like a lot, but consider that they've been spread over nearly 60 years. Most of them have been dual sport and dirt bikes. 7 road bikes are thrown into the mix, but never a Harley. One of the road bikes was a Honda

Goldwing. Unfortunately, Merry kept falling asleep and almost fell off a couple of times. I've ridden bikes from the Mexican border all the way to the Bering Sea on the north slope of Alaska. It's known as the "Kamikaze Highway" (mostly gravel) and might be the northernmost road in the world. For me, every ride is an adventure. I hope I have a few more years of motorcycling left in me.



My one serious accident took place in 2014. I was riding my KLR 650 on a country road just south of Dillon, Montana when my front tire blew. I lost control, went down and slid down the pavement about 150 feet before coming to a stop under a barb wire fence on the opposite side of the road. I thought I broke my left leg and felt grateful to have gotten by without more serious injuries. The leg wasn't broken after all, but the road tore through my jeans and left a big patch of skin below my left hip looking like fresh hamburger. It would have been worse were it not for my wallet keeping much of my butt off the pavement. I should have replaced that scarred up wallet years ago, but that's never going to happen. It would be like losing an old friend. I've kept those jeans hanging in my shop as a conversation piece since the accident.