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This week's topics:

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5. Been to Disneyland or Disney World? Memories?
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9. Green New Deal - your thoughts?
10. Lots of obits say "died unexpectedly" these days. What's with that?
11. Whatever else.

and responses:

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1. Class of 64 alums turn 75 years old this year. Any thoughts on this "milestone"? - Glad to make that in September, God willing. My mind doesn't see any difference than it did 50 years ago but the mirror shows a different picture and the body definitely moves like it's 75 and counting. Happy to be above the dirt...not below.
2. What's your favorite chair? - I had a pair of small recliners that I bought in Oklahoma for our sunroom and left at the lake when we moved to Florida. Dumb because I bought a duplicate for Florida because I'm too short for normal ones. My husband said not to move any of our large stuff because you can always replace..NOT! There have been many things that I regret leaving.
5. Been to Disneyland or Disney World? Memories? - Been to both and enjoyed each of them. Get special deals at Disney World as a Florida resident. None of my grandkids are interested any more and since my legs don't work like they use to...guess I'm done.
6. Discontinued cars: Owned a Mercury and numerous Oldsmobiles. Loved the Olds because so big and great for long trips. Also one of my first cars were Nash Ramblers. My dad totaled my first one when he was t-boned in Rudolph, on his way home from a Reserves meeting in Wausau so of course we replaced it with another one. Definitely not a beautiful car but it was wheels.
9. Green New Deal - your thoughts? - My son is a meteorologist and has definite ideas about this and climate change. He says our 5 operating coal sites are nothing compared to the rest of the world and who is policing them? Going green progress is wiped out each time a volcano erupts and who controls nature? Should we stop trying to be energy independent... because shipping to us is not energy efficient. One more thought.. Where do we get the electricity for electric cars? Just saying...
11. So glad I am living in Florida but Oklahoma is a close second. Low taxes (so far) and lots of Freedom to live our lives.

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Just a correction to list of questions - many of the class of 65 also turn 75 this year, myself included. It all has to do with how they handled birthdays back then.

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#10 is a good question. I really never paid any attention to the words, died unexpectedly, but when you think about it a whole lot of ideas pop into your head.

Like he/she thought they didn't have an expiration date. I guess being shot, falling from your roof, being hit by a train or being eaten by a shark would qualify.

My suggestion is to stop using unexpectedly and just say what the deceased died from. If that's too painful, just don't say anything. After all they are still dead!

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Just happy to make it to 75. You just need to take care of the temple!



Badges of Honor

Presented Oldsmobile



Bill Hartley '63 - toyguy5538@aol.com

I haven't written in quite a while. It's not because I don't care, it's just that I've been busy with life and writing weekly stories for StoryWorth that my son and daughter-in-law signed me up for at Christmas last year. Thought I'd take a shot at some of the topics for this week, since I just finished that article for the week.

1. Class of 64 alums turn 75 years old this year. Any thoughts on this "milestone"? Yeah, it's about time! Some of us are tired of waiting for you and are going on to 76!
2. What's your favorite chair? The driver's seat of whatever I happen to be driving at the time.
3. Got an insect problem this Spring? What? Not yet. Here in Texas we have a regular bug guy that comes every quarter and treats the house and area around it outside. About the only thing that is annoying is after every rain, fire ant hills pop up all over. We have some non-poisonous stuff that works pretty good on them, however, so they're manageable. I heard this is the year for the Cicadas to reappear, though, so stay tuned.
4. What was/is your favorite carnival ride? I think the only adult carnival ride I could ever tolerate was the Tilt-w-Whirl. As I got older, even that would make me feel like I'm going to toss my cookies!
5. Been to Disneyland or Disney World? Memories? I went to Disneyland in

1966, not too long after it opened. I was on a west coast car trip with some friends. It was fun, and we did Knott's Berry Farm at the same time.

Shirley and I have been to Disney World a couple of times together. The most memorable trip was in 1976 when the kids were small. They fought all the way down there in the back seat, and it was a rough trip. We stayed in Nashville on the way down, I remember. We had a miserable time at Disney World, as it was 100+ degrees every day and the kids wanted to go on all the rides we didn't want to, or they were too small to meet the minimum height requirement. Then on the way home, we stopped in Florida someplace and bought a portable TV and some mobile rabbit ears to see if that would keep them from fighting on the way home. It didn't, they fought about what to watch! And by the time they settled on a program, we were driving out of TV range! It was a trip to remember, for sure!

The ultimate Disney experience we've shared is a Disney Cruise. We have been on several different cruise lines over the years, and they were nice, but none compared to Disney. They really know how to do it right, for every age!

6. Discontinued cars: You or your family ever own a Packard, Hudson, Studebaker, Mercury, Pontiac, Edsel. etc. What? I guess I could be a poster child for discontinued car makes, as I've had a bunch. My second car (1962) was a 1955 Mercury. Later, a friend and I owned a '48 Studebaker that we briefly drag raced at Minnesota Dragways in Anoka in the '60s. Back in the early '70s, we owned a 1965 Oldsmobile. Then when we moved to Reno, we bought Shirley a 1982 Olds Toronado. In Texas, we owned a '70 Olds Vista Cruiser. Since I've retired, I've owned a 2008 Pontiac G8 GT, two 2006 Pontiac GTO's, and 4 2011-2016 Chevrolet Caprice Police Cars, all of which are Holdens (owned by GM), made in Australia. Holden now is extinct, having been closed by GM in 2019.

7. What bothers you at night? Nothing. I sleep pretty darn good for an old guy.

8. Plant a garden this Spring? What's in it? We have never had a garden since we've been married. Shirley and I have very bad luck with flowers in pots, much less trying to grow plants in a garden. We know our limitations!

9. Green New Deal - your thoughts? That woman (AOC) is nuts.

10. Lots of obits say "died unexpectedly" these days. What's with that? No clue. Might mean he/she just wasn't sick.

11. Whatever else. - Did anyone attend the dedication of the Dick Trickle Memorial in Rudolph last weekend? Care to write about your experience?

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#1: I have lots of thoughts and am a slow typist so since I'm still a young 74, I'll wait until next year to answer this question.

#7: Two nights ago all the "night problems" came all at once, so the timing of your question was perfect. I had had a tough day physically placing rip rap stones along the edge of the lake by hand. I went in and took a shower and ate a very large supper with juice, a few beers and water. Thought I would sleep like a rock but...many muscles hurt and tossed around in the soft bed so tried sleeping on the floor. In about an hour had to get up to pee. First of many trips. Back to bed but a tick had bitten me between the little toe and the next one over and I spent time scratching and applying medication. My skin also seemed to be itchy from the shower I guess and overeating had me flopping around.

When I did get to sleep, I had a realistic dream about something I had to get done the next day and woke up planning how I was going to do it. On waking up for one of the night trips, I had been sleeping on my side and my arm and shoulder were still fast asleep. The bedding seemed to always be too hot or cold and was often tangled from my tossing. A cramp in my leg and my wife's advice to take a spoonful of mustard occupied some more time. At 0530 the cat came to remind me it was our normal time to get up and for me to let him out. What did I miss?

PS...The next day I almost fell asleep while mowing the lawn.

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I feel like I write too often to this newsletter, but I guess I enjoy making contact. I'm not on Facebook, so this newsletter is my "mini Facebook."

1. Turning 75 - It feels kind of amazing to still be around. Actor Dick Van Dyke is 95. Bob Dylan (one of my musical favorites) turned 80 this week. My husband Larry has a beloved aunt in Chicago who is 93 and in pretty good health. England's Queen Elizabeth is 94 and still keeps working, although her pace has slowed. President Jimmy Carter is 96 and frail, but he seems to be mentally alert. Actress Betty White (Golden Girls TV series) is in her 90's too.

We're all pretty young compared to the people I mentioned!

Rapids News

Cause of Wisconsin Rapids Verso Paper Mill Fire Under Investigation



A paper mill that was once Wisconsin Rapids' largest employer has been damaged by fire. Crews from at least seven agencies responded to the fire.

Ed note: Since Gov Evers is "buying" the mill. Maybe nobody wanted to work for him?

<https://www.wxpr.org/post/cause-wisconsin-rapids-verso-paper-mill-fire-under-investigation#stream/0>