

# *MM Email Summer Blue Sheet – for 9/11/11*

## *Some Cabin Moment Photos*



My barber for 35 + years, Bob Minnick, came from Corvallis to give me a haircut on the far deck of our cabin



Grandson, Andrew and wife Erin (front), with friends from HS and University years spent a weekend with lots of sailing.



One of a number of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary parties we've enjoyed, this one with cousin Carla and Kate and Carla's mom at their cabin up the driveway from ours. We have had a number of impromptu parties and toasts using up about a half case of champagne so far. It's fun to spread the big event out and around. We'll keep on as long as the parties last. Why not?

### **THOUGHTS ON 9/11 AND OUR 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

On 9/11/01 we were at an LA hotel with bags packed waiting for a shuttle to the airport. Streets were strangely quiet and planes we usually saw coming in about every 30 seconds were nowhere in sight. I turned on the TV to see that whole awful scene.

So instead of flying to Switzerland where we had booked a chalet for three weeks in the Alps, we spent four days stranded in Los Angeles. I remember spending hours on hold trying to re-book our trip, finally trying to find a way home any way we could.

We finally hitchhiked with friends (the Allen's) going north to Ashland. We ended up having mutual anniversary parties with Allen's and Salter's at the Salter home in Ashland on our date of September 15.

I just spent this morning reading the ten sermons I wrote during those four days in Los Angeles with only a Gideon hotel Bible for reference. I've read these every year for 10 years and am still grabbed by them. How many preachers have 9/11 sermons they read?

Many must have had plans interrupted by 9/11. A mere inconvenience compared with lives of those who died that day and the 10's of 1,000's equally innocent whose chance for marriage and life of any length was erased during the ten years since.

While 9/11 changed our plans it did not change the fact that we had a marriage of 50 years at the time and still going strong. We never dreamed in our youthful years we would ever be so old as to celebrate 50 years together. How fortunate we have been.

Now we are coming up to our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In one way it is more and more common as people are living longer. In another way it's not so common. People are not marrying as much, or as early, or staying married so long.

We do not claim any secret. If pressed I say, "Marry a good woman and stay healthy." I have also added, "And be lucky." Proverbs asks, "A good wife who can find?" Is it any easier to find a good man?

I try to tell my grandsons "If you find a good woman, marry her." I did, or we did, so 60 years later...wow!

— Art Morgan, 9/11/11

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