

## *mm Moment Report for October 2022*

*“You do not know what your life will be like tomorrow...” (James 4:14)*

**SEVEN DAYS** back from Puget Sound... **255 MILES** of “nap-along” driving...a system we’ve used many times in traveling...**5 MINUTE REST STOPS** good for an hour or two...**PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH** bites from Jean to keep me going,

**TWO COLD ROOT BEERS** were handed to us by a passing stranger as we sat in the shade of our car eating our sandwiches. I notice that people often hold doors or step aside or offer to carry things for us. **Elderly-ness** often comes with benefits. Many are “moment ministers” unawares.

**SEVEN DAYS STILL UNPACKING**...not without difficulty...**JAMMED DOOR LOCKS** due to summer settling required striker plate adjustments...Jean’s office was unavailable for several days...**Thanks to Tim** who does a lot of odd jobs for us as well as for our daughter, Linda, next acre over. He also got our decks treated before the recent one day rainy spell. Our dining table is covered with summer mail requiring some attention...**WHERE’S OUR CHECKBOOK?** ...our financial advisor says new ones are in the mail.

**THIS SUNDAY IS THE SEVENTH DAY**...and just moved into my office. I just turned on my internet. These words are the first I’ve written in weeks. I decided I had better write to assure people that I’m still alive. When you don’t hear from your 90 year-old friends you wonder.

**I’M STILL DRIVING**...no nap-alongs (except when I waited while Jean had her hair cut)...**THREE TRIPS** to the Corvallis Clinic Pharmacy (22 miles each round trip)...**TWO MEDICAL TRIPS**...Dermatologist and Audiologist for Jean (60 miles round-trips)...**ONE TRIP** to BiMart for deck preservative for our two large decks (12 miles)...**ONE TRIP** to Safeway to pick up a \$200 on-line grocery order (12 miles)...**TWO TRIPS** for Jean’s hair and toe appointments (20 miles each).

**LAST NIGHT I DREAMED** I looked at my gas gauge and saw it was near empty...last filled before leaving our cabin for home. (One of the first things I had to do last Monday was go to the Safeway office and have my Safeway password fixed after an unexplained early summer screw-up).

**TRIVIA IS NOT INSPIRATIONAL** but is **not inconsequential**. Everyone’s life is packed with trivia. Our lives are filled with things we did not plan or choose. We never know what’s coming next. I should probably fill this page with reports of all the help our friends and family have given us personally to help us in so many ways. At our age there are some things we just can’t do ourselves. Isn’t this true for everyone?

**SUMMER WAS NOT WHAT WE PLANNED**...but we ended having our healthiest summer in three years...with Jean actually splitting wood for her morning fire. We end each day with one of us always saying...“*What a day this has been.*”

**MY PAGE THIS DATE LAST YEAR** shows Jean stoking a fall fire...with her usual smile...with those words as true this year 2022 as they were in 2021:

*“Something always comes next...  
not what we plan or want...  
At the day’s end whatever it has been....  
we are grateful to wonder at another sunset.”*

*Art Morgan October 2022*