

Turpitude

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The big news from Stayton this month is that Sue finally got her knee surgery. The operation went well and finished up a half hour earlier than expected; so early, in fact, that Jenny (my daughter) and I were in the cafeteria having a quick lunch and missed the doctor's report. I spotted one of the surgical assistants getting lunch and she filled us in.

There is a relatively new procedure that only replaces half the knee joint instead of the complete knee. It takes less time and is quite a bit less intrusive. We were prepared for Susie to get the whole she-bang, but were delighted when the half knee worked for her. Frankly, if the whole knee replacement is worse on the patient than the half knee, I pity those that get it. Sue has been in much pain. As of today, she has been home three days.

Today I take her in for her first physical therapy. Oh, my, that's really going to hurt! Well, we try to look forward to the day when the pain will pass and she will be able to walk normally again.

I should have lots of good news to report next month. I am getting tired of playing a cheerful step-and-fetch-it.

I have been "commissioned" by the local stamp club to design a new logo and local post stamp for them. I have done up a couple of layouts and will present them at the next board meeting. It's the club's 75th anniversary. I'm going into some heavy art deco; hope they like it. We'll see.

Thanks, Gary, for the link to the bookshelves. I got some good ideas. I was especially impressed with the last stop on the tour, the place where one may buy three or four thousand dollar bookcases. Oh, my, for a little more leisure money!

Speaking of that, Matthew and I have been talking about a two-week vacation in Dubrovnik on the Dalmatian Coast. I have found relatives still alive that live there and it would be a treat to see them and make contact between our branches of the family. They would be my second cousins, twice removed. I'm not sure how I'll finance it, but it sounds wonderful. Dubrovnik has not changed much in ninety years.

Sorry for the shot zine (again). I will try to do better for June.

Until that time, Mike