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Welcome to our weekly newsletter and our first full week of publishing. This pdf will contain a more detailed version of FEANTM.com. Additionally, we'll have a few sections not found on the website.

My newsletter is meant to be fun, informal and I hope you enjoy it.

SO, grab your cup of coffee, sit down, and enjoy the following news.

I'm going to keep new posting to 1 page. I have to keep in mind that this is a blog and not a novel.

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# Bird Gossip Part 1

09/16/2019 What's a ranch without birds? Well, if you ask my husband, it's one where you can park your truck under a tree without getting bird droppings on the front window. Now, does that keep me from putting out bird food? NOPE! Does it keep him from parking near trees? YES, it 100% keeps him from anything a bird can perch on. **Pop Quiz - Does it keep his truck from getting bird droppings on the front window? Okay, let's hear from the kid in the last row in the red T-Shirt, what do you think? Yes, you do have the correct answer, you did great addition: front window + flying birds = bird droppings!**

SO, on to birds on the ranch part 1 (part 2 will be in a few weeks so this blog area is kept to 1 page per week)



All squirrels, rabbits, RUN



Incoming! That's Hawk before he spots something and dives.

The left is his low fly by right over the pasture.



That's my owl looking upset that I'm under the tree taking his picture



.And here he's even angrier and has that look - GET AWAY from me with that camera and go blog!



My crows love Frisky cat food. What I can't get them to stop is catching a critter and then washing it in the horse water trough.

# Squirrel Gossip

09/09/2019 SO, squirrels? All over this place since there are large pastures on each side of us. Now, these are not your nice little tree squirrels - these burrow in the ground. AHHH, you want to know what they are watching for? At the end of this story that will be revealed!



**Squirrel Guard on the fence watching for varmints**



**Squirrel Guard hiding in the pallet!**

Now the trick for me is to try and figure out WHAT the squirrel is loudly squeeking about. I know it sees something dangerous (well dangerous to a squirrel)



**While others drink water - yes, I did put that out to keep them out of the barn water troughs. They are cute! varmints, but cute.**

# Squirrel Gossip



And others snack on the corn someone throws out.



Hey! Lady, Please, be quiet and stop taking pictures!

**Pop Quiz: Who throws out that critter food? Answer: Yep, you're all correct - me!**

What's with all my feral animals always telling me to be quiet and to go do something other than what I'm doing!



Mr. Owl. You can't hear him flying! I was amazed because I have very good hearing and he went right by me and I didn't hear him. If he had a baseball-bat he could have hit me on the head! That is how quiet they fly!

# Fox Gossip

09/02/2019 This morning, as I was feeding the horses, a red fox was drinking water from the miniature horses water trough. I'd never before seen a red fox and I first thought that it was a dog. I had thought that foxes were brown. DUH!

SO, I calmed myself down thinking that I could handle this - after all, I lived on a ranch. Plus, there was no one else to handle it, I was facing a fox. AND, he didn't seem to be afraid of me, the human. He didn't seem rabid (based on TV movies - he wasn't frothing at the mouth) Mr. or Mrs. Fox didn't appear to want to attack me since he waltzed his red fox tail outside and went to sleep.



You can see on his lower back that ouchie! I thought he was shot and dying. Now my panic started, how do I save the fox!

So, I sat down near him and started speaking to him quietly. In a really soft voice so not to frighten him I kept telling him that I'll get him help and he shouldn't worry - of course, now I'm starting to cry "OH NO the poor little fox is shot, what the frig do I really do now!"

I quickly took pictures to seek help on the internet, if needed. Yes, I explained to him what I was doing and why!

AND then he wakes up and looks at me like, "Lady, please stop talking. I had one heck of a night, got beat and bitten, and I'm exhausted. I need to sleep. I'll just follow you to sleep at your house, where it's safe. Please, Lady, shut up".



## Fox Gossip

And then he just went back to sleep.



The poor little thing was really exhausted, I thought to myself, "**SELF! Time for coffee to relax and decide what to do about the Fox.**" So, I went to my house and let him sleep.



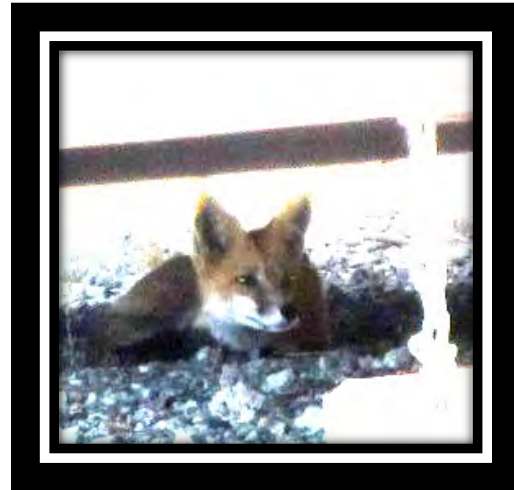
Then the fox gets up when I started to slowly walk away. (well, that was good since then he wasn't dying.)

Now we both walked the same direction to the house. He seemed calm, sleepy, but apparently used to seeing me, or at least he acted like we were old friends. Made no sense to me BUT as long as he didn't growl, I could handle it. Yep, no growls!

I don't have one feral animal on this ranch afraid of me!!! HEY, I'm the human and, I'm originally from NY, you're supposed to fear me! grin!"

I love all my feral animals, so of course they know not to be afraid of me.

So, he decides to crawl under our horse trailer to spend the day at FERAL SPA RANCH?



First, Don is yelling at me, "DO NOT feed that fox."

Then a half-hour later I see Don taking out a burger and telling me I can microwave the burger, and see if the fox eats it since the fox appears really thin.

SO, off I go with the burger and put it in front of the trailer. Fox walked out and grabs it like, "Hi, Tell Don, thanks, it's nice to have a snack before sleeping!" AND Fox is happily sleeping the day!

THEN - Fox wakes up at about 8PM when I do the night check on the ranch. AND Fox catches one of the feral ranch rabbits!!! UH, RUDE! I cooked for the fox! Well, microwave, but that counts! And that's my fox gossip so far.

# Ranch Retirement Gossip



## POP QUIZ TIME!

How many steps do I add to my walking program, when I drive my tractor around the ranch taking pictures?

Answer: I found out that it doesn't count when I use the gas and brake pedal? How rude! My leg is moving, so it should count!

This section will be kept to one page a week, or I will just babble on and on.

09/16/2019

What? You don't see this on the website under Coffee & Gossip? Well, that's because this is only found in this blog area. SO, what did I do this past week? Okay, person wearing the engineering T-Shirt waving their hand to answer. WOW, you are correct. I drove my tractor, back and forth on the ranch. Lot's of time when one is retired.

SO, for those of you that don't believe I took a picture this week of something other than feral animals below is my cactus flower. Yes, I know for those of you in Arizona this isn't such a treat since you are in Cactus Land!





# Ranch Retirement Gossip

09/02/2019 NOW on to retirement gossip of what the heck am I doing?

Okay, grab your coffee, have a seat and here's the explanation. As of 09/30/19 I'm going to be fully retired from LSTC. Lock, stock and barrel. BUT, since FEANTM is mine, MINE, and I repeat - MINE (love that word) - I apparently have a possession issue - MINE.

BUT, Yanhua is an integral part of this coffee shop and a good friend, so OURS!

Now, People keep asking me, "Marsha, what do you do with your time?" (One can only say they ride a tractor so many times)

Well, I've tried hobbies and have failed at most of them (okay, probably all of them)

1. I've tried painting rocks (failed) and my husband kept asking, "Marsha, don't you think that's enough painted rocks?" HEY, I can take a hint, and that was a sure sign painted rocks should be off my to-do hobby list.

Okay, I painted the below rocks - well you get the idea about the rock painting.

Kids can paint better than I did! HOW ELDER EMBARRASSING!



## Ranch Retirement Gossip

2. **Baking (failed)** - I won't even try and explain how badly things turned out. My husband asked, "Marsha, are you making fake rocks to paint?" If I threw a muffin at him, for that comment, he'd have a concussion. I'd put a picture, but I have too much respect for my readers.

3. I tried throwing darts since at 70 I thought it was more a Gramma type thing to do! **FAILED** - Actually, the dart rebounded and nearly landed in my leg. So, I went back to throwing knives, where you get to **THROW** it, not toss it or fling it but **THROW** it.



4. **Writing!! YESSSSS** - I like doing that. I guess growing up in New York where we had these wacko people that would stand on what we called their Soap Box and just would babble away. Well, never engineering - it was usually the world was coming to an end, or you were a sinner and needed to repent. **BUT**, I wonder if they are now called Soap Box Tweeter People! Maybe they just have their own YouTube Channels?

**SO**, I found that I like blogging! **WIN!** FEANTM blog and newsletter on Engineering, Simulations and Ranch News.

# Simulation and Engineering Showcase

This area starts my engineering showcase. You'll find simulations that I really like, and that I watch over and over. Also, if you think about it, it makes this pdf a tad intellectual. Yes, I know you're all thinking, "She's trying for intellectual? She needs more coffee!"

This has just been started so weekly will have a new one we love to watch



Where **NOT** to stand gossiping to your friend. Airport Runway? Ya think? This was to good not to share! Luckily they left their coffee at my shop. I'll send it to the hospital, in my new Runway To Go Cups! [Crash Test Dummy](#)



**LEGO's®!** Who didn't play with them when you were a kid? WAIT - I didn't because my older brother, Art, the now-retired engineer, didn't let anyone else build with his lego's. [LEGO car crash](#)