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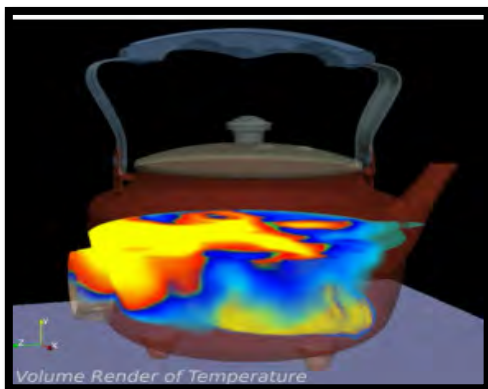
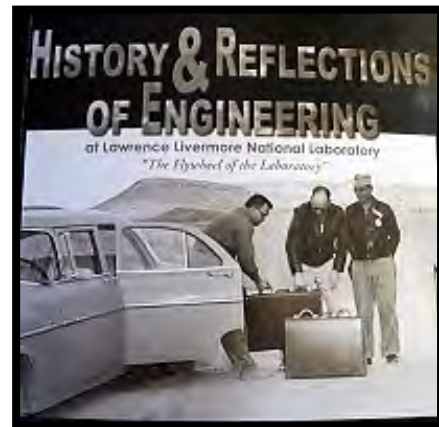
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**My weekly newsletter is meant to be fun, informal and I hope you enjoy it.**

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

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# Animal Gossip - Dawn's Backyard 11/25

First, my friend Dawn lives in Tahoe (cold, snow, animal area - **BIG** animals)  
I am dedicating the next few weeks to Dawn's Backyard.



Let's get out the Predator score board

YES, I can hear you all groaning, "OH no, she's found a jpg of a scoreboard."

Scoreboarding might be my new hobby! **STOP** groaning - I can hear all of you!

As you noticed, from my past posts, I'd been freaking out about seeing snakes, lizards, and then the larger ferals. SO, as we all know, last week I saw a bobcat. OH NO, A BOBCAT! And then I worried what if I see it while I'm out feeding horses, OR worse, what if he's in my backyard!

Well, life is all about perspective, and below in the right corner picture is Dawn's backyard - we can call this Bear Week.



I can't even climb up onto a saddle on a horse, without a step! How the heck did that bear climb up a tree. Okay, I will grant that the bear is probably not a 70-year-old Senior Citizen, BUT that bear in the full picture was NOT on the lower branches.

SO for climbing trees, I will have to give me a zero and the bear a 100. DARN, I didn't even make it onto the scoreboard at all.

AND on my list of where NOT to move is Dawn's backyard!



**POPQUIZ:**

**CAN you see a baby bear in the photo on the left?**

HINT: Look at the left middle of the picture.

Wonder if there is such a thing as the left-middle?

Anyway, find the baby bear for 10 points on the new scoreboard.



Bear Sports Day?

Mom is going to have the baby bear head for the trampoline on the right side of the picture?

Nope, baby bear decided to walk into the batting cage.

WHAT? Doesn't everyone have bears using their sports equipment?

Well, that sure puts perspective on my feral cats and small bobcat. It makes me feel like I'm living in the city.



## Animal Gossip - Baby Squirrel 11/18

First, we have new squirrels on the ranch - and this little squirrel is cute.

Remember the old Madonna song *Vogue*? She sings "Don't just stand there, let's get to it - Strike a pose, there's nothing to it." Check out the below poses! Song worthy, or to grow up and be a fashion model of squirrel clothing.



I love the way it holds its hand and stares at the camera - "UH are you a predator?"

Luckily for baby squirrel I just tell him I'm the person that puts out the corn kernels for you.



Now the bad part of this week a bobcat showed up on our night camera in our front yard. It is NOT a mountain lion - look at the tail.



# Animal Gossip - Tay & Miniature Horses 11/11

Quincy and Dusty gossip week, requested by readers, for pictures of the miniature horses



And here we have:

Left: Quincy Middle: Tay Right: Dusty

I am fortunate to have Tay coming weekends to help take care of the horses. Even the miniature horses are still horses! That means they get groomed, hooves cleaned, walked.

Well, we tend to spoil them due to their size and let them do what they want within reason. BUT, the mini's do stand still for the farrier. Now, do they stand still for our veterinarian when they need their winter shots? Dr. M. Kielty is due out November 14th - I am hoping to report the answer is finally yes. Dusty and Quincy are like the terrible twins - one lies, and the other one swears it is the truth.



How tall are they? This is Dusty, and you can see we used a ruler from his hoof to his wither - he's about 35" tall and weighs about 175. Yes, there are dogs much more massive than Dusty! The beautiful thing about a dog is that they don't try to kick, or buck, or rear up when you take your dog to the vet. Okay, we have Tiki, the white Maltese we rescued, age 14, does try and bite our dog veterinarian but he only has one tooth. Tiny and nasty little thing.



**Pop Quiz: Can you move Quincy by pushing his butt**

Nope. But you can get Quincy to follow a carrot, then again you can get me to follow a cup of coffee

Tay is out of kicking range slightly to the side, although you don't see it in the picture. Although there are bigger dogs than our mini's, we still follow safety. (okay, most of the time)



Okay, Nicole is Super Mom and is Tay's Mom. She drives Tay here every weekend and now brushes, cleans, and walks them.

What do I do when I have this time off? Take pictures!



# Animal Gossip - Snake 11/04

Okay, many people think living out here in the County, rather than living in the City, is SOOOO much fun.

**Pop Quiz:** Does Marsha like Rattlesnakes? Answer: NO NO NO

**POPPERMOST Quiz** Does Marsha like any snake? Answer: See the above Answer.

No, there is no such thing as a Poppermost quiz - it must be more than a Pop Quiz. Now before we get to the pictures of why I didn't kill the snake is that I figured I owed Snake Land a "favor" - I had killed one in a tad of a violent way, so felt this one should be let go!

History - A few years ago, a Rattlesnake killed our dog. Now, living in California, I do try to stay calm. We all know I am from New York and, therefore, can add failure to stay calm to my list of fails.

Continuing with history after we rushed the dog to the vet, we returned, and I went to find the rattlesnake. IF that snake were smart, he would have left, but THEN the damn snake hissed at me and coiled. Did I stay calm, you ask? NOT! I was near our pool and grabbed the Muriatic Acid Bottle (Only saw the word "acid" and figured that it should work). I threw it on the snake. I will not go into the details, but I was quite surprised it did kill the snake and also melted things and left a huge white spot on the walk - I didn't know it was also known as hydrochloric acid!



SO, a few weeks ago, when it was warmer, as I walked over gravel to the barn, this snake was hissing at me.

Have I mentioned I HATE hissing snakes. Now could it be friendly and imitating a dangerous snake? I can't tell, and I don't really care.

If you want me to think you are a friendly snake, try something other than coiling and hissing and doing the tail shake!



Now at the bottom of the picture, you can see I had my pitchfork since I was going to clean stalls.

SO, I kept moving it back and forth so the snake would stay focused. WAIT! Do snakes even remain focused?

Anyway, I figured I give it something to bite at, since to me snake + rattle = strike and bite.

Now, why didn't I just walk around it? I was mad!!

BUT the good news is that I decided to throw it across the street. That consisted of it striking and me batting and flipping it back until I got it to the road!

## Animal Gossip - Snake 11/04

Below is Mr. Saved Life Snake FINALLY crossing to the other side of the road. NOW, I'm busy flipping this idiot snake to finally get him to the middle of the road, and a car stops and takes out his cell phone to take a picture. He yells to me, "WOW, that's a big snake?"



You should all be SO proud of me that I didn't answer with my best NY accent, "YA THINK? DUH"

I said, "Yes, it's sure is a big snake." THEN for some stupid reason, and I have no idea what possessed him to say, "They're good for the environment."

For a moment, I wanted to take my rake and start hitting the hood of his car, but I would never hurt a car!!

I kept saying over and over to myself, "I am retired, I am mellow, I need a cup of coffee."

I looked at the guy still taking pictures of the snake slithering across the road and smiled and waved and quickly went back to the barn...before I decided to flip him across the street!

GRRRRRRRRRR, it took two cups of coffee to calm me down. WAIT - not because of the snake. The snake was just doing what snakes do - hiss, coil, and think about striking. The driver should have only driven around us and not told me how wonderful snakes are! I wonder if he's ever gotten bitten by a blogger, while she didn't even spill her coffee?

AND this will be the ONLY gossip on snakes - done! ICK !



## Ranch Retirement Gossip 11/25

Well, I have totally given up on tumble weeds. SO, that leaves me taking pictures. AND I figured out how to do low light, at night, on my camera - I will try and get better pictures of the night ferals!

So CameraRMe would like to share the following pictures. Pictures seem to be my new hobby along with my scoreboard!



In the next pasture, from ours and they belong to our neighbor. Baby calfs. I want to rescue them and keep them but they grow up really BIG!



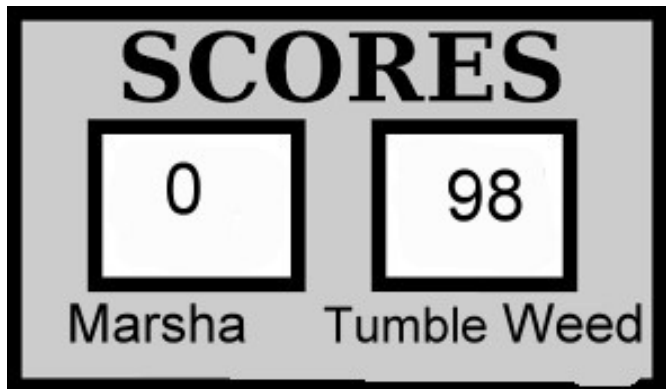
UH OH! Someone, must be feeding the birds!



## Ranch Retirement Gossip 11/18

As we all know, on 11/11, I had decided I was going to get rid of tumble weeds.

Well, I have to report the score board and as amazing as it is, I'm losing.



Why the heck did I EVER think I can cut all those tumble weeds down. Now, the easy part is getting them out of the ground.

**Pop Quiz:** What do you do with a tumble weed after you get the root loose from the ground?

**Answer:** Beats the heck out of me. They are difficult to cut into small pieces!

SO, let's just forget I said I am getting rid of this area. WAIT! The tumble weeds hissed at me! Yep, I was pushing into the next section and heard this Hisssssss but a cat hiss not a snake.

NOW, living in a food chain and knowing that wasn't one of my foxes, or feral kitty cat's we saw this little guy on our security camera. I think he or she must live in the tumble weeds..

It is a bobcat! FOOD CHAIN!





## Ranch Retirement Gossip 11/11

And what hobby am I going to try? My best friend, Marnie, said that although I've been attempting hobby's I need to find one meaningful. Not meaningful are the ones I've done, including painting rocks, dart-throwing. I do enjoy knife throwing, but one can only throw so many times before one wonders, why am I throwing knives?

Now, I do find satisfaction killing weeds. These are not your ordinary weeds. These weeds hate people. SO next week, the following will meet their demise either by weed Wacker, clipper, or machete.



Tumble, tumble WEEDS! My fault! I thought they would only grow to be small weeds, and I'd leave them, so the ranch bunnies have a place to hide from the fox and bobcat. Then during the rain, they became monster weeds!

AND they have stickers! OUCH! You can't get mad and kick them over! AND they are really thick. AND I should have never let them get this tall.

Meaningful and accomplished feeling will be removing them.



MORE weeds! Now, these block my view when I drive out of the driveway, That is a curve at the end of the picture, and cars do NOT go the speed limit, so they zooooom around that curve.

YES, I will have a new picture in a week or two, BUT it will be before the end of November of weed killer.

AND that is ranch weed news for a week or two until they are gone!



## Ranch Retirement Gossip 11/04

Well here we are in November and let's keep in mind I fully retired from LSTC at the end of September, but actually was retiring for five years prior to that. That said, and numerous failed hobbies, I am still trying to find something I am interested in. As we know I failed at cooking, baking, rock painting and the others. The plants I had bought and planted finally called for their own plant rescue. Okay, we can forget my flower growing!

**BUT** my favorite words are courage - persistence - tenacious. **SO**, I have created a cactus garden where it doesn't need that much water! **HEY**, how difficult can it be to raise a cactus! **AND** put in a lot of things that don't need water at all. **SEE**, Hobby!



**AND** below is one of my favorite pictures of a squirrel drinking and then the rabbit eating. **NOW**, if I can only get all the feral animals to behave and not eat each other I'd be happy!

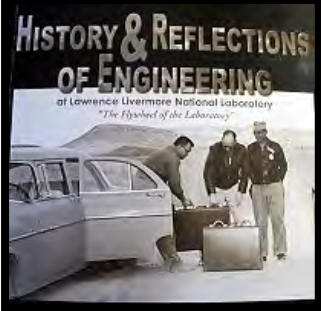
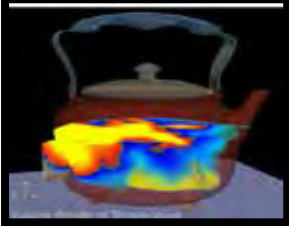




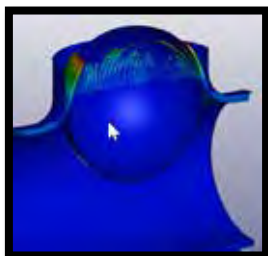
I guess by now all of you have figured out aside from chores I just walk around talking to my feral animals, while they say to each other, "OH LOOK, there's the weird woman talking to herself again, but she has our food. We like the weird woman talking to herself, she has our food, wonder what she is always babbling about?"

# Simulations and FEA Gossip Not To Miss

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!"

11/25

	<p>11/25 - First we have coffee and a walk down Memory Lane - I love this part of my gossip. SOOO, my brother published a section on codes, DYNA, TOPAZ, and others in History &amp; Reflections of Engineering</p> <p><a href="#">Art's Section pdf</a></p>
	<p>11/18 - Yes, I wish it was a coffee kettle. As we all know, I'm not a tea drinker, BUT maybe I can heat coffee in it and pretend I'm a tea drinker? Then we can rename it Coffee Kettle Simulation!</p> <p><a href="#">Electric Kettle simulation using LS-DYNA</a></p>
	<p>11/11 - I want a cauldron for the coffee shop to stir a new flavor! So, today we're having my great new Cauldron Cocoa Coffee with Cauldron Chocolate Chips. (notice all the C's)</p> <p><a href="#">Witch's Cauldron in ANSYS Discovery?</a></p>
	<p>11/04 - And if you're having our delicious coffee with a hint of collapsing vanilla, you don't want to drink it in the below industrial building! GO to the nice park, or library or come visit the ranch to drink it!</p> <p><a href="#">LS-DYNA Seismic nonlinear dynamic analysis of one storey industrial building</a></p>



10/28 - [LS-DYNA hot extrusion](#)  
This week is hot extrusion coffee. This week is also new pdf on Guests page AND on the Past Week page, so it is not so long to scroll. AND the 13th was my birthday! Happy Birthday to meeeeeeee! [feaanswer@aol.com](mailto:feaanswer@aol.com) - yes I expect to hear from all of you

# Simulations Not To Miss

10/21



**Drone Delivery Coffee right to your front door!**

**I love drones, but it would spook my horses so no coffee to go cups delivered to any horse facilities.**

[Simulating Drones for Deliveries](#)

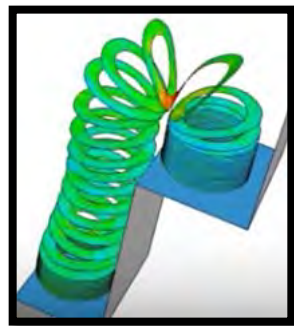
10/14



**Mystery: - If you were holding a cup of coffee in this simulation, you wouldn't be holding it at the bottom of the stairs. It's also a murder mystery. The poor Hybrid is pushed down the stairs being hit by a pole. Someone, obviously, wanted his coffee!**

[Falling down those stairs!](#)

10/07



[Who doesn't love a slinky!!!](#) I want to buy one - Actually I think I will buy one! I am not sure ranch steps will work BUT I will try it out and let you know. Now, everyone that has a long flight of stairs go buy a slinky!



09/30



At times I may want to punch something, but I would NEVER do it holding my coffee cup! SO, I shall call this week's coffee flavor Cafe-Mocha-You-Better-Duck-Bucko! Why duck quickly you ask? The retired senior citizen, named Marsha, just bought a boxing glove! Maybe boxing can be a new hobby I do while retired? [Boxing glove foam simulation. side punch-LS-DYNA](#)

09/23



Not only did they crash their heads, drop the football, and probably have a heck of a headache BUT they dropped the coffee! How rude to ruin my Football To Go Cups!

[a proof-of-concept collision between two football players.](#)

09/16



**Where NOT to stand gossiping to your friend.** Airport Runway? Ya think? This was too 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](#)