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Hi Bern,

We have yet to hear what happened with rugby, hope you are happy with whichever result. A true sport for boneheads, and young men who believe they are indestructible. Did the shop this morning, ran with Barley, leaving the Rock on the deck, Erin was here upon my return, picking up Rocko, she hung with us a couple of hours, extremely pleasant weather, Joe is staying at the beach this week, she is covering the shop for at least the first couple days, I had said I would do Rocko again the end of the week, but our trip to see our cabin killed that, I told Erin to take comfort in knowing she can visit the cabin for many a moon if we complete the purchase.

I spoke to Tom, he said he is supposed to be in Kalamazoo this coming weekend, sounds like things with Krisan erratic, I may have to read a book, we don't know if the cabin might be empty, I believe they have been trying to keep it rented. We may do the same when we do not need it, certainly we could use the extra cash to pay for the mortgage. I think Tom in a state of shock over the cabin, wondering if we have abandoned him, I don't see why we can't do both, indeed we now have another reason to get to VT. We can employ some of his talented labor if we need carpenters, a new septic system, etc. I am eager to see what land we have to mess with.

Fly to Parkersburg, WV, tomorrow, another long meeting to describe to the plant folks why the guy who is suing us over his cattle grazing downstream of our landfill would crucify us before a jury, these are very conservative folks at the plant, most simply do not believe how big and bad we would look, and how sympathetic the farmer would look before a jury, even though he is a con man, assuming his lawyer controls him. We really should not let situations arise like this, we should have used a commercial landfill and let them deal with these issues, instead, the plant tries to save some money and apparently did not consider how it might look that this guy's cows are drinking the rainwater that has percolated through our waste. They all live in Wood County, the only Republican County in WV, apparently they believe the jury will be just like them. Sorry, if anyone like them is in the jury pool they will be tossed in an instant by plaintiff lawyers on one of their preemptory challenges, which they can make without needing to express any reason.

I got no confirmation that you received the part number for your Webber that I sent you. Does it communicate with the oxygen sensor? I would assume they have had to make sure that pollution control limits can be achieved, or they would not be selling too many of these, how many want to pull off the carb every time they get their vehicle inspected? Guess my new SUV is taking a way back seat to the new cabin, we have some savings that we hate to steal from, we will try to deal with mortgage payments from the monthly paycheck. All the interest is deductible, which means as a practical matter that we pay only 50% in real money that we would otherwise have. That is somewhat comforting, and with longer term debt like mortgages, our house now is 15 years, the early years are nearly all interest. We will need to decide if we should get 30 or 15 years with our new cabin.

I am hitting my trees with a bit of water, that rain of one inch or so a couple days ago was OK, but soil is still very dry. I used the mower to collect the leaves that have dropped from the pear tree, they are small, hug the ground and snuff out the lawn if left in place. Should not be dropping in August, hope we do not loose that tree, the others still look OK.

Any class quizzes yet? Studying to be ready? In the old days, even into the 70s when I was teaching, a surprise quiz, even at the beginning of class before questions could be asked was simply part of the system, to encourage homework before class. Once I decided to study my cow year I used that as an offensive weapon. Never let a night go by without doing the homework and studying whatever the assignment. Often the test was almost identical to the homework.

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Time to get this message, hard to get off my butt on this extremely pleasant weather night on the deck,
with dog and a Steve Kingy tape, charcoal getting going for some chicken.

Hope all is well and that rugby does not kill you.

Love,
-Dad, Mom, Erin, Jari, Cass, h/b