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Special points of interest:

- The trust one places upon technology
- When the path becomes a true journey
- Making the choice

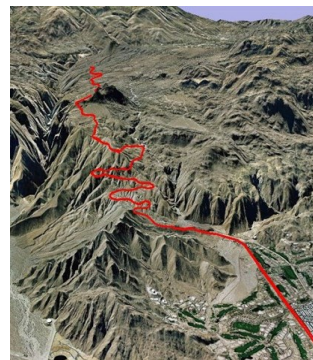
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The Road Taken

Traveling around this country in a 40' motorhome towing a car is an exciting mode of travel. Barb and I have visited some wonderful locations during these past seven years of travel. But there are always those paths we select, or are suggested by technology, that prove to be a challenge. Why did we not take

that other route? Two of the most memorable choices, were one in



P to P Scenic Byway in CA

Virginia and a more recent experience in

Southern California near Palm Springs.

Our first experience was while driving in Virginia trying to find a campground near Lynchburg, our GPS unit said, "Turn right at intersection." Now we had followed this unit's directions for the preceding four months and upon occasion the sug-

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Tom Runge (Mr. Wabash) to Retire

In a note from the Dean for College Advancement Janssen the following:

It is with bittersweet feelings that I write to let you know that Tom Runge '71 has decided to retire as Director of

Alumni and Parent Relations. His last day will be March 31, 2016.

During his long career at Wabash, Tom has worn many hats. As a capstone to his career with the Air Force, he got involved with admis-

sions work for the University of Notre Dame. Not long after, he returned to his alma mater to create the College's Alumni Recruitment Program. Tom engaged scores of alumni

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gestion that our destination was on our left really appeared on our right. Small matter. So we turned down a paved county road. While the road was two lane when we started, it soon became more akin to a generous one lane of pavement. About a 100 yards since the turn, I noted a church with a wide circular drive on my left.

Here would be a good place to pause and check maps and ask comments from neighbors prior to further travel into the wooded area. We had just pulled in, set the brake, when coming out of the woods were two logging trucks taking up the full width of that road. Barb and I looked at one another – “Oh, @\$%^.” Walking across the road, a neigh-

bor saw what had happen and then pointed us in the correct direction. We proceeded without further incident to the campground. If we had followed a print map, this would not have happened.

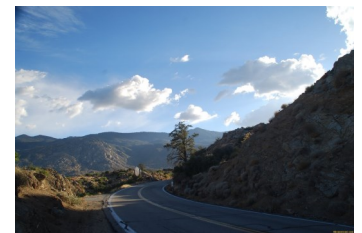
Then a week ago, a campout on the California beach at MCSB Camp Pendleton with friends was just the outing we wanted. After an overnight stay in Palm Springs, and a different RV friendly GPS unit, we were offered two possible routes to Oceanside, CA. One was to use the Interstate system, or a second would take on the “Palms to Pine Scenic Byway.” We chose the latter.

What would be the problem? The unit knows our size, length and towing a car. Off

we started. Now I have driven in the mountains, but this road made me wish I had my Miata MX-5 to drive, rather than this diesel pusher motorhome. While the road was two lane, with the inside lane coming close to some outcropping of rocks, the incline was 8 – 11% with lots of twists and turns. While the first third of the journey left me little time to snap pictures, or take eyes off of the roadway, the middle third road along the high plateau. The last third was not quite as steep in the decline, but with plenty of curves. There were opportunities for me to pull off the road, allowing others to pass by. In sum it was a good, challenging drive, and I do believe much more enjoyable over the tedium of interstate driving.



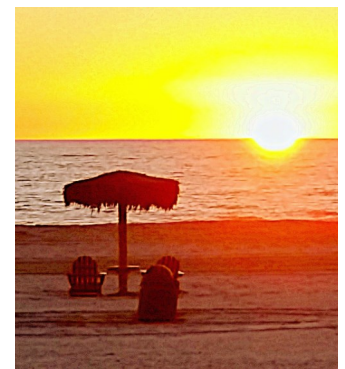
Coachella Vista of P to P Byway



Along the high plateau



A glimpse of the steep grade



The beach beckons at the end

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and traveled extensively to establish a highly effective and award-winning program that today results in over 1,000 alumni referrals to our Admissions Office. Ours is quite simply a model program.

It is hard to imagine just how many alumni have re-engaged with Wabash in important ways thanks to Tom's leadership and outreach. He arranges tailgate parties where ever the Wabash football team plays, and hosts alumni gatherings from coast to coast. He is usually the first person to learn of our alum's mile-

stones in life – weddings, births, and promotions. He's also committed himself to capture in pictures the life of our College and the accomplishments of our stu-



The Chapel Sing @ Big Bash

dents and alumni. To so many of our alumni and friends, Tom is "Mr. Wabash" and we are so grateful for his many contributions.

If you are not a frequent visitor to the Wabash website, you have missed a wonderful blog by Tom called the **Grunge Report**. Google it! He even had a pictorial blog on the recent Phoenix Monon Bell Party – sadly I was out of town. It is clever, succinct, and about Wabash life. I only say – **Some Little Giant!**

Annual Giving Report for '62

As we draw near to the end of 2015, this is not a too gentle reminder of the request for Giving to Wabash. This most recent check of our '62 Honor Roll is no source of pride. To date these are listed as

donating during the first half of the Wabash fiscal year: **Class of 1962** Mike Ball, David Brink, Steve Drayer, Thom Feit, Terry Fewell, Brian Fry, Jim Johnson, Dale Lentz Lee McNeely, Jim O'Brien,

John Staples and Bill Thompson.

The Annual Fund is the foundation of all philanthropy at the College. Each year more than 4,600 alumni and friends invest in the teaching and learning that is at the heart of the Wabash experience. For your tax benefit, give prior to the end of December. Add your name to the next Honor Roll list.

Stephenson honored in Who's Who

Richard J Stephenson '62 was named to the "Who's Who in Chicago Business," reported by *Crain's Chicago Business*.

Dick is the Founder and Chairman of the Board of

Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA). CTCA has hospitals in the greater Atlanta, Philadelphia, Chicago, Tulsa and Phoenix areas. He has been Chairman of the Board since the company's in-

ception in 1988. He is also a merchant banker and serves as chairman, president and a board member of many proprietary and philanthropic enterprises.



Wabash News Briefs

Progress on Housing

Martindale Hall, built in 1961, is the largest of Wabash's residence halls with a capacity of over 100 students. The redesign of the building — set to begin with interior demolition on December 28 — will modernize the structure and



create large gathering spaces. The re-imagined building will house 79 students and be ready for occupancy in August 2016.

Currently a complex of housing units for Wabash students is being constructed on the west side of the campus. This new construction will add 132 beds in a wide range of room configurations. The \$15 million plan includes the construction of two 38-bed halls, two 16-bed lodges, and two duplex-style townhomes with 12 beds each.

Notes from the class -

Had a note from Don & Kathy Hill, wishing a Happy Thanksgiving. Hope they are enjoying using their RV as do Barb and I. Earlier an Email from Tom Reams in response to the notice concerning the death of Keifer Mendenhall, "Thanks for the update. Favorite Kiefer story was the island he bought in Lake Michigan—Beaver Island as I remember. No one else bid on it, Unique." Also heard from Norm Woo regarding Keifer.

Those in the Indy area may have read in Indianapolis Monthly October '15 an article entitled **Old School** by Michael Rubino '94 of his remembrances of his Wabash days. While there is thirty plus years between us much of what he wrote rung true to my memories. I recommend finding it and give a read. Until next time.

Wabash Always Fights.

Talks with Delts Continue

Those who are Delts among us probably already know that Wabash College and Delta Tau Delta International Fraternity are advancing discussions to return a chapter back to the Wabash campus. Beta Psi Chapter existed at Wabash from 1872-1879 and continuously from 1894 to 2008.

The process for recolonization for students includes a series of informational meetings, interviews, bids, brotherhood activities, and community service, and culminates with formal pledging and a weekend retreat.



Wishing All the Happiest of Holiday Wishes