

Editor's Notebook



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chainsaw sharpener. Haven't tried that yet. This blade cost about \$34 at Amazon.com or you can find it at www.forestershop.com.

Powered Pruning Shears – This tool from Scott's is amazing for cutting branches up to an inch and a half or so when pruning or clearing brush. It'll cut for a couple hours before the battery needs recharging. I bought an optional extension pole that lets me reach up into trees or reach down to cut brush at ground level. The shears cost \$70 and the extension pole \$25. Available at nearly all big box stores as well as at www.scotts.com and Amazon.com.



Tile GPS Trackers – My family claims that I'm notorious for misplacing my wallet, keys and phone. I say I'm just easily distracted. At any rate, they finally bought me a couple Tile GPS trackers. One clips onto my key chain and the other slips into my wallet. An app on my phone sets off an alarm on the trackers if they're ever misplaced, and a locator on the app shows where they are. If I lose my phone, a button on either of the trackers sets off an alarm on the phone. They sell for about \$25 apiece on Amazon.com.



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Points To Ponder

- "A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing." *George Bernard Shaw*
- "Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well-tried before you give them confidence." *George Washington*
- "If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything." *Mark Twain*
- "Rather fail with honor than succeed by fraud." *Socrates*
- "Integrity is doing the right thing even if no one is watching." *C.S. Lewis*
- "One of the great mistakes is to judge policies and programs by their intentions rather than their results." *Milton Friedman*
- "Real charity doesn't mean giving away someone else's money." *Doug Bandow*
- "Pitiful is the one who, fearing failure, makes no beginning." *Hindu Saying*
- "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act but a habit." *Aristotle*
- "Courage is not the absence of fear but rather the judgement that something else is more important than fear." *Ambrose Redmoon*
- "True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost." *Arthur Ashe*
- "Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passion, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence." *John Adams*



Murphy spent 12 to 14 hrs. a day in his million mile Nissan, driving 300 to 400 miles a day making deliveries.

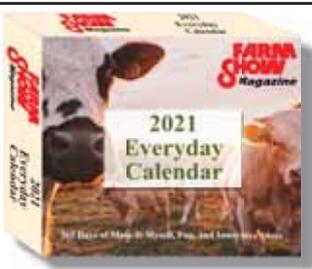
Owner Of Million-Mile Nissan Gets Free Truck

Brian Murphy put over 1 million miles on his 2007 Nissan Frontier and was rewarded recently by Nissan with a brand new 2020 Nissan Frontier. Murphy is a delivery driver for a company in Chicago and drives an average of 77,000 miles a year. He says the original clutch on the 5-speed manual lasted 801,000 miles. The timing chain was replaced at 700,000 miles, and both the alternator and radiator at 450,000 miles. The original 4-cylinder engine and transmission still power the vehicle.

Nissan plans to display Murphy's truck at the plant in Smyrna, Tenn., where it was built. Murphy's new Frontier has a V-6 engine and a King Cab with 4-WD.

Liberty Quotes

- "Freedom may come quickly in robes of peace, or after ages of conflict and war; but come it will, and abide it will, so long as the principles by which it was acquired are held sacred." *Edward Everett*
- "A sure sign of genius is that all of the dunces are in a confederacy against him." *Frank Lloyd Wright*
- "Freedom of movement is the very essence of our free society – once the right to travel is curtailed, all other rights suffer." *Justice William O. Douglas*
- "The worst evils which mankind has ever had to endure were inflicted by bad governments. The state can be and has often been in the course of history the main source of mischief and disaster." *Ludwig von Mises*
- "To argue against any breach of liberty from the ill use that may be made of it is to argue against liberty itself, since all is capable of being abused." *Lord George Lyttleton*
- "No one has ever succeeded in keeping nations at war except by lies." *Salvador de Madariaga*
- "Liberty has never come from the government. Liberty has always come from the subjects of government. The history of liberty is the history of resistance. The history of liberty is a history of the limitation of governmental power, not the increase of it." *Woodrow Wilson*
- "Whenever the government assumes to deliver us from the trouble of thinking for ourselves, the only consequences it produces are those of torpor and imbecility." *William Godwin*
- "We cannot afford to differ on the question of honesty if we expect our republic permanently to endure. Honesty is not so much a credit as an absolute prerequisite to efficient service to the public. Unless a man is honest, we have no right to keep him in public life. It matters not how brilliant his capacity." *Theodore Roosevelt*
- "Government never of itself furthered any enterprise, but by the alacrity with which it got out of its way." *Henry David Thoreau*
- "We should be unfaithful to ourselves if we should ever lose sight of the danger to our liberties if anything partial or extraneous should infect the purity of our free, fair, virtuous, and independent elections." *John Adams*



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My Recent "Best Buys"

Here are a few things I've bought over the past year or so that have really paid off:

EZ-GO RSV Electric Golf Cart – My family has about 20 acres of lake property in northern Minnesota, with some steep hills that were getting tiresome to navigate as I got into my mid-60's. I looked at ATV's of all types but am very glad I finally settled on a used electric golf cart with a cargo box on back (\$4,500 used). The RSV is built heavy so it can carry up to 1,200 lbs. and has a rear drawbar to pull our boat trailer around. What we especially like is that it's quiet and also easy to get on and off. Makes it a lot more fun to do chores around the property and no more carrying compost bags, fertilizer, tools, and other stuff up and down those hills.



Stihl MS261 C-M Chainsaw: Two storms this summer knocked down more than a hundred trees on our property so I needed a new saw to take care of them. This one wasn't cheap at nearly \$600 but it sure has been a joy to operate. It has anti-vibration features so you don't feel like a rag doll after several hours of use. It also has electronic ignition with a microprocessor that continually samples the air and fuel to ensure smooth running. The on-off switch and choke are combined on the same control lever so it flips to "run" automatically after the saw starts. And it has the compression relief valve so starting is almost effortless. I love this saw and expect to have it for many years.

Forester Saw Chain Blade – While clearing up storm-damaged trees and brush this summer, I decided to clear some walking trails back in the woods. I have an ECHO gas-powered brush trimmer (Model SRM-410U) that I really like but the cutting blade that comes with it gets dull fast. So I ordered a 9-in. dia. Forester saw chain blade with carbide teeth. It quickly slices through brush and small tree trunks 3 to 4 in. dia. The teeth stayed sharp for weeks and I'm told that when it eventually gets dull, I can sharpen it by putting a diamond bit in my

