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A New Endeavor

I have embarked on a new project. I have purchased a domain name and engaged a web hosting company. The name of the domain is "ohioamateurs.org" and the name of the web hosting company is justhost.com. The total cost was \$94.80 or \$49.40 per year. The domain registration was free and, according to justhost.com, it will continue to be free as long as I am paying them for web hosting.

Now why would I, a neophyte in the world of web design, do this? I certainly don't have the expertise of a Dave Tribby, Jon McGrew or Arie Koelwyn. And my son Todd, has supplied me with a web site: <http://gary.bossler.com>. It is very flashy compared to what I am doing. He uses a free program called "Joomla." It is far more sophisticated than what I am doing. I have tried to work with it and you can check out the results. What bothers me about it is, every time I want to do something just a little out of the ordinary, I have to call and bug him. And I know he is busy and has a family to take care of.

Another reason I am doing this is my interest in promoting more cooperation between NAPA and AAPA. I believe nothing would be more enjoyable than to get both groups together for a combined convention. I have been to both and I enjoy both. The business sessions do get a little tiresome in NAPA. The opening sessions, the auctions and the banquets sessions are not very different from each other. The voting for officers and convention site take the biggest part of one session. We already have an absentee ballot sent out by mail. I propose that we change the constitution so that voting is handled by mail and the results can be announced at the convention. I see that as the main obstacle other than some members downright stubbornness. If that were changed, I believe we could move ahead in the process of cooperation.

This is my second issue of Ohio e-Views which will be available to both the NAPA and AAPA. Though I will have to say that very few people in NAPA saw the first one unless they are members of AAPA also. Also noteworthy is the fact that I got 5 responses from members about it (via e-mail) which is far more than I have got from anything I have actually printed and put in a bundle.

What a Day!

Talk about losing your faculties! I am on 72 years old in a couple weeks! I think it was yesterday I put coffee in the coffeemaker to brew a pot of coffee. Today I looked at the coffeemaker and said to myself, I thought I made a pot of coffee yesterday? I usually make a pot and then turn it off and when I want another cup, I just pour it in a cup and nuke it. Well, I looked in the coffeemaker and there is fresh coffee in there but no coffee in the pot. So I fill the pot with cold water, pour it in and walk into the dining to eat my breakfast. I thought it was a little strange that water started dripping out immediately as soon as I poured in the water, but I just thought well, this pot is getting old. I ate my breakfast and the coffee smelled good as I was eating. Now for a fresh cup of delicious coffee. What I found was coffee grounds and coffee all over the counter, on the floor, siphoned under the throw rug my wife has in the kitchen.

Guess what? Yesterday when I was making coffee, I put the coffee in and poured in a full pot of water and then **forgot to turn on** the coffeemaker. So today when I poured in the pot of water, the coffeemaker already had a full pot of water in it.

Of course, after cleaning up my mess, I found that the coffee was extremely weak! I don't know if things will get better or my dementia will progress!

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