

Back in touch

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There've been plenty of medical and emotional fits and starts for me as I've recovered from Covid, so I will acknowledge but not apologize for the silent periods on this site. But I am in fact determined to continue using this avenue as my primary means of staying in touch with the wider world. So, if you're so inclined, please stay tuned.

The biggest woodworking project I've been able to move forward in spite of Covid Brain is the construction of my new main hand tool woodworking bench. I'm now at the point of actually using it as a work surface while I finish the work holding elements. One of those is the knee vise and as I get near mounting it, I'm practicing carving the legend that I will apply to it. So, not to worry about me; things are moving forward with my health and I'll soon be more firmly back among you as my symptoms subside.

Meanwhile, the impetus for writing this missive is that I've just now re-established contact with one of my high school buddies, a guy I've always considered one of the key factors in my being able to make it through those days in reasonable emotional shape. We've exchanged 'catch up' emails and it made my week to hear how his life has gone – is going – and to share the same about me.

I've been something of a loner most of my life, which some people might find surprising, since music performance and platform teaching have occupied such central positions in my adult life. But direct human contact has frequently been problematic for me. Which says a lot about why for years I communicated largely through my then-blog and other remote channels. But attending my 51-year high school reunion in 2022 reminded me just how much I cherished the few close friends I do have and the value of being directly in touch.

The fella I'm talking about here is one of the nicest people you could ever meet and having him in my life once again is going to add immeasurably to my enjoyment of these retirement years. And getting back to more woodworking and writing is precious beyond measure.

I'll stay in touch and hope you'll do the same.