

# MMXXiv [that means 2024] Annual Letter from ajo at



post office box 313, Tonopah AridZona 85354

Greetings Cohort,

Still here, still trying to be witty and wise and cultivate my morbid sense of humour whilst surrounded by artificially intelligent oblongs bent on correcting my grammar and spelling whilst suggesting libelous lines I could write about you Gentle Readers. MMXXIV has been a trying time: Trying to remember which doctor I'm supposed to visit this week. Trying to remember my sense of purpose whilst all about me prices keep rising, roads keep changing, my sandals fall apart, my calendar runs out of months.

According to entries in my logbook I'm reminded that I did drive to Mile 99, Quartzsite in January but I really don't remember other than the flashes that come back as I read those notes so there is not much to add here other than the link to my Spring Letter: <http://thecatdragdinn.org/ajo24a.html>

Another reminder is the squib "Companions to sleep with: Childhood Teddy Bears have become Oblong and TV Remote." Too many of the cheap junk toys that come across my workbench at the Food Bank are plush animal-tronics powered by AA cells. Some of these devices do everything but burp and fart in their quest to replace one's imagination until the batteries run down and corrode. Buy stock in Duracell!

This year's B'Day Theme is John Mayer's 83 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ep9hbz8oho> and *Lehra Do* from the film "83".

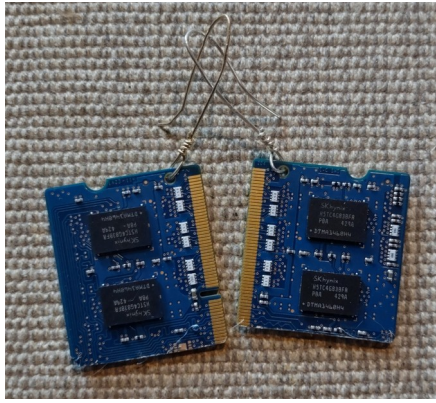
Skin Cancers v.s Artificial Vitamin-D... My DermaDoc says I should be using sunscreen at the same time my PCP tells me I'm looking pale and prescribes a daily dose of Vitamin-D. WTF, Over? One sample of my right forearm looked suspicious and resulted in a 2-inch scar and the cancellation of plans to view the Great North American Eclipse in Texas. Instead I built a pinhole camera in a recycled Amazon box and watched the show there and on the Total Power Output graph of the solar array in the back yard. The rest of that storey is at <http://thecatdragdinn.org/ajo24b.html>. I've been chasing solar eclipses since 1963 as long as I could drive there on my own wheels; missing out on a front row seat for this one led me to remembering all the others.

<http://thecatdragdinn.org/ajo24eChasingSolarEclipses.pdf>

In part as a consequence of not travelling this Simmer I have been feeding critters, collecting trash, and telling voters where to stuff their ballots. Beyond the near west fence in the back yard we have a waterhole and a CritterCam that shoots the most amazing photos. One image from July looks to be a [Red Tailed Hawk](#), rear view. Best I can guesstimate, from measuring the tree bole and the scraggly

A.J.Oxton, SKP, TNS, ESL, OO, OAE, ISFA, INFP, FMCA, k1oIq, NU7DE  
Researching OXTON, SCOTT, NEWTON, FIELD  
<http://www.TheCatDragdInn.org>    [ajo@thecatdragdinn.org](mailto:ajo@thecatdragdinn.org)





*Memory Earrings – 20\$ post paid*



*Deer at the Waterhole in the Back Yard*



<http://thecatdragdinn.org/ajo24c0810KitchenSpiderAtWork.mp4>



*Red Tailed Hawk Selfie at Critter Camera*

All The Gory Details and Lots More can be found at <http://thecatdragdinn.org/migo.htm>



*Yule Branch*



*Petroglyphs at Junction of Two Washes*

TNS, ESL, OO, OAE, ISFA, INFP, FMCA, k1oIq, NU7DE  
Researching OXTON, SCOTT, NEWTON, FIELD  
<http://www.TheCatDragdInn.org>    [ajo@thecatdragdinn.org](mailto:ajo@thecatdragdinn.org)