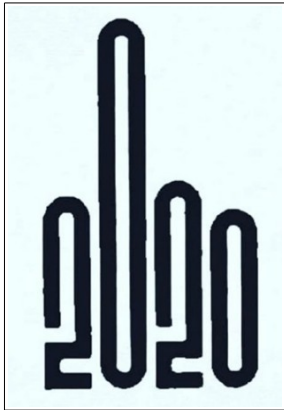


# MMXX Winter Solstice Letter from ajo at *The Cat Drag'd Inn*



Family, e-friends, pen-friends... all to whom these presents come: Greetings on this 2020 Winter Solstice.

Been a busy good year mostly. I still have most of my skin despite the DermaDoc's best efforts with the liquid nitrogen and scalpel. Passed my annual physical. TinyTruck has a new smog pump and travelled 7,592 miles, mostly on her own fuel, and about twice as many as last year. The bus travelled another 696 miles, less than half of last year's mileage. Things being as they are this year *The.Cat Drag'd Inn* to only two nearby events: Mile99 in Quartzsite, including Dateland for a shake, and Wickenburg to work in the AridZona Primary.

In Paul's back yard, when I camp there to house sit for him, a direct burial propane pipe now connects *The.Cat Drag'd Inn* to the big tank, saving me hauling the portable bottles to the refill depot every few weeks.

Three cases of Merlot made up a tiny part of my comestibles expense; solid foods come mostly from volunteering four hours a week at Saint Mary's Food Bank in Buckeye AridZona and helping my Self to the TVCC Food Pantry in Tonopah where I also volunteer two days a month. But still I spent about 3,600\$ on groceries this year. That includes sustenance for Hurricane Hazel-Rah, the cat who lives at *The.Cat Drag'd Inn*.

Highlights for 2020 included sitting still in Tonopah for the entire Summer and being employed as a Maricopa County Poll Worker for a week of telling voters where to stuff their ballots. Other adventures included several roadside trash collections along North 339<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Salome Highway and Courthouse Road, a treasure hunt to find the cause of a power outage in a buried conduit, watching the hawks fledge from a nest in a nearby saguaro, troubleshooting and replacing the smog pump in TinyTruck, and now as this year draws to a close, I think I am being adopted by a large ring-tailed cat who has taken up residence under the bus and sleeps atop the 3208's air cleaner.

Life in general continues my calling of picking up after others and fixing things. Sort of akin to repairing donations at the Food Bank Thrift Store. Great for the camaraderie of working with Friends of Saddle Mountain as well. If anything (aside from restrictions imposed by response to the current plague) the only major change in my routine amounts to a greater number of visits to one or another doctors. I suppose that goes with the territory.

My Theme Songs for 2020: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=os5CPhO5UTQ> (*79 Cents*) *The Meow Song*. and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRfC2QeeKic> *I Don't Look Good Naked Anymore* and *I Ain't Been Nowhere Man*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIQvaBOuvAs> Suggestions are being accepted now for a Theme Song for next year.



*Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.*

Read the rest of these storeys and see more pictures at:

<http://thecatdragdinn.org/ajo20a.html>, <http://thecatdragdinn.org/ajo20b.html>,

<http://thecatdragdinn.org/ajo20c.html>, and

<http://thecatdragdinn.org/ajo20d.html>, tho this last is still being composed or may not yet be posted.

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*Three Red-tailed Hawks in a Saguaro 200523*



Here you see the three chicks 20 days earlier than the photo to the left. 200503



*Shiny New Smog/Air Pump in TinyTruck*



*Keeping Me In Stitches*



*2020's Well Dressed Nudist Wears a Mask*



*Kalloch Family Annual Reunion Via Zoom*





*In other MMXX news Tonopah Landmark Oscar's Family Restaurant & Taco Tuesday Emporium burned to the ground.*



*I spent my Pacification Payment to replace three of The.Cat Drag'd Inn's twenty year-old window awnings.*

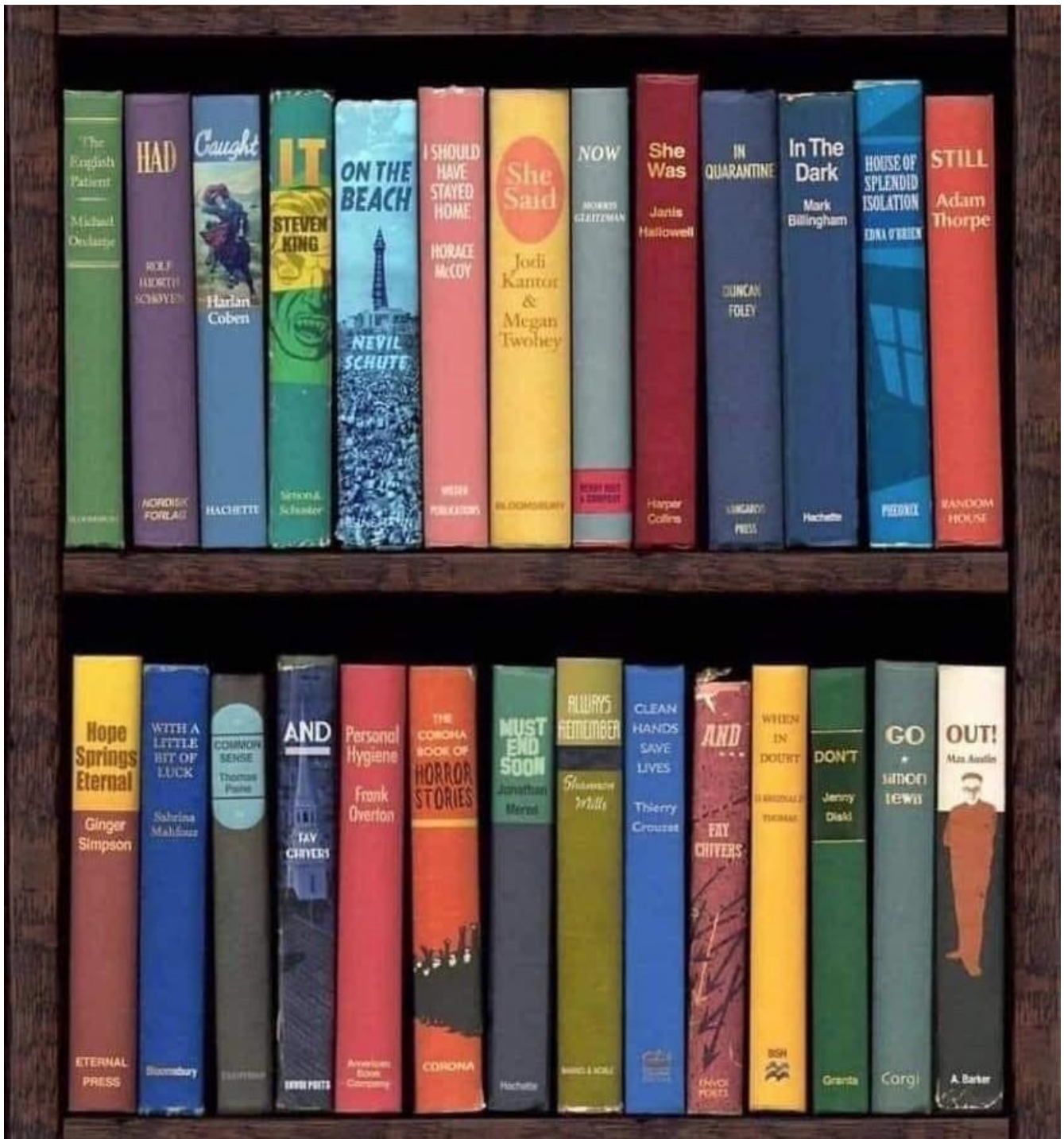


*Failed Cooling Unit Showing Yellow Stain of Sodium Chromate Leak.*



*In July Comet Neowise was visible in the northwest sky over Tonopah. Composit Lingel (L), Schrody(R)*

And the moral of the storey is...



Happy Merry Quiet Healthy... Take a break and go to work?

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