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## Leave Cali day 45

**A dump run, a survey of the side yard, and I crate up another Harley engine.**



The 1974 Chevy van that I built into my vandominium in 1981 served well right until the day I junked it for a 1000-dollar smog credit. Here, the van is piled with that apricot-drying rack that was behind the shed in the backyard. It also holds an old shop vac that I used to evacuate the home-made bead-blaster cabinet. It never worked very well, so I figured the move was a good time to toss it.

You can see the inside of a hollow-core door in the van, too torn up to be re-purposed into a table. Sunnyvale has it's own dump, but it filled up to the point it interfered with radar at Moffett Field. So now it is just a transfer station where they truck the junk down the valley to dump. They will also come to your house twice a year to pick stuff up, though I never availed myself of that service.





The York squat racks still need to be sold on Craigslist. Wood trash is in the background.



Into the van for the dump run. I was no longer sleeping here, so no worries about dirt.



The trash for the dump run was staged in the side yard.



At the dump it all got emptied out.



Two saw-horses and a door made a table to stage the stuff I had to give away.

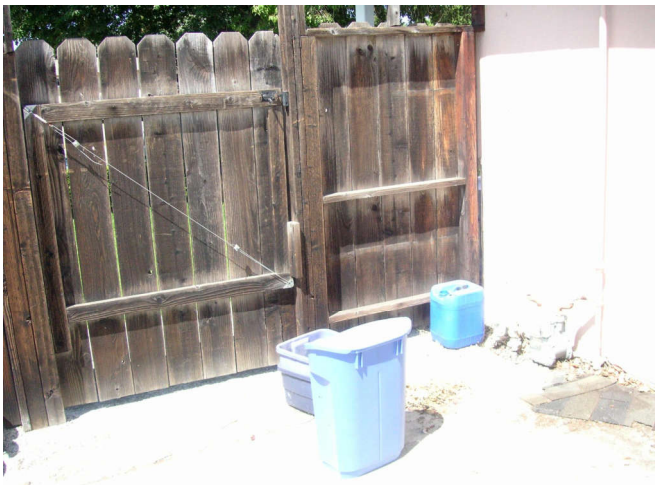


Here is the pile at the dump transfer station. My stuff did not add a lot to the mountain of trash that Sunnyvale hauls off every day.





The side yard looks a lot cleaner after the dump run.



A tub, trash basket and a vat that I used to store water in case of some earthquake disaster.



Another water jug, and the side yard by the house is cleaned pretty well.



The left shed still had the Quincy compressor to sell, and a motorcycle frame and tank that I tossed out when they did not sell.



The right shed is getting cleared out as well.

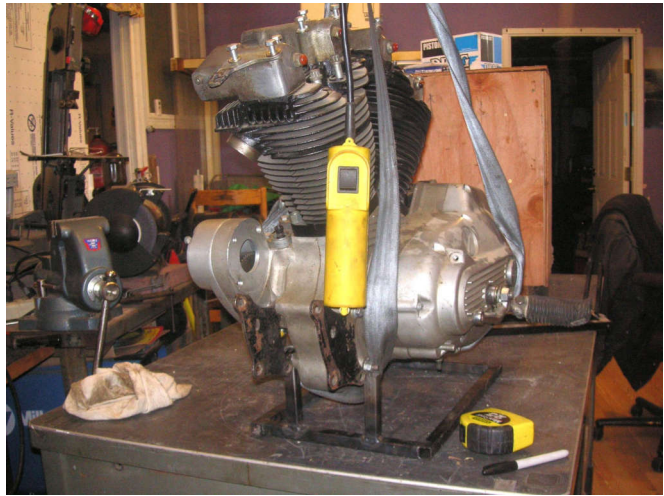


The vacuum pump. I don't think I sold this, I may have given it away.





Here is the faceplate on the vacuum pump, It had a 3-phase motor.



Once down, I could build the crate out of half-inch plywood and 2x2 lumber.



Here is the pump faceplate. It came from a vacuum-forming company next to my shop.



The crate measured about 2-feet by 2-feet by 2-feet. I still use them as workbenches

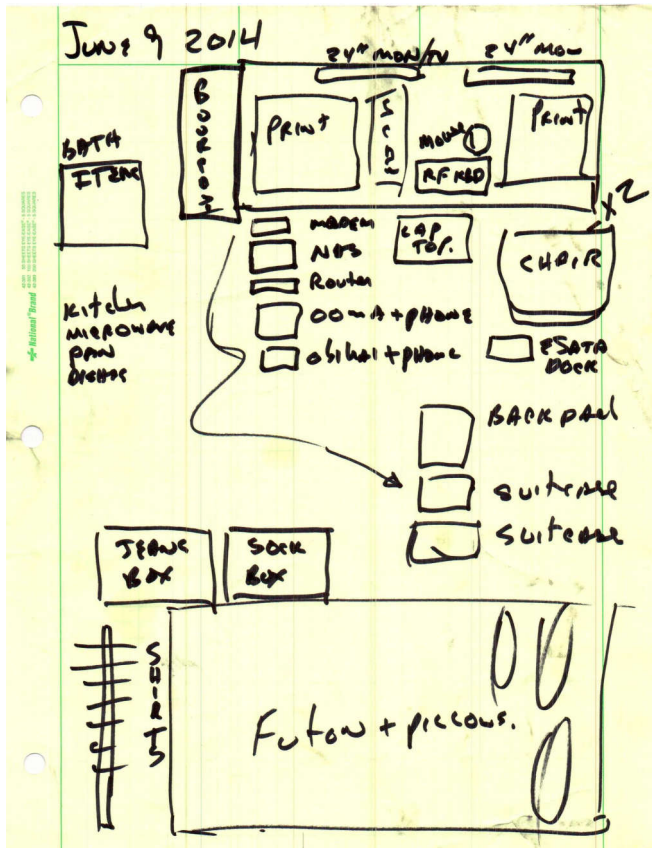


Time to crate up another Sportster engine. The hoist worked a treat to move it up to a desk.



A bunch of wire and plumbing I donated to the Ham radio club history museum.



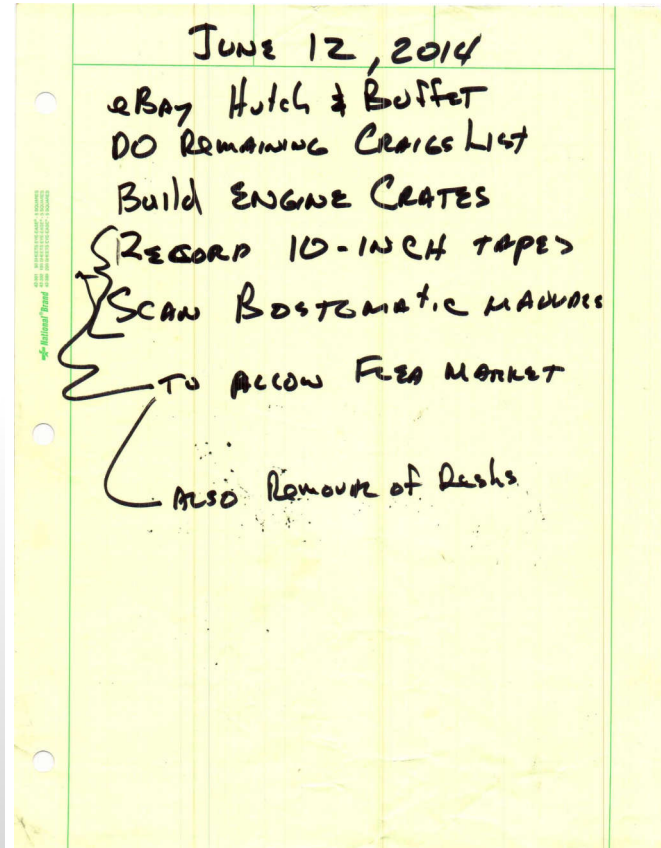


This plan was from a couple days earlier but it would apply to this batch of pictures. I am trying to figure out what to keep in California for the apartment I will rent for the last six months before moving out.

That is moving out my body and this stuff in the plan. I moved the contents of the house in July, so I could show and sell it empty.

The plans shows I will move the mattress in July, but keep the futon that is in the van to use in the apartment, along with some pillows. I will have a box for jeans and one for socks, that I can then ship UPS to the Florida house when I leave Cali in December.

The desk shows the printers and scanner and laptop I will use to scan 30 years worth of business documents, pictures, and tax records. It worked out well, I had six boxes to ship UPS and the suitcases with the stuff I flew with.



This plan is from the next day, but close enough to be included in this batch of pictures. It is the plan to sell the hutch and buffet, which I was not able to do. I ended up moving them to Florida.

There were all the items for Craigslist, like that vacuum pump, the squat racks, and the motorcycle frame, which also never sold. I did sell the Quincy compressor, a Phase Perfect 3-phase inverter, and other odds and ends.

I noted to build crates for the engines, and I did build six crates, four for engines, one for my Advanced DC 9-inch motor, and a final crate for a Harley engine dynamometer that was part of a Sportster case mated with an aircraft generator, that I could power as a motor. I set them up with casters, which the movers hated. They can wheel stuff around with a dolly, but the casters can cause the load to shift once it is in the truck. Live and learn.