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I give away some parts bins, trim a few trees, and crate a Harley motor.



Above is one the steel desks that I did move to Florida, and use to this day. I have four of them. One for the electronics lab, one for the music studio, and two in the living room shop where I can work on Harleys in cool air-conditioned comfort. The desk above holds the base of a crate with one of my spare Sportster motors mounted to it. I crated and shipped four motors from Silicon Valley to Tampa Florida.

I got these desks from the Repo Depot, a used furniture place in Mountain View on El Camino highway. I bought them in the early 1980s, and they still work well. I wish I could say as much about modern desks.

This desk also has some fasteners and odds and ends I am giving away or tossing into the trash. Al less stuff to move to Florida.



The rest of the work area had the two motorcycles I had yet to fix, a dozen Sportster fuel tanks, and bins full of fasteners & parts.



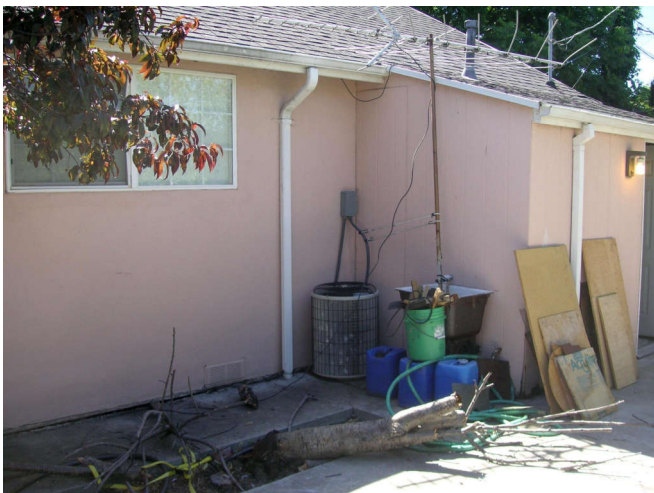
International Man of Mystery Martin Delateur takes away lots of metal and wood. A real help.



I gave my antenna rotator to [Dave Mathis](#) for his ham rig. RIP Dave, I miss him every day.



I kept the Zero deep-drawn enclosure, I sold the rest at the eFlea or gave it to Martin.



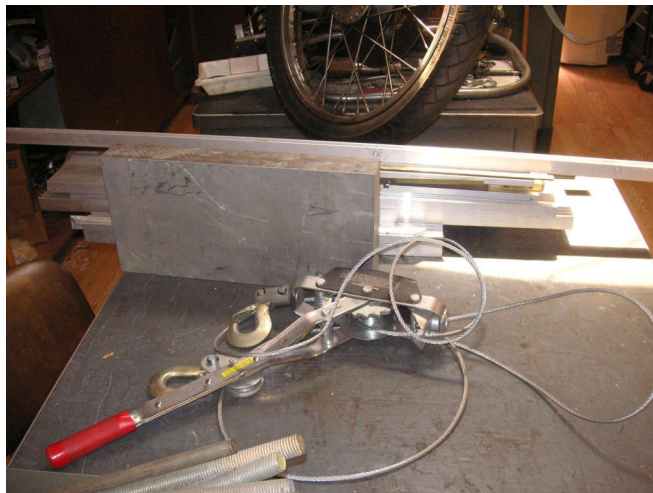
Dave got the tower, this antenna I sold at [eFlea](#).



Martin took all this metal. I could have sold it if I had more time.



More metal and other stuff Martin took away. He also took the cabinets themselves.



I am pretty sure I gave away the come-along, or maybe sold it at the eFlea.



A bunch of metal bars in a metal shelf.



A cabinet empty and ready for Martin to take away in his 3/4 ton Chevy pickup.



There were hundreds of pounds of metal that I had accumulated over the years. I have to say I have not missed any of it.



I gave the bins to Martin, a big mistake. I did keep the wood cabinets that I built in 1985.



More bins full of stuff I stupidly gave away.



The plastic and chipboard were easy to throw out.



I missed this bin with cotter pins and springs almost the day I arrived in Florida..



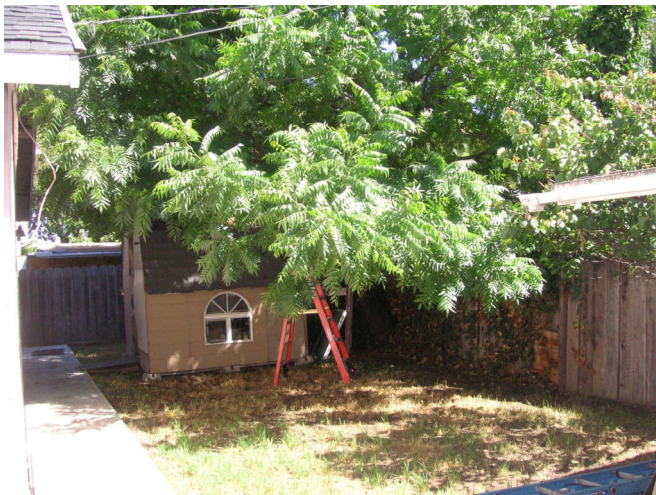
The ladder made the move but all this other stuff got trashed or given away.



Another shot of the antenna I sold off. It was anchored to a cherry tree that I over-pruned and killed, a real amateur move.



This is the cherry tree that I killed by over-pruning it. I must have given away the saw.



The big walnut tree in the back yard was overgrown.



The ladder and saw made quick work of a few branches. I wanted this area to look bigger in the real estate photos.

The previous owner rented out that shed to a tenant. He also rented the converted garage apartment. My first act in the house was to rip out the illegal garage addition, and put in a new garage door and opener. Welcome to Silicon Valley. I once saw a guy living in the abandoned ice machine at the convenience mart on South Bernardo and El Camino. Now Shoreline Blvd is lined with campers from end to end. It's nice to be in a state like Florida where people can afford housing. Thing is, house prices are going up here now too.