

ADVICE *(from the other side)*

- Check your ego—you don't hold the influence you once did.
- Do you think you need something bigger? This is ego. Who you were is gone or morphing.
- You'll probably build a new house or cabin as a trophy. That's OK – trophies have a place, but it is ego.
- Marvel at your life, your accomplishments, your relationships. But not for too long. Marveling is not self-congratulatory, but an opportunity to realize that you did it.
- Ramp up your curiosity, run some little experiment and see what fancies you.
- Exercise. You need a vessel to travel that remaining wonderful life you will have.
- Find your people. Find fellow travelers on the new road.
- You may have some apologizing to do. Repair relationships that you are not happy about.
- On retirement, your mileage may vary. If someone would've told me the story of challenge and loss here would have been my reaction: "You've got to be F%@king kidding me!?! How pathetic—wait until I get my shot at this!" Know there is no sympathy and no support group.

- In the initial euphoria, you may find yourself buying a bunch of stuff.
- NOW WHAT: there is a loss of Structure, Meaning, and Identity. What do you do?
- Prepare for a bigger loss than you may have imagined.
- It may be harder to fill your time than you think.
- Do you still think about money all the time? Investing a fortune is a very different skill than building one.
- Realize a few hard truths: work “friends” were not as close as you thought; stuff equals maintenance; some people can’t play golf every day; you still think about money it’s just a different job; there was no winners circle waiting.
- Wealth comes with isolation and weirdness with friends.
- Undo lots of the programming that serves you well in the past, it will work against you now.
- How are you going to choose when you can do anything.
- You will miss the pile of gravel and always something to do with tangible rewards. Suffering in anticipation of a prize is not the way forward.