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One Billion Spark Points Ago - Nov 4, 2014

Sunday, December 18, 2016

On that date I posted a blog as I watched the Spark counter tallying in real time the spark points of the total membership all over the world. I was fascinated as it approached 4 Billion points.

As I watched the changing total, I typed my feelings about Spark People and the changes this community has produced in my life. I posted the blog at the exact moment the counter hit 4,000,000,000.

The counter is located at the very bottom of our Spark Points page. I seem to remember that at one time it was more visible.

On November 4, 2014 I wrote:

"My car's odometer is a record of all the places I've been in the last 11 years. It's nice to think about that.

My spark points represent all the things I've done in the last few years to live a healthy lifestyle.

I don't have as many points as others who have a similar sign up date. I was a spark hermit in the beginning, hiding in my own little corner of spark space. Can't earn many points that way.

I probably could have lost the weight without being an active participant, but I don't think I could have maintained for 5 years without the resources, support and encouragement I found in this community.

The cumulative points of the tracker represent the efforts of like-minded people all over the world.

It feels good to be part of something larger than yourself.

I wonder what all those Sparkers are doing right now?

Some are recording their exercise. They're walking or running or swimming or doing Zumba or aerobics or pumping iron. Maybe gardening, dancing? The list is endless.

Some are tracking their food, either what they've already consumed or what they plan to eat during the day.

Some are low fat. Some are low carb. There's room for all of us at this table."

All those thoughts are still true today as we approach the 5 Billion Spark Points Milestone, except my maintenance streak has increased from 5 to 7 years.

MAYBE I will be watching the counter change to 5 Billion this time. After observing the rate of change, my data driven mind predicts that this will occur in 1.1 days.

(Edit: That's about 10pm EST in the USA)

Millions of people will ring in the new year together in 13 days

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Perhaps I will be online to ring in 5 billion points?
Maybe someone else will notice?

EDIT at 8am on Dec19th
I just noticed a missing decimal point in what I posted last night.
I've corrected it with my new prediction.

Here's the link to my old blog.
4 Billion Spark Points? I'm watching a milestone achievement right now in real time.

www.sparkpeople.com/mypage_public_journal_individual.asp?blog_id=5810691

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MARYJEANSL

I remember that blog. We have been spark friends for at least that long a time. :-) I am not as data driven as you, but I did also notice that the total points tally was put in a less obvious place such that I rarely pay any attention to it now. I visited my mother at Thanksgiving, and saw how much she had deteriorated mentally, and the sadness of passing time was accentuated for me. Also back home, when I see how my babies are (almost) all grown up now, and I think of how many Christmases I have seen...far more than I have ahead of me now.
1625 days ago

v



GINIEMIE

Love to read what triggers other people. I say I hate numbers but dates and "coincidental" strange occurrences on the calendar. Happier examples are: my mother, MIL, and a niece share the same birthday November 18th. My FIL was January 9th and my grandson came early on that day, my BIL is January 8th and my dad was the 10th.these are numbers I deal with. Others overwhelm me. My son says I'm a kook, I told him I'm wired differently...incidentally his wife is November 17 and my one granddaughter is November 19...an important day for less happy reasons in our lives too.

v

You keep track and I'll keep adding my exercise points/steps for you to count.



1632 days ago



SWEETNEEY

1888!

1633 days ago

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CD4114015

I love the way your and a few other's minds think! Keep us posted if you do it!

1633 days ago



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PHEBESS

I so enjoy the way your mind works, and your fascination with numbers.

And this Spark person is about to go for a walk, and a light bite of lunch!
1633 days ago

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DR1939

WAY TO GO

v

1633 days ago



SMILINGEYES2

Life is measured by not only milestones but by the small incremental steps as well. I agree that Sparkpeople does this better than any other. It is there but requires us to engage.
1634 days ago



SUNNYBEACHGIRL

What a great blog, I have found that the ability to stay a part of the community after making goal is a real strength of SP. congrats on 7 years
1634 days ago




JEANKNEE

Okay ... now you've got Calc-N-Stein curious. Hum ... and Calc-N-Stein is a bit OCD. So, now that the seed of an idea of the Spark Odometer rolling over to 5,000,000,000 has been planted, I'll likely be watching!



At 4 billion points I was "preparing for landing." It was December 2014 that a sideways trend emerged for me and I described it as "coming in for a landing." I was so excited! This community has had such a powerfully, positive impact on my life.

Thanks for sharing the journey  and I just love that you are fascinated with numbers too.



1634 days ago



CD3409143



1634 days ago



LIVEDAILY

That is amazing!!
1634 days ago



WATERMELLEN

What a great blog: I just love thinking about people all over the world with similar commitments to join together in finding out what's healthiest for each of us, individually!
1634 days ago



PRNCSCUP1-2FULL

Again, how I adore your data driven mind! Now, I am interested to find out if your data driven prediction will prove true! Thanks! Interesting to wonder what everyone is doing right this minute as I respond to your blog!
1634 days ago



PEGGYO



1634 days ago



ONEKIDSMOM

Amazing how motivating those little virtual points can be, too!



1634 days ago



PHOENIX1949



1634 days ago



DOVESEYES

Amazing blog, thanks so much, here's to many more years on SP :)
1634 days ago



HOLLYM48

Congrats on your years here at SP! I cannot even imagine a life without SP and the wonderful people that keep me encouraged every single day!
Have a great Sunday evening and a great start to a new week!





1634 days ago



MORTICIAADDAMS

I have been here a long time too. Sometimes I'm shocked how long I have been here but it has been very rewarding for me too.

1634 days ago



ERICALEAHA

Great blog and good for you on maintaining.

1634 days ago



BRIGHTSPARK7

Wow! Maintaining for seven years gives me hope. Glad you're still blogging and feeding the spark in all of us. Congratulations!

1634 days ago



SPEDED2

Right now, this Sparker is reading your blog. Thank you for sharing.

1634 days ago



TERI-RIFIC

I love your analytical/math mind blogs. Very entertaining.

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CD16687575



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