

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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In early March we made what seems to be a ritualistic trip to a time-share exchange in Las Vegas. Then in November we did it again. Our 21 buffets in 7 days goal still eludes us.

Climate is expected. Weather happens.

The very next weekend we ventured into the San Bernardino National Forest to Lake Hemet to participate in an annual count of the eagles in the area. That was followed by a day in Palm Springs visiting Buffets, Casinos, and the Street-Fair/Swap-Meet.



Arliss decided Hugh was getting old and showing wear, so she has had him Slip-Covered.

In the Spring we had some deferred maintenance done on the house to add some concrete walkway and exterior stone, fix some stucco, facia, paint, gutters, and paint the roof with a nice heavy coat of aluminum paint. As I write this it hasn't rained any since.

Never underestimate the power of human stupidity.

Mid July took us for 3 weeks on a cruise to Alaska, visiting one of our favorite spots on Earth: Glacier Bay Nat'l Park; the ice-bergs were more sparse than on prior visits. A side-trip out of Skagway took us to Bennett in British Columbia and on to Carcross in the Yukon, where we found the smallest (1-sq.mile) desert on Earth. The cruise was followed by a guided tour through the wilderness with a view of Mt.McKinley in Denali Nat'l Park.



We then spent 4 days on our own on the Kenai Peninsula; the views from Homer of the glaciers across the bay were superb, but we were rained out of Kenai Fjords Nat'l Park - need to try that another time. Depending on the source, the "big four" animals to see in the State are grizzlies, moose, sheep, and caribou; we



managed those and also eagles, wolf, and puffin. The small images here canNOT possibly do justice to the magnificent scenery available on such a trip. We strongly recommend the area to all. The finale was a 4-day stop in Portland with Lianne, Mark, Emily, and Zachary.

Anything that is free, is worth what was paid for it.

Shortly after our return, Hugh realized that he was not losing the weight that he gained on the trip and eventually learned that his problem from 2-years ago was returning in the form of some ascites - fluid in the abdominal space, for which he quickly sought relief/treatment from the City Of Hope.

A hair in the head is worth two in the brush.

Arliss remains in great shape except that, due to her constantly staring at her computer monitor, the inside of her eyelids are now covered with images of maps, charts, pictures, and newspaper articles. Four generations of ancestors have been tentatively added to the Hoskins line. See our latest efforts linked via

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for our data, notes, and bookmarks for your endeavors.

Mental Floss Prevents Moral Decay.

Doug and Bridgette continue with their Bowling Center playing, tournament, and management activities.

Indecision is the key to flexibility.

Despite what you may have gathered from the over-exuberance of the media, the ravages of quakes, fire, and flood were not near us.

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HAPPY 2010 NEW YEAR

