

Christmas 2022

Dear family and friends,

Sally thought 2022 was a non-eventful year and that we didn't really have anything to share, but somehow, this letter still managed to grow into multiple pages!



Fun to start the new year with a visit from our youngest grandson, Ely!
(And his family!)

If you recall from last year's letter, we were going to go to Disneyland when Mark's sisters came to visit. We didn't make it then. Patricia and Diane missed it but Sally and I went in February. We mostly went to see the new "Star Wars Land". The visit only solidified my belief that Disneyland is the "Most Expensive Place on Earth".



In March, we took another trailer trip, this time to Lake Powell and Glen Canyon. Here we saw how Global Warming is affecting the water supply in the west. The lake is down by some untold number of feet. So much so that almost all of the floating boat docks are high and dry. So high above the remaining water that it is no longer possible to get boats into or out of the lake.

April had us in our trailer again camping at nearby Santee Lakes, going to Easter service, and having Easter dinner with Kim and family





In May the whole extended family was together again for our granddaughter Ashlee Roundy's college graduation from Dixie State University. So proud of her graduating with honors! She is applying for graduate programs now to begin in the Fall!

In June, Sally went on her 10 Year Old Grandma/Granddaughter trip with granddaughter, Anabella Bilsland. We went to Tennessee and the Smoky Mountains! We were treated to concerts, magic acts, pirates, and a whole day at Dollywood! (I liked it better than Disneyland!) :-)



While they were on their trip, Mark wandered around Arizona. He visited the Biosphere 2 outside of Tucson. It was infamous for fudging some data results back in the 90's. It is still operating but it is used for different kinds of experiments now

Mark also made it to Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff so see the telescope that was used to discover Pluto. And to Meteor Crater at Winslow – created by a bus size rock about 40,000 years ago.



We were thrilled to have my niece, Karen, and her husband Scott visit over the 4th of July holiday. They got in lots of beach time, and we joined them here at the Coronado beach.



Sally's brother passed away in February of this year after 20 years with Parkinson's. It was great to have my sister-in-law, Jan, and niece Teresa visit the end of July! We celebrated Jan's 80th birthday! (Hard to believe she's 80! She looks great!)

October had us visiting with Sally's daughter Kelly and family in Utah. Mark did not know that he was bringing COVID with him. Luckily only a couple of relatives got it, and we came home with ours. (ALL of us had relatively light cases.)

Mark continues to work on his trains. He figures the train layout will be finished in about 30 years. He now has little plastic buildings filled with electronics and computers.



Sally continues playing with the dulcimer group. This year, she joined with 2 others in the group to form a trio that they named "The 3 Stringers." The trio has worked hard all year and has now performed at a few venues.



We continue our hikes and walks as much as possible. Mark figures that we hiked over 700 miles since COVID started and Mark thinks he has ridden his bicycle about 2,000 miles a year.

We signed up for a trip to Egypt nearly 3 years ago! We will finally be going on that trip the end of December 2022! Yay! It includes a few days in Jerusalem and Jordan and a 7-day float down the Nile River. You'll hear all about that in next year's Christmas letter!

We look forward to hearing your news too! Please catch us up!

We send our very best wishes to you and your family for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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