



December 2007
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!!
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May the blessings that surround the birth of the Christ Child be with you and your family this holiday season. Join us as we pray for peace on earth.

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Phil and Barb began the year by inventing a new extreme sport – senior citizens hiking down a mountain in the dark without a flashlight. Well, actually we were hiking a section of the Benton MacKaye trail in the North Georgia Mountains and missed a turnoff. It was pitch dark when we got the steep downhill about



Barb and Phil

a mile from our car. We used what little moonlight there was plus the light from our GPS to tell us how far we had to go and the approximate direction. As we neared the car we used the automatic door opener for the car to signal where it was parked. At least we are here to tell you about it.

Barb spent a good deal of the year traveling both for work and for pleasure. Brother Jim really celebrated his 70th – Barb went to Wyoming for one party in March. In May, we had a huge celebration in Boulder and Longmont in conjunction with the running of the Boulder Bolder. Gwyneth and her girls, Susannah and her boyfriend Luis, and Barb and Phil joined Jim and Marty

and almost all their offspring plus Cousin Judy and her family for the fun.



Texas had a lot of rain – Phil renamed our usually trickle of a river behind the house Lake Owens after one of the floods.



Belle and Phil

.Phil's sister Belle and Gwyneth and the girls came to Georgetown for Phil's belated 70th birthday party

Susannah landed a new job with a civil engineering firm and is enjoying both the work environment and the benefits! She moved into a new apartment as well,

Phil is finally planning to take a semester off and Barb is planning for a staged retirement. However, with an active research program on oral history of computing educators and serving for the next three years as chair of the professional society for computing educators, she will not see

much reduction in work nor in travel, but just a reduction in her paycheck!



Gwyneth and Susannah

Phil and Barb gave themselves a light weight canoe (12 ft instead of the old heavy 17 foot one they rarely used). This time we cheated and got an electric motor for it, so we can cruise if we are too tired or lazy to paddle.



Barb and Chloe on Lake Blue Ridge

We continue to enjoy watching our granddaughters, Camille (9) and Chloe (5) thrive as homeschoolers and visiting with Rob and Gwyneth. We eagerly agree to baby-sit our grand-dog when Suze takes a short vacation.



Camille and Chloe

Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.





Phil's New Mountain Bike



Round Rock Express Game



Camille and Chloe on St. Patrick's Day



Suze and Duncan in Blue Ridge



Jim and Barb in Saratoga, Wyoming



Chloe Decorated Cake for Phil's 70th

