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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Welcome to the 2000 edition of the *Kavanagh Gazette*. The purpose of this newsletter is to give you an update on our family out here in Oregon. This is really important since a good portion of our family is on the east coast.

As usual we had a busy year. Mark traveled a lot on business. Mark & Cynthia went to NY and LA for weekend trips. The entire family went down to Central and Southern California for vacation. Emily spent a week down in the San Jose, CA area on her own.

KAVANAGH 2000 TRIPS

This year the family vacation was an RV trip to Central and Southern California. The highlight of the trip was to Six Flags Magic Mountain and Hurricane Harbor in Valencia. Mark and Richard rode 10 roller coasters in one day. However, one coaster got to Mark. The newest coaster, the Colossus, was a bit much. It has a high drop and high speeds. Its double helix near the end pulls a few "G's", Mark just about blacked out. He came back once out of the spin, but was woozy the rest of the day. The day at Hurricane Harbor was a nice water park day to relax. It was a short vacation, but still a fun one.

In October we took a weekend trip in the RV up to Mt. Saint Helens and Seattle. We hadn't been to the volcano in several years. A lot has changed, especially the foliage. In Seattle we spent the day at the excellent Museum of Flight by Boeing Field.

Mark & Cyn took a trip to New York in May to visit his family in NJ and NY areas, plus Cyn's brother in NJ. We actually flew into Providence RI due to a cheap airfare. We did run into car trouble with the Hertz rental car. The car died 5:30 pm on a Saturday, it took us 1 hour on the cell phone, plus 2 more hours before we were able to get another car). Otherwise it was good to see the families again.



MARK HAPPENINGS

This was the biggest travel year ever for Mark, flying about 100,000 miles. Mark visited Tokyo Electron customers in Hamburg, Germany (x2); Nijmegen, Holland; Caen, France; Catania, Italy (x2); Dallas, TX; Santa Cruz, CA; San Diego, CA, and of course many trips to Phoenix, AZ to the company HQ. Mark's role in TEL has changed. He was promoted from district supervisor to Western Regional Manager. With this promotion he lost his overtime. This has caused a slowdown on new projects with the house.

One fun trip this year was to the Electric Railroader's Assoc. convention held in Los Angeles and San Diego. Both Mark and Cyn attended. Photo opportunities were plentiful with riding the light rail and subway lines in the region.

CYNTHIA'S YEAR

Cyn has been keeping busy with many different projects. She completed a beautiful evening gown for Emily. Emily wore to the Snowball Dance, a city wide high school semi-formal dance. Cyn has started a very rigorous exercise program. She and Emily joined the local YMCA. Cyn goes there at least 3 days a week to use the gym equipment or the pool.

A recent set back to her program occurred just after Thanksgiving. She slipped on our icy deck one morning and broke her ankle. She underwent surgery to have it pinned and hopes to be fully recovered by February.

865 "D" ST REMODEL

This year saw a slowdown in the remodel of the house. We hired a contractor to replace and relocate the front walk for the house. It really adds something to the house.

Mark added new vinyl shutters to the front windows adding dimension to the front. Cyn completed work on Richard's room which mostly consisted of arranging his closet. New furniture was added to the

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EMILY'S DOINGS

Emily is a Senior in High School which is very hard for the family to believe. Her grades are vastly improved this year. She decided not to be part of the marching band this year so she could concentrate more on school work so she may graduate in June.

You should have seen her in her Snowball dress Cynthia had made. She was gorgeous. Mark wanted to weld a coat around her to keep the boys from peering at her. She had a great time. This past summer she spent a week in California by herself with a chat friend down there. She proved that she could fly down there and back without us assisting. She is definitely growing up.

Emily hopes to be going to Chemeketa Community College next year and work towards becoming a special education teacher for students at-risk. She is planning to stay at home while at CCC, then go onto a University. Good Luck Emily!

WEBSITES

Mark the shutterbug is still taking a lot of pictures. On the *Kavanagh Family Website*, updated photos of the family are included. A new section showing the before and after of the house remodel has been growing steadily. Of course Mark's, *Kavanagh Transit Photos* site has also been growing. It now features over 550 photos of transit and railroad items from over 45 cities in 8 countries. Please e-mail us and enjoy the photos.

Home Remodel (Continued from page 1)

living room, including a new couch for Flame. We have started a project to insulate the attic joist. Hopefully that will be completed by the end of 2000. Mark's office was re-arranged in light of his new position and the numerous phone calls he now handles. For Cynthia we added a wrap around desk in the basement and set up a real nice sewing area that is very functional.

We're still debating what our next project will be. Probably building a retaining wall along the alley way. We had tore out the old RR ties as they were in bad shape. Then maybe the kitchen?



RICHARD'S ROAMINGS

Richard is now a sophomore in high school. This past summer he participated in the Children's Educational Theatre again in technical theatre seminar. He had to come up with a portfolio of his activities including stage design and stage management. This year it was held at North Salem High, so it was right down the street.

With his summer knowledge, he started helping out with the high school shows as a Techie. He has been placed on an on-call list for helping with lights when the high school auditorium is rented out, and he gets paid for it as well.

Richard's career path changes frequently, which is expected for a 15 year old. Early in the year he decided he wanted to become a commercial airline pilot. Then in school he took a class in basic programming and loved it. His programming teacher is pushing him to go into the 2 year computer networking class offered by Cisco Systems in high schools. He is considering this especially with the high potential in starting salaries for networking professionals.

Richard still plays the Cello with the Orchestra that placed very well in All-State competitions last May. Keep going Richard!

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