

# KAVANAGH GAZETTE

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Welcome to the 2001 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. The family took a winter trip to London and a summer trip to Yellowstone. Mark & Cyn spent an extended weekend in NY/NJ in August. Then there were the events of September that stressed us all.

## KAVANAGH 2001 TRIPS

This year there were two family vacations. The first was in February to London England. The trip was for Emily's senior year in High School. We spent 3 days in London, and one day on a tour of the English countryside and Stonehenge.

The second trip was an RV trip to Yellowstone National Park in August. We spent 2.5 days in Yellowstone and visited several sites along the way.

In May we took a trip to Southern Oregon to visit the Oregon Vortex as well as take a Jet Boat ride on the Rouge River out of Grants Pass.

In June Cyn's Mom, Helen came out to visit to see Emily Graduate from North Salem High. Mark's Dad, Neil came out in July to spend some time with us and Mark's Brother in Portland.

In August Mark and Cyn flew out to NY and stayed with Cyn's brother, George. The motive here was strictly trains. This was the last weekend that Newark was running their PCC cars on the Newark City Subway. There was also a Subway fan trip using old cars in New York. During this trip Mark took photos of the NY skyline and was in the basement of the World Trade Center 3 times, not knowing what would happen just 2.5 weeks later.

Photos of some of these trips maybe found on our websites found on page 2.



## MARK HAPPENINGS

This was an interesting year for Mark. The electronics industry was hit with the biggest downturn ever. He was actually looking forward to a slowdown to spend more time at home, But...

On September 10th he was transferred from Tokyo Electron Arizona to Supercritical Systems Inc, a start-up subsidiary company owned by TEL. He was sent down to Fremont CA on 9/10 (yes, one day before the suicide crashes) for 3 to 6 weeks that eventually was stretched to 3 months. Mark likes the Bay Area, but Fremont wasn't great, world events made it worse, and the long time away from home was the worst.

The project ended in Fremont on 12/11, that is why this newsletter is later than normal. At least he is home, albeit with a long commute to Hillsboro every day (57 miles).

## CYNTHIA'S YEAR

Cyn fully recovered from her broken ankle and walks just fine. She healed up just in time to head to London.

Cyn joined Weight Watchers this year and has lost over 20 pounds, and is looking good. She has worked very hard at losing weight.

Cyn has had to deal with Mark being gone a lot towards the end of the year. She had to contend with computer problems, flooded basement and crabby children. But she was able to come down to Fremont to be with Mark for one week which made life a little easier. She had a great time. The day they spent in SF was the best weather SF had seen in weeks!

## 865 "D" ST REMODEL

This year we added a new retaining wall with landscaping around the front of the house to add curb appeal. The front of the house is looking really good.

The next project is the kitchen which Cyn has started to pull down the plaster walls and ceiling. We plan to put in new lightening, counter tops and flooring.

## EMILY'S DOINGS

It is hard to believe it, but Emily did graduate from North Salem High School this past June. Her Grandmother from Florida came out to see it. Mark made a special computer video for her showing Emily from the time he first met her up to graduation. There wasn't a dry eye in the audience!

She is now attending Chemeketa Community College. The plan is to get her Associates degree then move onto a 4 year school. Her goal is to become a High School Guidance Counselor. She is still living at home and goes to school via the city bus system.

Emily also has a boy friend named Dale. Mark may not be to happy, but is any Dad ever happy with their daughter's boyfriends, NO! Dale is now a senior in High School.

## RICHARD'S ROAMINGS

Richard is now a Junior in high school. Most of his classes are related to computers. He is taking a two year program offered by Cisco systems that will get him Cisco Networking certified. He is also taking programming classes.

Richard continues to be the head student doing stage lightening at North Salem. He even earns money if the auditorium is rented out and they need lights.

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

Richard also now has a girlfriend named Karen. She is in Richard's class. She is a sweet young lady. Richard spoils her a lot.

## OTHER OR FAMILY ITEMS

Erik and Teresa bought a house along with 3 friends in West Salem. The house is huge with over 4500 sqft with two levels and 2 car garage. There space for all of them including a huge workshop, plus 2 smaller workshops. It is on a hill with a view through the trees of Salem.

Neil & Kelsey are doing well. Neil is going to school full time, working part time. He is hoping to get his teachers certificate in another year and teach in elementary school.

Helen, Cyn's Mom is doing great for being 75 years old. She actually traveled out here to Oregon this year to see Emily Graduate and sightsee.

Neil, Mark's Dad, came out to Oregon to visit in July. We did a lot of sightseeing. In December he

## WEBSITES

Mark the shutterbug is still taking a lot of pictures, and now with a digital camera, even more so! On the *Kavanagh Family Website*, updated photos of the family are included, along with photos of our trips to London and Yellowstone. A section devoted to the World Trade Center is the latest addition.

Of course Mark's, *Kavanagh Transit Photos* site has also been growing. It now features over 1100 photos of transit and railroad items from over 52 cities in 9 countries. Please e-mail us and enjoy the photos.

The websites and e-mail addresses were affected by the recent bankruptcy of @Home and the fight AT&T Broadband had. So all our e-mail and websites changed, see the box below.

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*Kavanagh Family Website:*  
<http://home.attbi.com/~subwaymark>  
*Emily's Website:*  
<http://www.homestead.com/sapphirerose>  
*Richards Website:*  
<http://www.homestead.com/animefreak1>  
*Kavanagh Transit Website:*  
<http://www.ktransit.com>

## MARK IS ALSO A WEBMASTER FOR:

*Oregon Electric Railway Historical Society*  
<http://www.trainweb.org/oerhs>  
*Northern Ohio Railway Museum*  
<http://www.trainweb.org/norm>



checked into the hospital. He is a very sick man. Mark flew out to visit him once. Neil J. will most likely remain in the Hospital thru the holidays.

Josephine, Mark's Mom will be spending Christmas in Oregon to visit Mark and his brother.