

THE KAVANAGH GAZETTE

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Welcome to the 2022 edition of *The Kavanagh Gazette*. The purpose of this newsletter is to give you an update on the family out here in Oregon.

2022 Returns to (a new) Normal?

2022 saw the return of travel as well as change

- Trips: Star Trek Cruise, Western Canada Roadtrip, San Diego, and some NY Trips. There were also canceled trips for a Spain/Italy Cruise, and Germany Christmas Markets
- The big change this year is Mark's Mom moved from NY into the Kavanagh home in Salem



Josephine and Tyson (in the carrier) enjoying the Skyclub at LGA



Mark, Josephine & Cynthia (Tyons is at their feet) flying First Class on Delta.

Two to Beam Up Again Scotty

Mark & Cyn's last cruise was a Star Trek Cruise in March 2020; the following week, the world shut down. It seemed appropriate to go on another Star Trek Cruise as the world started to open up in early 2022. The theme of this cruise was TNG's 35th anniversary. Mark got star struck meeting Anthony Rapp, who plays Lt. Paul Stamets on ST-Discovery, but more notably, he played "Mark" in the Musical RENT, Mark's favorite Musical. The cruise departed Port Canaveral on The Mariner of the Seas (Royal Caribbean).

Before the cruise, Mark and Cyn met up with Mark's Aunt & Uncle, who live in Cocoa Beach. After the cruise, they met up with Mark's Uncle and Aunt, who lives in Saint Augustine, then Cyn's sister and Brother-in-Law in Jacksonville (and their new home in Daytona Beach). They also visited Cyn's brother, who lives north of Jacksonville.

Mark got off at Nassau during the cruise to grab a few geocaches, but that was it. In St. Maarten, Cyn did Snuba, while Mark went to Maho Beach to watch the plans fly low across the beach, landing at the airport. St. Thomas, they got off the ship, did a little walking, and went back on board. The cruise was fun, with many activities and panels with celebrities.

Mark & Cyn had vowed this would be their last ST cruise, but they had announced the next cruise would go out of Los Angeles, and they had incentives to book early, so in late Feb 23, and will be beamed aboard again.

MOVING MARK'S MOM TO OREGON

In mid-2022, the family came to a consensus that Mark's Mom. Josephine should move to Oregon for a support network and allow Maureen (Mark's sister) to look for a new living space.

In November, the time came. Mark & Cyn flew out to NY. The first stop was to visit Cyn's Brother and sister-in-law in NJ. Next was a goodbye party for Josephine, where family and friends gathered to say their goodbyes. The following days were spent cleaning Josephine's apartment and preparing her for the move.

Mark & Cyn did get out one day to go into NYC. They took the train and had lunch at Ellen's Stardust Café just north of Times Square. Next was to The Edge, an observation deck in Hudson Yards on the west side. After that were the obligatory stops at the World Trade Center and Grand Central Station. They took the subway to Flushing for dinner to meet up with a friend at a fantastic Japanese teppanyaki place. Then they headed back to Penn Station to get the train back towards Suffern.

Josephine officially moved out on a Monday. That night all stayed at a hotel in Yonkers, including the cat and a lot of luggage. Tuesday morning, off to LaGuardia airport. After luggage check-in and security, Josephine, Mark, Cyn, and the cat (Tyson) hung out at the Skyclub lounge before the flights. The flights themselves were flown in the First Class cabin, including Tyson. The routing was LGA-MSP-PDX. Then they all arrived at home exhausted.

Josephine currently lives in Mark's home. She has one bedroom and one sitting room where Tyson can go between the two using a pegboard bridge over the heating vent.

Unfortunately, two weeks later, Josephine fell backward two steps, cracking a few ribs. This led Mark & Cyn to last-minute cancel their trip to Germany. Josephine spent three nights in the hospital but is back home. She still had a lot of pain but is doing better.

It is hoped that Josephine can move into her own place in 2023.

Cynthia & Mark having fun with Garrett Wang, Ensign Kim from ST-Voyager, during a photo shoot



Mark & Cyn at the Port of St. Thomas



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MARK'S WIERDNESS

Mark can never seem to stay still. It started in January with a weekend trip to NY to see the last runs of the NY Subway R32 cars. It was cold but fun.

Next is the Motorbus Convention in Washington DC/Baltimore in late April. Although Mark is not a super bus fan, he likes them; there were trains involved (DC metro and streetcar, Baltimore subway and light rail, and the National Capital Trolley Museum). After the convention, he took Amtrak to NY, although the train trip was cut-short in Philadelphia due to wires being damaged in NJ. So he drove north to meet up with family in NY.

The next trip was work-related, the first business trip since Jan. 2020. It was to the Columbus region of Ohio. He got to meet up with Cyn's cousin in Columbus and drove up to Oberlin to meet up with the former St. Paul's Associate Rector, who became the rector of a church here.

One more business trip was for a conference in Los Angeles.

At the trolley museum, he was a wizard for four weekends as part of a Halloween event to raise money for the museum.

The last virtual choir video for St Paul's was completed in May. In-person choir started in September, taking a huge workload off of Mark. Now Mark is working on setting up the choir trip to Montreal in October 2023.

PET UPDATE

Dylan is starting to be a more mellow dog, and is enjoyable on road trips. Now Minion, Nori and Dylan are trying to get used to Josephine's cat, Tyson. However, Tyson does not want to have anything to do with them, and he makes is boundary clear (with hisses).

Western Canadian Road Trip

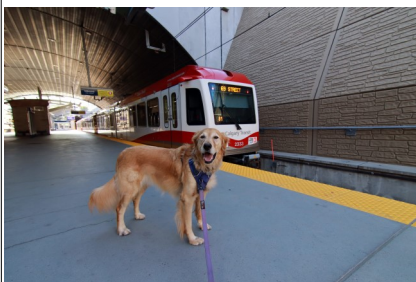
The Canadian road trip was planned for the summer of 2020 to attend the geocaching event called GeoWoodstock. But we all know what happened. It was rescheduled for 2021 but then pushed again to August 2022. This trip would also involve taking Dylan, a great road trip dog.

The first part of the trip was for the geocaching event in Abbotsford. Mark had chosen an AirBnB in Langley, which worked out well. With geocaching, they got to explore the area. They took Dylan to the main event with geocachers from all over the world. Dylan had so much fun with people coming up to him to get his "trackable" code and say hi. He was exhausted. But the focus on Dylan was not over.

After the event, they drove to Nelson, BC, along some beautiful roads. They would spend two nights in Nelson. Tucked in the mountain and Kootenay Lake, Nelson is a great little town. It also has a streetcar, which Dylan got to ride his first train/trolley! Mark fell in love with Nelson. Everyone was friendly, and great places to eat and local beer.

Next, they were off to spend a couple of nights in Calgary. Calgary's transit system allows dogs (on leash) for free on their buses and light rail trains. Dylan had a ball riding on the trains! So much so that Calgary Transit re-tweeted a photo with Dylan front of a train. He was also spoiled at one restaurant with a special dog food menu.

After Calgary, the day was spent on a beautiful drive to Kamloops for an overnight. The next day was back across the border to McMenamins Anderson School in Bothell, WA. Geocaching's 20(22) year anniversary party in Seattle was the following day. Dylan was left at Doggie Daycare, and Cyn chilled out at the hotel while Mark went to the Link Light Rail and the Monorail to Seattle Center for the event, which was fun. After the event, Mark returned to the hotel to pick up Cyn to see one of their favorite folk singing group, "Tillers Folly," play at a community festival in Shoreline, WA. The next day was the end of the trip driving back to Salem. Overall an enjoyable



Dylan at the 69th St Station of Calgary's CTrain system. The Transit system loved this image

Cyn & Mark at "The Edge" with the Empire State Building photo bombing them.



Mark & Cyn at the Continental divide between Alberta & British Columbia Canada

Mark at the farewell to the R32 subway cars in Brooklyn

CYN'S UPDATE

Cyn had a pretty good year. This year, her focus on the house was moving her sewing room from the 2nd floor to the basement. This was in prep for the former sewing room to become a sitting room for Josephine. It involved setting up the former family room in the basement and a lot of rearranging.

The next step was arranging the guest room to become Josephine's bedroom and her sitting room.

Cyn traveled on her own to Florida. She stayed with her sister in Daytona Beach. She also got to see her brother while there. She had a good time until her sister had an AFIB attack and had to go to the hospital. But it all worked out okay in the end.

Cyn and Mark also went to two concerts this year. The first was to see Home Free, a great country-style acapella group. It was so much fun. Next up was Post Modern Jukebox. They take modern music and rearrange it into older styles like big-band, lounge style, jazz, and more.

2023 plans are a Star Trek Cruise, a Hawaiian Cruise, and a trip to Montreal. There is a possible Germany trip to see the Christmas markets of Dresden and Nuremberg.

San Diego Trip

In July Cyn and Mark went down to San Diego to be a part of the Electric Railroader's Convention. Had good Mexican food and met up with railfan friends from the east coast. The trip involved riding the San Diego Trolley, The Coaster, and the Sprinter. The convention also took us to the Southern California Railway Museum, noted for its extensive collection of Pacific Electric, Los Angeles Railway streetcars and Interurbans, and a lot more. Lastly, there was a side trip up to Los Angeles. The convention took the bus in both directions. Mark and Cyn took the train back to San Diego. A lovely ride. One night they went to see the San Diego Padres play at Petco Park. Both Mark & Cyn felt was the nicest ballpark they have ever been to!

