

# ❖ The Bodwell Gazette ❖

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## Merry Christmas from Linda and Grant



### Charlie and Melissa:

The wedding was beautiful. We held it at Vintage House in Sonoma. That is the local senior center. It has a fountain in front of the building and that is where the ceremony took place.

Melissa wore a dress that Linda reconstructed from Melissa's mother's dress. It took months to search out materials and do the sewing.

### Pat's roof:

Grant went up to Auburn for three days of helping Pat prepare the roof, getting it ready for a new metal covering. Auburn can be quite hot in September but it wasn't too bad. An older house always has some issues so there were many repairs to the roof deck. The roof is now complete and it has made a big improvement in the insulation and comfort.

### Kevin and Audra:

Kevin and Audra have moved off the hill into a home that is just a short

walk from us. They were able to sell the mobile home so are free of that responsibility. The kids are very much into Broadway Bound Kids and are performing in plays a couple of times a year.

### Death Valley:

Our Spring was cold this year so we thought we would go south and find a place to get warm. Well, Death Valley in the first week of May is a little bit of a gamble. Monday was warm, about 80 and as the week progressed the thermometer rose. By the end of the week it hit 104! The last afternoon we sat in the shade with wet towels all over us. It actually felt good to return the coolness of home.

### Oregon trip:

Our trip to Oregon began with a quick visit with Tory, Lorenda, and Billie. We put on an impromptu hula show in Lorenda's back yard. Lorenda and Tory invited some friends over so we had a small audience.

After the visit we headed out to the coast up to Newport for three nights at South Beach State Park then down the coast to Cape Blanco State Park for a couple of nights. The last stop was back in California at Patrick's Point State Park.

### Disneyland:

We had not been to Disneyland since sometime in the late '80s so it was overdue. We decided to drive down and took two days to get there traveling down 101. The first stop was in Pismo Beach, a place we hadn't visited since the last Disneyland trip. Pleasant weather the whole trip except for some wind. There were many, many changes to the park that we had to explore.

### Hula:

This was a very busy year with the Hula group. Lots of time spent developing costumes, learning dances. All of the music is now live. We have a band with seven musicians and several singers. Grant plays guitar and ukulele and sings. Linda is the most experienced of the dancers so is asked to take a kind of leader role in many cases. The big show was in June held again in the amphitheater in Sonoma Plaza. There were hundreds of people attending. We also put on several of what we call Road Shows with a smaller set of dancers and musicians. It can get kind of hectic but it is rewarding to see the smiles.



### Classifieds

Several of our hula performances have been uploaded to Youtube. If you put "sonoma hula" into the Youtube search bar you will see them.