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Tis the Season to be Jolly!! Fa La La La!

The Interrupted Summer

Grant and Linda's summer was full of interruptions. School always seemed to get in the way of any real traveling. The school is getting ready to do some remodeling and Grant was asked to attend some planning meetings that had to do with the library and the computer lab so he had to be in town at various times for that. The school was also looking into the possibility of becoming a charter school and Grant and Linda were asked to be around for meetings to plan and write a proposed charter. That also cut into the calendar.

We did get in several short trips mostly within California to state parks: Indian Grinding Rock, Calaveras Big Trees, Donner Memorial, Castle Crags, Lava Beds, and Lassen. That sounds like a lot, but each trip was short. The new Explorer pulls the larger Scamp with ease over the mountains so was worth the expense. Hopefully this coming summer we will venture outside California and see more of the country.

One Moves In - One Moves Out

On the home front, Charlie and his buddies had to give up their rental last summer because the owners wanted the house for themselves. He moved back home to cut expenses and catch up on his bills. It's good to have him home because he is a big help around the house. Two trees in the front yard were diseased and he took them down and cut them up. He also went to truck driving



The New Explorer!

school last spring and now has his class A license so he can now drive just about anything!

Kevin now lives in South Lake Tahoe with his fiance, Audra. They moved up there this Fall after finding jobs at Harvey's Resort/Casino. They are beginning to experience a real winter for the first time. Dealing with snow, added to learning about shift work must be a challenge. Grant and Linda are planning to make a run up to see them before Christmas.

Two Move In!

Pat and Julie bought a house in Auburn this past spring. It's perfect for Pat since it has a huge metal shed with a concrete floor for all his junk, I mean, tools and projects. They are busy fixing up things and making the place theirs.

Grant, Linda and Kevin went up to help with the move during Easter break. Grant and Linda camped in the driveway in the Scamp and worked like devils for two days cleaning and moving using a rental truck and three pickups.

Grant's Change At School

The new school year found Grant moving to a new grade. The class size reduction program in California made it to third grade this year in Sonoma and so did Grant. There was really no decision to make. Figure it out - twenty smaller kids to thirty larger ones? Not really rocket science was it? Strange how moving to a new curriculum and a few really squirrely kids can make it almost as much work though. The other teachers at third grade have a sense of humor which was sometimes lacking at the upper grades so the move was worth it. Please don't share this paper with anyone you know from Sonoma - in fact by accepting this paper you have agreed to tear it up into tiny pieces and swallow it. Security on the last issue is paramount!!!

CLASSIFIED ADS

One slightly used Doughboy pool. 24' round with sand filter. Very brittle liner. Used just once this year. Hurry because it's already loaded in Charlie's truck to go to the recycler. . . . Oops! you waited too long. . . . It's long gone!!!

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Merry Christmas