

Merry Christmas

Christmas 2018

Happy New Year

Arrived home from Florida just before Thanksgiving. It was 78 degrees that afternoon when we left Florida and 8 degree here the next morning. Arrived just in time for a cold spell.

This past summer we took the 4 grandsons to Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, NY. We hadn't realized that Glenn Curtiss had made early motorcycles (1901-1912) while developing engines for airplanes. He also built racing boats and sea planes. Of course there was a large section of airplanes. Curtiss was credited with over 500 inventions in his 52 years. The boys got a kick out a 1968 Honda motorcycle that was exactly like Grampy's first motorcycle including the correct color. Then we spent a few days at Darien Lake Amusement Park. The whole trip was a lot of fun and no discipline problems (they had to be told to put away the electronic devices a few times).

We again took our truck camper to Florida in Sept. We took a 3000 mile detour to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We visited a copper mine with a tour down in the mine. The weather was rainy but we still had a great time. We visited Sheila's brother & sister in Nashville, then started south. We found we couldn't get to Florida as Hurricane Michael was coming thru in our path. We stayed in northern Alabama for 4 days waiting out the hurricane. We visited museums in the area, one called in a tour guide whom was an Army retiree and had spent time at Fort Drum. We were finally able to get thru to Florida. All the towns we passed thru had no electric power thus no businesses were open, strange to see McDonalds with no cars. We finally got to a town with electricity so I could get fuel. All the gas stations were sold out but we have a diesel truck and there was plenty of that.

Sydney graduated with her RN degree and passed the boards in the summer. She's not sure where she wants to go so she signed up to substitute teach locally. That didn't last long as soon as the schools found out she is an RN all her jobs have been in the nurses office. Cale is a freshman at St. Lawrence University and of course is playing basketball. We have seen some of his games, he is a freshman and a starter on the team. Trent a high school sophomore is top of his class and making many points on the varsity basketball team. Reed is in ninth grade and played soccer in the fall. Grant 7th grade played soccer and is still dancing and winning talent contests. Maeve in 6th grade loves to cook and is always working on crafts. She makes miniature things for her dolls.

Lisa and Scott are busy with kids and life. Katrina and Steve are busy with kids and residing their 3 story Victorian home. Geoff and Emily are still living in their Adirondack log home and loving it. They have replaced all the decking

around their home. Geoff had to go to Utah for a week for work, when he came home Emily had done a lot more of the decking. He said "I should have stayed in Utah till she finished it". He has done a lot of work inside and Ron asked him where he learned that as he never spent any time in the shop with Ron. His reply was "don't look too closely".

On the way home in the spring we plan to travel to Arizona to visit Ron's sister and brother-in-law. Then up the coast to visit Sheila's sisters. Across the states to visit more national parks and museums. We have visited 150 National Parks with only 300 more to go.

Ron and Sheila still have the typical old age aches but thankful we can still travel and enjoy life. Like everyone else, lots of doctor, dentist, eye doctor and other appointments. We find life just seems to go faster as time goes by.

Happy Holidays!!

Ron & Sheila Day