

Ken is still here in Austin and working for the same company on a contract basis doing animation, character development, etc. for the video gaming industry. We get to see him fairly often and hope that he will be able to spend some time over Christmas. He has been helping us panel the dogs room with a kind of indestructible finish (necessary because of Bracken's enthusiastic nature...).

We had hoped to have German Shepherd puppies early in the Spring, but we believe Bracken rejected Troubador as her suitor. In spite of surviving Bracken's growing up (chewed up the motorcycle's chain guard, & front fender; potted plants; numerous water hoses; the tail of our lighted horse decoration, etc.), we definitely enjoy having them both as part of the family (Troubador maintains his calm, except an obsession to play ball).

We enjoyed a couple of trips to San Antonio. One to celebrate our 23rd anniversary and to attend a Neil Diamond concert. Recently, we've caught up with our hot air ballooning friends at holiday parties (18 years since we first began video taping ballooning events). We just wish there was more quality time with friends and family.

We were invited to Sharon's sister Sheila's wedding in Puerto Rico. Sheila and John's wedding was beautiful & gave the families a wonderful visit. We produced a DVD of the wedding for them.

Martin got a motorcycle a couple of months ago. He had been saving for a jukebox to become part of the vintage museum, but their cost has skyrocketed the past couple of years, so he decided to buy a Yamaha TM200. He is really enjoying being able to ride again after several years without a cycle.

Speaking of riding, I have not been able to ride Dancer and KD as much as I had hoped. KD injured himself five months ago and it's one of those very slow to heal injuries. I have only been able to ride him at a walk in the back field once or twice a week and can't risk taking him out on the trail in case he does something silly and hurts himself further. I still ride Dancer sometimes, but at 25 she thinks she should be retired and just able to spend her time out in the pasture eating. She is doing well though. I found a new riding partner just before KD's injury and she sometimes comes over to our house and we ride together and catch up on what is going on.

We are looking forward to having my brother Peter and Elaine come and visit us for a week just after Christmas. They will then be going on to Florida for a week to soak up some sunshine. England has been exceptionally wet this year, in contrast to our 17 inch deficit rainfall in Austin. We are now in an extreme drought situation.

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Take care of each other and have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Much Love, Chris and Martin

