

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to our Friends and Family

As 2010 draws to a close it is time to reflect. Actually, we will be glad to see this year come to an end and perhaps next year will see us all prospering and the World economy getting back on track.

Martin and I continue to work from our home, which is a wonderful benefit. We love this neighborhood, with its good people, its quietness and yet it is in fairly close proximity to both Austin and Bastrop. We continue to be active in neighborhood activities like wine and cheese get-togethers, a progressive dinner and ice cream social, etc.



My entertainment bookings have certainly been affected by the downturn. Companies are just not having the same type of parties. For example, instead of hiring a band, they are having a duo or solo musician or a DJ, etc. Let's hope that next year everyone will be tired of cutting back and be ready for some Fun.

Martin is continuing his contract work with the University of Texas Center for Disability Studies. One of the ladies at the Center was in a horrible car accident a few months ago, so that has thrown some of the upcoming projects behind as everyone has been rallying around to do what they can to fill in for her.



In June, Martin and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary by throwing a party here at the house. We had about 40 friends over (some of whom we hadn't seen for several years) and served a BBQ, had live music and just enjoyed visiting with everyone. We need to do things like that more often – time passes too quickly to say “some day.”

We had a surprise visit from Anthony, Sharon, Julius and Rowan in late October, which was great, as we got to share Halloween (which was actually Julius' 4th



birthday). We got to know Rowan too. At ten and a half months he is walking and is just one happy little boy, with a constant smile on his face. I visited them in Ohio in early September and Anthony had just learned at that time that he was being laid off. After just two months Anthony has been hired by Starbucks in Seattle as their Senior Concept Designer. They will be packing a few days after Christmas for the move to the West Coast.



We are so proud of how they have handled all the stress and turbulence.

**The Reel to Reel
Tape Recorder**
Phantom Productions, Inc.'s
Vintage Recording Collection



Martin produced a 5 hour, 2 DVD set on his vintage reel tape recorder collection & sold over 60 copies around the World. He recently returned from driving to Salinas, CA (3,585 miles) to pick up a wonderful 1947 Ampex 200 recorder (the model that was funded by Bing Crosby so he could edit his radio shows). It was one of the first professional US recorders made and only 112 of them were produced. We

are very excited about this addition. The collection draws over a million hits a month and generates many interesting inquiries.



Our four legged friends are doing fine right now. Troubador just loves to play ball and continues to maintain his high energy, even though he is on constant medication for his encephalitis. He and Bracken enjoy being together and having the freedom



to wander the property at will. The horses are both good and although Dancer is now retired (she is 27 now) I continue to ride K.D. as often as possible. One of my neighbors and I have been on several interesting trail rides this year.



Ken is still a video game artist and animator. He was doing contract work for a video gaming company named Critical Mass and working out of his house. I get to see him as often as possible. He will be in South Texas over the Holidays.



This Christmas is going to be a quiet one for Martin and I, but we have been invited to share Christmas Day Dinner with Barbara and Larry, our neighbors and friends.



Please feel free to visit our website, where Martin does a great job of posting pictures and video clips of our activities throughout the year. The link is:
<http://phantomprod.com/sc2010.html>

We wish you very Merry Christmas and hope that 2011 brings you good health, happiness and most importantly lots of love.