

Merry Christmas 2010

Hello Everyone, wow, another year gone by so quickly! Just a short missive, no chronological inventory. We had a wonderful summer spending time with family and “old” friends. The fun began in the spring when Craig and Jessica’s “one toy at a time” policy materialized a 30 foot cabin cruiser. Oh yes, the hole in the water into which....., but it is all about Craig and Jessica wanting to share good times with all of us.

The first time out involved anchoring in a quiet bay and setting our crab trap. Within half an hour we were catching, cooking and feasting. Another adventure was a day out near a cormorant sanctuary called Hudson Rocks. We brought the kayak along which made it possible for Hudson and Brennen to get a close-up view of the nesting birds. One of our best memories will be watching Grace and Leila with Jessica, jumping off of the back of the boat and treading in the deep water, everyone squealing with delight.

Our annual week away on Hornby Island was blessed with terrific weather, good company and happy children, not to mention the most spectacular midnight skies we have seen in many years.



Milky Way from Hornby Island

This year’s sand sculpture was “Spongebob Squarepants”. Brennen and Alan paddled out to a sealion rookery where they were met by a herd of 50, which surrounded their little boat. For a moment Grandpa had to wonder if this was a little reckless but both he and Brennen were in awe. In the evenings after all the sand was washed out of nooks and crannies, the children settled down to audio books and easily drifted off to sleep in their tents. Every morning our grandkids mocked their grandparents with gales of giggles as we practiced our Tai Chi.

Hornby Island was immediately followed by a trip to Ontario where we connected with Pam’s Jamaican Aunt Aline and Uncle Roy, feisty and funny at 86 and 92 years young. Then on to Georgian Bay for an unforgettable 40th reunion of the farm with Alan’s brothers, Ernie and Oliver and their exteeeeeended family complete with pig roast, bon fires, laughter, dancing and lots of warm hugs. Prior to our return, we visited Pam’s friend Mary and her partner, Neil in London where again we were shown wonderful hospitality.

It’s always nice to return home and yes, we are still renovating (now the master bedroom “raise high the roof beams Alan”). On weekends, we have all been enjoying Pictionary nights at Michelle and Lincoln’s. They have made their home a cozy place for all of us to meet, eat and play.

Cheers, dear friends, Happy Christmas and a healthy 2011 and please keep us all in your prayers.

Love always
Pam and Alan