



Happy Holidays 2009!



It is hard to believe another year has gone by! Jerry was unable to get a permanent teaching position this Fall in the current job market. He is substituting regularly in both Corvallis and Albany. All of his jobs have been people calling him directly to request him! Kristin is still teaching fifth grade and has a class that is keeping her on her toes this year!!! Our niece Jamie graduated from high school this year... Congrats Jamie!!!

Jerry was accepted as a climb leader with the Mazamas in September. He did climbs of Mt. Adams, Three Sisters, Mt. Thielsen, Unicorn Peak, and Mt. Hood. He is looking forward to planning and leading some climbs in 2010!



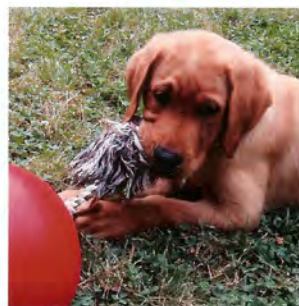
Jerry is still active in the Corvallis Mountain Rescue Unit. He is now rated as a rescue level member... the highest level you can reach! He was able to attend a training where he was allowed to rappel off the side of the 600 foot long Multnomah Falls. A highlight of the summer was Jerry helping with the Mountain Rescue Association 50th anniversary conference in Portland. He met lots of great people, drank lots of beer, and enjoyed the trainings and festivities that included men in kilts playing bagpipes! He helped with a few rescues this year and was able to assist in recovering the remains of Brooke Wilberger.



Kristin enjoyed getting to visit with her niece Jessica and great niece Taylor at Sharon and Chris's house in the spring. Taylor sure is a cute little kid. She seems to get everyone into the act of entertaining her... we even caught Chris playing with a Barbie!



Kristin's guide dog puppy, Forsythe, graduated on Halloween! He is living with a very nice woman, Sharon Schmidt, in Hiliard, Ohio. He is her third guide dog and she is very pleased with him.



We received our ninth puppy at the annual Guide Dogs for the Blind Fun Day in Boring, Oregon. His name is Marley and he is just wonderful!!! He is a very dark colored yellow lab. He is smart, eager to learn, and likes to lean on you! Kristin is co-raising this puppy with Charlotte Goddard and is finding it really nice to have the breaks and not worry as much about finding a puppy sitter!



We went on a 12 day long camping trip with Jerry's folks this summer. We spent time in Washington, Idaho, and Montana. We explored the Payette River Corridor Scenic Byway, stopped at waterfalls and explored the first nuclear electrical breeder reactor. The goal of the trip was to try fishing the "legendary" Henry's river. Of course... the fishing continues to be better in the old standbys closer to home, the Lochsa and the Tucannon. Kristin and Audrey got lots of reading in. The mornings started with double solitaire and the evenings were filled with other card games or Yahtzee.



We also had a great time, just the two of us, on a trip to explore areas around Mt. Hood. It is amazing all of the areas close to home that we have yet to explore. We were able to hike in high alpine, by a lake, and in large old growth cedars by a river. What a beautiful state we live in!



Kristin's mother and Glenn came for a visit the first part of September. We had a BBQ in the backyard. Sharon, Chris, and Taylor were also able to attend. It was fun using our new outdoor seating area.

Glenn Maddux, Kristin's mom's husband, died in September after a long battle with cancer. Her mom is continuing to live in Ferndale for a bit longer as she helps settle the estate and gets packed to move permanently into her house in Corvallis. Kristin is looking forward to having her mom closer by so they can visit and take more trips to the beach!



The guys went on their annual day after Thanksgiving hike again this year. They explored a new Cowiche Canyon Conservancy area called Snow Mountain. Not the most interesting, but still fun to get out with everyone.

Jerry's dad had back surgery in mid December. We are all hoping that this will finally bring him some relief to his ongoing pain.



Sending you warm wishes throughout the new year!

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