

Merry Christmas from Jerry & Gerry -2009

Gerry: Dear ones, as my friend Susan starts her great letter, looking over last year's calendar, we found mostly doctor appointments, blood tests, and miscellaneous music events. One highlight was Gerry's grandson Milo's first birthday party in Minnesota where Milo's uncles and grandparents convened to celebrate. He is a very handsome and bright toddler now and we enjoy video chats with him whenever we get a chance.

Gerry is still using a wheelchair and Jerry is still taking good care of her 24/7 365. We took advantage of the "cash for clunkers" and got a new 2009 Honda Fit which suits us quite well as we can get Gerry, the wheelchair, our dog Amigo, and a bass fiddle in it.

In May we went to Texas to visit Jerry's brother Ed and his mother Cecelia. Ed's wife Barbara is still recovering from cancer treatments valiantly and cheerfully – what a girl !

Jerry: I am so glad not to have to spend any more of my time fixing up both of our "clunkers - 1990 Ford Econoline 150 Van and 1992 Dodge RV". I traded the RV in on a 2010 Ford Transit Connect which is a small delivery type van. We are planning to use it when we want to take Gerry's electric wheelchair and maybe do some camping out as we did in the past.

We got our hammered dulcimer all tuned up and we are both learning to play simple tunes in a "one handed" style. Jerry has been experimenting with the bass fiddle bow to play some droning sound while he sings along on some old timey tunes. Jerry is still working on rebuilding the old plectrum banjo and is still hoping to learn how to play a few nice tunes on the mandolin harp. Jerry is still able to sing with the Manassas chorale despite a chronic sinus condition probably due to our two cats –Qtpie and Blondie – who square off daily for a hissing fight.

We went to Jerry's granddaughter Megan's 3rd year birthday party and had a great time. Jerry met with his grandsons Barrett and Carson at the bowling alley for a visit. Barrett takes piano lessons and is now playing the Viola at school. Carson is in the first grade and enjoys school.

Jerry still has many unfinished projects all around the frog ranch – both inside and out. Here's hoping that by this time next year we will be down to just two passenger vehicles, two garden tractors, no piles of clothes or junk anywhere, and at least one or two finished projects – hopefully the new lilly water pond by the patio and a fixed up plectrum banjo.



Happy New Year You'all !!