

January 2000 very quiet month for us. Getting over Christmas and New Years. John started his diet.

February 2008

1. Celebrated Jackie (Hoyt) Saito's 80th Birthday in Plymouth, MI with a Big Surprise Party. Great Job, George...Fantastic Party.....
2. Added a new member of the family. 3 Month old Shih-Tzu. We call him Hubby. Now we have Harry and Sienna, the cats and baby Hubby.

March 2008

1. Fly to Pittsburgh to visit Josh and Shan. Celebrated Shan's Birthday. Also got to take a look at the "flip house" that Josh and Justin have been renovating. What a project, but what beautiful work Josh, Shan, Justin and Catherine (Justin's girlfriend) have done. 1920's Home. Great Job they did....it is gorgeous.
2. This trip also was to bid Justin and Catherine farewell. They were going back to Texas with the hopes of continuing on the South Korea.
3. John surprised Josh and Justin with his weight loss of 60 lbs since New Years Eve. They were so proud of him.

April 2008 Barbara goes to GA to visit her father. His health has not improved much since December. He now is bedridden. Spirits are still good. He has good days and bad days.

May 2008 John substitutes for Rick (Barb's Son) and takes Savhana to a school "Father/Daughter" dance. It was a crazy time, but so much fun.

June 2008

1. John and Barbara take Ivey and Savhana (Rick's daughters) on an "Old Fashioned Car Vacation". 10 day, 3,000 mile journey that was absolutely awesome. We stopped at: Lookout Mountain, Ruby Falls, Incline Railway in TN, Stone Mountain, Coke-Cola Museum in GA, and what family car trip would be complete without stopping and seeing relatives. Stopped by Barbara's Aunt Nelle's house for John and the girls to finally meet her. Aunt Nelle is now 97 years young. Then on to Barbara's Daddy's house for Ivey and Savhana to meet their Great Grand Parents for the first time. Back on the road, drove thru Savannah and up the coast to Myrtle Beach, SC and then finish with going back to where John and Barbara lived in 95-96, Carolina Beach, NC. What a trip we had. So much good times and lots of laughs. Will treasure this trip for a long time.
2. John starts his summer of fishing with a 21", 6 lb bass. He released the fish to catch another day...

July 2008

1. John travels with Linda Hoyt (cousin) to be part of the July 4th parade on the Rose City Historical Float & met Linda's sister Jackie (Hoyt) (Laschen) Saito. Linda and John continue their genealogy quest with going to meetings throughout the year to Rose City and also trips to Suttons Bay to visit other Hoyt relatives.
2. John and Linda Hoyt traveled to Charlevoix to visit John's cousin Hugh and Betty. Spent a lovely day at their cottage reminiscing about times and family fun.
3. Barbara's Mother comes for her summer time visit. John and Mother work on genealogy trying to complete her Ivey Family Tree. They enjoyed the time finding all the "limbs" of the tree.

August 2008

1. Barbara travels back to Georgia to attend for her first time, the Ivey Family Reunion at Indian Springs. Her Mother and sisters were also able to attend. The Ivey Family Reunion had an attendance of about 200. Barbara got to see some cousins she has not seen in 30 or more years. Short Trip, only a weekend, but worth every minute. John & Barbara also confirmed that they are related, as distant cousins, through the Barbara's "Ivey & Middlebrooks" families, and Hoyt's in the 1700's, twice. (4th cousin 5 times removed) & (2nd cousin 7 times removed).
2. John's Aunt Blanche Mericle celebrated her 91st Birthday with us. We went down to Belleville to take Aunt Blanche out of birthday lunch. Aunt Blanche is keeping young at heart with her car shows, but has been very busy handling repairs to her old homestead.

September 2008

1. Justin and Catherine find out that they will be returning to Seoul Korea. If you want to check out his web page: <http://applejacks.co.nr/> .
2. John and Barbara revisit Charlevoix for Barbara to meet Hugh and Joan. Spent a glorious day cruising Lake Charlevoix on the pontoon and then ending with a lovely dinner in Charlevoix. Great time had by all.

October 2008

1. John is convinced that Hubby needs a playmate, so we have added "Pumpkin" to our family. She is Hubby's half sister. This was definitely a good idea. They enjoy each other so much.
2. John and neighbor Roger have become ardent fans of the Rockford High School Football team, the "Rams". They traveled to both the semi-finals and finals in Detroit at the new Ford Stadium. Rams took State Champs in Div.1...
3. Josh and Shan were able to come to Lansing to Josh's alumni, Michigan State Univ., and joined friends for a football game. We took along his Mother, so she could see Josh & Shan, and to join them for breakfast. Always nice to see the kids.

November 2008

1. Barbara went to her sister, Harriet's house for Thanksgiving weekend and John got to be entertained by Nancy and Roger for Thanksgiving dinner at their daughter's house and then...another dinner on Saturday after the Rockford Rams State Champ game. John and Roger have become Ram Groupies, now waiting for the Rams Basketball season to start...

December 2008

1. Getting ready for Holidays at home. Barbara's Family will all be coming for the holidays. Josh and Shan will be going to Colorado. Justin and Catherine will stay in South Korea. Jason has been so busy with year with his company and trying to get a contract in UK, so we wish him all the best with his ventures. Joy, Ken, Alex, Taylor and Jack are all doing great.
2. Our best news for the upcoming year is the wedding of Ricky and Amy. You will have to wait until next year to hear about that.

o, Happy Holidays to you and all your families, Love to All! John & Barbara Hoyt