

Season's Greetings From Colorado

Christmas, 1997



Yes, we are finally here in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and wish you all a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It has been quite a year for us, and we are still running about a month behind. Designing, building, and moving to a new house has been much more difficult than we had imagined, but it has been worth it. We really do love living here. The great quality of life here is even better than we hoped when we decided to leave New Mexico. The hardest part has been leaving all our friends behind, and they can't be replaced.



We really love our new house. The views are magnificent. We have 12 acres which is bordered on the east by public land. We have two small pastures fenced, and we have also put in a few fruit trees. There are indoor and outdoor riding arenas for our three horses.

Town is about 4 miles away, so we live in the wide open spaces, but are still close to shopping and school. Everyone here is very friendly and we often run into people we know. Small towns really are different, and we think better.



The outdoor recreation is fantastic. Last summer and fall, we went Jeeping or hiking at least once a week. There are countless mountain trails and streams to visit within an hour of our house.

And Glenwood Springs has a wonderful hot springs pool which we visit regularly. There is nothing quite like swimming in a giant outdoor hot pool, especially when the air is cold and the steam is rising off the water. And then there is skiing. Ski Sunlight is just 6 miles up the road and has really excellent skiing. Both Van and Risa have taken lessons, and love it. Bruce and Trina got new parabolic skis, which are a truly amazing breakthrough. They really make it



easier to ski - it is like being 20 years younger!

Everything about the move hasn't been perfect. Bruce rolled over our Suburban on way to Glenwood. Fortunately, he was alone and wearing his seat belt, which clearly saved his life. The seat belt broke his collar bone, which left him unable to help move in for a month or so. A bunch of our stuff was damaged in the accident, but in the end the stuff seemed pretty unimportant. An experience like that changes one's perspective on life.

Trina has been busy with the move and the kid's activities, including helping out in both Van and Risa's classes. She is still having a lot of fun with her new horse. She has learned a lot about upper level dressage in the last year and entered some shows last spring and summer before we moved. Looking ahead to 1998, Bruce hopes to be able to write some programming books, and perhaps get involved in teaching computer science via the Internet. Trina is planning to move up another level with her dressage horse and enter some more shows.



Van is 8 and in the 3rd grade. He likes school here much better than in New Mexico. He played soccer in the fall, and also took some pottery classes. Art and music are his favorite subjects, and he will be taking keyboard lessons this winter. He really loves skiing, and will probably be skiing circles around his parents before long.

Risa is 5 and started Kindergarten. She really loves school, and likes being at the same school as her big brother. She also took some pottery classes, as well as a ballet class. Both Van and Risa love living close to their grandparents,



Bernie and Georgia. Lloyd is closer now, too, and we should be able to see him more often.

Our new house has a guest room, and we would love to see you here. Glenwood is a great place to visit! We hope you've had a great year, and that next year will be good as well. Our phone number is (970) 945-1590. Our e-mail address is trina@rof.net.

Bruce, Trina, Van, and Risa