

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes -- 2002

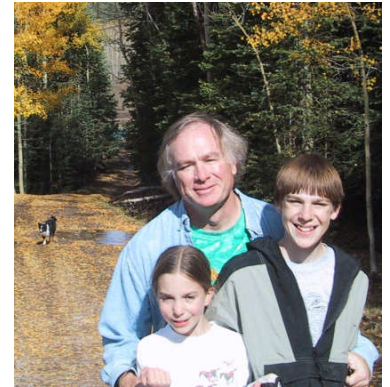


Greetings. Hope you've had a good year. Our 2002 started out with some pretty good skiing, but Bruce tore his ACL in early March and had knee surgery in April. The whole family went to San Diego and Disneyland in late March and had a great time.

On June 8th, the Coal Seam fire roared into Glenwood Springs. It started about 15 miles west of town, and within four hours had jumped the Colorado River and was bearing down on the town from both sides of the river.

Trina's parents had five minutes notice to flee their home. The next morning, we, too, had to evacuate. In the chaos, reports said much of the town was on fire, but luckily only 24 homes and no lives were lost. It was a very scary experience!

This was the driest year on record, and the fires and dry weather put a real limit on how much we could camp and hike over the summer, but we still managed to get out for some fun.



Van, now 13 and in the 8th grade, is turning into a first class musician. He plays piano, tenor sax, drums, and guitar. His band, *Caution*, got to play for the first dance of the year at his middle school. Four of the songs they played were written by Van.

Risa, 10 and in the 5th grade, started horseback riding lessons and may follow in her mom's horse steps. She continues to advance with her piano playing. She still loves cats, and won best Halloween decoration at school with her pumpkin cat.



We got political this year and helped a friend get elected county commissioner. It was great fun and a real learning experience for all of us.

Bruce's father, Lloyd, came to Glenwood to celebrate his 90th birthday on November 26. Quite a landmark! We made him an album of photographs from early childhood through this birthday.



We got some early snow, and hope this is a sign next year will be better. We hope things are going well for you and your families, and wish you a great 2003!

Bruce, Trina, Van, and Risa