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Season's Greetings

Merry Christmas & Seasons Greetings

Robert & Kim's Colorado Adventures

2012 was another great year for Robert and Kim: It was full of challenges, changes, fun, and adventures under the bright Colorado sun. Robert's been working in his new DoD job for a year and a half, and there sure have been a lot of changes with his job. He changed jobs three times, but at least he's still with the same employer. As things settle down at work, he hopes a promotion is on the horizon. Working for the Dept. of Defense has a lot of benefits, but it's a lot of hard work, and we're both hoping that his job doesn't go over the 'Fiscal Cliff'. I continue to look for a different position in the building (where we both work); as my current job is starting to wear me out. Things are going good in the 'Making enough money to pay our Mortgage' department, so we managed to spend some of our loot on vacations this year.

Our first outing of 2012 was a team building event held by the people at Robert's work. One of his co-workers organized his annual Colorado Rockies event. It's normally a pretty big affair, but with all the changes in the office only three people (not counting us) from Robert's office attended the event. Despite the poor office reception, we had really good time. We ate at the Wynkoop Brew-Pub before the game, and enjoyed the ball game even though the Rockies lost (9-7) to the Diamondbacks.

Our first vacation of 2012 was a birthday vacation in July. My birthday is in the last week of July, and that's when we took our trip to Grand Lake, Colorado. We stayed at a hotel in town, and we wish it was a B&B. From Grand Lake we spiraled out in a frenzy of sightseeing, shopping and celebration. We enjoyed some fine dining, drove Trail Ridge road through Rocky Mountain National Park, visited historic homes, enjoyed a two hour lake tour and relaxed in the rustic settings around Grand Lake. The three day vacation flew by, but we hope to visit the area again.

In August we managed to attend the annual Rockies vs Brewers series. We didn't make it to every game, but one was enough. We love to go to this game because no matter who wins, we win! This time around we got some good seats, and no rain at all. We enjoyed a few drinks, some ball-park food and this time the Rockies beat the Brewers.



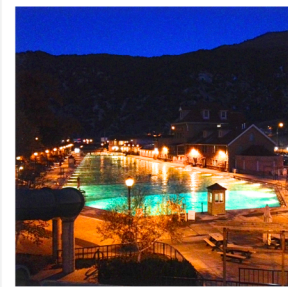
Wyoming Sunset



The Grand Tetons



Grand Lake, Colorado



Glenwood Springs at Night

Our next vacation took place in September. We took a trip up north (No, not to Pound, WI), right after Labor Day weekend. We traveled North through Colorado into Wyoming. Through the Grand Tetons, stopping in Jackson, Wyoming, where we stayed at a Best Western (not as bad as the last hotel). We spent four days and three nights exploring the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Parks. We took a float trip down the Snake river, saw old faithful erupt twice! Saw a huge number of steaming, bubbling, gurgling, geysers and hot springs. We even managed to take part in a Rocky Mountain round up - A covered wagon cookout in Jackson Hole Wyoming! Robert took a lot of pictures, and of course I forced him to go shopping with me! Unfortunately, we stayed too far South to see much of Yellowstone. Next time we'll camp in the park. Otherwise we spent a lot of time driving around those immense parks.

Another trip in September brought us back to De Pere, WI. We attended Robert's 30th High School reunion (Wow, he sure is getting old!). We flew in on a Thursday, got a great tour of the school before a Phantom's football game on Friday (W. De Pere Phantoms walloped Luxemburg-Casco 43-7) and attended the reunion on Saturday. \$17.00 for all you can eat, pizza, beer and soda! Way cheaper than Denver food. We had a good time catching up with all our school mates from Oh So Long Ago.

In October we had some professional photos taken, and enjoyed another Annibirthday celebration with the Kuchtas. Mom and Dad (Ted & Sharon Kuchta) flew out to our place on a Thursday and we enjoyed an awesome meal at Texas de Brazil that evening. On Friday we drove West to Glenwood Springs, CO. After crossing the continental divide we stayed at the Hot Springs Hotel in Glenwood Springs. We visited Doc Holidays grave up on a nearby mountain, relaxed in the hot springs and enjoyed some fine dinning before driving back to Denver. Mom & Dad flew out on Monday.

This Thanksgiving we stayed in Aurora and had a quiet evening at home. No visitors or vacations. Just the two of us. As we close out the year, we find ourselves planning our next year of vacations and visits. We're planning some pretty awesome trips for the coming years, and we hope your 2013 will be just as interesting as our 2012.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, from your friends in Colorado - Robert & Kim

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