



We took one day to snowmobile Yellowstone. Caroline and Nancy pose by the river in full snowmobile garb. We went 90 miles around the park and saw lots of wildlife large and small.



We enjoyed our first Crash & Burn Ski Club trip to Jackson Hole Wyoming. It was spectacular. If you ever want to go skiing with the greatest ski club ever, this is the one!



Dave got this girl for his 40th birthday - from June! June is an ultimate cool girlfriend/fiancee who really knows how to keep a guy happy!



Rob had his annual Pumpkin Carving Party, and we had some good ones. Lots of talented people were spurred on by some serious wine tasting to keep the creative juices flowing. Our pumpkins graced our front steps until they oozed over the edge and I tossed them out, much to Caroline's dismay.



Caroline and I got to ski at Whistler this past season. It was a great introduction to The Great White North. I had to give a lecture in Vancouver and Caroline came up for the weekend's skiing.

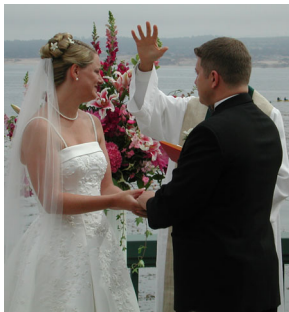


June turned 40 this year too. She shows off the lovely Croquet set that will be dutifully marched out for all those lawn parties. At the club, of course, dahling..



We celebrated Caroline's Mom's 70th B-Day at the family cabin at Mammoth this summer. There was quite a large crew present for the event. The nieces were into braiding hair, as a trio (above). And Caroline's silliness (you may have heard me mention it previously) is a family predisposition, as you can see from Sarah's use of her new thong on her head (which Caroline supplied). I even got some antennas from Janel in this picture which shows the silliness factor has been passed to the grandchildren successfully.

Mike & Nancy met on a Crash & Burn trip. On this year's ski trip, "X" marks the spot of snow where Mike asked Nancy to pose with him in the picture below. They got married this year in Monterey, which we joyfully attended. Now we are all heading for Telluride in January, let's see what comes from this ski trip...?



The last ski trip of last season. From L to R, Dan, Charlene, Christine, and The Studmuffin.

Happy Holidays from Greg and Caroline! 2001 has been a year of both incredible sadness and incredible joy for us. In August, Caroline's father passed away, after several years of faltering health. In the spring, Caroline and Greg quit their jobs and then spent 6 months traveling around Europe, Canada, and the US, spending joyful times with our wonderful family and friends. Thanks for being a part of our lives!



This was the combined Tet & Brian birthday party at their house in SF. For those that are aware, this is the picture that I carry on my phone of Caroline belting it out to Aretha Franklin's RESPECT.



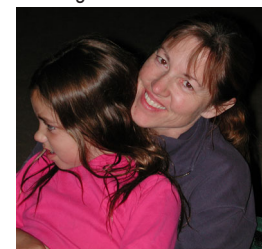
This is Easter at Caroline's brother's in-law's place in SJO. The kids went searching for eggs on the hillside in the backyard. Then we headed for a terrific meal in a nearby park.



While I was working for Blue Martini I played hockey for the company team. I wasn't very good, but had a great time doing it.



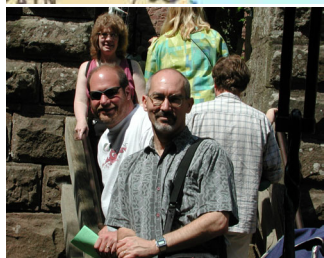
Mike and Anne had a baby this year much to everyone's delight! We didn't have a picture of both of them. For those of you that know Mike, his presence is not easily stifled which makes this equitable treatment.



After our time in Mammoth we went to Tahoe to spend a few days celebrating Dave's birthday, with about 30 of his closest friends. These four pictures capture some moments from that event. From the top going clockwise, Kathy and Nicole relaxed. We rented a speedboat and cruised around the lake. Tet gave me an awesome bit of massage. And Lisa's new beau Larry watched over her after she passed out one evening.



Caroline had recently broken her foot and badly sprained her ankle. And that is the way we traveled for a whole day (22 hours) from SFO to Grenoble. Somehow she forgot that the train takes time after all the flying. We toured this church in Grenoble, Caroline was eliciting healing spirits in the alcove.



We visited Haut-Koenigsbourg, which means Konigsburg Castle, in English. This is a way cool castle that has all the medieval castle features you could ever want. Jim and I posed on one of the many draw bridges.



While we were touring one of the many disgustingly adorable towns along the way, we would stop to taste the wine - frequently. And it was very good, the whole experience was very good. We can recommend Jim & Mick's tour guide service very highly!



Caroline and Christine observe the Riksdag (Swedish Parliament).



We went to her family's cabin on one of the islands near Stockholm to meet her Dad and go fishing.



Christine gave me a birthday party on the plane on our way home from Stockholm after she upgraded us to first class. A complete and wonderful surprise that included a tour of the cockpit. I imagine it would be a lot tougher to do that now.



Mickey and I had a great time shopping together. I would tell her what I wanted to cook, and she would magically find a shop that had the stuff and then do all the translating. I was very spoiled.

These pictures are from our trip around Europe. After we quit our jobs we headed to Europe for a month of visiting with friends and sight seeing. We started in France, went to Belgium, The Netherlands, and then Sweden. You can see more details of our trip at our web site <http://gregkoss.com>. There is a rough chronological order going clockwise around the page.



Of course we strolled by Notre Dame. It just looks so unimposing now since it has been cleaned.



Christine and I played some darts on her porch at her house. We stayed with her in Uppsala and toured Stockholm too.



We spent a day in Stockholm visiting the Vasa Museum and running around this very scenic town perched on the edge of a natural harbor.



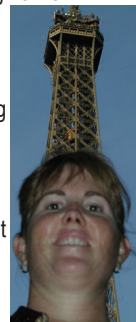
We tried the Mead, and from a real drinking horn. Champagne it's not!



Jim & Mick, Caroline and I headed into the countryside for the long weekend. We ended up catching the tail end of a farmers market in Turkheim and picnicked next to this stream on the way to the Alsace region.



Lisa & Caroline are running away from this guy who turned to bronze while passing through a wall in Montmartre.



How can you visit Paris without getting a picture of the Eiffel Tower coming out of your head? It's just not done!



Caroline and I are severe Chocoholics. This is a piece of chocolate carved with Egyptian hieroglyphs. We spent a single day in Brussels on our way to The Netherlands.



We stayed with Charlotte and met Tim, who are now happily married and living in The Hague. This was our first Rijstaffel in The Netherlands.

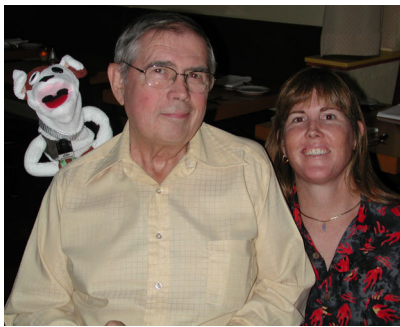


Charlotte was THE Perfect hostess for our stay in The Netherlands. We toured around quite a bit, and I even got to hijack her office Net connection for some updates and email!



Caroline is initiating the insane people that used to live in the Insane Asylum in Amsterdam where this statue lived. Pretty convincing!!

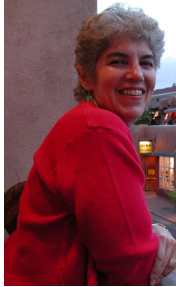




Caroline's Dad Allan was the first person that we visited as we made our way up the coast. He passed away near the end of our trip. We were very lucky to have spent some time with him since his passing was a surprise to all of us.



My last stop before home, LA with Bob & Verna.



I stayed with my Aunt Sonia in Sante Fe. Caroline was already in CA tending to her father. She flew from Little Rock. It was a long trip home all by myself but Caroline's plight was far more serious.



We stayed with Susie and Damian and Luc while in the Washington DC area. Caroline bonded with another baby..



We stayed with K-kin and family at their house near Knoxville, TN.



We got to visit with Joe, Jesse, Emma, and Zach at their family's beach house on Rehoboth Beach, DE.



We camped with the Marty, Holly, and Evan on the border of CA and OR. Later we stayed with them at their house in Ashland, OR.



We stayed with Betty and Wil at their house in Edmonds, WA. Betty is Allan's sister.



Here we are taking in the incredible Butchart Gardens in Victoria, BC.



Lisa and I are at the top of the Gondola that overlooks the town of Banff.



Here we are at the Yellowstone Lodge getting ready to watch Old Faithful do its thing. After cruising through the great beyond of the Rockies and some of the Great Plains, this seemed like a really civilized way to pass the afternoon.



You just haven't lived until you've been to the Dinosaur Park in Rapid City, SD!



And then there is the Corn Palace. The name really says it all, and to think it's been a monument to corn for well over 100 years! Thing's is really different out on the Plains!

These pictures are from our trip around the US & the Canadian Rockies. We spent two months driving around the US and Western Canada from June through August this year visiting people, places, and things. And our dear friend Lisa came with us for ten days through all of Canada and a little of the western US. The images run in a rough chrono-geographic-ish order clockwise starting above this explanation. Our web site, <http://gregkoss.com>, has many more pictures and the travelogue.



With tears in our eyes we sent Lisa home from Gillette, WY.



While we were in NY we visited with my brother and his family. Shown here are our nieces Mara, Jady, and Sabrina.



We stayed with my Ultimate Cool Grandma & Alex and got to see Linda & Michael in Pittsburgh. And we even made a trip to the best Church/Microbrewery I've ever seen!



We stopped to see Peggy and Roger at their house in Iowa. Peggy and Caroline are second cousins who met through genealogical pursuits. This was the first time they had ever met.



We got to stay with my Uncle Myron in Urbana, IL too. He's heading off to work as he's been happily doing for most of his adult life.



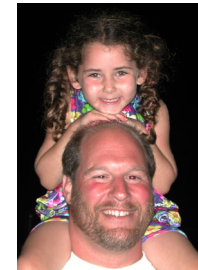
We visited with Ann and Julia in Annapolis.



As we escaped NY we stopped and had a lunch with my cousin Michael, and dear friend Charlene at the WFC where they both worked.



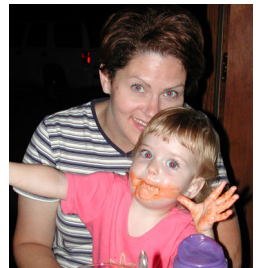
We stayed with my folks in NY and got to see my father blow his own Australian horn!



We stayed with Mitch, Susan, Jake, and Lauren on Long Island. And we even got to go to the beach, and played miniature golf, which Lauren played faster than anyone else on the course!



Caroline humored me and put up with yet another car museum at the Indy Speedway.



We stayed with Aaron, Stacey and Bryn at their home in Indianapolis. It was great to be able to catch up for a short while.