

A LITTLE LATER THIS YEAR..

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Lisa & Lisa at Lisa & Phil's BD - a milestone event! Grandma Ethel joined Chantal and Nancy at Phil & Lisa's BD party. Ethel stayed with us for a month this summer, which became known as Ethel Camp.



Mark & Mel got married!! After 18 years of dating they sealed the deal!! Tasha & Susan cheer on the bride. I got to dance with Mel. It felt kind of like giving away a little sister.



Alek and I went with Rob to visit friends with a winery and garden. Alek pretended to be a rabbit and raided the garden, a lot!



Alek continues to love everything creepy and crawly. Yes, that's a slug.



Alek & Josh spent a lot of gleeful time together.



Our annual Mammoth trip was another great time in the mountains. Alek rekindled his love of fishing. No catching, just fishing. I got to bike a little on the hills - use the gondola to go up, much easier. And Alek beat everyone at cards. And sometimes Alek would talk to himself on the radios, not sure why.



Caroline did the 3-Day Breast Walk this year with Karen and Susan - 60 miles in 3 days.



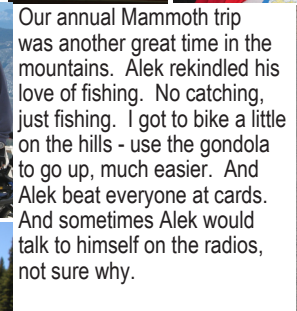
We got to see Lina, and her parents, for Lina's birthday.



Alek played soccer this year! He needed a kick in the grass!



Rich had a milestone B-D, so we made the trip to help celebrate.



We went to the Renaissance Festival with Shawna & Richard. Alek and I did some manly things with sharp tools that fly.



Alek & AJ tried to run away on the rails together at Ardenwood. But we caught them in time.



We did the second half of the vacation with Steve & Maria in South Lake Tahoe. Steve let us play with the water scooter. We had to let him bury Alek in the sand for the privilege. And of course there was some fishing.



Alek did his own pumpkin design for Halloween. Can you see the resemblance?



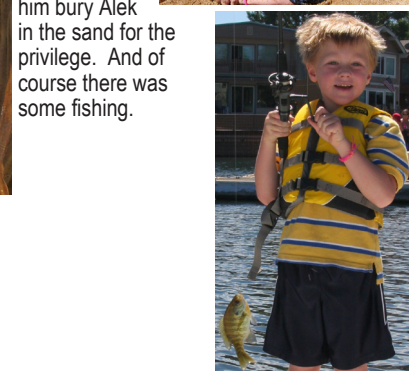
Alek got a Wii for his birthday. You could say he was pretty happy about that one.



Brian brought Darwin to visit too. And Tet came along to keep them company, play a little Wii, etc.



We picked some popping corn at Ardenwood too. It worked really well.





Alan & Gail did their annual visit for Alek's birthday. Alek still cleaned up in cards (he cheats a little) and did some model making among other things.



Alek LOVES the beach. He goes a lot and always finds something to do.



We did Thanksgiving at our house again. It was a happy, well fed crowd. There was also the annual soccer game with a little spying on the opposing team huddle thrown in.



The annual White Elephant Party is Caroline's favorite event. We had friends and cousins over for a brunch and gift exchange. You can't imagine what people came up with this year.. The boys played Wii downstairs and the girls played upstairs, while the adults ate and opened goofy gifts.



We spent Xmas at Rich & Karen's house. Alek got a fishing rod for Xmas! Now he can indulge that fishing gene to his heart's content. And another one of those tongues showed up! Alek played cards, the girls celebrated like, well, girls. And then we had a nice post-holiday italian dinner at a place near the coast. It was a fine way to pass the holidays together.



Sam and Susan got married. I think she's still in a little shock in this pic. But she warmed up to it.



We did some winter sports like ice skating and skiing. A few of them with Peter & AJ.



I had a birthday party. And then this chicken showed up. Before I knew it there were balloons on my head, so I was told.. I think it was all made up! Are you going to believe me or your lyin' eyes!?

Carla & Ishmael came over. And of course there wasn't enough Lina for everyone to get a chance to hold her.



Caroline had a birthday. Dave & June showed up with Elvis. Much merriment ensued. Elvis has yet to leave the building..

