

HAPPY HOLIDAYS -2010



Oregon Country Fair – July 2010

TOP: Gretchen, Kimber, Makaila, Ryann

Bottom: Chris, Tamara, Zoe, Kevin

Another year has gone by! I alternate years with an electronic version of our Christmas Newsletter on even years- and the snail mail version in odd years. Since this is an even year, you will get the electronic version only. I also find that I tend to ramble a bit more with the electronic version since I am not limited by how much I can get on a piece of paper.

In the past I have simply thrown up tons of photos. Enough is enough- this year the photos linked below have been actually been hand-selected. Photos are three general types: those who are of interest primarily to those who are in them (or friends of those in them)- secondly, the broad category of Travel/Event pictures. These are photos of places (week long east coast trip) or events (Dave Matthews Band at the Gorge). Finally, pictures that maybe of interest everyone. These latter two categories are of particular interest to me since I have renewed my long interest in photography this year by upgrading my equipment—and attending two photographic seminars (one here in Seattle- and one with Jay Maisel in NYC). So, if you don't want to bother with the babble written below, [just click here to go directly to 2010 TOP 30 photos.](#)

I (**Chris**) am now fully retired! This year was really fun for me since I have taken up a long forgotten hobby: photography. This started when I attended a 3 day workshop in

Seattle lead by the wonderful Erika from the Mentor Group: [NW Trek](#) (Seattle at night, Pike Market, Hurricane Ridge, Crescent Lake, Sunset on Washington Coast). In August I attended the [Shutter](#) Tours [Pike](#)

[Market](#) shoot with Kristi. And finally, the biggie! I [6 days in New York City](#) studying with only 8 other people under [Jay Maisel](#). It was an absolutely incredible experience to be able to learn how a nearly 80 year

old internationally known photographer works.

Gretchen continued with her job with the Dr. Earth Company as VP of Marketing. She travelled a great deal setting up a new national network.

My son **Kevin**, and his family (wife Tamara, daughter Makaila, and daughter Zoe) live in LaPorte, IN where he is vice-president of Marketing for the [Four Winds Casino](#)- he is responsible for a multi-million dollar budget and is responsible for over 100 employees. Makaila (8) is in the 2nd grade and is enjoying swimming, the Brownies as well as her new dog, Luna (yellow lab). Zoe (3) started pre-school full-time.

Ryann. She spent the spring showing her classic 1966 Buick Skylark at various car shows. Then her summer and fall were filled with travelling to dog shows in many exotic places (Greeley CO, Farmington UT, Alamogordo NM, Boise ID, Rapid City SD, Sioux Falls SD, Ft. Wayne, IN, Turlock CA, Stockton CA, and Long Beach CA) as an associate for a professional dog handler.

Kimber She is working for EyeHeath Northwest surgery center in Portland OR with a group of [ophthalmologists](#). She

continues to enjoy indoor co-ed soccer and hiking/camping in the summer.



2010 in Review

[NOTE: Click on blue hyperlink to see pictures]

[Direct link to all 2010 pictures](#)

In **February**, we [celebrated the marriage](#) of Gretchen's niece, Michaelin, wedding at Marianne's house.

In **March** we had our 5th annual [Academy Awards dinner](#) at our friends, the Nicholson's, home. And later in the month I met [Kevin and family](#) at my Dad's home in Laguna Niguel where we played at the beach- at visited Disneyland.

In **May** I went to visit ex-GRADY's employee Shelly Wyles and family (Channing, Hallie and Hana) in Battleground, WA where I got to photograph my [first horse show](#). Gretchen and I also visited my Dad- and we made our first visit to [Venice Beach](#) – and I photographed [surfers](#).

In **June** I attended my first organized photo shoot: [NWTrek](#)

(Seattle at night, Pike Market, Hurricane Ridge, Crescent Lake, Sunset on Washington Coast). Later in month we attended Gretchen's favorite, the [Fremont Solstice Parade](#)- plenty of pictures of the famous [bicyclists](#) who forgot their clothes- and finally Ryann's post-parade [party](#) at her Fremont home. We also attended the nearby [Greenwood Auto Show](#), where Ryann had displayed her classic 1967 Skylark.

July The month started with Ryann's 1st Annual [White Trash Bash](#) on July 4th. Then we went to the world famous (seriously) [Oregon Country Fair](#), held outside of Eugene, OR. Marianne accompanied us- and Kevin and family flew out, also. This truly is a unique experience. Tamara and kids [visited Seattle](#) briefly: Pike Market, Space Needle, and Harrang's visit.

August Shutter Tours photo shoot at [Pike Market](#) and the annual [Magnolia Parade](#)

September Gretchen and I saw the Dave Matthews Band twice this month: first at the [Gorge](#), later at [Wrigley Field](#). Kevin talked me into attending the [Oregon-Tennessee football](#) game in Knoxville TN at the Leyland Stadium. Kevin returned home while I travelled south to [Atlanta](#), then north to

[Chattanooga](#), [Churchill Downs](#),
[Indianapolis](#) and [Chicago](#) where
Kevin and Tamara joined us.

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I travelled to New York City in
October to attend the Jay
Maisel Workshop. I submitted
what I thought were my 5 best
shots each day for review by
Jay- and classmates. [This link](#)
takes you to index page- worth
a visit!

November brought more
travelling. This time we went to
Breckenridge CO to my sister
Kathy's home to witness my
nephew [Kyle's marriage](#) to
Hiwot. And later in the month
Gretchen and I travelled to visit
Dad again in California.
Gretchen was working- but we
did manage a trip to [Balboa
Island](#). And I took a few more
[surfing](#) pictures.

And in **December** we
rested and celebrated our 32nd
Wedding Anniversary!

Well, that's it- one year in the
Grady-Taylor household. We
hope that you had as many
happy memories as we did,
Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year.

Gretchen and Chris

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