



Happily it is time to send holiday greetings to all our friends, near and wide! We do hope you all have a truly grand season and we wish you much health and prosperity in the New Year!

The Snyders have had a relatively quiet 2005, with enjoying the interesting and cultural programs presented in and near home. One show we particularly enjoyed was the Lewis and Clark show at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Others included a fine film on the Himalayas and the

stage play "Seven Keys to Baldpate". This was of particular interest to us both as the Baldpate Inn is in Estes Park--and still thriving after many, many years. We also had an ice cream truck come through our Park here. What fond memories the little bells brought to mind! And, we enjoyed the ice cream, too!

On May 29th we were so pleased to attend the wedding of Justin and Carin. Justin is the son of DeeAnne and Bill Armstrong--my sister Posy's younger daughter. The marriage was performed at the Wild Basin Lodge in Allenspark--a most idyllic and romantic setting.

On June 6 Bob, Mark and I boarded a plane for Bosnia-Hertzgovina to attend a religious pilgrimage in Međugorje. Needless to say, the 10-day experience is one none of us will ever forget. (For more info visit: www.snyderville.net/medugorje)

This summer also afforded us more time up the Poudre where we have our "permanent" RV to use as a weekend retreat from the hustle and bustle of everyday living! Being right near the river, it is grand to go to sleep with the sound of the Poudre River rushing by! Mark often would have time to join us and really fell in love with the place. So, we found a small 5th wheel for sale in the campground and bought it for Mark for his birthday. He was ecstatic! We had one of the most beautiful autumns I can remember, so our time in the mountains was magnificent!



The old years keep creeping up on me and in early September when the number hit 81 Bob took me to one of my favorite places--the old Occidental Hotel in Buffalo, Wyoming. We had three days of glorious sightseeing, resting, and eating!!!! We had a chance to visit Crazy Woman Canyon, the Devil's Tower, an airplane museum, fish hatchery, Fort Laramie and more.

Mark is still working as a Respiratory Therapist at St. Anthony's North in Denver, but he took a few days in October to make a trip to Knoxville, TN to pick up some delicate computer items for Bob. He drove his truck, and then picked up a trailer in Knoxville to bring all the things back to Loveland.

Now Bob is getting ready to drive to San Diego in early December. Our new parish priest, Fr. Mbala, is from the Congo and needs to renew his visa every three months. This time it will be in Tijuana, Mexico. As he is new to this country, he was concerned about the process. He is such a good friend, Bob couldn't see letting him go alone, and that area is Bob's old stompin' ground, so he plans to take him, returning a week later.

We hope you all have a very **Merry Christmas!**

Rosanna + Bob