

# Carbaugh Christmas News 2013

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## Another Daughter (in-law)! Aaron & Michelle Wedding

Spring was a wonderful time as family and friends gathered for Aaron & Michelle's wedding in Grand Rapids Michigan. The ceremony and reception was held at [Meijer Gardens](#). Aaron met Michelle Birka while attending Grand Valley State University. They both enjoyed participating in renaissance festivals and incorporated that passion into the wedding. Musicians played ye old English tunes before the ceremony and "Rennie" friends contributed much merriment and cheer to the Carbaugh and Birka clans.



Staying in the Rennie theme, the Groom, his Groomsmen and Father wore kilts. The Carbaugh family traces back to Wales, England but there's no known Carbaugh tartan pattern. Aaron's research determined a distant family connection to the Scottish Kerr Clan so we special ordered material for kilts for the Carbaugh men.

For their honeymoon, the couple traveled to Ireland for a week tour of the Emerald Isle. They are now happily settled into their home in Grand Rapids Michigan. Aaron continues his work as a programmer at Dematics and Michelle works for AT&T.

We are very excited to now have two daughters.

## Carbaugh Family Continues To Grow

And late in the year came a special announcement from Sam & Kristin - we can expect our 1st Grandchild in 2014! We are so happy for them.

Sam & Kristin had a big year too. A little after Aaron & Michelle's wedding, Kristin was granted a Masters Degree in Education from Southern New Hampshire University. Then in July, we helped them move from Vermont back to Grand Rapids Michigan. They bought a wonderful home nearly 4 times the size of their little White River Junction apartment.

Sam continues building his business as a freelance cartoonist and illustrator. One published book he illustrated, "[Forensics: Uncover the Science and Technology of Crime Scene Investigation](#)" won the [2013 Moonbeam Children Book Silver Medal](#).

Kristin has been decorating and arranging their new home. She has also began teaching kindergarten.

It is so nice to have all our children together again in Michigan where they both went to college and met their life partners.





## Sam & Lisa's 33rd Wedding Anniversary

We celebrated by spending a weekend in Cincinnati. We enjoyed the [Newport Aquarium](#) just across the Ohio River. The fun included time with penguins and amazing views from a transparent tunnel through the shark filled tank. On another day, we spent time at the city's [Union Terminal](#) Train Station. The station is a wonderful Art Deco facility that is now a Natural History museum.



We also had a delicious dinner at the [Orchids at Palm Court](#) in the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza, another Art Deco building from the early 1930s.



## Other News

Sam continues to keep busy working full time as a Senior Manager at Wyle Laboratories. He still found time to knock out another one of his bucket list items - a flight in the last flyable [B-29 bombers, FiFi](#). Restoration has also been a recent hobby too, at least managing restoration projects. He sent an inherited [1938 Sparton 12-tube console radio](#) to [Michael O'Brien](#) in Washington state who returned it to as-new condition. It is a wonderful addition to our 1932 home and sounds great. Sam has also started the restoration of a [1965 Toyota Publica](#) convertible. When in High School, Sam & Lisa dated in this little two cylinder air-cooled gem. It should be back on the road next year. Also being restored is a 1952 scooter made in England and sold in the US by the Indian Motorcycle Company who called it a Papoose.

Next year Sam will be back to semi-retirement status. He is taking an early retirement from Wyle as of January 3rd. He plans to finish some home projects and start looking for a place in Grand Rapids Michigan so we can relocate close to the kids - someday.



Lisa continues working as a Senior Vice President at Universal 1 Credit Union. She's eager to become a Grandmother.

Our furry kids, Boofur and Abbey join us in wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

