

Sam & Lisa Carbaugh

HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

2024

44th Edition

Comstock Park, Michigan

Big year for both of us as we turned the big 65. We had one overnight trip to Shipshewana IN. We saw the Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey bands play at the Blue Gate Theater. Very fun! Sam had a few trips. He took the 1965 Publica convertible to the Greenwich Concours D' Elegance where it received a notable award in its class. That solo road trip also allowed him to visit his cousin Arnold Carbaugh Jr in Horseheads NY and family in South Mountain PA. Other trips are on page 2.

Sam's major event was in March. He spent two days in the hospital after having a mild heart attack. Two stents fixed up blocked heart arteries. Soooo, he made some needed lifestyle changes like stopped smoking his pipe, lost 50 pounds and abstained from donuts. He had to fly with an instructor all year as he went through FAA paperwork. The FAA finally approved his medical certificate just before Christmas. Still, it was time to find a new owner for the Piper Warrior. The deal will be complete by the end of the year. The plane will stay here and the new owner is going to completely modernize the instrument panel. Sam will be the project manager for the new panel and continue to fly as a minor partner.

And speaking of flying, we started a garden beehive this year. It's been fun having bees again. Our grandchild, Oliver, learned beekeeping too. The garden did very well and we even harvested a little honey.

Sam's not the only toy owner. In preparation for retirement, Lisa, with Sam's help, has been improving her sewing room. New Husqvarna Viking Sapphire machine, cutting table cabinet, and LED overhead light. Hoping to plug into the local sewing/quilting community and make some more friends. Other old toy to get tuned up is her Grandmother's Wurlitzer piano. Powerful to sit down and play the keys grandma and mom played. Volunteering for church, food pantry, and library book sales will fill up some more time too along with the garden, more exercise and healthy cooking/eating.

By the time you are reading this, Lisa will be officially **retired**. Both of us are officially no-longer employed!



Other News

We took our 2001 Cub Travel Trailer out to Harrisville State Park in June. The pups enjoyed the trip very much. We did too and were looking forward to more RV trips. Unfortunately the trailer basically fell apart on the way home. **Duct tape to the rescue!** Still, too far gone so we sold it. One less toy in the yard.



Our home turned 98 this year. The air conditioning system was at least 20 years old so it let us know it was time to replace it. So a new HVAC was installed on July 3rd. We are very happy with the new system.

Plans for 2025

Now that we are both retired, we can finish unpacking and clearing out the old stuff.

And more time relaxing and fishing at the lake!

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Mr. & Mrs. Claus.

Sad News

Lisa's brother Dean Brailey passed this year. He was a fun character. Dean was a well regarded bicycle enthusiast remembered by many Michigan cyclists. Being at the lake cottage without him will be difficult.



Pets

Our four-legged kids are well. Our kitty, Harper, has been with us for over a year. She rules the upstairs mostly. But we give her full reign of the place when we stay at the cottage. She managed to find two field mice from the basement and brought them upstairs. So considerate.



The pups, Belle 🐾 & Woody 🐾 are now both over 3 years old and weigh about 70 pounds each. Still very athletic. They enjoy chasing each other. Belle is the Frisbee champ. Both enjoy swimming at the cottage.



Road Trips!



In the Spring, Sam took both sons to Cleveland for a guy's weekend. They toured the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame then attended a Guardian's Major League Baseball game.

Later in the year, Sam drove the 1970 VW bug while Sammy and Oliver followed with their Jeep Cherokee & small RV trailer across the state for a VW campout

before a VW bug show event. Sam also had a solo VW camping trip to a VW show in Jackson MI.



Sam couldn't fly solo most of the year but he could still ride his Harley. In fact, he rode across the state to Soaring Eagle Casino to meet a biker buddy from over 20 years ago, Todd Emmert. It was a very appropriate meeting place for two retired Air Force bird Colonels. Sam still has his 1996 Harley while Todd is on his 3rd Harley since they last road together to Laughlin NV back in 2000.

