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This has been a whirlwind year for us! Let's see whether we can fit everything on one page...

Just after Christmas, 2014, we made a quick trip to Webster, NY, to celebrate with Sue's family. It was great to see everyone.

January and February were boat show months. The Strictly Sail Chicago moved to the McCormick Center and joined the powerboat and RV shows, making the combined show more interesting. The Miami International Boat Show was the largest in memory, boding well for the boating industry.

While we were in Florida we took a walking tour of Little Havana. It was a fascinating review of the history of American-Cuban relations from the viewpoint of Cuban-Americans. We also made a day trip to Palm Beach, to visit the Winter Equestrian Festival. It's an eight-week horse show with more than a dozen show rings and countless vendors.

We spent Palm Sunday weekend with Tim's sister Jackie and her family. It's an annual tradition and we always enjoy catching up with family members.

In early May, Tim was part of the delivery crew that brought the Kadey Krogen 48AE trawler "Alba" from Stuart, FL, to Algonac, MI, on the Great Lakes. Brian Lindsay, her owner, is a good friend of Tim's. It was an amazing trip; we made passage on the Atlantic, the Intra-Coastal-Waterway, the Hudson River, the Erie and Welland Canals, and Lakes Ontario and Erie. All told the trip covered more than 1,700 nautical miles in just 14 days.

Sue's horse treat business continues to grow. In June she received her largest order ever. Tim drove 900 pounds of ClintRMints to Traverse City, MI, for the Great Lakes Equestrian Festival.

In July we helped our old friends Don Blake and Beth Cunningham celebrate their wedding in upstate New York. We're very happy for them. We also got to see our old familiar places and friends.

August 28<sup>th</sup> was the fifth anniversary of Glenn Beck's "Restoring Honor" rally in Washington, DC. This year we travelled to Birmingham, AL, to be part of the "Restoring Unity" rally. While we were there we visited the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church (look them up). More importantly, we were part of a march to bring attention to the Christians being persecuted in the Middle East, and abortion.

November was a busy month. Tim helped to deliver the Outbound 46 "Pratique" from Hampton, VA, to North Sound, on Virgin Gordon, in the British Virgin Islands. This was at least the fourth time he made this 1,500 nautical mile trip. It was a great trip, if a bit challenging.

Sue and Tim also helped to deliver Thanksgiving baskets to needy families. It is an annual effort led by our church, Kensington Community Church. This year we were humbled to be part of delivering more than 5,000 baskets.

In between basket delivery and Thanksgiving, we drove to Decatur, IN, to celebrate Bud and Lois, Sue's aunt and uncle's, 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We saw many of Sue's family members that we hadn't seen for many years.

Thanksgiving Day saw us celebrating with some of our family and Skyping with others. It was a great day and a great meal. For the first time we ate both roast and smoked turkey, as well as smoked salmon.

Now, as we write this, we're looking forward to spending the Christmas holiday with Sarah and Chris. We wish you and yours a joyous holiday season and hope that you will join us if you are in our area.

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