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It's December again (really?) and it's time to review another unbelievably busy year. Please bear with us while we discuss our more memorable moments of 2016

When we last wrote, we were on our way to Seattle to spend Christmas with Sarah and Chris. We spent almost nine days with them. We had a great time, including seeing the newest "Star Wars" movie.

February, as always, found us in Florida for the Miami International Boat Show. It was an impressive show, the largest of the last several years. While we were there we took a walking tour of the Miami Beach Art Deco District, visited the Edison and Ford winter homes and, most enjoyably, spent a weekend with Tom and Sandy Wadsworth, longtime friends of ours.

The Michigan Horse Expo is one of the largest three-day equine expos in the country. This year The ClintRMint Company, Sue's horse treat business had a booth. It was a grueling three days, and she sold lots of product. More importantly, she made a lot of industry contacts. That will help her get ClintRMints into more locations.

Tim's sister Jackie and her husband George hosted a Palm Sunday brunch again this year. It was an opportunity to get together with friends and family. We spent Saturday night with Tim's Mom and went to Church with her on Sunday before joining the celebration.

Early June found us in Leesburg, Virginia, for our nephew AJ's wedding. He and Hillary are a charming couple and we wish them all the best. It was a beautiful wedding ceremony and a rocking reception. We even got Tim's Mom and John out on the dance floor!

On July 24<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We have had a wonderful life together and we look forward to the years ahead. Not satisfied with a quiet celebration we chose to spend two days at the Cedar Point amusement park riding roller coasters and thrill rides. What a hoot!

Our sailing season was excellent. Spring and summer in Michigan were very nice for sailing. We took friends out sailing a few times and got away for two weekends. We were in Port Sanilac over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and spent Labor Day weekend in Lexington.

In November Tim helped to deliver the Moody 46 "Finally!" from Hampton, Virginia, to St. Thomas, in the US Virgin Islands. It was an uneventful nine-day trip. The crew of four had a great trip and will be spinning yarns about it for years to come.

This year we again hosted Thanksgiving at our house. This year Tim's brother Jake and his wife Joyce could join us for almost a week. It was a great visit and the dinner was delicious, thanks to the efforts of our many chefs.

Just a week or so ago we were in Webster for a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Sue's Mom. It was an amazing event! More than a hundred family and friends made an appearance, some of whom we hadn't seen for many years.

It has been a busy and successful year for Sue's businesses. She finally had to teach Tim how to mix ClintRMints and he is now the Chief Mixologist. Her embroidery business is booming and she continues to bake ClintRMints at night.

Tim's marine electronics business was good this year. For the first time, he traveled far from home to work with a few customers. One of the boats that he worked on, a One Design 48 named "WhooDoo," sank in the 2016 Chicago Mackinac Race. It wasn't his fault.

As we write this we're looking forward to the Christmas holiday. Chris and Sarah will be for almost ten days and Sarah's parents will be here for much of that time. It promises to be historic!

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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