

September 4, 2002

Dear Tom and family,

I'm glad you found a 2-bedroom in the same complex. Sounds like you will have room on the living room floor for visiting relatives.

I'd like to see your Boulder pictures. If you have access to a CD burner, you could make me a copy. I've got a CD burner on my PC and really like it. It is a good way to back up files. But I need a more powerful PC with more memory and a bigger hard drive.

Carol and I haven't done much vacationing this summer. We spent 4th of July weekend at Ludington, and that's about all. Carol was short on vacation time until just recently, but she is nervous about canoeing because she is having balance problems (among many other health problems). We've been doing a lot of babysitting on weekends. Last Saturday we had Dean's 8-year old daughter Ashtyn. I told Dean when he picked her up Sunday morning that I thought I was in good shape until I spent a day with her. She has too much energy. I took her to a new aquatic center built by the City of East Lansing. It has 2 or 3 inter-connected swimming pools of various depths with diving boards and water slides. For non-residents, it cost \$7 per person per day. I went down the body slide several times, which means I also had to climb the stairs to the top several times. The slide was great fun - like those things at the winter olympics where you lie on your back on a sled and zoom around curves - only without the sled.

Love, Dad