

February 21, 2005

Dear Tom and Amy,

Let's get together in Colorado sometime this summer. Amy, you should have some ideas for some sort of hiking or rafting trip that will get us into the mountains for a few days. I know I saw a deal where you could stay at a hotel in Estes Park for about a week and go on guided day hikes into Rocky Mountain National Park each day, but I can't remember where I saw it. I'll keep looking. I don't really care when to do the trip - it could be summer or early fall.

Attached is a picture of Carol and I with Dawn's new baby, our 9th grandchild.

We got back Friday from a 10-day trip to Florida. It was OK, except our motel was about 6 miles from the beach in Clearwater and we had to drive wherever we wanted to go. The weather was great - 70's and sunny except for rain one morning. We visited the Salvador Dali museum in St. Petersburg; Homosassa State Park, where we saw manatees and other native birds and animals; and Fort DeSoto State Park, which had miles of beach on the Gulf where we saw lots of shore birds.

Neither of us is working now, but we seem to have enough money from our 3 pensions. I'm holding off on applying for social security benefits until I need them. Carol hopes someday to have some income from treating people with her new thing, Neuromodulation Technique. I'm taking a picture framing class next month at Lansing Community College.

Nothing new on my mersdirt.com website. I've run out of material. MERS never did take legal action, as they threatened to do, but they scared us enough to run up \$1000 in legal fees.

Love, Dad