

Hello dear people,

What an enjoyable year this has been. Estella retired April 3<sup>rd</sup> and we became travelers pulling our new camper behind the motorcycle. We took a memorable 7 day trip to the east into the hills of the Blue Ridge Mountains at the end of May. We did various small camping trips during June and early July. Then we mounted up and headed west. We returned 26 days later. We covered all states west of the Mississippi except MN, ND, NM and AZ. We had a fantastic time. Then at the first of September we traveled down to the south. We spent some time camping with friends in Eureka Springs, AR then rode to Mineral Wells, TX. We camped in the TX state park that was part of Camp Wolters where I learned to walk 71 years before. Then we went to Vicksburg, MS for a couple of nights and then back up into AR where we spent the night in Hickory Ridge where Estella's father learned to walk 100 years ago. We went to Clinton Lake SP for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Illinois Meet and Greet and spent 3 days camping with friends. In November we went to Grand Rivers, KY to see the Christmas shows and the lighting of the town.

Estella had fallen in the week before that camping trip and we later found that she suffered major damage to her rotator cuff on her right shoulder. It might be that they cannot repair it but we are hopeful.

We would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a great new year.

Estella and Gary

p.s.

We were at Bear Tooth Pass in the first week of August. The pass was closed 2 days later due to ice and snow. Our trip ranged from 34 degrees in Yellowstone to 104 at Boise, ID.