

1/10/89

Dear Family,

Well Christmas is over and we are back to school. We had a good but busy holiday with all of the kids home (with their friends). It is nice to have them home but it is also nice when they go back to school.

I had to do some electrical wiring and repairs on the house in Hazel Park over the holiday. They are inspecting houses and wanting the kitchens and bathrooms brought up to code. They need to do more of that or the city will deteriorate.

I had a very good Christmas present when the cardiologist told us that my chest discomfort was not due to heart problems. I have felt all along that it was stress. One thing that helps is anti-gas tablets. I began feeling better around Nov. 1st and have slowly regained my strength. I am near 90% now.

I enjoyed reading about all of you traveling around the country. It is good if you can get away and enjoy life. We are talking about camping in North Carolina, going to Washington D.C. and or going to Boston this year. Nothing is definite on any one of them.

We are tentatively planning on a trip to Hawaii for our 25th wedding anniversary. That would be in

the summer of 1992. If any of you have any "do's and don't's" for us please let us know. If there are things you feel are in the category of "must see" let us know. I do not know if we will ever get a second chance so I want to plan it well.

The kids are all doing fine in school and everyone is healthy. Everything would be fine if I didn't always have car problems. I have the 81 Olds in the garage now having the engine being rebuilt. The old engine gave up the ghost after 115,000 miles.

Elaine and Chuck, thanks for that phone call last month. It was great to talk to you and it gave me a lift when I was feeling down.

Joe & Jackie, I know you are retired but I am sure you are still busy. Enjoy life now.

Mary & Roy, you have so many young people around you that I am sure you don't get much rest.

Obviously Jan and Jean have no intention of retiring for some time. Jean is just going to change back to carpentry.

Frank and Betty, if you and your family could just stay out of doctors office and hospitals I think you would have a great time up there.

John & Pat, hopefully some day you will not have the water and oil drilling problems and you will be able to relax. You know "Don't worry, be happy"

Marty and Sonda, I was hoping we would get up there <sup>over</sup>.

around Christmas but it was not to be. I  
will keep trying.

May the good Lord bless and keep all of you  
and yours.

Your loving brother  
Jim.

FEB - 89

HI SISTERS AND BROTHERS

HERE WE ARE THE LAST OF JANUARY AND ALL ARE IN GOOD SHAPE AT THE MARTY DUMONT RESIDENCE. DANA IS STILL IN A PRE-MED MODE AT SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY AND SHARI IS ABOUT TO GRADUATE AND IT LOOKS LIKE SHE WILL GO TO DELTA COLLEGE FOR NOW. WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT A REUNION THIS SUMMER BUT A REUNION AND GRADUATION MAY BE A LITTLE TO MUCH. WE SHALL SEE.

ELAINE AND CHUCK--MY GUESS IS YOU ARE ALREADY LOOKING AT COMING BACK TO MICHIGAN BEFORE LONG. REMEMBER, WE OFFERED TO PICK YOU UP AT METRO. JOE AND JACKIE, I CAN'T WAIT TILL THE KIDS GET OUT ON THEIR OWN AND WE CAN ALSO HAVE SOME TIME TO OURSELVES AND MAYBE TRAVEL. YOU SURE ARE LUCKY.

SIS AND ROGER, ITS COMING UP ON ONE YEAR FOR YOUR RETIREMENT ROG AND I HOPE YOUR HERNIA REPAIR WORKED BETTER THAN MINE. THATS NOT FUN. I HOPE TO SEE YOU IN TWO DAYS AS I AM MAKING A SPECIAL TRIP TO GET SOME PAPERS TAKEN CARE OF. JAN AND JEAN--JEANS DAD SURE HAD A PROBLEM WITH HIS PEACH PIT. I HOPE IT FOUND THE RIGHT PATH OUT AS THE OTHER PATH WOULD BE PURE HELL. GOOD LUCK ON YOUR PLANS TO RETIRE JEAN. IT LOOKS LIKE ABOUT 20 MORE FOR ME OR MAYBE 15 HOPEFULLY. FRANK AND BETTY--HOWS DAD DOING WITH THE CRACKED RIBS? WELL, I HOPE. ARE YOU GOING TO ARIZONA IN FEBRUARY? ITS GREAT TO FLY, SO DO IT NOW BEFORE



YOU GET OLD AND CAN'T GET AROUND. ONCE YOU TRY IT, YOU WILL LIKE IT. LET ME KNOW HOW AARP INSURANCE WORKS OUT. MANY PEOPLE ASK ME AND I TELL THEM THAT I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT. FRANK, ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TO REDO THE CARPET ON THE GRAVE THIS YEAR OR NOT. LET ME KNOW.

JACK AND PAT--JACK, I AM GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOUR HEALTH IS IMPROVING AND YOU ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE OIL RIGHTS ON THE FARM AND SURROUNDING AREA. GOOD LUCK ON THAT.

CAROLYN AND JIM--ON YOUR FUTURE PLANS TO GO TO HAWAII, I MAY BE ABLE TO TALK SONDA INTO GOING BACK. WE COULD SHOW YOU AROUND AND WE MAY EVEN SEE SOME THINGS THAT WE MISSED THE FIRST TIME. WE HAVE FRIENDS HERE THAT GO TWO OR THREE TIMES A YEAR AND STAY IN A CONDO WHICH IS CHEAPER THAN A HOTEL BUT JUST AS NICE. WE HAVE THREE YEARS TO THINK ABOUT THAT AND A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN THREE YEARS. JIM, HOW IS YOUR FLEET OF CARS DOING. YOU SHOULD PUT A SIGN OUT FRONT. IT MIGHT READ--JIM'S TAXI AND AUTO REPAIR. HOW TRUE IT IS. THE MORE--THE KIDS, THE MORE--THE CARS.

JIM, I HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH MY HEART JUMPING AND I WENT AND HAD AN EKG AND THEY TOLD ME THAT I WAS TO GIVE UP MY COFFEE AND I WAS ONLY ON TWO CUPS PER DAY. I HAVE TO ADMIT, SINCE I HAVE STOPPED THE COFFEE, NO MORE HEART JUMPING. WOW, WHAT A DEAL. LOVE YOU ALL... TAKE CARE. MARTY

3/20/89

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Families:

These letters get stalled along the way!  
It sure is great reading from each  
and everyone about what "all" are up  
to". My problem is trying to keep  
healthy and Chuck's too. A gift from  
God, once health.

I don't know what to say about  
A.A.R.P.s health ins. Our attorney in Mich.  
says they are a hard company to get  
paid. That isn't much to go on. We  
are with Travellers and Aetna, very  
expensive a supplemental insurance.  
Enough of that!

We are looking forward to seeing  
Frank and Betty, coming for Betty's  
nephew's wedding. Good to hear from  
you + Sis; phone. Martin we hope all  
will be go for Mich. Come Spring.

Our Citrus trees did put out quite  
a lot of fruit this season but the  
weather got cold thru the nights in  
Jan and some things show pithy when  
cut open. Shared with friends and  
neighbors. Not every one bothers with trees.

We have tickets for Mich night at the  
Club House March 4, Chuck doesn't dance  
any more so it will be late dinner  
only, we miss so many things now.

Cousin Dorothy Quillette is fine, she  
doesn't get out here much. Christmas was  
the last, we "talk" fairly often. She has had  
the painters in so she is ready for  
Easter. This home is beginning to look  
lived in, very much. Things don't hold  
up here in this climate.

Please everyone keep those letters  
coming, I guess we wouldn't learn any  
more about one another if we all got  
together.

God bless all

Elaine & Chuck.

Feb. 28, 1989

6244 Avon Lane  
Cadillac, MI 49601

Dear Family:

When we last wrote to you was five months ago (early October) and just before we were taking a trip to North Carolina. The trip was part of our time-share package we invested in while in Florida last winter and early spring. We drove down with our car thru Ohio, W. Virginia, E Tennessee and to the western end of North Carolina to a place called Fontana Village. The village is actually a community established for the workers who built the Fontana Dam on the Tennessee River. One of fifty dams in the flood control and power development network in the Tennessee River watershed. It is in very rugged mountains that are wooded to the top. The Great Smokie Mountain National Park sits along the border between Tennessee and North Carolina and on the northerly side of the Tennessee River, while the Blue Ridge Mountains are on the southerly side of the river. The smokie name comes from the low clouds that obscure the view much of the time.

The bottom line of the trip was that you shouldn't take it on the last week of October due to the colder weather you are most likely to find. The Blue Ridge Parkway mountain drive is over four hundred miles long, and we did drive about half of it. That drive is excellent in good weather, and would likely be good in late spring until mid-fall. The drive goes to altitudes above 5,000' and gets wintry in late fall and not very appealing. If you want to experience mountain driving, you can find it in W. Virginia and in general all thru the Blue Ridge Mountains region. You better have a car that has a good second gear and excellent tires and brakes. The right front seat position requires a stout hearted person with a good imaginary break pedal.

We enjoyed a similar type trip in late January to Kauai in the Hawaiian Islands. Kauai is called the "Garden Isle" mainly due to the presence of Makaleha Mtn. which is said to be the wettest place on earth. It gets over 460" of rain a year near the top. The winter is not the best time to see the color since the flowering plants are trying to take a needed rest. The weather high temperatures were 79-81 degrees and the lows were in the fifties. Not very wintry by our standards. Gardens are producing something the year around. You can buy pineapple to bananas even in mid winter. This is our second trip to the islands in a little over three years, and we would be pleased to show and discuss our momentos and experience with any of you that may be planning such an adventure. We returned from Honolulu on a 747 and were seated just about where the recent airline catastrofy body failure ocured. Such happening make you wonder about flying safety but I can't help feeling that you should be ready to meet your maker at any time and I pray that you-all will have the presence of mind in time of great danger to remember what and who you are and where you wish your soul to go.

Our family situation is not changed from the last letter, but we are getting things more to our liking in the new house. Kathy is student teaching in Flint this last semester and will be graduating from CMU this late spring.

We have had bad colds but nothing like some of you are experiencing in the health department.

Mary, we called John while we were in Kauai and offered to have them all visit but didn't get a response, so I hope they are all well. The sister-in-law's baby had not been born yet when I talked to John.

We too would like to tell you all how we enjoy the letters and wish we could be much closer all the time. Until a better day this will have to do. Just enjoy it while you can.

You mention Moms perchance for strong feelings and I will bet that it runs in the whole family. I often disagreed with both Mom & Dad as im sure we all would do the same with each other on many subjects, but I feel that they had their heart in the right place when push came to shove. I pray often that I will have the knowledge and will to do the right thing in time of great stress or need, for me or those around me.

It appears that Jim got the word to take more time to smell the roses and may it be a lesson to us all.

Till we meet again in any mode be it letter or phone or person - our love and prayers to all.

Sincerely,  
Joe & Jackie

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BAGGLEY HALL



3-10-89

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Chris, Mindy + little Chris live upstairs + Chris goes to college.

Sorry we missed you Frank & Betty  
when we went up north. You were  
traveling and the weather was so  
bad that we just went to a motel  
on the main drag.

Today is a beautiful day. I  
believe we are having an early  
Spring. Love it.

Joe & Jackie I hope you had a  
nice trip.

We are looking forward to a reunion  
this summer. Perhaps near the  
end of summer would be best.

Love you all and miss you. God  
bless you and hold you in his hands.  
until we meet again.

Love

Sis, Roy  
& all

Round Robin #4

June 1, 1989

Dear Ones:-

I've had your letters for awhile. I haven't been able to come up with something interesting to share with all of you.

I made 3 New Year's resolutions this year. #1 - Lose 8-10 lbs. #2 Help take care of the Wilson quints and #3 - Learn to operate a computer (other than a home computer). I'm working on the poundage and I spend 2-3 hrs. every Wednesday night taking care of the babies. They are precious. I may include a picture. They live about 4 miles from us. The computer hasn't materialized yet.

Jean did retire from the shop. He applied for Social Security and in just 10 days he had his first check. He busies himself with carpenter work and delivering top soil. He manages to keep busy. Here I thought I could come home from work and dinner would be ready

and I could sit down to read the paper if it wasnt. No such luck.

It seems Hawaii holds a lot of interest for most of you. I've never had the urge to go there. I suppose we should do it at least once.

Elaine & Chuck got back to Michigan May 15<sup>th</sup>. I guess Chuck is having a lot of health problems.

We plan to go to Oscoda for my 40<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Mike Dumont's graduation open house is the same day so we will go there first. We will try to see as many busi as we can while we are up there. We don't go up there very often.

We will especially try to see Aunt Emma & Uncle Leo. as we never know how long they will be around.

Mike is in the process of having another new house built. He bought a Snap-On tool route and the company has been after him to move closer to his territory. The boys are all busy with trying to make a living. Some times its rough.



We are about to put a new roof on the old house. One more step to get ready to sell.

Tom bought a new duplex in Utica this spring. He's living in one side and looking for a tenant for the other.

I agree we should have a reunion later this summer. We could have it here if its OK with everyone. However, a more central location might make it easier for all to come.

I ordered some new negatives for a few pictures. When they are ready, I'll send them that expressed an interest a couple. (that last sentence was real good English, wasn't it?)

It's way past my bedtime and work calls again in the morning.

Love to all until next time.

Jan

8-6-89

Dear Sisters, Brothers & Families

I guess I took a cue from Jan and held up this letter for awhile, but after hearing from 2 of my brothers in the last two days (Marty & Jim) I guess I better get it moving "sorry" its so easy to get busy in the summer months and the fact that letter writing is not my most pleasant task its easy to let it <sup>stay</sup> slide. thats slide.

I dont know what to think of this weather yesterday it was in the 90's with high humidity and today it didnt get above 60° and tonight they say it may get down to 39° good grief I thought these were supposed to be the Dog days of Summer.

We did get to Arizona this spring and had a good time - the weather was fantastic upper 80's during the day and 60's at night, it was sort of a working vacation for me Carl has a lawn maint. business out there and when Brian got married they went to Fla. on their honey moon so that left him a man short on the crew so I pitched in, it was fun to be cutting lawn if you can imagine that.

Mike had the fun of Graduating as planned (thank God) everything went fine as did his open house, he had been working part time

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at Negatron precision products in Escudo for the last 2 yrs. and went on full time as soon as School was out at that time he could start operating the machines, his plan was to work 1 or 2 yrs. there and learn all the machines and then go down below where he could get the big bucks, he was making \$4.25 pr. hr. here and his brother David is making \$12.00 pr. down there doing the same thing - but he decided to go down with his brothers and sister so that's where he is now looking for work but at present is helping some guy remodel his house making \$6.00 an hr. so I guess he bettered himself to that extent, we wish him well.

We have had one or the other of our Grand daughters here with us most of the summer, the youngest Crystal that's David's girl just left this afternoon with her Dad and Uncle Wayne she has been here 4 of the last 5 wks. I guess, what a joy to be around for 5 yrs. old she sure is a sharp little gal, and a lot of company - she does not like the idea of going back home with her Mother - she would much rather be here with us or a least with her Dad, down in the apt. in Mt. Clemens she doesn't get outside very much but she will be starting school shortly so maybe that will help some.

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John - you mentioned falling 8000 ft. would you believe 38000, my biggest worry was getting up high enough to miss everything on the ground. after your up there you can look around for a soft spot to land. ha ha

Jim - it was good to hear from you this morn. hope to see you to get that astro. turf the 1st. part of Sept.

Marty - it was good to see you - Sonda + her mother also today - glad that you guys came through that Chem. spill in good shape, watch what you eat for awhile, for some reason your letters seem so much neater than mine.

Elaine - you and Chuck sure have been having your problems so far this year. Jim just told me they were up this way for a wedding and he took you up to Grayling or Gaylord to see Chuck in the Hospital there - sure hope things get straitened out so you guys can relax again, wish we could have spent more time together in Aug.

Joe - have you ever thought of taking a cam. order on your trips? maybe you could pick up some money on the side showing travel films around there - just kidding keep it up and have fun.

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Lis - Glad to hear things are fine with you and yours, are you guys planning on selling all the horses? if so what then for Reg.? maybe you start up a manicuring section in your shop certainly you could help her doing that couldn't you Reg.? ha ha

Jane - I thought you might want this clipping out of the Oscoda Press you are featured in this, tell me it say the (class of 49) did you Graduate in '49? I was supposed to have. " ed in 52 how come so many years difference? were you that smart or me that dumb?

Love to all  
Frank & Betty



9-4-89

Dear Brothers & Sisters;

Here it is labor day again time to reflect on our future.

The contamination problem still has not gone away here in Ossineke. I have <sup>heard</sup> that the cost has reached 1.5 million. No decision yet on any clean up.

I have taken on another project which has caused a great deal of stress. If everything goes as planned sixty landowners with 10,000 acres will be leased (oil & gas). There will be three antenna wells drilled in that area by 10-1-89. The excitement in exploration in that area has just begun.

I have had little or no overtime this summer which is wonderful. Stress, is something we all have to be careful with. The project mentioned above is the worst kind. This is something few people would be willing to tackle at any age or knowledge.

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Todd has started at CMU this fall. It looks like he is going to enjoy it. Theresa is working parttime for home nursing agency.

The weather up here this fall is down right beautiful. The summer was very dry however. I believe we are five inches below normal rainfall at this time.

Janice I want to thank you for the pictures you bought here. This I miss a great deal. I miss the home made bread, beans and pancakes that mom made. Life at that time was hard but fun.

The future is visions of retirement, lots of rest and gas wells. Above all I am hopeful that each and every one of us can enjoy good health.

Soon deer season will be upon us. It will then be time to unwind for two weeks. The front part of the farm is expected to be planted to wheat or rye this fall.

I will have to close for now and may God Bless each and every one of you.

With Love  
John Pat + family

Oct 29, 1989

Dear Family,

Well this is overdue as usual but that is ok. We are well into the school year here and all is fine.

My classes are fine and Carolyn's classes are doing fine also.

After many months of soul-searching, I have decided not to seek re-election to the presidency of the union. The Superintendent of Schools and our executive director are not pleased but since I have made the decision I am very happy. It is time for some time for us.

We did not get to North Carolina or Washington D.C. this summer but we did get up north for a couple of days and to Boston for 4 days. They were enjoyable trips.

I believe I told all of you on the phone about my eye problem and the ocular histo-plasmosis fungus. After two changes of glasses I can see better but no way will it ever get back to my earlier vision. Marty, I love your typewriter. Joe, I hate yours. It is too small.

Mark and Karen are in their senior years at college. Mark will begin his internship in about a month with Continental cable in Southfield. I will be very pleased when they both graduate and get decent jobs. Karen had a fine job last summer at the Saturn Headquarters of G.M. She was tracking problems with the up-coming new car.

Brian is doing fine in his freshman year at U. of M. He is in aero-space engineering. He says there are so many radicals up there but not so many in engineering.

Jeff is in his junior year at Foley H.S. All is fine there. He is about to start his first job at Mrs. Sibley's at Oakland Mall. He will be doing stock.

We are tentatively planning to go to Phoenix, Ariz during the week of Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> to Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Elaine & Chuck we are looking forward to seeing you then.

We got a new puppy this summer. She is "Hershey". She is part cocker, part lab, & part irish setter. We really enjoy her.

Well I better quit for now. Be good and  
God bless you.

Your loving brother  
Jim.

Nov - 89

Hi Sisters and Brothers

Jim sent me the envelope last week, so I figure it is time to get on with it. I am sure Elaine is doing fine as I seem to talk to her about once per month. I sure envy her living in the southwest with all that glorious sunshine. Chuck seems to be doing well, but not ready to go out and re-roof the house. Hang in their, Chuck.

Joe and Jackie, it looks like you must belong to the frequent flyer club, the way you are hitting all the far away places. I sure am going to look forward to retirement and all the trips. Jim thinks you should get one of these senior citizen typewriters. They sure are nice.

Sis and Rog, your last letter was dated on Dana's birthday and a lot has happened since that time. How many horses are you still taking care of? It would be bad to get rid of all of them. It wouldn't be the same without some animals around. How is Michelle doing these days? Sounds like all the children are prospering well.

Jan and Jean,

Jan, you mentioned loosing weight and Jean working his fanny off at all the jobs that



he has lined up. I thought that he was going to retire. You mentioned that you had hopped<sup>✓sp.</sup> to learn the computer. How is that project coming along? Fine, I hope.

Frank and Betty,

We saw you on August 6th, and how is things going since that time? I sure enjoyed the chat with you and Betty and little Crystol. She sure is a doll. Do you ever get to the Tri-cities?

Jack and Pat,

Your letter is fairly recent. Sept. 4th so I guess not to much is happening around the north land other than deer hunting. It sounds like you are all set when some big oil drilling rig comes in and drops a pipe down in the ground. It may be a chance for some big money.

Jim and Carolyn,

Jim, how is the eye problem? I hope it is getting better. You took about as much vacation as we did this year and hopefully that will change next year. It is good to hear that all the kids are doing well in school or College. Soon you will start to see your savings account grow as the colleges will not be using your savings account for a punching ball.

As for us, Dana is living in an apartment in Saginaw with a girl from Cadillac and is a junior at Sag. Valley State and has changed her major to Chemical engineering. She works 20 hours per week at Dow in Midland. Shari is in her first year at Delta College and hopes to major in special education. She works part time at the Olive Garden. Other than that, all is pretty quiet on the home front.

May you all have a blessed christmas and a happy new year and my the chain of letters go a lot faster in the year 1990. Love you all.

Sonda, Marty, Dana and Shari

Dec 8, 1989

Dear Families Dumont, Bruce & Marion  
There isn't alot I want to put down.  
Chuck is home and his days are  
mostly not good. His problem is  
congestive heart failure. Also alot of  
other things going wrong.

He and I both "loved" your news.  
It came during his 25 days in hospital  
and so I took it along and read each  
one, how he enjoyed them you'll  
never know - Keep them coming!!  
Such a large family with each one an  
individualist.

Its so good to hear about all the  
nieces and nephews trying to better them-  
selves - I guess we are work orientated.

Happy Holidays and God Bless  
and keep you all

Love,  
Elaine & Chuck

Cadillac, MI  
Dec. 14, 1989

Dear Family

Received your letters on the 12th thankyou, and we enjoyed them very much. Do to the apparent increase in poor eyesight of some<sup>of</sup> our number I am trying double spacing.

I couldn't help noticing the large amount of outdated information in some of our letters that appears to be due to slow turn-around time. For example the summer get-together planning, when you get the information the next December. Please answer with much more haste OK.

We don't have any trips planned until a year from now, but then we have two weeks at our time-share at Kissemmee, Florida with our Grand Children and parents during Christmas-New Year break. This will give them more time to see the mid Florida sights.

Jackie took on some part-time work<sup>at</sup> the McGuire Resort at the telephone desk and may get called back in their busy times. They use college kids and retirees for extra busy times. I got appointed County Drain Commissioner in October, but will have to run for election next summer if I wish to keep the job for longer than 1990. It is only seven hours or less per week, pay but often twice that in time, to do the job. I doubt that I will run for election. There is a chance that I will contract for some soil survey with the US Forest Service this next April thru October. There is a shortage of experienced Soil Scientists and I am very acquainted with some of the areas to be contracted. I am not sure that I am up to the physical requirements, but the job can be done at my own speed which makes the possibility attractive.

This past year saw Kathy graduate from CMU and get a bylingual grade school teaching job in Chrystal City, Texas. We made two trip down there with her, to get the job and to move. We made a trip out of the move by going to visit Jackies sister in Albaquirke, New Mexico. (? on the spelling) We next visited Boulder, Colorado; Mt. Rushmore; Bad Land and east thru the northern states back home. We find that our trips are usually too rushed by time, expence or weather to enjoy the sights the way we should. I didn't much like west Texas -- it is dry dry dry brushy brushy brushy dull dull dull.

We are all healthy and this has been a good year health wise except for Ron, who

had his tonsils out because of repeated infections. At his age (25 yrs) the operation was very painful and took several weeks to fully recover. The older you get the worse that operation is according to the Vets.

I doubt that I will ever use a camcorder guys, I am too busy looking at the sights to worry about recording for posterity. Travel Series seem to do the job for us. You-all should try them.

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