

## 2010 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM PALMER JUNCTION

**Whew, another year has passed and it is time to update the distant family and friends of this year's happenings....that was fast!**

The year started out with a bang. An uninsured, illegal resident drove into my van while I was minding my own business. We both were mostly unhurt, but it totaled her compact car. My van was in the VW hospital for almost 2 months. How she didn't see the van is a puzzle to me since this isn't a small vehicle. It was repaired by USA mechanics, and it runs just great again... Doesn't it look better than ever before? Almost like a Greyhound bus.



smashed



repaired

Amy got her annual canine shots to keep her healthy, but we almost lost her to a reaction from the Kennel Cough live vaccine. Then to make matters worse, Pete got a human version of it which is related to Whooping Cough. Pete posed in the kennel just for the fun of it. I really didn't put him in there [for long]. But look what the coughing did to his abs! Both Pete and Amy have recovered nicely. The Chihuahua Mighty Mouse, aka Mouse, is fine. He is teaching us to feed him when he demands it.



Pete sick



Pete's abs now

We did some home remodeling and repainting to keep the old homestead in tip-top shape.  
I painted the patio with some fun flowers, [horticulturally correct] of course.



patio



Morning Glories

Pete's daughter Dee visits us weekly and his daughter Cindy and her husband Garvin drove from Tucson for a visit. I flew to Phoenix for an overdue visit to see my son Jim and his wife Betsy. Thanks to Skype, it was possible visit my son Steve and his children this summer. The boys each grew a foot [no, they do not each have 3 feet]. Pete's grandson Joel and his wife Cristy are expecting Pete's first great grandchild early next year. What a huge expectation!

Pete continues playing Chamber Music, string trios, piano trios and string quartets with his friends. He still plays with the Abq. Philharmonic Orchestra. He was able to play in all six of their concerts: from Bach and Brahms to Bartok and Shostakovich.

Thanks to the miracle of medicine, he had cataract surgery on both eyes.  
Now he can really see! No more wrong notes.....



I spent a lot of the year pounding on the keys of the old computer. I worked on the Abq. Chamber Soloists website, programs, flyers and tickets. I also volunteer for DAR and kept digging on the family tree's roots. I documented a new family member [ #6] who participated in the Revolutionary War. And I am working on 2 more [7 & 8]. I do a lot of free research for others as a good turn.

It was the worst gardening year ever. My green thumb turned black. We did grow a bumper crop of Morning Glories [above] that are not edible. The only good thing was that I was able to compost and use 1 ½ years worth of newspapers onto & into the soil as mulch.

We pray all is well with you and yours!  
A Very Merry Christmas! Here is to a terrific 2011.  
Please keep in touch.

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