

Hi Folks,

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Well, we had a wonderful trip to Hawaii last December as our treat for our 50th wedding anniversary. Son Andy traveled with us, and for several days daughter Connie joined us from California. We saw things and did things we had wondered about all our lives, and everything lived up to expectations.

Connie & I climbed Diamond Head, a caldera now civilized with a parking lot in the basin and cement stairs to the top.

Andy brought ham radio equipment to try up on the volcanic knife-edge Waahila ridge above Honolulu and sure enough, it worked well enough for him to contact



other hams in the entire region. We drove around the perimeter of Oahu with stops at the Arizona Memorial and the beaches with the big waves on the North Shore. On Waikiki Beach where our hotel was located we paddled an outrigger canoe and scratched our knees on the coral reefs. We hiked to Manoa Waterfall in the hills and explored the nearby grounds of the Lyon Arboretum with its diverse Hawaiian vegetation. And watched the sunset every evening from our hotel's elegant terrace. Guess what. We want to go back!

For the 28<sup>th</sup> year I spent the summer on staff at the Silver Bay YMCA on Lake George in the Adirondacks. Other years I have worked mainly around the waterfront but for the second year I branched out into the nature program where I found myself leading wildflower walks and working in the wildflower garden. This summer as part of my job I participated in a week-long teachers institute for nature studies, where I joined college professors in outdoor wildflower seminars. Boy, did I learn a lot, really fast. As a chance to parade some of my wildflower photos, once again I gave my Wildflowers around Silver Bay slide show, which attracted over a dozen people, up from 3 the previous summer.

Connie & Ted & Morris (almost 14) & Henry (7) came east from Palo Alto several times during the year and made it up to Silver Bay in August. Henry had a turn in the driver's seat of Silver Bay's little tour boat (actually a gorgeous mahogany 26 foot 275 horsepower Lyman inboard) and is now counting the days until next summer when he can try it again. Frank enjoys a break from his Princeton commitments when he's there. It's a chance to walk around in the Adirondack woods and breathe other than New Jersey air. We still couldn't pry Andy away from his engineering activities long enough to come up. He lives right next door to us in NJ so it's not as though we don't see a lot of him.

Stay well and have fun in 2007.