

Carbaugh News

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It may be faster to say who didn't move this year but here goes:

Sam's mom - from Farmington, Missouri to an apartment near his sister Tara in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Lisa's brother Fred - from lake cottage (too much of a hermit experience in winter) back to the condo in Grand Rapids he bought back from the folks he sold it to.

Lisa's mom - from her house to a new senior assisted apartment in Cedar Springs, Michigan

Aaron and Michelle - from their first house to Lisa's mom's house.

And us, sort of. With interest rates threatening to climb and a tightening housing market in the Grand Rapids area, we started looking at property during the summer of 2016. Put in a couple of offers but got beaten to the sale each time. At New Year's we went to Michigan and found our new home. A 1926 Dutch Colonial with a detached 3 stall garage AND a 2 stall, heated shop for the car guy. It is in Comstock Park just northeast of Grand Rapids. Walking distance to White Caps minor league baseball stadium. So the initial plan was to maintain the property and slowly bring things up from Ohio until we were ready to move. As with most plans, they were radically adjusted. Stay tuned.

Best wishes for the New Year!
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2017 A MOVING YEAR



Our Vacation

Early April was our **California Disneyland** vacation with the boys and their families. It was an awesome, relaxing week of sun, rides and pampering. It's actually two parks; the original Disneyland park plus a new California Adventure park with a downtown district between the two - Wow!

Our grandson Oliver, almost 3 years old, was a big fan of Cars Land. We were impressed with walking around Radiator Springs and catching our breath on the Racer ride. Sam's brother Barry drove down from Merced so we had a great chance to catch up.



2017 Events

Right after Easter, Lisa's mom was hospitalized. She came home very sharp in mind and spirit but needing physical help. Long story short, and with lots of help from the entire family, we decided that I should resign and move to Michigan to help. Hey, it's your mom and we had the house. Lisa received an amazing send off from her friends at **Universal 1 Credit Union** that had been her work home for over 12 years. The parody performed to Bohemian Rhapsody at a good-bye breakfast was hilarious. I miss everyone and really appreciate their support.

So the day after my last work day in May, I was on the road to Michigan to stay with mom. We came to the decision point that her staying in her home alone was no longer an option. Lisa and Fred started the hunt by visiting different assisted living apartment locations. Not fun. We then visited a smaller brand new facility, just north of Grand Rapids called Green Acres. The RN Administrator was great and we decided to bring mom to check it out. Everything was kind of ho-hum at first as we looked at a couple of apartments. Then we stopped in front of the one numbered 117 and she said, 'This is it.' 117 was our house number of the

home we grew up in Lansing. She liked the inside and said it felt like home. Fred and I weren't quite ready for her immediate decision but thank God so much fell right into place. We were able to bring enough items from home that mom feels home. Mom's very happy there and we visit her often.

Since our son, Aaron and his wife Michelle, were interested in moving to grandma's, we started working on packing up her belongings then helping the kids move in. Lisa and her brother Dean worked on their old house to get it on the market. After 4 weeks of hard work by everyone, they had 3 offers

above list and sold quickly so we were thrilled.



40 year High School Reunion

In September Sam and I drove to Conway, Arkansas to Sam's 40th High School reunion. I graduated from Conway HS a year earlier so it was a joy to see old friends again. We went to the Homecoming football game and enjoyed watching the band's halftime show. Conway has greatly changed since we attended the 25th year reunion in 2002. In the picture, Sam is wearing a Triple C cap from the lawnmower service shop in town. Sam started Triple C in 1975 and his father continued it until about 1995.

When Sam had breaks from work he would make periodic trips and trailer up our belongings a little at a time. Things were settled down enough that he and Lisa's brother Fred made a road trip to the Atlanta Concours de Elegance. Sam trailered his restored 1965 Toyota Publica to show and Fred drove his Audi TT. Busy trip but they had fun seeing some amazing cars and meeting other car fans.

Sam hired some contractors to work on our 1932 Beavercreek home before putting it on the market. New, enlarged back patio, basement waterproofing, and interior painting were just some of the projects. He's done a ton of work too. There have been a few showings but haven't gotten just the right buyer who loves the charm of the home and the 2+ acres. We're not in a big hurry to sell as Sam's consulting work at the base continues and he enjoys working on an aircraft program. He also volunteers at the [Wright B Flyer](#) and he was Santa for Dayton Special Olympics for the 5th year.

We were able to host the family at Thanksgiving, including mom, so it was nice to have a Michigan home big enough for the tribe. Looking forward to Sam's long break at Christmas.

Lisa is watching the job boards and working with a Michigan credit union staffing agency, hoping to return to the 'people helping people' mission of credit unions. Looking at other business management openings but it seems to be slowing with the holidays. Looking out at the snow coming down, I'm not too upset I don't have to get out in that for work right now.



Aaron, Chip, Oliver, Sam & Kristin