



# 2022 Carbaugh Christmas Newsletter

42<sup>nd</sup> edition



Yep, it's time once again for our annual message to our friends and family. The short answer is that we are well. Both of us have (so far) avoided COVID by keeping up with our shots. This year there have been a few notable trips and some changes in the household. We hope you and your family have also had a safe and memorable year.

## Travels and R&R

In June we drove the 1970 VW bug to Frankenmuth for a weekend German folk festival and Michigan Volkswagon Club rally. It was a fun trip and another great Michigan town. The bug's pic on the right is from the 2023 January issue of Hot VW magazine. It's always fun to show the bug.



*Sam Carbaugh's beautiful '70 Beetle, with its fun rooftop tent by West Coast Classic Restorations.*

In August we flew our Warrior to Farmington Missouri for Sam's mom's interment. She passed in 2020 in Fayetteville NC. On the way







to Farmington we stopped at Scott AFB near St Louis to meet up with Sam's sister Tara from Fayetteville and his brother Barry from California. Tara's youngest of two sons hosted us as we celebrated mom's life. We honored her request to place some of her ashes at her cherished childhood home at Lafayette Park in St Louis. We went to a Cardinals baseball game too.

We flew all the way from Farmington MO back to Sparta MI in one 4.2 hour hop.

In September we flew to Manistee MI and then drove a rental car a little north to Frankfort where we enjoyed staying at an AirBnB on a small horse farm. It was our second time and it was a delightful mini-vacation. The top picture on the first page is at the farm.



Furry Kids



Earlier in the year we sadly lost our Pomeranian pup Molly to a heart condition. She was Lisa's mom's companion who we rescued from Ohio back in 2011. Molly had been a great lap dog for Lisa's Dad too. Then our 12 year old chocolate lab/basset hound mix, Boofur, another Ohio rescue puppy, lost his battle with spleen cancer. Both Molly and Boofur helped train Belle who Lisa found just before Christmas last year. Belle is a female Black German Shepard/English Retriever mix. She's super smart and full of energy!



In August, we found Woody at the local animal shelter. Woody is a year old husky and loves running with Belle who can't get enough frisbee time. They have played so hard in the back yard that all the hostas are destroyed. In the spring, Missy, our little black cat who was at least 16 years old passed. She was the last of the "Missouri 3" cats we took in from Sam's Dad some eleven years ago.

Other Notables

Sam stays busy with flying, cars, home projects and dog training. Lisa continues her admin job, canning and baking amazing cookies & pies. We are still mini-farming with our garden producing another bounty of veggies. The lake cottage near Gowen



MI is where we spent most summer weekends. Cottage work included renewing the paint on the deck and having a metal roof installed.



*Sam & Lisa*

***Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New***