

## 2025 Sam & Lisa Carbaugh Holiday Newsletter, 45th Edition

Hard to believe another year is in the books. Not too much to share as we are settling into retirement mode. Lisa formally retired December 2024 so we are both officially in the Social Security distribution process, while that lasts.

No big trips this year. We spent a few days of September at our favorite AirBnB in Frankfort, Michigan. We did charter a fishing trip out onto Lake Michigan and caught three good sized fish. There was a beautiful sunset as we came back to the marina.

We enjoyed two fun concerts at the DeVos Performance Hall. Herb Albert was amazing. Last week we also enjoyed the Glenn Miller Orchestra's Holiday show.

Our summer at the cottage at Bass Lake was a little different since the lake level had really dropped. Last year we had about 4 feet of beach but this year we had maybe 25 feet! Had to move the dock out so we could barely get the pontoon boat out. Great beach for our fire pit.

You may recall from our last newsletter that Sam sold our Piper Warrior aircraft last December. The new owner decided to upgrade the instrument panel. Sam kept busy being project manager as the aircraft had a major avionics refit. We also removed one wing to replace the walkway skin. After six months in the shop, it's back in the air. New owner is now upgrading the interior. Sam is still a minor partner by paying the hangar rent and arranging routine maintenance as he continues to fly.

Our boys' families are well. We helped Sam, Kristin and Oliver upgrade their fence from 4 to 6 foot high. Aaron is busy with work and home projects.

Our pets keep us busy too. Our pups Belle and Woodie are now 4 years old. They enjoy cottage/lake time (who doesn't?) plus chase each other or frisbees in the yard. Our long haired calico kitty Harper enjoys her catnip, scratching posts and sunbeams as she owns the 2nd floor bedrooms. Our bees did their job keeping out garden pollinated and are settled into their hive for the winter.

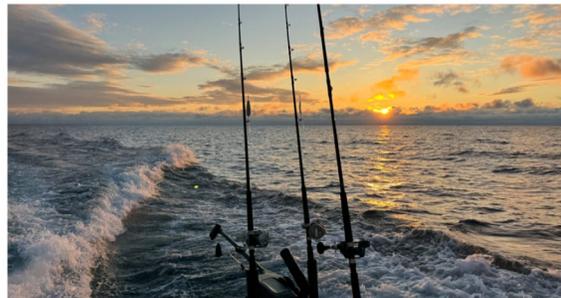
We are looking forward to 2026!  
Hope you can visit us if you are ever  
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Mrs Claus approves Slim Santa's New Suit



Lake Michigan Fishing Trip



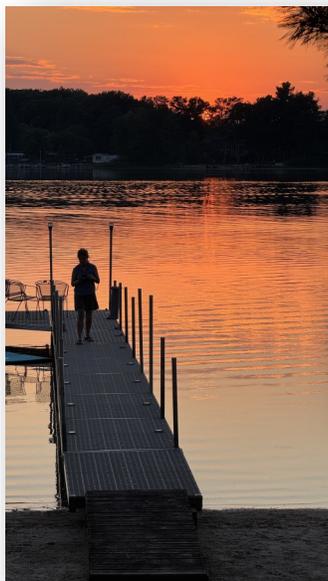
45th Wedding Anniversary



Nellie's all new instrument panel.



She has every speed modification available too.



Our "Happy Place" at Bass Lake.