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Greetings and Salutations:

It should come as no surprise that we are still in New Jersey, a year older and only one of us a year wiser. Suzanne's business is turning into a full time proposition as 1987 comes to a close. She has even reached that first milestone in a successful business, telling a client that she is too busy to provide the artwork on his schedule. The word is out that she does architectural rendering for builders and clients are keeping her so busy that she has hardly had time lately to play with her new computer. She commissioned a well known computer consultant to buy her an AT clone which she is using with a CAD package to build the "wire frame" views of the buildings before doing the art work. Other purchases for her office have included a large flat file for blueprints, a copy machine so she doesn't have to go out to get copies, and a new desk for the new computer (new computers should not be allowed to sit on old desks!). We are applying for a construction permit to place reinforcing columns in the basement under her office. She also felt that her image suffered from driving one of the Pease family classic automobiles, so she bought a new Plymouth Colt for her constant commuting from builder to builder throughout the county. Rod's used car lot is now in place on the front lawn - anybody need a 72 Dart? He drives the Dart when the Valiant is in the shop, and vice versa.

Rod is doing more of the cooking now that Suzanne is drawing night and day. He considers it good training for his retirement, an event which appears closer and closer as the net on the architectural rendering business gets bigger and bigger. The only real problem appears to be the reduced incidence of home made cherry pies. On his secondary job, Rod is still working on building tools to aid the planning process at AT&T. This year his group got an HP 825SRX graphics workstation to do prototyping of the next generation of software. His greatest hope is that someday the administrative paperwork will slack off and he will have a chance to really play with the new machinery.

Contrary to previously published reports, Kevin had not stopped growing. He is now about an inch taller than Rod. This year he is a Junior and has finally got to the point where Suzanne had to give up on the technical help with the homework. Rod is even having to study to help with Physics, Calculus, Pascal, and Probability and Statistics. Kevin is taking his first official art course and seems to be headed in that direction rather than the scientific route. Family discussions are now centering on which college and Rod is re-learning scientific notation so that he can deal properly with the college tuition numbers!

The family took a week in July to "hike from Inn to Inn" in Vermont. The vacation was a success, mostly because we discovered a new invention (called the automobile) after 7 hours of hiking through rain, mosquitos, backtracking, blisters, etc. on the first day. Since the best part of the trip was the hospitality at the country inns at the end of the day, we generally decided to go at our own pace, often just skipping directly to the best part.

We all wish you a happy new year.

Rod , Sugarne, & Kevin

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