

This has been another great year at the Obrin household.

Nick graduated from Pomona High School this spring. He started at Metropolitan State College of Denver this fall. He is studying Business Information Systems, and seems to be adjusting well to the big change. The other big change for Nick is that he has started driving, and has his own car. He is definitely enjoying his new found freedom.

Joe's business (Four Point OH Consulting) is doing well. 2010 was a much better year than 2009, and 2011 looks bright. The new client that was added last spring received funding for their fascinating long term project. Work began in earnest in 2010, and will continue into 2011. There is a lot of potential business for Four Point OH from this project and its follow ons.

Debbie continues her service for the Department of the Interior (MMS). She is working as a Business Systems Specialist. She has become quite comfortable in this position, which has a great emphasis on computer system testing. The big news, though, is that the countdown has begun. She is now less than 2 years away from retirement.

We took a few fun trips in 2010.

We went to Walt Disney World one more time in December 2009/January 2010. Since this was Nick's last year of High School, it is not clear when we are going back, or if we can coax Nick into going with us again. But, this was a wonderful trip. We stayed for the first time at the gorgeous Wilderness Lodge. This is a neat on-site location right near the Magic Kingdom. We had a blast one more time, and had fun thinking about how much this place has meant to us.

We made our annual trip to the Rainbow Weekend balloon festival in Steamboat Springs. This is always a fun and relaxing time. We have not missed a Rainbow Weekend since Nick was born. This year was very special because we were accompanied by the Allard girls, Jolynne's (used to be Allard) husband, and their young baby, Bella. We also went to Gail and Mike's wedding, which they held in Steamboat this weekend. This trip was fantastic.

And it lasted longer! We (Nick, Debbie, and Joe) continued from Steamboat, and drove down to the Grand Canyon. We passed through Moab on the way down, and Santa Fe on the way back. We took Nick's car, and Nick drove the entire trip. It was really fun and relaxing, and we saw some gorgeous scenery.

In October, we went back to Blizzcon. This is our third year at this conference, which is a massive celebration of the games of Blizzard Entertainment, including the horribly addictive World Of Warcraft (which we all 3 play). There were 27,000 attendees at this year's event, and it was quite a show! Since it is held in Anaheim, we snuck over to Disneyland for a few hours the day after the conference.

Chromaggus continues to be a bundle of energy.

Happy Holidays to all of you, and best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous 2011.