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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

✧ From our House to Yours ✧



Wishing the best of the Season to you and your loved ones! May the new year bring you great health and happiness.

dEB & Keith Kaiser

Visit to see Santa and the KC Southern Holiday Train with the Semples, Christmas 2014. The Grandboys had a good time and we got some fun pics.



Christmas tradition in our house - bloody Mary's while we wrap presents. What a great smile!

This reminds me of the picture of a 3 year old Keith with his grandpa in a steam engine in Detroit. I am sure it will be treasured for years to come.



A most awesome and unexpected Christmas present, an airplane ride with our friend Brian over KC and the Plaza. Thanks, Keith!



Our girl, Kali on a very snowy Dec day 2014.

2015 Adventures

2015 was a year of great change for us. We did a lot of fun new things, had some great adventures and some new challenges in our lives. We are grateful for all our friends and family who participated in our adventures and supported us in our challenges this year. Here are some of our adventures.



In **January**, we took Matt for an overnight and took him to Chuck E Cheese and then next day to see Dinosaurus at Dusk at Union Station. Not sure he was very into the movie, but we had fun anyway.



January brought some excitement as we totaled out my WRX (which we later had restored). Looks pretty scary, but we were not hurt, thanks to Keith's quick action on the gas pedal. I could have been smushed.



In **February** we spent our anniversary in San Antonio, TX. We had not been there before and it was on our bucket list, so we went. We stayed in a great AirBnB that was close to the River Walk and we thoroughly enjoyed our time there. It was a great place to spend our 12th Anniversary and Valentines Day.

Kurt & Val, Keith's brother and his wife visited in **February** and we had a nice relaxing time with them.



March, we took a day trip to Manhattan to visit with Nate and Felicia. It was the weekend of Nate's birthday, so was great to get together with them. She took us to the KS "wine country" and we had a tasting. I love this silly picture.

Grandpa took Matt fishing for the first time as soon as the weather got nice in March. He looks so much like a grandpa in his MN-inspired flannel shirt. A true Minnesota boy at heart.

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I got my "silver bullet" back from the dead in March, now lovingly re-nicknamed "the Phoenix".



The Scooby Doo is ready for you to use next time you visit, Nils and Dani

I am so proud...Keith got the first ARRL Service in Scouting award in Missouri in **April**.

He was 15th in the nation to receive it!



In **May** he went to the Hamvention in Dayton, OH. I opted to stay home this year and it was great having some time to myself. He had a good time in Dayton too.

Went to an Alan Jackson concert in April - we didn't get real close, but had a good time!.

In **May** we promoted Radio Scouting at the Shriner's Hambash

We went to Iowa on our 2nd Duncan Genealogy Quest in **May**, which turned out to be both a good thing and a bust. We discovered a wrong connection to the family being followed by all on Ancestry, so that was a good thing, but I was disappointed that the 16 Duncan's I found in the little country cemetery were not related to us.



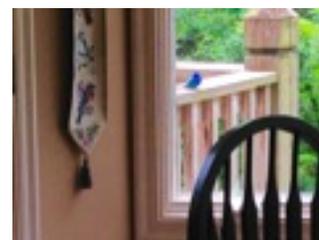
The other great thing is we stayed in an awesome Airbnb ...a refurbished church, complete with resident ghosts, according to the owner.



June visitors



KC had an infestation of cicadas this year. Happens only every 17 years. They are the ugliest little buggers. It was so weird...starting in the mid-afternoon we could hear and see the thousands in the woods by our house. They liked to occasionally hang out on the deck, which kept me away for a while.



The indigo bunting was back-up this year again in **June**, and I am still convinced it is my dear friend Linda checking in on us!

In **June** we joined the Northland Genealogy Society and I met my new buddy Elna. She has helped and inspired me and I have been able to discover some great stuff in my ancestors' past. I have been able to trace some of Nate's direct paternal line back to Netherlands in the 1600's. How fun!

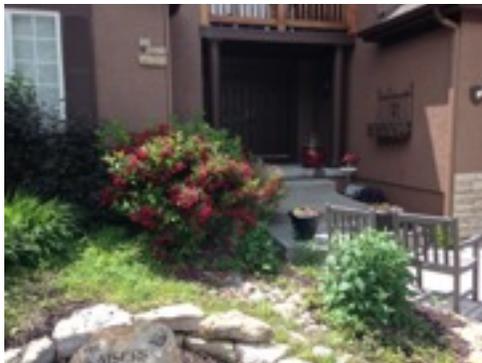


GPSL was in St Louis in **June** this year and we had a great time as usual. One fun addition this year was one of the guys had a drone and we had fun watching him fly it and viewing the pictures and movies from it. Here is one of our pics of the horizon from the camera in our balloon package. (superlaunch.org)



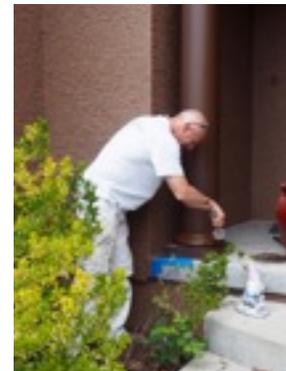
Up, Up & Away!

Balloons from all groups



July was good weather to get our house repainted, so we hired my brother Tom Duncan and his crew and they did an awesome job!

We also added another room in the basement in **July**...not that we needed the living space, but Keith will use it as a shop area for now.



2015 Adventures in Babysitting

We had a lot of fun this year babysitting both our Grandboys and Tom & Susi's Grandgirls. We are rockin' this grandpa and grandma thing.



She made me wear it!



Love the wings!

Tom & Susi and Mattie and Miai came for a train ride and a swim in **August**. There is a mini-train in a park a few blocks from our house and the girls really enjoyed it. We had a great time with them.



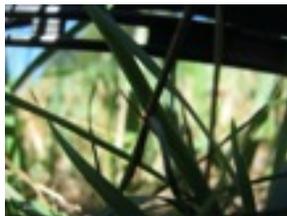
In **August** we also went to MN for Keith's Class Reunion. We stayed with Char & John and spent Sat visiting the Arboretum. The weather was fantastic!

We had a nice visit with Lori and met Gary at a pub in Maple Grove. Was a good time all the way around.



In **September** Keith started a special medical study for MG treatment. He is still in the study and we hope he is getting the drug and not the placebo.

In **September** we had a launch at Line Creek Park near our house to introduce high-altitude ballooning to a Scout troop. One of our friends did a video of the launch. The balloon traveled 82 miles to Sweet Springs and we recovered it in a field that was surrounded by trees. We got really lucky again. <http://bsaroundtable.org>



The first 2 pics were taken from the camera on the balloon during descent. You can see how closely we missed that big stand of trees behind us.



I led the planning for the SET for Northland ARES this year and drafted Keith to be the other on my Team. It was held on **Oct 4** and It went very well. Everyone had fun...we even experiencing a zombie apocalypse (really!) thanks to the theme of the Boy Scout event we were also supporting. We learned a lot about our strengths and areas we can improve, as we do every year.



Live lobster birthday dinner

From Mid-**November** till now has been a blur for us... from finding out I needed carotid surgery, then a TIA and surgery right before the week of my birthday and Thanksgiving...and now it is almost Christmas.

I am just so grateful to come through all of that OK and look forward to having an awesome time with our extended family coming down from MN for Christmas this year.

Hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and have fun, stay healthy and hope all your dreams come true in 2016!!!

Love,
dEB & Keith