

Hi,

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Christmas Greetings from Johnson City! I hope that this letter finds you and yours in good health and spirits. No snow here yet, but had a "Winter Storm Warning" yesterday. No such luck, (just rained) but it was enough to start announcements of school closings on the radio!

It was a pretty full year for us. Lori graduated from Elizabethton High School in May, and both Joyce's Mom and my Mom flew down to be here during that time. This was also the time that David was starting his Student Co-op job at Dominion Bank and Trust in Roanoke, VA. We all went up to visit him for a few days, taking the Blue Ridge Parkway for most of the trip up. All but Lori anyway. Immediately after graduation, she and several girl friends made the ritual after school trip to the beach for a week.

All of Lori's frugal saving from her Taco Bell work came to fruition this spring to enable her to buy a Nissan Pulsar. Neat little car, but she doesn't let me drive it much. She took it on the beach trip, and Joyce and I were happy to see that it came back with no scratches. So was she I suppose.

Dave seemed to enjoy the work at Dominion Bank. After the three month co-op job, he is back with us, again attending ETSU. He will be moving back to Roanoke again in January, starting the second, of the three semester co-op program. Lori also enrolled at ETSU this fall. She is not sure of her major yet, but is getting the basics out of the way.

Joyce is still busy at K-MART, especially this time of year. She has been working more and more as a supervisor particularly since one of the other supervisors there had to miss a lot of work due to medical problems. Dave also works at K-MART part-time during the school year. Lori is working part-time at a new Sears Telecatalog Center which was built just outside of Johnson City last summer.

For the first time since leaving Silver Bay (five years +) I was able to work in a nice long motorcycle trip this summer. The first leg was a straight shot out through Missouri and Oklahoma into New Mexico. Then a more leisurely route criss crossing the Mountains gradually working North to Glacier National Park. Definite high points were Hwy 550 north out of Durango, CO (Million Dollar Highway), Colorado National Monument at Grand Junction, and the canyons of Utah. What a beautiful place! From Glacier, it was L-O-N-G trip across Montana, the Dakota's and Minnesota to visit my Mom in Wisconsin. Then two more days ride back to Tennessee. Great Trip!

Work at TI has not changed much. Still highly interesting to me, with a good mix of engineering and management. My group has responsibility for the Customer Technical Support function for System Products like TISTAR. We recently acquired Quality Control responsibility for System Products also. The second generation of TISTAR will be delivered to customers early next year. This is the project/program I started working with when I first came to TI and it sure has been interesting seeing it grow from a vague idea to a mature product. I sure learned a lot!

Hope you have a very Joyful Christmas, and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!

Merry Christmas,

*Joe Scott*