# NEWS FROM THE ROCK



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# **Christmas 2004 Road Trip!**

In December 2004, Mary and I went on a Christmas Road Trip. We stopped to see Nikki Walker in Melbourne, FL; Derek Wallin in Mobile, AL; Uncle Joe in Hope Mills, NC; Ilsa & the grandkids in VA and Cookie & Fred in VA.



We are in the Coast Guard now! Derek, Mary and I went for a



Derek at the helm!



Here is Ilsa,
Cookie and
Mary sipping
Champagne at
the Kennedy
Center in DC
for a performance
of "Thoroughly
Modern Millie"



Brooke, Grandpa, Ilsa & Steven— Xmas 04 was a family affair in VA



Cookie and Fred had fun with a new picture album that Cookie had customize with a needlepoint monogram!

#### Christmas Miracle—2004



It is amazing how much we have
to be grateful for!!
At the top of the list is Nephew
David survived a terrible car
wreck and now his life is complete
changed. God works in mysterious ways!



## Uncle Joe 1924-2005

On our Xmas Road Trip we stopped to visit Uncle Joe. He passed away in late Jan. 2005. We will miss Uncle Joe and his "Greatest Generation" Attitude.

Uncle Joe - Nov '03 Thanksgiving in Utah!

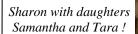


#### New Years—2005 at Brian & Sharon's

It (life) is all about creating good memories.

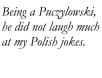


Mary was squinting because she was recovery for PKR eye surgery on the 28th of Dec. Her eyes are 100% better now and she does not need glasses or contacts to read or do needlepoint.





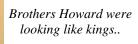
Mary and Cyndee are ready to party!

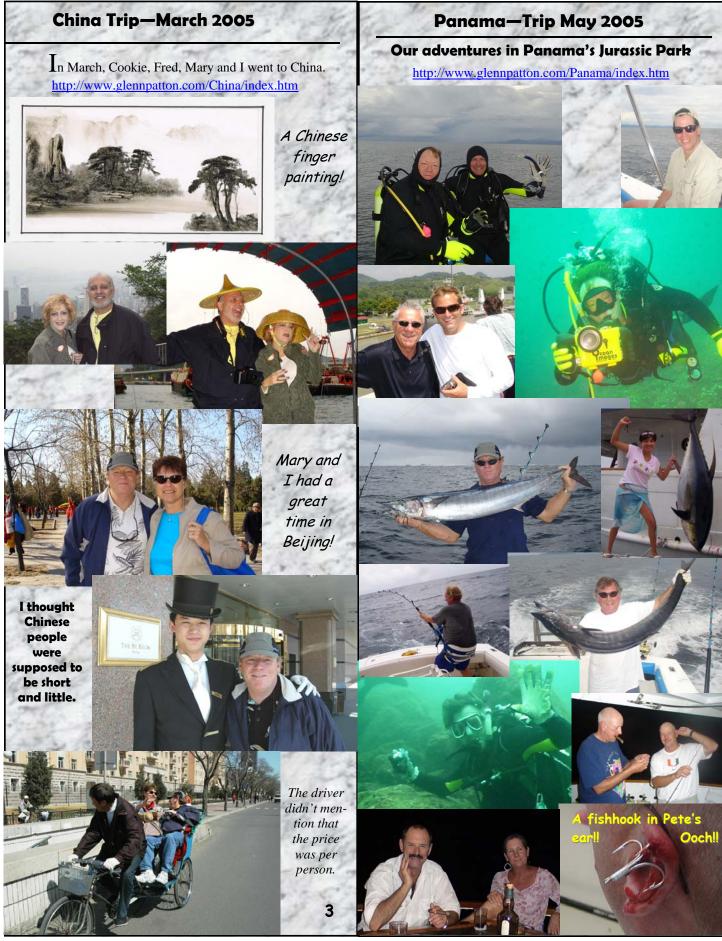




Here is Uncle Joe and Mom Powell hogging the Cool Whip!







### Jake's Graduation—May 2005



Mary went to Utah for Jake's Graduation!

(left pictured) Jake, Barbara, Carey, Mom Powell (by the way Mom is standing) Derek

# Mark & Shawn's Wedding — June '05



Mary and I went to Arizona to attend Mark and Shawn's wedding.

Mom Powell was a dancing queen!



Cousins—looks like trouble to me

# Special Summer Events — 2005

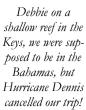
Ilsa and Dave's birthdays were celebrated in July. Also, painting the house and visitors marked July as a special month. Craig and Dave Jerry and Martha—Orlando and Debbie—Drew and Linda



(left) Rick enjoying the fish on a
August dive!
(below) Jerry and I did some
spearfishing in Key Largo. Jerry
and Martha spent sometime in
Key Largo and helped paint the
house. Thanks a bunch!



KC & Holly Crook have been spending time in the Keys and KC has rediscovered SCUBA diving!





#### Princess Ride 2005—San Juan Islands

Princesses Cyndee, Mary, Barbara, Sue, Chrissy, & Cindy get ready to go Kayaking.



#### Hurricane Season 2005—Woe!

We were impacted by four Hurricanes that hit Florida in 2005!

#### HURRICANE DENNIS, KATRINA, RITA & WILMA!

Wow! What a Hurricane Season!!

Hurricane Dennis flip the Spiegel Grove onto its keel. For Katrina we didn't do anything to prepare for the storm. I woke up a 2 am and asked Mary "what the hell is going on!" The Hurricane had turned south and was much closer to us than was forecasted. Hurricane Rita just brushed by to the south of us. But Hurricane Wilma cause moderate damage in Key Largo with 100 mph winds. We only lost power for 2 days. Damage from Wilma was much greater in the rest of south Florida. Key Largo got off easy. Let's hope the 2006 season is less active....

# Politics Sept 2005—Meeting with Gov



Gov Jeb Bush meets with Com. Murray Nelson and his wife, Mary, and Glenn.

County Commissioner Murray Nelson has tapped Key Largo Wastewater Board member Glenn Patton to replace him on the commission.

# Virginia Trip - Sept 2005



Our trip to VA in Sept was to celebrate Steven and Cookie's birthday. We had a great time.

Cookie is hanging onto her needlepoint gift from Mary, because Mary was thinking about how she could take it back! ??

We got to go to one of Steven's football game. Steven played numerous positions on his team. Steven's team won!

## **Thanksgiving 2005**

The Friday after Thanksgiving we headed to Gainesville, FL to visit Niece Mary & Sam. The Cats Ben & Jerry are the first Cats to be in Rock's Newsletter. Not only are they cats, but they are liberal fat



cats. Niece Mary should be thrilled! The Traffic was so bad, driving home on Sunday that it added another 2 hours to a normal 6 hour trip.....







Above Jerry is relaxing and lounging which is what he does 99% of the time!!

## A tribute to Cpl. Jeffery B. Starr

We live in difficult times and it is appropriate to remember those that protect our freedoms.

Cpl. Jeffrey B. Starr, 22, of Snohomish, Wash.; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. He was



killed May 30 by small-arms fire while conducting combat operations against enemy forces near Ramadi, Iraq.

Died: May 30, 2005

He wrote on his laptop: "Obviously if you are reading this then I have died in Iraq. I kind of predicted this, that is why I'm writing this in November. A third time just seemed like I'm pushing my chances. I don't regret going, everybody dies but few get to do it for something as important as freedom. It may seem confusing why we are in Iraq, it's not to me. I'm here helping these people, so that they can live the way we live. Not have to worry about tyrants or vicious dictators. To do what they want with their lives. To me that is why I died. Others have died for my freedom, now this is my mark."



On September 11, our way of life was forever changed with the attack on America. Support our Troops!



(above) James Chambers Jr. was medically retired in 2005 from the US Army because of service related injuries...

(right) Ret.
Major Cynthia
Chambers with
her daughter
ROTC
candidate Lt.
Jennifer Chambers at her
graduation
from Military
College.





(left) SPC Sarah DeGraw, US Army Stationed at Ft Campbell, KY (right) Derek Wallin BM3 USCG Mobile, AL



Family members serving in the US Armed Forces - Our Heroes
God Bless America and keep our family safe!

Merry Christmas and a Happy Year Glenn and Mary