

News from the Rock

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Retirement is Good!

The latest news from Key Largo, retirement is good! However, I am busy and making good use of my time. January '96 was an amazing month with a wonderful Retirement Party that I will never forget. The Retirement Party was one of the highlights of my life because of all the wonderful people that show up to share this special event. Thank You all!

Computer Consulting is exciting and interesting. I am learning new and innovative ways to use the computer every day. American Water may want to put me to work full time in '97. We will wait and see.

Mary has been working hard at the old Fire Station. In general she is Rescuing more and enjoying it less



Glenn and Mary

Winter and Spring Travel

However, this year in February we were able to go Skiing in Big Sky, Mt. with a short visit to Great Falls to visit Mom and Dad Powell and the Degraws . We had Cynthia and Jim visit us in

March. In April, we went to Laguna Beach for a Wedding , in which I gave away the Bride, Soraya to Chris who are friends from Australia.

Summer Camp for the Nephews

In May, Nephew Ryan arrived to spend the summer



with us with the other nephews not far behind. The Summer was very busy with Ryan, Matt and Derek (Lloyd) learning new things to enrich their lives. Everything from how to caulk a joint, paint a house, catch a lobster, lose gracefully on the tennis court and working two jobs with a smile. For entertainment we watched "Dumb and

Dumber" five times. In the process they got up early and went to bed exhausted. They have made reservations for the summer of '97.



We caught plenty of Lobster in August !

Summer Dive Trip with the Boys

From July 5 to 15, myself and 5 friends went to the Bahama's for a diving and fishing adventure. This adventure took us to the Bimini chain of Islands where we caught Dolphin, Lobster, Stone Crab and all kind of other fish. We also did a tank dive off of South Riding Rock in 65 ft of water where we encounter our first sharks of the trip. On the fourth day, we started to worry about Hurricane Bertha. The Storm was coming pretty close. So we headed back to Miami on the morning of the fifth day. We got halfway back to Miami and the 11am advisory posted a Hurricane Watch north of Dade County. Plus, Bertha was expected to turn more to the north that day. We called everyone that was concerned about our safety to let them know we were OK. So, we turn the ESO 90 degrees to the South which put us on a course directly



The Fish were a little bigger at Cay Sal

to Dog Rock on the north side of Cay Sal Bank. The Fishing was the most spectacular the I have see in my life. Thousands of blue water fish were breaking the surface in a feeding frenzy chasing bait fish.

*Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year to One and All.*



The Fall Travels

Mary and I went to Muskoka for the Labor Day Weekend it was peaceful and refreshing with Sharon and Brian as our host.

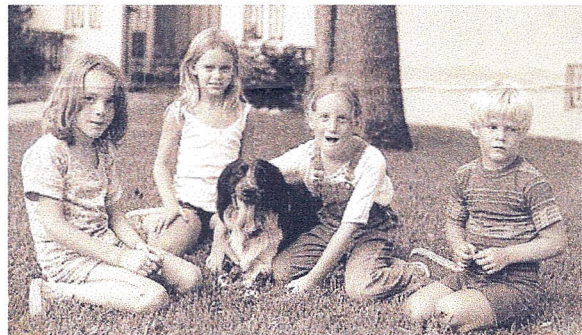
I went to visit Steven for his fifth birthday. It was an experience with all those little kids running around.



We also went to Rome to visit Orazio and Stefania at their villa "Casa Stefazio". The trip was very interesting with the Italian people being very pleasant and hospitable. The wine was fantastic with no sulfites you could consume large quantities without a hang over.

In November, Mary went to Great Falls to move Mom and Dad Powell to Utah. Mary went to an assessment center promotional event in November to Dekab County Fire Department at the request of Chief Charlie Perez.

Just for grins I have put up Web Pages at "http://www.shadow.net/~g_patton/". You can visit this site for Golden-Oldy Photos. They are petty interest to look at when you realize they a 25 years old or more.



Craig, Lynlee, Ralph, Ilsa and Kenny