

# Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

December 2011

## **Rosa:**

Rosa and her sister Vi went on a 10 day art cruise along the Mexican Riviera in November. There were three award winning artists on board to teach. Each day that the ship was at sea, a different artist would give an 6 hour art class. They taught the techniques that they use to achieve the effects they get on their work to the class. This is such a great learning opportunity. The sister time together was priceless.

Rosa is still taking her art classes. It is more of a social gathering with friends, as she probably should be teaching the classes.

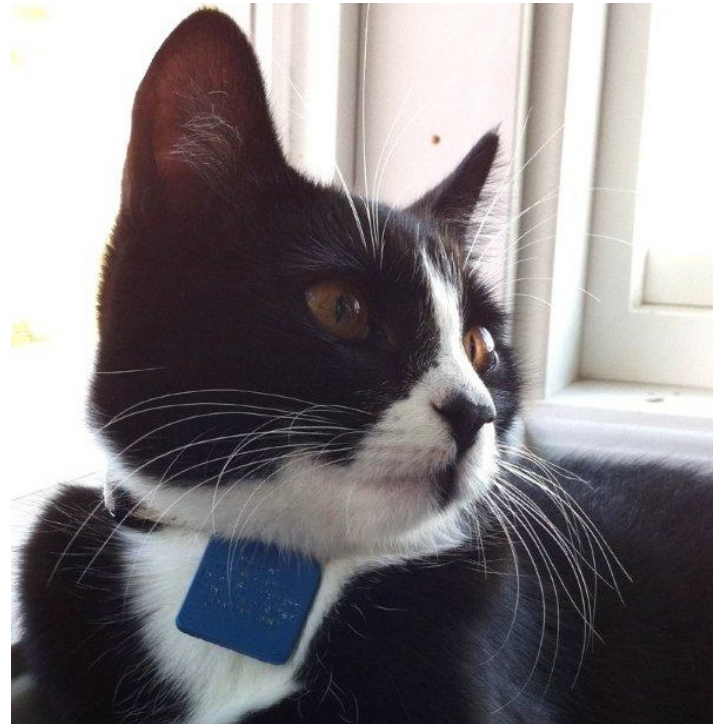
## **Daughter Amber:**

In February, Amber received some bad news. She has breast cancer. She chose an aggressive surgical approach to make sure that all traces of the cancer were removed. How the surgery is done has improved so much over the years. The breast removal and reconstruction surgery are done in one operation. Amber lived with us during her recovery period. Rosa was such an excellent Mother during this worrisome time.

There have been minor complications since the surgery, but it all is working out, so she should enjoy a long and healthy life.

## **New Family Member:**

Amber brought a new kitten with her when she came to stay with us for her recovery. "Baby" was 6 weeks old when she arrived at our house. She only weighed 8 ounces. Rosa took to this kitten like nothing I have ever seen. She has always loved cats, but 12 years ago, she gave her cat away due to allergies. We have only had our dog Zoe since.



After a couple of weeks, Rosa informed Amber that she wasn't going to get Baby back. Amber was on board with that. Baby has brightened Rosa's life so very much. Baby has such a different personality. I don't care for cats much, but she has stolen my heart. She is at a healthy 5 lbs. now and full of mischief. Amber shares her love with another cat now, Wolfie.

There is another new family member expected soon. Grandson Jacob and his fiancé are expecting their own baby in February. They don't know the sex of their baby, as they want to be surprised. Rosa is convinced it is going to be a boy.

### **Harley rides:**

I rode across the Heartland of America on HWY 50, California to Maryland. Next I rode to Sturgis SD to accompany a friend on his ride home. And I went to Milwaukee to see the Harley Davidson Museum and ride the famous Route 66 from Chicago to California. I am on track for getting my 250,000 mile HOG patch after this Tax season.



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For those that would like more details of my journeys, I have started writing articles and posting pictures of these rides on my web sight. Go to [CarlWeitzel.com](http://CarlWeitzel.com) and click just below the picture of me on a blue bike in the upper left corner. Then click on the ride of your choice. If you would like to be notified when a new ride has been added, e-mail me with your

request and I will notify you when I have posted a new journey.

### **Mark & Renee' Weitzel:**

Mark has passed his testing and is now a Certified Anesthesia Technician. This gives him a raise and more job status.

Renee' has continued her running and is doing very well.

Scott, now 6, is in the first grade and Boy Scouting. Sister Leah, 3, is in structured daycare.

### **Kennell Granddaughters:**

Granddaughter Christina, Tony and their daughter Holly are doing fine. Holly is 4 now. Though Rosa can't handle the altitude up where they live, we get to see them several times a year. They come down to Torrance to visit Rosa and Grandma Amber often.

Granddaughter Lindsay, her husband David, and little Tyler, also 4, have now lived in Colorado for over a year now. They love it up there. They came down for visits this year, so we did get to see them.

Rosa is a great fan of Skype, talking to Grand children and sister Vi on a regular basis.

### **New E-Mail Address:**

I am closing my SBCGlobal e-mail account. Please make note of my new address.

[CarlTheTaxman@gmail.com](mailto:CarlTheTaxman@gmail.com) This address change will eliminate having to change my e-mail address in the future if I decide to change servers in the future.

Rosa and I wish you and your family a very  
Happy Holidays.