



# NEWSLETTER



December 2011



*Frohe Weihnachten und alles Gute im Neuen Jahr... A Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!*

Unfortunately, this newsletter may come a little late to your door. After returning from our yearly trip to see the kids/grand kids/great-grand kids in Texas and Georgia, I found that a power surge had "fried" the hard drive on my faithful ol' MAC computer. It ain't fun starting over from scratch...but that's life!

Anyway, I'm through crying and will get along with the fun stuff that Phyllis and I were able to enjoy throughout 2011.

Phyllis' dad turned 96-years old in 2011 and we were able to take him to see friends on various trips this year. One trip was up to San Jose, CA, to visit with his "younger" sister and her husband in their assisted living facility. Dad is getting to the point where he is also needs more assistance.

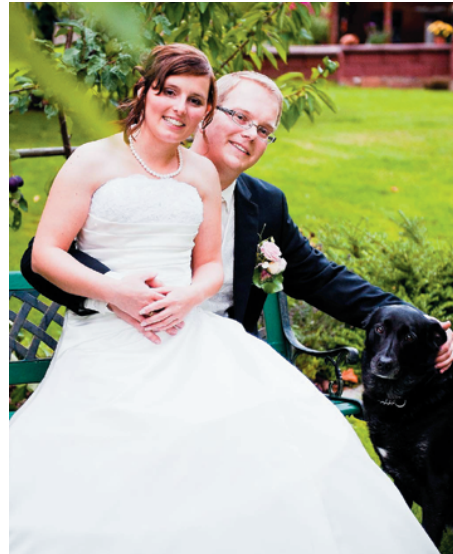
We attended two of our Chrysler/DeSoto Airflow Car Club meets this year. One was in San Diego in February, and the second was a fun trip in June to Durango, Colorado, for our Car Club's 48th Annual National Meet.

The Durango area is famous for two things...firstly, its narrow gauge railway that runs between Durango and Silverton, and we found it to be a great thrill to ride up from Durango at 6,200 ft. to Silverton at over 9,000 ft. The train was straining all the way up, but braking all the way down. Colorado still had plenty of snow in the mountains and we had a great time. Secondly, Durango is just east of the Mesa Verde Indian Ruins. The ruins are a sight that all Americans should tour at some time in their lives.

These structures built by ancient indian tribes (now called Anasazi) didn't look like they were built by primitive man, but men who knew how to plan and who had architectural skills. There were two periods of habitation in the area. One

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## Marco Altstadt and Anne Freytag tie the knot in Fraurombach, Germany



Congratulations are in order for **Marco Altstadt** who married his girlfriend **Anne** on August 13, 2011.

Anne's surname was Freytag, but now she has nice new surname.

The happy couple was married in their church in Fraurombach, Hessen, Germany. They later



celebrated with relatives, friends and neighbours in and in front of the old Altstadt barn. They put a tent in front so there was enough room for all.

The couple later took some photos at the distillery in Schlitz, where **Hermann Altstadt** and **Jerry Allstott** visited a few years ago.

"At the moment, Anne and I plan a trip to New York and a road trip from there to Boston, Niagara Falls, Grand Rapids and Chicago next June.

It's sad, that you had to cancel the tour in 2012. Maybe you can do it another time."

*Marco Altstadt*

## 69th Reunion of the descendants of John and Anna Alstott held in Corydon, IN

The 69th Annual Alstott Family Reunion took place May 30th at the Old Capitol United Methodist Church in Corydon.

The **Rev. Tony Alstott** asked the blessing before the meal. We're so glad Tony and his family are back in the area and can come to the reunion. **Phyllis Heishman** gave a memorial tribute for **Nelson Alstott**, who passed away in November, Uncle Nelson was the youngest surviving child of the 14 children of **John and Anna Hobson Alstott**.

The family shared memories about him and about past family reunions.

We had the annual Elephant Sale auction. We have fun bidding and the funds go towards plates, forks, table decorations and it also supplies us with the chicken and ham.

**Gary and Theresa Pope** were the Reunion hosts.

There were 31 cousins in attendance that day.

We are hoping for a good turnout next year when we have the 70th Reunion on May 28, 2012.

*Beverlie Alstott*

## Cuzzin Contact...

Jerry,  
Don't worry about sending out the newsletter till after Christmas. Get used to this old age slow down and not being able to work around events, problems and naps! Man I am queen at all these things, these days! For some reason I wake up and all those things are still waiting to be done!

Aunt **June Meek**, pg. 297, is 97 years old and doing quite well. Isn't that something!!

We are having lots of "little" problems...but seem to be at the table for three squares a day, so that shows we are doing OK. I have been calling family and everyone is older and having health issues.

Today I was putting up Christmas decorations...OH! What a job, I can't even remember where things are in what box and it is time to sort and give away a bunch of those cute little things.

Hugs

**Pat Kennedy**, Medford, OR, pg. 295

Hi Jerry!

I was looking for information on where I could get a copy of the Altstott family history

My mother...**Pauline (Hall) Long** had a copy that her brother **Frank Long** gave her, but one of my younger sister's has decided that it is hers now. Thanks!

Janey Johnson

*Sorry Janey...you'll have to borrow the copy that your sister has appropriated and make copies of what you wish to keep...or make copies of your families genealogy from the [www.altstatt.org](http://www.altstatt.org) website as there are no more copies of the book that I published in 1994.*  
cuz Jerry

Hi Jerry

My name is Melanie Osborne (Corby) and I came across your website with the Family tree of **Joseph Allstadt**, pg. 18.

My father is **David Leo Osborne** and my grandparents are **Gerda** and **David Osborne** who have both died now.

It was very interesting to see lots of names we knew of from our family tree! My family and **Penny Osborne**

## Aldstadt Annual Reunion Held on Labor Day

The descendants of Royal Feaster and Margaret Aldstadt held their yearly reunion in Lanse, Pennsylvania on Sunday, September 5, 2011. This was about the 30th reunion to be held in Lanse, but the Aldstadt reunions go back at least 50 years. This year around 100 people were in attendance.

*Jean Williams*

family all live in New Zealand.

Can you please add **Hannah Rachel Corby** (my daughter) birthdate 7th July 2007 and change the spelling to: **Jonathan Murray Corby** May 14, 1977, and **Robyn Joan** (not Jean), and **Caleb Thomas Corby**, and **Daniel James Corby** is Caleb's twin brother who died during pregnancy.

We are wondering how you managed to get all this information, it is amazing.

Your Kiwi cuzzin, **Melanie Corby**, pg. 18

*Nothing amazing Melanie. Genealogy has brought me together with many cuzzins world wide. A few years ago, we enjoyed the company of Penny (Osborn) Smith and her hubby while on a "down under" tour. The Allstadts, no matter which spelling, are a great lot.*

Cuz Jerry

Dear Jerry,

My name is **Ann Buechler**. My great-grandmother was **Ann Elizabeth Alstadt**. Insomnia had struck me so I decided to dawdle around on-line while searching random family members. It's exciting to see my family's genealogy so readily available for anyone doing casual research. Anyway, I just want to send you an update/some corrections on my family.

**Ann Buechler**, pg. 117

Dear Cuzzin,

On June 23, 2012, I had my 90th birthday. My youngest daughter, Sherry, has two day-light apartments in her home and I live in one of them with my little Yorkie. I count my blessings every day for my good health - no cane, crutches or glasses.

Best Regards, **Louise** (Allstot)  
**Harris**, Mt. Vernon, WA, pg. 215

Jerry,

Ruth and I are still kicking but not very high. We now have 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren (with 4 on the way) and one great-great-grandchild -- but we're just kids ourselves!! Cuz **George Altstatt**, Heavener, OK, pg. 262

Dear Jerry,

We want to send you our very best wishes for health and prosperity this year. Last year I picked 9-gallons of Bing and 3-gallons of Ranier cherries. Our two apple trees rewarded us with at least 15 bushels of apples. Anyone need Fujis?

Managing finances, walking and working Sudoku puzzles round out our morning activities. I serve on the board of directors for the Benton County, OR, Master Gardener Association as treasurer and also treasurer of the local HP Retirees Club. Chris has now "retired" from offices within the DAR. She

continues to create pottery and is turning out some really nice pieces. In September we visited Rome and Naples, Italy. Both cities were mazes with colliding street names and horrific traffic. Visits this year were made to my mother and sister in Decatur, GA, to Indianapolis to visit Chris' mom and brother. We also took a side trip to New Albany, IN, for my 45th high school reunion which was enjoyable. We spent Christmas in San Diego with Sean, Brian and Kathryn.

**Steve and Chris Naberhuis**, Corvallis, OR, pg. 198

Hi,

We celebrated 50 years of marriage and it seems like yesterday. The years have been very kind to us. We had a warm gathering at **Warner Meek's** with his wife Sue and two kids, Jeff and Kourtney along with their families. Jeff and Roseanne got

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period between 500-1100 a.d. and a second period between 1100-1300 a.d. before a prolonged drought struck and people moved to areas with a water supply. Mesa Verde is located in the Colorado mountains high above the Mancos River Canyon. This was the real highlight of the trip.

While the southeast USA was sweltering with no rain, we managed to keep cool over the summer in Ventura. My sister, **Mary Cooper**, visited us in August and we took her on an excursion to the Huntington Library in Los Angeles. The Huntington houses a copy of the Guttenburg Bible and other book treasures along with Gainsborough's "Blue Boy" and "Pinky" and other paintings. In addition to the library... the grounds are fabulous with large areas of roses, desert areas and a Japanese tea garden. You just can't see everything in one day. And every trip to see us wouldn't be complete without a run up to Solvang... a Danish town with Hans Christian Andersen's statue, smorgasbord style restaurants and plenty of tourists. We were in town while they were celebrating the town's 100th birthday.

September found us on our yearly jaunt back east to visit friends and family. I say back east because we only live 5-miles from the Pacific Ocean and you can't go any further west past our city limit before you are in Hawaii. Traveling eastward is great...especially to get away from California gas prices! Our last gas purchase in California was \$4.69.9 a gallon. Prices on the trip ranged from \$3.07.9 in Oklahoma City to \$3.17.9 in Georgia and \$3.25.9 in Texas.

Our first visit was to Oklahoma City and the home of **Bill and Georgia Altstatt**. It's good to see what's going on in America's Heartland and a visit with the Altstats is always invigorating. Their son, John, was home and we got to visit with him also.

Oklahoma, as well as most of the Midwest, has been suffering through a long drought and the Altstatt plants looked to be under stress. I hope this winter finds the "la Ninya" reversing and wetness coming to the parched areas of our great country.

The Altstats treated us to a delicious Mexican dinner and overnight. What great hospitality, love and conversation!

As we drove around through the southland, it was almost funny how folks were praying for a hurricane just so they

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*Archie Padberg hosted the annual Allstott Reunions in Hermiston and the 1994 AAA Reunion in Pendleton, OR. We will miss you Archie!*

## **John Archie Padberg Jr.**

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Former Heppner, Oregon, resident **John "Archie" Padberg Jr.**, 82, of Gresham died Saturday, September 3, 2011, at a care facility in Gresham with his family at his side after a long health struggle.

A memorial service was held Friday, September 9 at 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Heppner. A private family graveside service with a vault burial was held at the Lexington Cemetery.

Mr. Padberg was born December 22, 1928, in Heppner to **John Archie and Susan May Allstott Padberg**. His first five years were on the family ranch up Fuller Canyon. They moved to Lexington when he was five and he attended the Lexington grade school. In 1942 the family moved to Heppner, where he attended high school.

Archie graduated from Heppner High School in 1946 and went on to Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University) in Monmouth, graduating in 1951. He played football for OCE and was inducted into the Western Oregon College Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the championship football team. In 1950, he married **Jeanette Mae Settles** in Stevenson, Washington.

Archie taught school at Milwaukie Junior High School, Corbett Elementary and several Portland, Oregon, schools. He also cashiered and sold tickets at the dog and horses races, sold real estate, owned a filbert farm at Damascus and a donut shop at Long Beach, Wash.

Retiring from teaching in 1969, he purchased a business that would be known as *Padberg Wholesale Foods*, serving East Multnomah County, Clackamas County and the Mt. Hood area. In 1975 he sold this business and developed a small subdivision and the

commercial buildings along Highway 212 in Damascus, and ran *Padberg True Value Hardware Store*. In 1993 the buildings were sold and they bought *Madison Mobile Home Village* in Klamath Falls.

When the couple moved back to Heppner in 1996, he immediately became very involved in the community.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, **Jeanette Padberg** of Gresham, sons **John Archie Padberg III** of South Beach and **Gerald Daniel Padberg** of Zig Zag; daughter **Sandra Lee Proffitt** of Damascus; sisters **Juanita Ross** of Hermiston and **Lola Springer** of Hood River; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother **Vernon Padberg**.

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## **Frederick Hample**, pg. 293

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 10, at Central Lutheran Church in Eugene, Oregon, for Frederick "Fred" Hample of Eugene, who died December 2, of congestive heart failure. He was 81. A reception followed the service at the church.

Fred was born Nov. 9, 1930, in Oakes, N.D., to **Frederick and Helen Erickson Hample**. He married **Clarene Carr** on January 21, 1955, in Eugene.

He graduated from Eugene High School in 1948 and from the University of Oregon Business School in 1956. He served as a corporal in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Fred served in leadership and board of directors positions for various nonprofit groups, was a business consultant and motivational speaker, and he founded Payment Insured Plan Inc., National Warranty Corp., and other businesses.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, **Darcie McNally** and **Diane Caisse**, both of Eugene; two sons, Brent and Eric, both of Eugene; and seven grandchildren.

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## **John Sherman Mills**, pg. 423

1909 - 2011

**"Sherm Mills"** (*John Sherman Mills*) passed into eternity on October 24, 2011, leaving behind a gracious legacy of family devotion and community service in his beloved cities of Edmonds and Shoreline, Washington.

Born on April 5, 1909 Sherm ventured to Seattle from Oklahoma when he was 19 years old. At that time he began

working in his aunt's flower shop, *Dalhialand*, and soon thereafter met, and fell in love with **Francine Haines**. They were married in 1936.

Sherm developed a severe allergy to floral materials and his physician directed him to terminate his career as a florist.

An avid salt water fisherman, he enlisted in the Coast Guard. During the Second World War the family run *Haines Wharf*, one of the largest sports fishing centers on Puget Sound, was converted into a waterfront Coast Guard Station. Sherm was assigned there, along with his brother-in-law, Jim. Their intimate knowledge of the waterways of Puget Sound was invaluable in providing security for strategic, war-related maritime traffic.

After the war Sherm built a house in Meadowdale, where he raised his two children. He later opened *Mills Marina* on 172nd Street at Aurora Avenue North in



*Sherm Mills passed away at the age of 102*

Shoreline. Upon his retirement, Sherm and Francine went traveling around the country and the world. They were married for 72 years before Francine passed away in August of 2008. Their last years were enriched by the new friends and wonderful staff of Sunrise of Edmonds. The affectionate commitment he showed to Francine and to his children over the decades was apparent to all. He will also be remembered for involvement in community organizations, such as the Lions Club, Boy Scouts, Meadowdale Community Club and Edmonds Methodist Church.

Sherm possessed an unsurpassed gift for trivia, especially about geography and history. He also harbored an uncanny sense of humor.

At age 100, when he was named Senior Prom King of the Edmonds-Woodway High School DECA senior prom, for example, he suggested, tongue-in-cheek, that he himself could personally provide

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dancing instructions to his grandson, Byron. Always with a joke on his lips, old timers will remember some of his eyebrow raising tales concocted during the phenomenal days of salmon fishing in the briny waters off Edmonds and Whidbey Island in the '40's and '50's.

Sherm also had an incredibly amazing talent for carving wood, as well as playing the harmonica.

Sherm is survived by son, **John Sherman Mills, Jr.**, Hercules, CA; daughter, **Jan Hansen** and her husband, Ron, Shoreline; grandchildren, **Stephanie Hansen, Byron Hansen** and his wife, Cyndi, and **Karen Greeley** and her husband Greg, parents of his three great grandchildren, Megan, Katie, and Julia Greeley.

His memorial was a small, private gathering of his immediate family.

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### **Dominic Charles "Pop"**

**DiVito**, pg. 287

April 17, 1923 – October 21, 2011  
88, of Surprise Arizona, went peacefully to the Lord on Friday, October 21, 2011.

"Pop" was born on April 17, 1923 in Boston, MA, to Italian immigrant parents Antonio Vincente DiVito and Margaret Cenci. He was a Veteran of the WWII Army Air Corp and retired as a Civil Service employee from Luke Air Force Base in April of 1985.

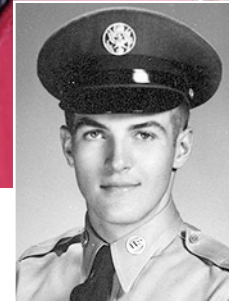
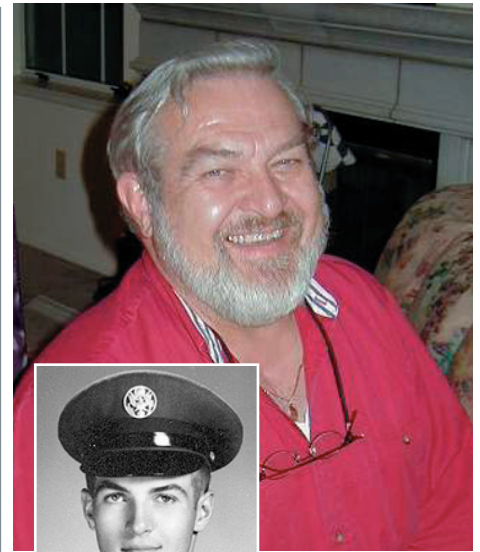
He was a Third Degree Mason and a member of Chalcedony Lodge #6 F. & A.M. in Holbrook, Arizona, for over 50 years. Dominic is survived by his wife of 66 years, Polly; his sons Frank (wife Dixie) and Robert (wife Cathey); daughter Margaret McGuire (husband Mike); half brother Anthony DiVito of York Harbor, ME; 11 grandchildren, Beckey Clow, Claire DiVito, Daniel DiVito, Sarah DiVito, Tim DiVito, Kara Gentry, Erin Holland, Conlin McGuire, Shauna Ross, Mike Stone, & Nathan Stone; and 16 great grandchildren. His favorite term of endearment to us all was "Dopey Kiddo" which will forever remain in our hearts.

His hobbies were to tinker in his shed and collect old or rare reference books.

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### **Ken Gray**, pg. 516

This morning (Dec. 10, 2011) my brother Ken passed away while in the ICU where he had been since the day before. This was all quite sudden. He was headed for a doctor's appointment Friday morning when he began having trouble breathing. Once he was in the



*Ken Gray in 2002 (above) and in 1954 when he was stationed at San Antonio, TX*

Emergency Room they discovered that his white blood cell count was way out of range and fluctuating. They decided to admit him to the hospital ICU to stabilize him and determine what was going on. He apparently was told that he was suffering from acute Leukemia.

Bev, Michelle and Mark have decided that the services for Ken will be held sometime after the first of the new year.

I always thought of Ken as good big brother to me. I was five years younger and no doubt a big nuisance to him many times. But I remember him taking me places, and looking out for me. I also know he was very considerate of other people and often went out of his way through out his life to do for others.

He was a good student in school, a very good athlete, and a leader as well. He broke several records in track at Antelope Valley High School in Lancaster, CA. He was also Student Body President. I always thought that was a pretty impressive achievement since he was entering his junior year when we moved there. He also liked the Boy Scouts and was active there as well.

He joined the US Air Force just out of High School, and served in Germany and Thailand during the Viet Nam conflict. He of course was stationed stateside in several places, e.g. Omaha, Florida, Georgia, Colorado and several locations in California. He retired from the Air Force, completed his college degree and continued to work.

Ken, along with his son, Mark enjoyed researching family history and they are responsible for informing many of us

about our ancestors. Who knows he may be learning a lot more right now?

Mike Gray

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**Nedra M. Hubler**, pg. 483

HAWK RUN, PA - A memorial service for **Nedra Marie Hubler**, 84, of Hawk Run was held on Saturday, September 3, 2011, at 3 p.m. at Morrisdale United Methodist Church, with Pastor Fred Miller officiating.

Nedra died Thursday, September 1, at Mount Nittany Medical Center, State College.

Interment was at the Grandview Cemetery, Morrisdale.

Born November 19, 1926, at Morrisdale she was a daughter of **Royal Feaster** and **Margaret Elisabeth (Lloyd) Aldstadt**.

Mrs. Hubler was a member of Morrisdale United Methodist Church.

She was a 1944 graduate of Morris Township High School and retired from Windy Hill Nursing Home in 1989 as a nurses aide.

She was a volunteer at the former Philipsburg Hospital.

On April 23, 1945, she wed **Roland A. Hubler**, who died April 27, 1978.

Nedra is survived by four daughters, **Sandra Maurer** of Hawk Run, **Cindy R. Hubler** and her companion Randy Sackett, of Stafford, N.Y., **Diane J. McClosey** of Morrisdale, RD and **Lori Reed** and her husband, Charles of Salt Sprints, Fla.; three sons, **Frederick D. Hubler** and his wife, Trisha, and **Gary A. Hubler** and his wife, Helen, all of Semora, N.C., and **Larry A. Hubler** and his wife, Sherry S., of Byron, N.Y.; 22 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; and two sisters, **Lois Larson** of East Aurora, N.Y., and **Betty Hazeltine** of Holland, N.Y.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by five sisters and three brothers.

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**Katie L. Bauers**, pg. 452

1924 - 2011

**Katie L. Bauers**, nee Talhelm, 86, of Caseyville, Ill., was born on October 6, 1924, in Altamont, Kansas and died at 1:17 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2011, at Memorial Convalescent Center, Belleville, Ill.

Mrs. Bauers was a charter member of the Meadow Heights Baptist Church in Collinsville, Ill. and a member of New Life Club, St. Mathews Methodist Church in Belleville, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her



*Yes, that's me with Katie in her kitchen, when Phyllis and I visited her last year.*

husband, **Harry A. Bauers** who died December 11, 1973; parents, **Arnold I. and Sylvia**, nee Raymond, **Talhelm**; and brother **Eldon Talhelm**.

Surviving are her daughter **Julie Bauers** of Caseyville, Ill.; son, **Dennis Bauers** and his wife Kate of Waterloo, Ill.; grandson, **Bradley Rowald** of Caseyville, Ill.; two sisters, **Frances Paul** and **Gladys Schumert** of O'Fallon, Ill.; and sister-in-law, Syl Lyles.



*Harold and Lauraine McGregor in 2010*

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**Harold King McGregor**, pg. 216

April 9, 1916- November 16, 2011

Harold King McGregor, age 95, a longtime resident of the Wenatchee Valley, passed away on November 16, 2011. He was born on April 9, 1916, in York, Neb., to Donald and Gertrude McGregor. He accepted the role of taking care of others at the very young age of 16, when his family lost their father. It became his responsibility to support his mother and siblings, working in agriculture. He gained employment with a rancher on Wheeler Hill, where he worked as an orchardist and ranch foreman for the following 25 years. He married Laverne Taylor in 1941. He was able to provide his children employment as they grew up,

taught them to hunt and fish, run a farm, maintain orchards, and repair equipment. He began working for Tilly Equipment as a mechanic, servicing agricultural equipment in 1966, relocating his family to East Wenatchee. He later moved into management and sales positions, until his retirement in 1982.

He devoted much of his time and energies as a caregiver to his wife, becoming widowed in 1986. During this time of his life, he spent many days fishing with friends and family, a hobby he had loved and enjoyed all of his life.

He married Lauraine Finley in 1990. Together they traveled throughout many parts of the United States, including Alaska. His interests included fishing, traveling, attending rodeos, watching his grandchildren in sports events, spending time with his family, and working.

He is survived by his wife, Lauraine; his sons, Gary McGregor, Gerald McGregor, Danny McGregor and Tracy McGregor; his daughters, Pat Fleming, Sharon Haynes, Janet Sanders, Dixie Shiflett, Sally Goodwin, Sheila Kane, Marsha Smith and Hollie Goodrich; his step-children, Barry Horrell, Trent Horrell and Faun Earhart; his sons-in-law, James Fleming, Rich Haynes, Darwin Shiflette, Gordy Goodwin, Scott Kane and Bob Smith; his daughters-in-law, Carol McGregor and Vickie McGregor; 29 grandchildren: 36 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; his sister, Wanda Anderson; and his brother, Wayne McGregor.

Services honoring his life were held at Telford's Chapel of the Valley in East Wenatchee on Saturday, November 19, 2011.

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would have some rain! From Oklahoma City, we drove over to Huntsville, AL, for a visit with Phyllis' uncle. Uncle Walt's vision and hearing are about the same as Phyllis' dad.

From Alabama it's only a 2-1/2-hour drive over to see our daughter's family in Georgia. Cherilyn is still recovering from her motorcycle accident she suffered when she, Tim and Emma were out riding with their "bike" club a few months ago. The cracked ribs are still quite sore.

We had a great time in Georgia. The highlight was the Apple Festival activities in northern Georgia. Everyone who drives a car in Georgia was out driving

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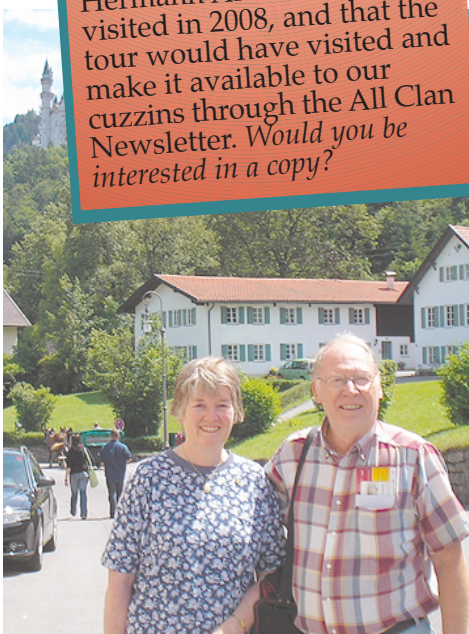


**From Altstetten, Switzerland to Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany... Our 2012 Tour was just not meant to be!!**

High cost... around \$7,000 per person and health issues brought our tour group down to only six cuzzins. So the tour for next year is KAPUT!!! Maybe a future tour???

Please don't hold your breath! With the Dollar down and the Euro down against the Swiss Franc (our tour company was Swiss and delt only in Swiss Francs) - the tour became doomed in early September. But... I do want to express many THANKS to those who were looking forward to the tour.

Maybe, in the near future, I will be able to make up a DVD of the places that Hermann Altstadt and I visited in 2008, and that the tour would have visited and make it available to our cuzzins through the All Clan Newsletter. Would you be interested in a copy?



## Darlene Watson and other cuzzins "selected" FORWARDS for your entertainment...to give you a laugh or increase your knowledge skills!

Although I am not a FORWARD fan...in certain cases, I can be fascinated by them. Some of our cuzzins have sent me FORWARDS that have really "wowed" me.

**Darlene Watson**, one of our Canadian Alstott cuzzins enjoys her long winter days on the computer and I have included some of her BEST FORWARDS to share when you have a moment that will save you from extreme boredom.

Take a look at some of these totally un-Altstadt/ Alstott related items and see if you don't get a GOOD charge for your day... just copy and paste the http address to the top bar of your internet supplier computer screen and enjoy...

*Fascinating People Painting - Miracle of Computers*

<http://cliptank.com/PeopleofInfluencePainting.htm>

*The Space Station assembly*

[http://i.usatoday.net/tech/graphics/iss\\_timeline/flash.htm](http://i.usatoday.net/tech/graphics/iss_timeline/flash.htm)

*US History - A Condensed Version*

<http://us.mg6.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch#/minty/page/spam>

*View of the 2011 Japanese Tsunami from a car caught in the action*

<http://www.flixxy.com/japanese-tsunami-viewed-from-a-car.htm>

*6-months after the Tsunami*

<http://blogs.sacbee.com/photos/2011/09/japan-marks-6-months-since-ear.html>

*360° View of London from the Tower Bridge*

<http://aerialphotoimage.com/360/London/London-Tower-Bridge-360-Aerial.html>

*Owl coming in for the kill*

<http://www.dogwork.com/owfo8/>

*The beauty of pollination*

<http://www.youtube.com/v/xHkq1edcbk4?version=3%20%20%20%20>

*Paraglider flying with a bird*

<http://www.parahawkusa.com/Home.html>

*Tagging wild Black Bears in Canada*

[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=vJRDpTUIrJl&vq=medium](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=vJRDpTUIrJl&vq=medium)

*Buzzle Finger Monkeys in South America*

<http://us.mg6.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch#/minty/page/spam>

*Drag Racing in San Francisco in 1905*

<http://wimp.com/dragrace/>

*Recycled Horse Shoes*

<http://us.mg6.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch#/minty/page/spam>

*Miniature Wunderland in Hamburg, Germany*

<http://www.miniaturwunderland.com/exhibit/video/5-minutes-wunderland/>

*The life of Flowers*

<http://player.vimeo.com/video/27920977?title=0&%3bbyline=0&%3bportrait=0href=>

*Beautiful women and time*

<http://www.greatdanepro.com/Beautiful%20Women/index.htm>

If you come across some outstanding FORWARDS - - please pass them on to me and I will include them in next year's newsletter... thanks!

Jerry,

I thought you would enjoy this cute joke on Tracing Family History.

Fred Altstadt, San Jose, CA, pg. 548

DEAR ABBY:

"I have always wanted to have my family history traced, but I can't afford to spend a lot of money to do it. Any suggestions?"

Sam in California.

DEAR SAM:

"Register as a Republican, and run for public office."

Abby

## Cuzzin Contact...

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married on August 14, 2010...the same day we did 50 years ago.

**June** (Allstott) **Meek** is 97. She is doing pretty well and wishes you a Merry Christmas filled with Jesus' love and we do too.

Cuzzs **Bob** and **Jan Benson** and **June Meek**, Portland, OR, pg. 297

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Dear Jerry and Phyllis, I can't believe it is November already. I hope you had a nice trip back east to visit your kids. I am sending a copy of Aunt **Nedra Hebler's** obituary. She was the youngest of the 11 children of **Royal Feaster** and **Margaret Aldstadt**. She was 84 -years old. She was survived by two sisters, **Lois Larson**, 92, and **Betty Hazeltine**, 90.

**Mary Homman** was very very disappointed that the 2012 Germany trip had to be canceled.

I hope you are all fine and wish you the best in the holiday season and coming year.

Take care and God Bless, **Jeann Williams**, Morrisdale, PA, pg. 483

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Dear Jerry,  
Since you are the keeper of family records, I wanted to send you the memorial information on my sister, **Katie Bauers**. I miss her a lot but her old heart just got tired. Family meant much to her and keeping in touch with you was important.  
Sincerely, **Gladys Schumert**, O'Fallon, IL, pg

*You're right Gladys. We will miss her. Katie always tried to see us when she was out visiting her close girl friend in Los Angeles. I'm glad we got to visit her in her home on our trip back east in 2010. She was a wonderful lady for sure.*  
Cuz Jerry

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Dear Jerry and Phyllis,  
Now at the age of 93 years and Mildred at 88 years of age, we are taking more naps, moving slowly and taking longer to complete projects. Both of us are in fairly good health except for some arthritis in our hands.

Our only granddaughter, **Christina Mary Hoffmaster**, took college courses and studies from September to the last week before Christmas in

2010 in London, England and Wales. She visited a number of large cities in Europe with some classmates and spent a week with her mother.

Our grandson, Timothy, and Christina became the parents of our only great-granddaughter, **Abigale Scarlett Hoffmaster**, who was born on March 18, 2010.

Our niece, **Gloria J. Hoffmaser** passed away at the Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC, on February 19, 2011. She would have been 75-years old on March 18, 2011. She was our driver for most of our trips out of town. She drove us to the Allstadt Reunion in Evansville, Indiana. We miss her.

Stay healthy and keep well.  
Your cuzzins, **Forrest** and **Mildred Hoffmaster**, Linthicum Heights, MD, pg. 499

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Hi Jerry,  
It's getting harder to deal with the realities of aging, but we hang in there! We did a moderate update to our downstairs bathroom, installing a new cabinet, sink and floor tile along with replastering the walls.

On August 23 we had a surprise earthquake! Lona felt it while sitting in her chair. Rebecca lifted her head from a deep sleep and looked around. I was in Richmond hang gliding, and didn't feel a thing. Then onto Hurricane Irene. We didn't even lose power, and that was a major miracle. A few limbs were down and lots of acorns fell from the oak tree. The Wildlife Center of Virginia benefited from the acorn drop.

While I was away at the Wilson Family Reunion in Texas, Lona started ripping wall paper off the kitchen walls. She couldn't let left over bathroom paint go to waste. The fun part of the year was spent at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens watching the banding of three baby eaglets. In July, the eaglets were released near Williamsburg, VA. The crowd was estimated to be over 1,000.

I should have notified you sooner, but mom, Gurtrude Barto, died suddenly on April 29, 2010. She was the daughter of **Charles Henry Reynolds** and **Gertrude Aldstadt**.

I love reading your newsletter and

have a wonderful Christmas.  
Love, **Tom** and **Lona Wilson**,  
Virginia Beach, VA

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Hi Jerry,  
Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of LOVE will endure!

Joy and Peace,  
**Jim** and **Tonna Weir**, Sherwood, OR,  
pg. 216

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Dear Phyllis and Jerry,  
Had a great time vacationing in Hawaii this year and yes...I am still square dancing up here in Bakersfield.

This year I also visited my two first cousins up in Oregon and Washington. They are also widows. Along with my dear friend we toured a wild animal park by car. It got kinda scary when a buffalo tied to get his head into the car. Oregon is such a beautiful state with waterfalls, mountains, and sand dunes on the Pacific Ocean.

I hope this letter finds you both doing great.  
Lvnhugs, **Dee Talor**, Bakersfield, CA,  
pg. 399

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Dear Jerry and Phyllis,  
Thanks so much for your visit. It was wonderful to see you. We have so little family and all our kids are thousands of miles away. Jim cooks everything as I am still recovering from that nasty fall on our front sidewalk. My ribs still give me real pain with every breath. Jim says we are going out for Christmas next year. Ha! I reminded him that I had done the Christmas cooking for 54 years. Phyllis, thanks so much for playing the piano for me. I just can't play right now.  
Love you two, Jim and Marion Neel,  
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from orchard to orchard around Elajay...such traffic! We helped our g-grandkids with some apple picking from the trees. The Rome apples were delicious! We also picked up some jams and cinnamon apple bread from the apple stores to bring home...  
*fantastic!*

We got to visit with all the family except Nicholas, our second Georgia



*That's Bella Tucker with Grandpa and Grangrace in a Georgia apple orchard*

grandkid, who is currently opening up a new *Sprint* store in Atlanta and was way too booked up with work...well...maybe next year?

Besides the Apple Festival, we visited the "World of Coke" theme park in Atlanta. I have never seen so many continuously running Coke commercials in my life. The best part of the exhibits was the room where you could taste the different brands of soft drink products that Coca Cola sells throughout the world. I was impressed with "Stoney" cola, which is sold in Africa. But there were a tremendous number of drinks that I had never heard of.

Our next stop was down to Boynton Beach, FL, to see Phyllis' sister's new home and her son's family in Lake Worth. We went to a nature preserve with them and Phyllis saw three alligators, a wood stork, a least bittern and assorted ducks feeding on...you guessed it... duck weed!

The next part of our trip took us west to Lake Jackson, TX, to visit our son's family. We had a great time with the grandsons. We got to see Geoffrey, our oldest Texas grandson, play in two Intermediate School football games. Won one, lost the other. He is getting so big and wearing a size 13 shoe. To me it's a big shoe size for a 13-year old. Ben and Zack are getting big too! Andrew is the only one of the boys still home schooling, so Phyllis took a turn with teaching for a week.

During the time we were visiting Roger, Anne and the grandkids we visited my cousins, **Marion** and **Jim Neel** in Houston, TX. Marion is the granddaughter of my grandfather, **Arthur Allstott's** sister, **Margaret Sowell**. Marion is recovering from a serious fall she suffered earlier this year. Jim is lucky, he gets to do all the cooking now!

We finished up our Texas time by visiting my sister, **Mary Cooper**. To top off our tour, we decided to go antiquing with her in Galveston, TX.

Driving closer to Galveston, we became

surrounded by motorcycles. After we arrived there, we found we had picked the weekend of the *Texas Rally*. Over 100,000 bikers were expected in town for the weekend. You couldn't park downtown because it was wall-to-wall bikes, everywhere you looked. We did find one antique shop open on the edge of downtown and I picked up a "new" turtle treasure.

For our 7,000 mile finale, we drove down to observe the Milky Way from the Davis Mountains in West Texas. The Davis Mountains are home to the *McDonald Observatory*, so I knew we would be able to see plenty of stars. That night we opened the door of the RV and stepped out into one of the brightest moons you have ever seen! Of course, no stars! Maybe next year will work out better.

Lastly, we lost many close cuzzins in 2011. In particular **Archie Padberg**, who hosted the 1994 Reunion and **Katie Bauers**, who we visited last year. Our condolences to all your friends and families. Phyllis and I will miss you!

## Thanks to the many of you who help defer costs on the "snail-mail" newsletter!

My sincere thanks to each of you for supporting the "All-clans" Snail-mail Newsletter for all our different clans senior citizens who pass on that new fangled gadget called a computer... and your annual (\$2.00) monetary support... *and have a wonderful Holiday Season!*

*Please remember to send me your new address when you move, or your E-mail when you switch suppliers or E-mail addresses, so that you can continue to receive your yearly AAA "All Clans" Newsletter!*

## AARRGGHH, She's Dead!

Those were my words as I stopped by my computer technicians a few weeks ago. While we were away from home visiting the kids in Texas and Georgia, a power surge in Ventura must have "fried" my computer's hard drive.

I apologize for this year end newsletter being so late, but the circumstances were beyond my control.

*Sitting around a favorite spot... a dinner table... were Wilford and Mary Homman and Jean Williams, along with myself last year, planning out the 2014 AAA Meet last year... and the Meet will be a great one!*



*The descendants of Martin Altstatt (1699), led by Mary Homman and Jean Williams, of the Royal Feaster Aldstadt (1878) line invite all the AAA Clans members to...*

## The 6th National Altstadt/Alstott Reunion Labor Day Weekend in Clearfield, Pennsylvania

*Start making your plans now to attend!*

*Clearfield... it's right in the heartland of the great state of Pennsylvania.*

*I have made plans to attend the Aldstadt Yearly Labor Day Reunion next September in order to get full details for the 2014 Reunion and will publish the overall plan in next year's newsletter. So...Aldstadts I will see you there!*