



NEWS FROM THE ROCK

Seasons Greetings

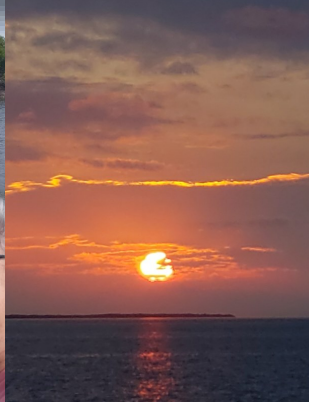
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Christmas 2020 Celebrations & 3 week cruise to FL's West Coast aboard SeaQuest!!!
December 20th to January 10th, interesting cruise, but glad we live in the KEYS!



Ft Myers Beach, Sanibel Island, Captiva, Marco Island & Ten Thousand Islands, Key West and HOME again!

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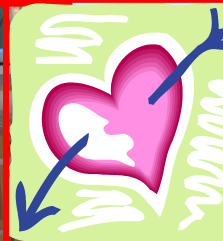
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FEBRUARY 2021 HAPPENINGS



John & Melinda keep getting more & more guests at their new house, bc they feed them!

Mary's Birthday



VALENTINE DINNER



Richard Foppiano ~ April 2021

Richard Foppiano insisted on having a "Celebration of Life" bc he wanted to hear what everyone would say! He is one of the best firefighters I ever work with and a "True Gentleman".

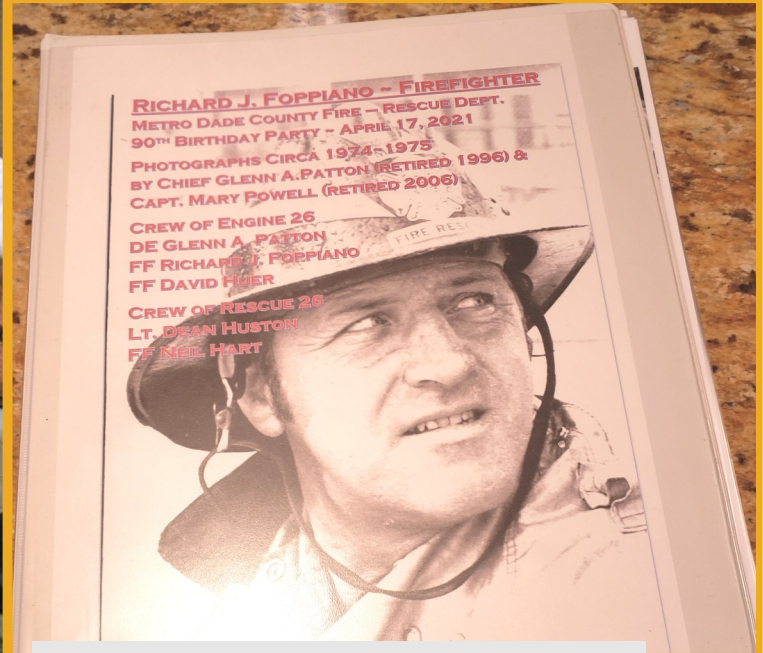
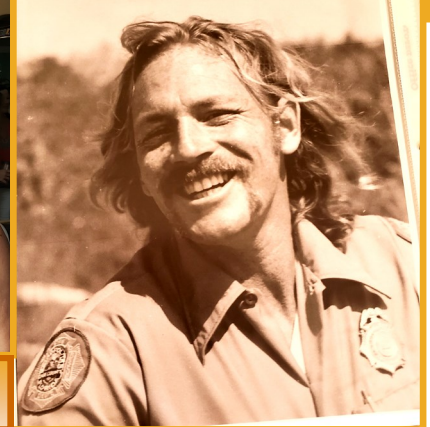


PHOTO ALBUM OF FLOPPY!



Richard, Mary & I enjoy some laughs with Debbie! Great Party!



David Brooks' Birthday Party!



**ANDREW KEYES OCT, 1946 ~ DEC, 2017
SPREADING ASHES OFF KEY LARGO,**



HOW TIME FLIES ~ MAY 1980



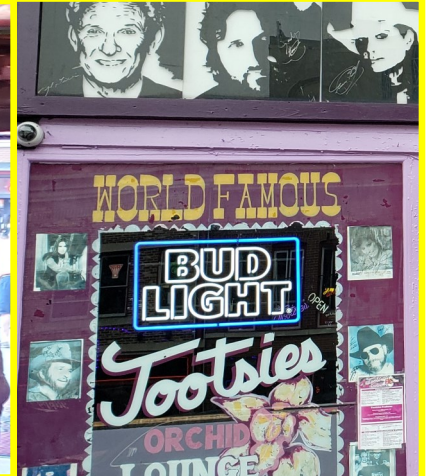
41 YEARS LATER ~ MAY 2021

**Celebrating the 41st anniversary of our
1980 Great Bahama Sailing Vacation with
Lise & Joe, now aboard SeaQuest!**



June 2021 Road Trip ~ Needlepoint - Nashville, TN ~
Great Grandson's First Birthday - Centreville, VA

IT'S FIVE O'CLOCK
SOMEWHERE



Mary & Friends Needlepointing in Franklin, TN near Pucketts ! >>
Our GREAT Grandson Connor Blaney's First Birthday Party in Centreville, VA. (below)



FOUR Generations with Patton Blood!



JUNE 2021 ~ VISITING FRIENDS & FAMILY



<< The Wallins did it all! Fishing and Snorkeling was their thing! >>

The Montana DeGraws Family & McCromick Family are below, where they are pacing themselves so they could eat more Sushi at dinner time.



Ryan displaying his MT whiteness!



What a crew! ??



What great June visit for family and friends. One evening we had a total of 16 for dinner. It was a great evening with full bellies and fun for all.



Lord of the Flies! ??



Glenn feeding the Tarpon



JULY 23, 2021 ~ GUYS FISHIN' DAY TRIP!



<< Crew, Rene, John, Socrates, Bernie, Glenn
A slow day for fishin' but we had a great DAY! Rene is a retired United Pilot, everyone else is a retired firefighter! ??

*We caught 3 Blackfin Tuna,
2 Vermillion Snapper,
2 Yellowtail Snapper.
It was a Full Moon &
we docked at 10pm.*

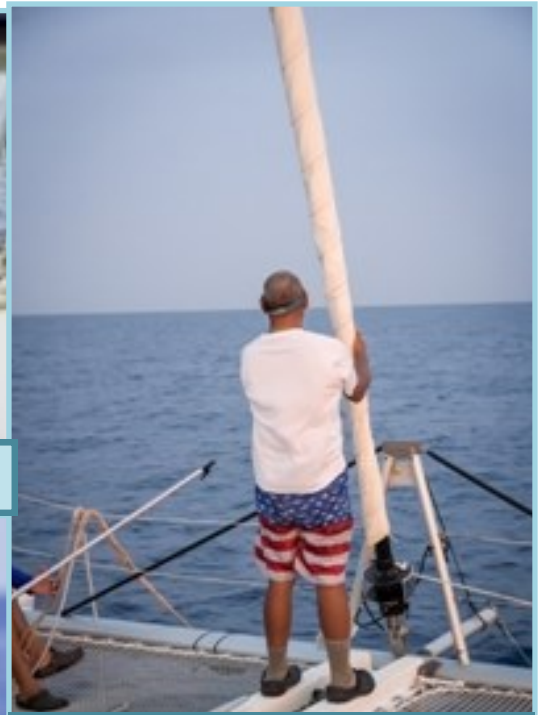


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John, takes a nap on the bow trapeze!



SOC, GREAT SHORTS!



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AUGUST 2020 ~ THE McVEAS KEPT US IN LOBSTER THAT WE SHARED WITH FAMILY!



FIVE courses, appetizers
soup, 2 salads, & stir fry

Dave Slippen aka
"Dapper Dan"



WOW! Serving FL Lobster and shrimp to our family, makes for a delicious meal. Visiting Craig & Dave in ATL, and Dennis & Linda & crew in Hope Mills, NC, while Jim & Cynthia were visiting.



Adam and Fawn live in Oahu, Hawaii. They came to visit friends and family. We took them out sailing and they stayed several days downstairs.

2021 FALL EVENTS AND TRAVEL!



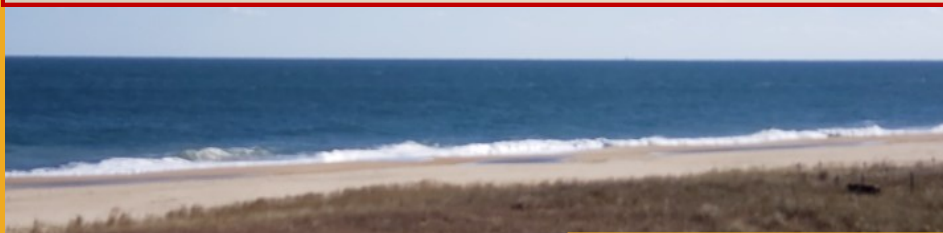
Mary, Lisa & Frances spent the day NeedlePointing in << Key Largo.

Mary & I, enjoyed dinner with Dennis and Linda at Chris' Steak House. My Rib Steak delicious. >>

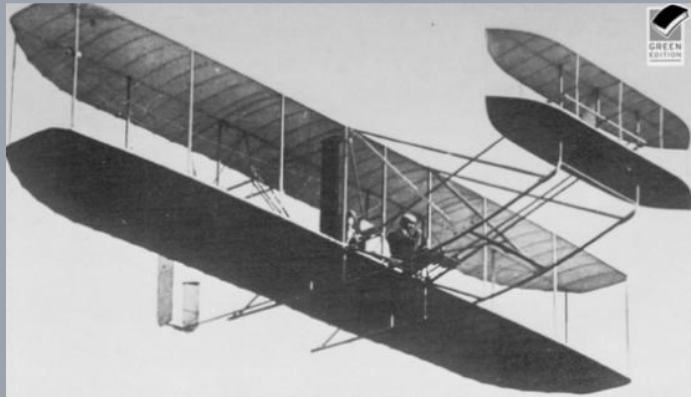


Chris's
STEAK & SEAFOOD HOUSE

AT ILSA & STEVE'S IN BETHANY BEACH, DE FOR THANKSGIVING!



Kill Devil Hill, Outer Banks, NC



Orville Wright
**HOW WE INVENTED
THE AIRPLANE**



Colbie's 5th Birthday Cup Cakes & Celebration



The Wright Brothers National Memorial was very interesting. Sloane and Colbie learned some new things. They were sworn in as park rangers. We celebrated Colbie's 5th Birthday!



WEEKEND AFTER THANKSGIVING 2021, OUTER BANKS, NC



Tall Tails Hunt club with Mike, Angie & Bryan.
A short visit to test my suppressors and IR Night vision scope..
Mike & I saw 5 deer, no hogs.
Did not shoot any.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Well, for us, 2021 was a challenging year because of the Covid Virus, and our subsequent loss of FREEDOM and LIBERTY. Also, the loss of some of our social interaction with family and friends. This situation makes people anxious and depressed. Everyone fights this in their own way.



We tried to remedy this situation with three road trips and a bunch of visitors. WOW! We are fully vaccinated. We got two main Pfizer shots in Feb and the booster in Oct. This is our choice, we are not anti-vax. However, Mary and I are against the government mandating the vax. What goes into your body is your choice and I think the courts will rule against the vax mandates.

In 2021, we lost (non-covid) family members . Derek's wife, Jordan Wallin lost her Father, Steven wife, Meredith Blaney lost her Father & Ilsa's husband, Steve lost his Mother.

All of this reaffirms that you can not take life for granted. And how important and meaningful your family and friends are to the happiness that we all seek.

We should not take our FREEDOM & LIBERTY or LIFE itself for granted!

With Our Love, Glenn & Mary
News from the Rock ~ Merry Christmas!

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Editors note; We had thousands of pictures this year, If we missed your pics this year, we apologize..



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REFLECTIONS Creating "*News from the Rock*" for the last 25 years has been very introspective and cathartic. It has helped shape lives. We have come to realize that publishing and sharing our newsletter is one of our greatest pleasures. It is sharing a little part of us and our life. When we sit down to create this newsletter and we ask, "What did we do this year?" At the same moment, we can not help but ask, "What should we do in the coming year?". Well the answer is simple, it is to share as much of our life with family and friends as possible. Sharing our newsletter filled with love and affection, is what makes life wonderful!

Love, Glenn & Mary



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We are sure that "Our Troops" would like to hear from you, "THANKS"!