

Joe Ritchey Family Christmas Greeting 2017

This has been another fun filled year living in Western Colorado. Having said that we continue to get out and about enjoying this wonderful world. Here are some of our highlights:

Joe continues to participate in ASTM International Committee D18 on Soil and Rock. As such we traveled to Norfolk VA via Washington DC at the end of January. While there we visited

good friends Lora and Rich and stopped at the site of the Civil War railroad bridge called High Bridge.



With the end of March we saw the end of ski/snowboard season at Powderhorn Resort. Darlene spent the season working in the lodge store. In May we were off to Des Moines IA to visit John, Mandy, and Lilo.

Just a few weeks later, we flew to Toronto for the June ASTM meetings and headed to one of our favorite hotels, The Inn at Lock 7, along the Welland Canal. We were also able to enjoy a play at the Shaw Festival at Niagara on the Lake. We then flew



to San Francisco to meet up with James and attend our nephew Steven and Cameron's wedding in Sonoma CA, with side trips to Muir Woods, Point Reyes lighthouse, Jack London home, and MacLeod Family vineyard.

In August Lora and Rich joined us in Denver for a Rockies game, drive up Pikes Peak, Coors brewery tour, and a coin show. We were able to have lunch with Joe's fraternity brother Cary. This was followed by Joe completing the Aspen Backcountry Marathon.

We celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary on September 10th taking pictures on the Grand Mesa. Later that month Joe

transitioned to a new employer, S&K Logistics Services, with the award of a new 5-year contract to continue work on cleanup of the uranium mill tailings site in Moab, UT.

To celebrate our anniversary we headed off across the Atlantic to visit the Ritchey family ancestral home in Lebanon. We stayed with Joe's cousins and were shown hospitality beyond what we could

imagine. We enjoyed several nights of Lebanese feasts and stops at Baalbek, Byblos, and Jeita Grotto. The trip also included touring of Petra in Jordan and business meetings in Limoges, France with site seeing in Paris, Normandy, and Versailles.



We were able to get the entire family together for Thanksgiving in Cincinnati at Tim, Rachel, Gavin, and Shae's. We enjoyed eating, playing games, seeing Santa at Entertainment Junction, shopping, and visiting including our favorite restaurant Aladdin's.



We are thankful for all of our friends and family and wish you the very best in the new year.