

Joe & Darlene Ritchey 2022 Christmas Letter

Another year has come and gone and we continued to be blessed with opportunities and challenges. Splitting time between two locations (Colorado and Ohio) with a 50-pound puppy keeps us busy, to say the least, whether taking her on walks or driving cross county. Both adding a “retirement home” and family member has been great decisions for keeping us young.

In February we traveled to Tucson, Phoenix, and the Grand Canyon.



One-year-old Lucy loves the snow and keeps watch of the goings on.



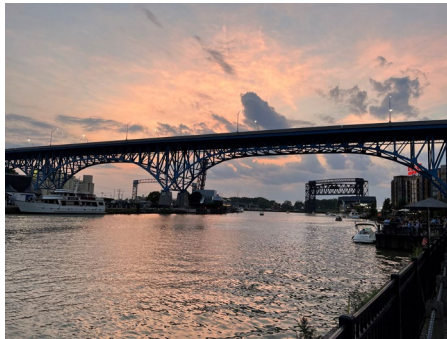
ASTM International committee meetings resumed, this June in Seattle. We added a side trip to Fossil, Oregon the home of John Day Fossil State Park to visit Darlene’s high school friend, Joni.



In July we returned to Colorado and Joe ran (at least half, the other half he walked) in the Grand Mesa Ultra, a distance of 18 miles over the Crag Crest Trail.



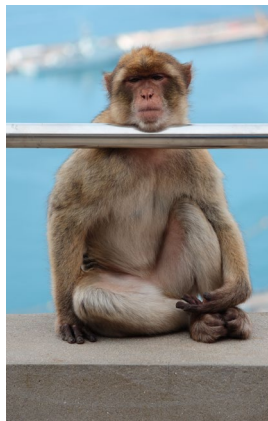
In September we returned to Ohio and met our friends Lora and Rich in Cleveland to ride the Goodtime II, go to Guardian’s and Browns games and visit the Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame.



In October Joe was able to join James, Tim, and John for a guy’s weekend in Iowa, which included lunch in Des Moines.



At the end of October and into November we traveled to Spain, Gibraltar, and Portugal. We had a wonderful time enjoying the beauty, history and delicious food.



One of the highlights was Barbary macaques in Gibraltar. For Thanksgiving we headed to Pella, Iowa to enjoy Disney on Ice with our three grandchildren and their parents. Then on to Colorado for the snowboard season.



Joe continues to work remotely visiting Los Alamos almost every month and Darlene at Powderhorn during the winter. There was sadness this past year too as we lost a dear sister-in-law and other close family, which reminds us of how precious life is. We wish you and your family the best the season has to offer, peace on earth. Our hope continues in Jesus, the reason for the season!