

The Scott Family Gazette

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Merry Christmas all!

The year started with us celebrating New Years with Glen's parents in Kamloops. We had a quiet evening for New Years and admittedly didn't even stay up until midnight. We also arranged a birthday party for Glen's mom that was a total surprise to her.

Susan returned to work right after New Years, while Glen had a few more days off and had some fun around town with the girls.

Melissa took music lessons every week, Kayla took ballet and snow skiing, and both took swimming lessons and gymnastics.

We skied most weekends at Mount Seymour with Kayla in lessons every Sunday, and Melissa had fun skiing with dad and mom.

In late January Glen went to Chicago for a week long business trip where he worked with other developers ensuring that his company's products were compatible to interact with other companies who have products for the same field.

Kayla spent the first few days of her spring break with Susan's parents and then we all went for our annual ski trip to Big White. We went with the Stratford family and some other friends. Both Kayla and Melissa had some ski lessons while they were there.

The week after spring break found us again in the interior to pick up a tent trailer that we had purchased. We had been talking for a few years that we should get ourselves a trailer before the 2013 planned trip to the Bird Family reunion happening in Saskatchewan, and the planned trip in 2014 to Disneyland. We had planned to buy used in



Scott Family wishing you a Merry Christmas

order to save money, and thought that mid winter would be a buyers market but found that even though supposedly the country is in an economic downturn, the used trailer market was not at all depressed. Not finding anything (or in some cases having trailers purchased right out from under our nose), we still got a good deal from an RV dealer clearing out last years model.

In early June we went to the Hats Off Day parade in North Burnaby near where we used to live (pre kids). In late June we took our trailer and joined Glen's brother's family at Porteau Cove, on the ocean just this side of Squamish and had a beautiful night of camping.

For the July long weekend (and it was a weekend in 2013 thankfully) we went to our cabin. The second time for the year (the first having been the May Day long weekend). Other than a thunder shower on Saturday morning, the weather was good and we spent considerable time swimming from both the beach and our boat.

To celebrate her birthday, Susan took a weekend away with her friend Grace and went to an all inclusive spa across the border in Bellingham. On returning home she went for a bike ride with her friend Andrea. Glen and the girls had fun going to Playland.

In July we went camping with Zach, Jen, and other friends just below Bridal Veil falls and had a great day at the waterslides.

The last weekend in July we left with our trailer and a

roof full of bikes for the Bird Family reunion in Saskatchewan. It was certainly not a straight trip there as we decided to take advantage of our time and visit many friends along the way. We camped our first night in Clearwater, the second at Mount



Hiking at Shuswap Lake

Robson. For the third and fourth nights we visited Kayla's best friend from Kindergarten Johanka (and her family) who had just moved to Grande Prairie. We were amazed how long the drive was to get to Grande Prairie. After a lovely time hosted by Johanka's family we went to Edmonton for a few days where we were warmly welcomed by Dave and Miriam. Remarkably Johanka's family and Miriam (and Dave for a few years) are all originally from Slovakia so we enjoyed Slovakian food numerous times throughout the week.



The girls and friends at Alice Lake

After a few days in Edmonton we headed North East to Mallaig Alberta and stayed for a few days having a great time at their Haying in the Thirties cancer fundraiser, a county fair style event that takes place over several days. We joined up with Glen's parents and Glen's brother's family, who all were also heading to the family reunion in Saskatchewan. After Mallaig, we all went as a group to Meadow Lake provincial park, in Northern Saskatchewan. Glen's parents stayed one night,



Melissa at Porteau Cove

while we along with Glen's brother's family stayed two. The weather wasn't great, but we did get a few hours of nice weather and the kids enjoyed swimming in the lake. On the drive to St. Louis, the family reunion location, we saw foxes, bears, and deers, all within the span of a few kilometres. We had a great time in St. Louis catching up with 150+ relatives before we headed back, a slightly more straight way than we had gone. On the drive back we stayed at Dinosaur Provincial Park, Salmon Arm, and finally home. In total it was a 4500km trip!

The weekend after we got back we were again out camping, again with Jen and Zach and friends, but this time for our annual Alice Lake camping trip.

Unlike last year where we were rained out, the weather this year was better (not perfect, but considerably better).

The last week of August we spent at our cabin and late in the week were joined by Zach and Jen and family.

In early October Glen had a business trip to Dublin Ireland that was a last minute planned trip. Due to wanting to get back quick, and being a busy time while there, he didn't get to see much of the Irish country side. His impression though is that the average Irish

personality is the most similar he has seen to the Canadian personality, being friendly and open.

For Thanksgiving we cleared brush at Glen's uncle Earl's property and hosted the Stratfords as well.

In November Glen and Kayla went indoor rock climbing with friends Jen and Jazmine. It was Glen and Jen's first time climbing in ~7 years, and Kayla and Jazmine's first time at a rock gym. Kayla made it to the roof on one of the climbs!

Both Kayla and Melissa have added on to their course load and have also been taking skating lessons. Both girls start snow skiing lessons in January at Mount Seymour (assuming the snow arrives – it hasn't been good so far).

For Christmas this year, we are planning to hang around town. Glen's parents will be visiting from down south for a weekend in late January.



Kayla clearing brush

As mentioned previously, we hope to drive to Disneyland this coming summer. Won't that be fun?

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone!

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