

# The Oak Harbor Holler

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## Travel, family, hobby projects featured in 2009 for Turvills

OAK HARBOR—Disneyland, Canada, New England, and the eastern seaboard were all part of the Turvills' travels in 2009. Last spring, to celebrate granddaughter Lainie's successful performance in her annual ballet recital, Paul and Penny ventured to Sherwood, OR, and along with Melanie and Darren, surprised the young ballerina with a mini-vacation to Disneyland.

In October, the Turvills began a trip that took them from Seattle to Portland, OR, to Boston, MA, to Portland, ME, and other New England destinations before a 15-day cruise from Quebec City, Canada to Fort Lauderdale, FL, followed by a three-night stay at Port Charlotte, FL, with the family of Paul's newly-discovered cousin Steve.

Between trips, Penny is still building her "dream" dollhouse, and took time out to refurbish one of the late Bill Turvill's 1/12 scale houses for the 2009 Rotary Club raffle. She also continues balancing her time between all of her leisure pursuits and the ongoing demands of her one and only professional client, P&L Construction.

Paul, in the meantime, is making progress with his model railroad. The latest projects have involved ballasting track and adding landscaping in the "family room" section of the Turvill shop building.

Penny and Paul (as well as daughter Kit) are also active in the North Whidbey Island Sunrise Rotary Club. Penny is in her third year as Foundation Chair, responsible for the Club's fundraising efforts on behalf of the Rotary International Foundation. Paul has recently assumed responsibility for editing and publishing the Club's newly-resurrected monthly newsletter, *The Morning SUN*, a publication not unlike *The Oak Harbor Holler*.

## Paul's Mom Helen moves to Oak Harbor

OAK HARBOR—Following a fall in her assisted living apartment in Lake Stevens, WA, late last year, Paul's mother, Helen Turvill, decided that, at 93, she needed a bit more "assist" in her living, and with help from Penny, Paul, and brother Dave, moved to Whidbey Island Manor, in Oak Harbor.



"Ms. Helen," as she's known by the Manor staff, is happy and doing well in her new environs. She reads avidly, and has "adopted" many of the critters who live in the huge aquarium tank just across the hall from her room. Most of the colorful tropical fish now have names, thanks to Ms. Helen.

## Golden anniversary in Susanville, CA

SUSANVILLE—Penny's Stanford roommate Marka (Davis) and her husband Jerry Hemphill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last summer with dozens of family members and long-time friends in attendance. Paul and Penny made the trip to the Hemphill Ranch in Susanville, CA for the occasion.

In addition to enjoying an exten-



## 2009 Rotary dollhouse has family history attached

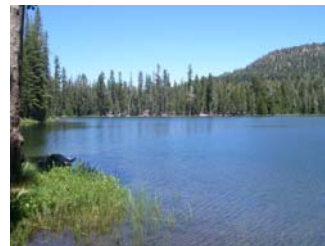
OAK HARBOR—One of the passions of Paul's late father, Bill Turvill was the construction of 1/12 scale dollhouses. During the early 1990's, he built the "Westville," a model of the type of full-size houses sold in mail-order catalogs around the start of the 20th Century.

With the enthusiastic blessing of Paul's Mom Helen, Penny cleaned up and refurbished the house, along with its included outhouse and doghouse, and donated it, complete with several rooms of period furniture (plus a family dog!), to our Rotary Club for their annual raffle.

Ticket sales in and around the Oak Harbor community raised over \$1600 for Club service projects.

sive tour of the Susanville area with Marka and Jerry, the Turvills spent one afternoon visiting Lassen Volcanic National Park, where snow could still be seen on the ground, even though it was late in the month of July!

Although mostly forgotten, the eruption of Mount Lassen in 1914 bore remarkable similarities to the Mt. St. Helens eruption of 1982.



# Vacation odyssey discovers new family, friends, US history

Our first stop after leaving the West Coast was Boston, where we spent the night, and left the following morning for a weekend with our nephew, David Wennberg and his



family at their home in Cape Elizabeth, ME (near Portland). It was the first time

we had seen the home that Penny designed for them a few years ago.

Next, we were off to Hanover, NH, for a couple of days with Penny's brother Jack and his wife Corky, and then to Essex Junction, VT, to meet Tony Parisi (Tony's Train Ex-



change/DCC Specialties/QSI Solutions), for whom Paul does Model Railroad related consulting. Tony's other passion is flying his vintage (late 1940's) amphibious plane, in



which we went flying over Lake Champlain.

The next day, on the way back to Boston we made a brief stop in Penny's birthplace, Bellows

Falls, VT.

Back to Boston, and a glorious warm day featuring a boat excursion on the Charles River. And a walk on the Esplanade (that band shell looks a



lot bigger on TV!).

The next leg was a two-plane hop to Quebec City, where we

landed in a Dash-80 propjet in the middle of a snowstorm. A very brave cab driver got us to our hotel where we spent most of the time until our cruise left the following day.



The Crown Princess overnights in Quebec City, giving us a full extra day there



before we departed for other ports of call, including Sydney and Halifax Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, The Bay

of Fundy (which has tides well over 50 feet!) and Cadillac Mountain, before some of the better-known stops along the East Coast.

Out of Boston we toured historic Lexington and Concord, including the grave of the first British soldiers killed in the Revolutionary War. At



Newport, RI, we were introduced to the remnants of the once opulent summer residences of the very wealthy, now mostly gone or con-

verted to museums.

Disappointingly, our ship docked in Brooklyn rather than



Manhattan, so we learned how to get around using taxis, the Subway and for-hire towncars, for our visit to the Hayden Planetarium and Museum of Natural History.

Hailing a cab in Brooklyn is *not* as simple as it looks in the movies!

On day 12, we arrived at Norfolk, VA, and toured old Williamsburg, now beautifully restored and managed by the



Williamsburg Historic Society. It was a wonderful hands-on experience in US history.

Fortunately, we had a full day at sea to regenerate before arriving in Charleston, SC, where we did a mule-drawn carriage tour of the historic downtown section before



heading out to see the amazing ongoing restoration of

the recently recovered H.L. Hunley, the first submarine in history to sink an enemy ship, in the heat of the US Civil War.

Finally, we arrived at Ft. Lauderdale, FL, where we disembarked, rented a car and headed across "Alligator Alley" for Port Charlotte on Florida's Gulf Coast, where



we spent three nights getting acquainted with Paul's cousin Steve and his family.

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**SPORTS**

# In spite of Big Game defeat, Stanford gets bid for Sun Bowl vs. Oklahoma

STANFORD—Despite a disappointing 34-28 defeat against archrival California in the annual Big Game, the Stanford Cardinal came back to defeat Notre Dame 45-38 in the final game of the regular season, and finish with an 8-and-4 overall record, and 6-and-3 in Pac-10 Conference play.

The 8-4 record was good enough to earn the Cardinal a bid to the Sun Bowl, where they will be pitted against the Oklahoma Sooners on December 31, 2009.

While far from perfect, the 2009 Cardinal squad was vastly improved from the 2008 edition, who went 5-and-7 overall and won just four conference games last year, finishing well out of contention for any hope of a bowl bid.

In other sports news, there's not much to report. The Seattle Mariners had another ho-hum season, and the Seahawks are—still—"in a team building mode."

**Save this date!**

A note to all family and friends of Paul and Penny Turvill: Our 50th Wedding Anniversary will be June 17, 2011, and we are planning to take a scenic 7-day Alaska Cruise to commemorate the event. We hope that as many of you as possible will be willing and able to join us for our week-long shipboard party, in mid-June of 2011.

More details will be announced the next (2010) edition of *The Oak Harbor Holler*.

# Lainie does Disneyland the 'Turvill way'

ANAHEIM—Lainie Pennington's surprise trip to Disneyland turned out to be as successful as her parents Melanie and Darren, and grandparents Paul and Penny could have hoped.

Lainie is a Disneyland veteran, having made her first trip to the park before her first birthday, but because of her tender age and a bit of timidity, previous visits consisted mostly of rides in Fantasyland and Toon Town.

No more. Now that she's tall enough to qualify for the "big kid" rides, she proved willing to try just about every ride in both Disneyland and California Adventure—including the California Screamer

roller coaster with its loop-the-loop and seven negative-g hills.

In Tomorrowland, Lainie drove her own Autopia car (with Darren along for the ride). In California Adventure, in addition to the Screamer, she enjoyed the Maliboomer and the Tower of

Terror, among other thrills.

The family also enjoyed a bit of quiet time, including a sit-down dinner at the famous Blue Bayou restaurant, and several of the traditional "family" rides, such as the Pirates of the Caribbean, the Haunted Mansion, Soaring over California, and, of course, the mind-numbing music of Small World.



# District 5050 Rotary Clubs Host Ecuadorian GSE Team

OAK HARBOR—"Like herding cats" is the phrase one local Rotarian used to describe the process of getting a group of energetic young Ecuadorian professional people from place to place on time and in one piece.

The North Whidbey Sunrise Rotary Club was one of several local Clubs to have responsibility for hosting five up-and-comers, plus their business-seasoned Team Leader, last May. Besides being introduced individually to businesses similar to their own, members of the 2009 Group Study Exchange (GSE) were treated to a number of group activities, including a boat tour of the Deception Pass area on what turned out to be the coldest, wettest day in May.



Cold and wet, GSE team members still enjoyed their boat trip.

# OPETUARY

## SHELBY TURVILL

Penny's faithful "truck dog," Shelby the German shepherd passed away quietly in her sleep in early November. She had been a stalwart



watchdog and defender of the Turvill family for nearly 12 years, after simply "knocking" on the front door in early 1998. She will be missed by her family and her many friends in drive-through businesses all over Whidbey Island.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**



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**BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR**

**FROM PENNY & PAUL TURVILL**