

# The Johnson Journal

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## LONG DISTANCE COUSINS

While Meg Jandl (Boston, MA) was in Coeur d'Alene, ID, a day was spent touring Spokane, her father, Henry Jandl's, boyhood town. She met Bill & Pat Jandl and Bob & Diane Jandl to take a look at their fathers' boyhood home. After touring around Spokane's South Hill, they all had a great lunch on the riverside, then took a trip to Holy Cross Cemetery to visit deceased grandparents. A good time was had by all.

On the way back to Seattle Bill & Pat had a 2 hour wait in Cle Elum for road construction on I-90.

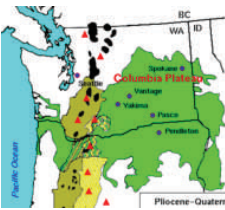
—Bill Jandl



L. to R: Pat, Bob, Meg, Diane, Bill

## COLUMBIA PLATEAU

About 10-15 million years ago (the Miocene Period) black basalt lava flows erupted from southeastern Washington and Oregon. During that 5 million year period lava flow after lava flow built up over a mile in thickness. About 13-15,000 years ago the glacial floods known as the Missoula Floods swept across eastern Washington traveling up to 80 mph. These floods caused massive erosion that cut through the basalt rock. You can see the results by visiting Dry Falls near Coulee City. It is dry now, but at one time was the largest waterfall known in the world. Visit Dry Falls and Sun Lakes State Park and view the channeled scablands of eastern Washington.



Wikipedia - online encyclopedia

## SOUTH DAKOTA REUNION

It's a long trip to South Dakota; do we really want to go? The weather here is so nice, we could go boating, and the garden is producing. The time for the Luebke family reunion had been set 2 years earlier and we knew we should attend (John is the vice president) and we had earlier obligated our attendance in an e-mail to the president.

Next we had to choose our mode of travel (fly, automobile, or the new RV that we had just purchased). After looking at the cost of airline tickets, and performing some calculations, we decided to take the RV to the reunion. Essentially, we would be trading the cost of airline tickets or hotel rooms for \$3.80 per gallon gasoline.

Mary packed all the trip essentials into the RV, and we started our travels on the morning of August 10<sup>th</sup> by heading out for Spokane, WA. We cruised in great sunny weather on Interstate 90 through Idaho and the mountains of western Montana to the KOA campground in Butte. The next night we camped at the Broken Boot Campground outside Sturgis, South Dakota. The Sturgis motorcycle rally was in full force and dozens of participants with their motorcycles were also at the campground. After a short thunder storm the campground was very quiet and we had a good rest. The next day we got an early start and drove straight through to our destination, the small town of Parkston, South Dakota (about 30 miles south of the Corn Palace). We hooked up the RV to facilities at the Rainbow Motel Campground.

The reunion events (ice cream social and snacks) started late afternoon in the parish hall of St. Peter's Lutheran church located out in the middle of local farm land near the deserted town of Clayton. John's grandfather was the Pastor at St. Peters from 1923 to 1947 and his father grew up in the church parsonage. The Luebke family reunion was started in 1960, with John's grandparents and all 10 of their surviving children. Now, only the children's offspring attend reunions (a clan of cousins). *Continued on page 2*

On Saturday, after lunch at church, we caravanned with cousins and toured farms, and went on a shark tooth hunt. We then went to a very modern farm and had an outside chislic dinner complete with lots of beer (a fine German tradition). Chislic is deep fried chunks of meat (mutton, beef, elk, venison) on shish kabobs. It is virtually unknown outside South Dakota.

After returning to our RV around 11:30 p.m., and just getting to bed, there was a loud knock on the door. We answered the door, and a pickup load of cousins were ready to visit and have a few more beers. We had a cooler of cold beer, and we all sat around and had great conversation until about 1:30 a.m. (just like college days).

The date of the reunion coincided with the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Church and all of the reunion attendees were invited to attend the celebration and a catered lunch on Sunday. The church was crowded and one of John's cousins gave a short sermon.

On Monday morning after saying "good byes" we headed out to the South Dakota Badlands. We cruised around the park and took lots of pictures and then off to the famous Wall Drug. Later in the afternoon we toured the Air & Space Museum near Rapid City. We spent overnight in Gillette, Wyoming as we headed



John & Mary in Badlands National Park

towards Yellowstone Park. The next day we entered Yellowstone and meandered around looking at wildlife (lots of buffalo) and visiting several sites. After spending the night at the Rustic Wagon Campground outside the west entrance, we re-entered the park on Wednesday morning. We saw Old Faithful and many steam vents and boiling mud pots before heading out of the south entrance. We stopped at Coulter Bay Marina to admire the awesomeness of the Grand Tetons. The next stop was Jackson Hole, Wyoming where we had a drink at the famous Cowboy Bar. After a short drive, we arrived at Hoback Junction, Wyoming and spent the night. At dawn the next morning, we started out towards Interstate 84 and spent a long day driving all the way back to Kennewick.

We drove a total of 3,050 miles at a cost less than airline tickets and enjoyed the scenery and adventure of being "newbies" to the RV world. We plan to have more adventures.

— John & Mary Luebke

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 a.m. You set your clocks back an hour, (*Fall Back*)



*Happy Thanksgiving  
Thursday, November 24*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

### December

Bob Jandl	Dec. 1
Brian Wickersheim	Dec. 2
Hannah Williams	Dec. 3
Cameron McCormack	Dec. 10
Paul Jandl	Dec. 19
Kyle Wickersheim	Dec. 19
Gary Rubino	Dec. 21
Valerie Jandl	Dec. 30

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO YOU!

### December

Roy & Geri Johnson	Dec. 21
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## WEB SITE

Bill Jandl has developed a web site for more information and interesting links. Log on to [www.jandlsinballard.com](http://www.jandlsinballard.com). Also, you'll find a copy of this family newsletter.

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