

2024 Holiday Greetings

For 2024 my Holiday notes are online only. So, you are in the right place.

My big event this year was my second eclipse expedition, and my last. Drove to Missouri again to avoid the crowds, but not the traffic this time. Photos at:

<http://ikemi.info/Graphics2024/Eclipse2024/index.htm>

I finally settled on Poplar Bluff where the town was holding a festival at their high school. Nice place and kind of a setting out of the Outer Limits or Twilight Zone. Had a good time and 2 hotdogs.

If interested you can check out other places I visited, such as Argonne Labs and Poverty Point, at

<http://ikemi.info/mytravel2024.html>

After returning home for a rest I set off on another trip to see Dinosaur National Monument and more, including a whirlwind tour of Arches National Monument due to poor planning (you need reservations to get in before 4PM.)

My absence led to the untimely passing of some of my plants and inadequate prep for the growing season. Otherwise, continuing to explore the LA and OC regions and doing more photography. Not interested in art photography, but mainly in photojournalistic recording of the world around me.

I go on limited hikes since my joints limit my range to about 4 miles, depending on the terrain. In some ways this is an advantage since it's forcing me to explore trails that were beneath my dignity at an earlier time:)

Losing the fight with dust.

Oh well, starting to plant for 2025. Events that I looked forward to have disappeared, but there are new ones popping up, and I have to adapt to constraints (it's more difficult to travel for me these days) and figuring out how to compensate.

Best wishes and hopes for everyone.