

## *Seasonal Greetings,*

I hope that you and all of yours are doing well. To recall what I did in the past year, I need to consult my computer logs. Now I understand why when I asked my mother about her life, she answered me in two sentences: "I grew up in Lancaster. I married your father." If you are interested in how I spent my time, you can look at my photo galleries:

<http://ikemi.info/mytravel2019.html>

No captions or explanations, but that would make it too easy. I haven't made any entries in my blog, so that won't help either, but maybe I'll get to it before the end of the year. No big trips; I started off on a road trip around the US but had to turn back around Seattle due to a sad loss in the extended family. Did get out a lot on local trips. I sometimes ride my motorcycle, but it's taking more ambition these days to get it out of the garage. I do go on little outings combining light rail, the Metro, and my bicycle. I still use my cross country skis but a couple of runs is all I do on telemark skis before I start worrying about my knees.

I bought a big Windows 10 computer since I wanted to find out what this gaming thing was all about. When I went to the County Fair this year, there was a whole pavilion dedicated to computer gaming with endless rows of computers and a stage where I imagine one could watch people gaming. I got as far as getting games installed on my computer, but I think I need to talk a young person into explaining to me how you play them.

I think I muddled my way through figuring out Medicare. That was my big challenge this year.

Improvement this year is that no one successfully broke into my car. There were maybe a couple of attempts. My neighborhood was pretty quiet until gentrification started last year. One lot over someone is building this huge structure that towers over the neighborhood. It has these small windows facing us that look like gun ports. Reminds me of these towers I saw in France that local warlords used during the Dark Ages to dominate their turf. I talked to the architects before it was built during our town Artwal, and it's not an apartment building.

Sorry about the boring pictures but I'm getting to be too lazy to look through my files for something more interesting, and there may not be anything more interesting. If you find something better in my galleries, let me know.

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