

THE HELM FAMILY HERALD

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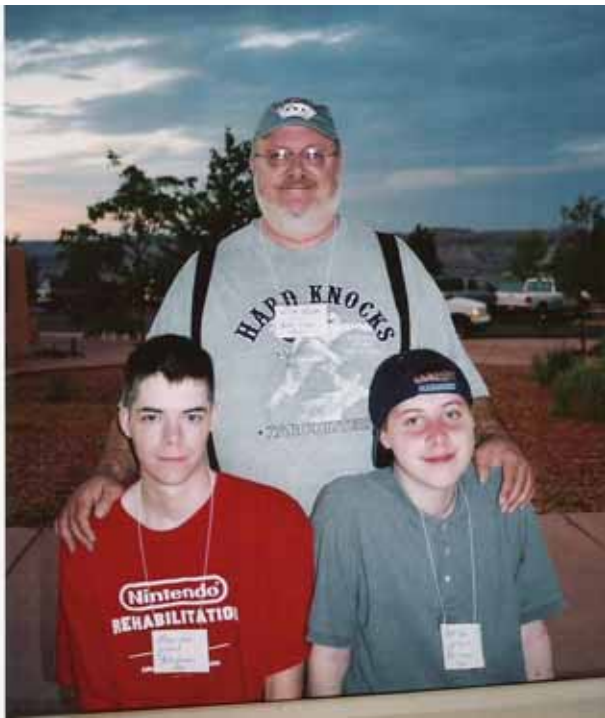


Hello to all family members of the Robert Helm and Cloa McArthur Helm clan! As the youngest of Harold L. Helm, their oldest child, I have taken it upon myself to launch this first edition of the HELM FAMILY HERALD newsletter. I particularly liked the "Herald" and "Harold" thing! Since I am self-appointed, I claim all responsibility for its content. So if anyone is unhappy with this publication in anyway, bite me or do it yourself! Having recently returned from the "REVIVAL REUNION" at Lake Powell, Arizona, I wanted to share with everyone the great time that was had by all those who attended and to especially thank the "unofficial" HELM FAMILY COMMITTEE of Barbara Stephens, Debbie Burnett (Barb's daughter), Maurvene Clark, and Doug Helm. These four were the driving forces behind the revival of the HELM FAMILY REUNION and now it is time for others to grab their batons and keep running so that we can continue the momentum that they kick-started. Therefore, I propose that we form an "official" HELM FAMILY REUNION COMMITTEE, organized for the purpose of planning and implementing the next family reunion. It is my hope that at least one representative family member from each of the "HOUSES OF HELM" (Harold, Doug, Alton, Burke, Anne, Bill, & Ruth, always keeping Aunt Zetta and her daughter Janice in our thoughts) will volunteer to participate on this committee. I will gladly place myself on this committee, as long as my siblings approve, and chair the committee, provided all other committee volunteers sustain me unanimously in the position. Since I am neck-deep in my PhD studies for the next three years, I will gladly concede the position to anyone else who wants to be chairman instead. But I will happily lead the committee on the next plan for the HELM FAMILY REUNION if no other volunteers come forward because I believe it is THAT important. And so that all of you may come to feel as passionately as I do about the need to keep the reunion going for the next generations, please enjoy these pics and quips of some of those who were there!

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Jim Helm and Sons Attend Reunion

The true highlight of the reunion was having Jim Helm in attendance, son of Burke and Lorraine Helm, with Michael and Matt, two of his six children. Burke's family had been lost to the rest of the clan for a very long time and we are so happy to have communications with this family restored. Jim told us at the reunion that his daughter Andrea, who lives in England, is anxious to make connections with the family. So all you emailers, drop Andrea a note at: helm_andrea@yahoo.com.



Jim Helm stands behind his two sons who attended the reunion, Mike on the left of the picture and Matt on the right. Mike flew in all the way from North Carolina where he is stationed with the Marines.

"Cousins" Reconnect and Families Expand

As grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren of Robert and Cloa Helm met with each other, many for the first time, the answer to the most asked question of the reunion—"how are we related?"—was simplified to just plain "Cousins." As near as I can compute, 84 "cousins" *"metted, greeted, and eated"* over 5 days on the banks of Lake Powell, Arizona. Since the Stephens' families had their Family Reunion in conjunction with the HELM FAMILY REUNION, Carl and Barbara Stephens had 56 members of their family in attendance. Dad (Harold) would have been so proud! Also in attendance were Harold's son, Rex, his wife Judy, and Harold's other daughter, ME, Bonnie, and my husband Scott Harris and our 3 daughters, Annie, Bonnie Jean (Nebeker), and Jennie. Doug and Holly Helm, and Lloyd Helm represented the House of Douglas, with Doug & Holly's daughters Julie and Nancy and Nancy's 2 little girls. Roy and Maurvene Clark, Alton's oldest daughter, attended with their daughter Shawna, and her 3 children. Two of Aunt Anne's children, Laurellen and Deanne, were there with their "Bills" and Laurellen's grandson. They connected with their cousin Jim Helm, before they had to leave. And as already noted, Jim was there with two of his boys, Michael and Matt, representing Uncle Burke's clan. We missed seeing anyone from Uncle Bill's and Aunt Ruthie's families but we hope to get more of the "28" to the next reunion. ***Can you name the "28" cousins, the offspring of Harold, Douglas, Alton, Zetta, Burke, Anne, Bill, and Ruth? Can you name the five oldest and the five youngest?*** Send me your guesses!

Swim Doggie Swim! Wet
Rex Helm gives



Pomeranians look a lot like drowned rats.
his pooch a dip in the river.



I guess some of us just can't take the heat!
Having a little retention, are we Bruce? This
will teach you to goof off when I want a picture!
Bruce Hlebasko married into the Stephens Clan
but after this Rhonda may be having 2nd thoughts--
-- or 3rds and 4ths!!



Doug Helm sporting a Hawaiian
shirt in the desert. I think he's
looking for his putter. ☺

"FOCUS ON A FAMILY"

Scott & Bonnie (Helm) Harris Family

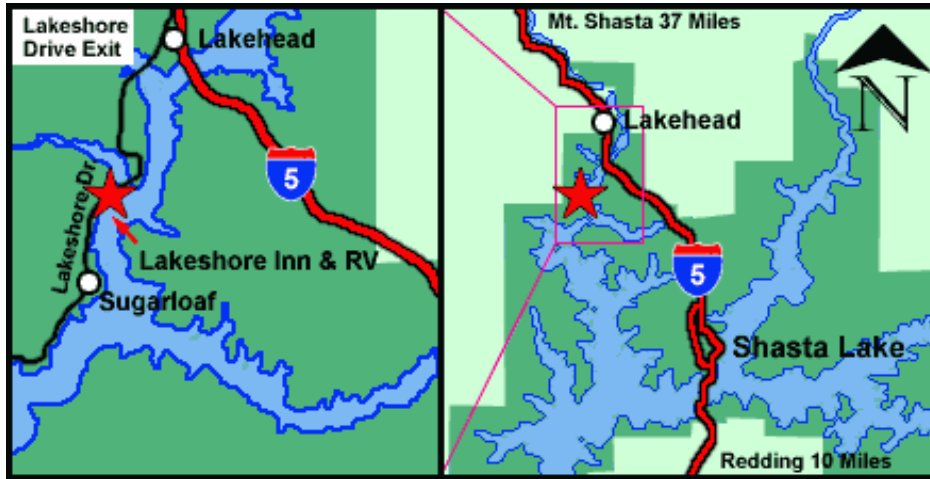
I thought it would be nice to spotlight different families in the newsletter, so to make things easier on me I chose my own family to start it off. Scott and I have been married 28 years and we have 3 daughters. Our oldest, Annie, (back left) lives in San Luis Obispo where she just recently graduated from Cal Poly with a professional degree in Architecture. She has accepted a position with a firm in SLO and intends to stay there at least until she gets her architects license in another 3 years. Our middle daughter, Bonnie Jean, is seated behind



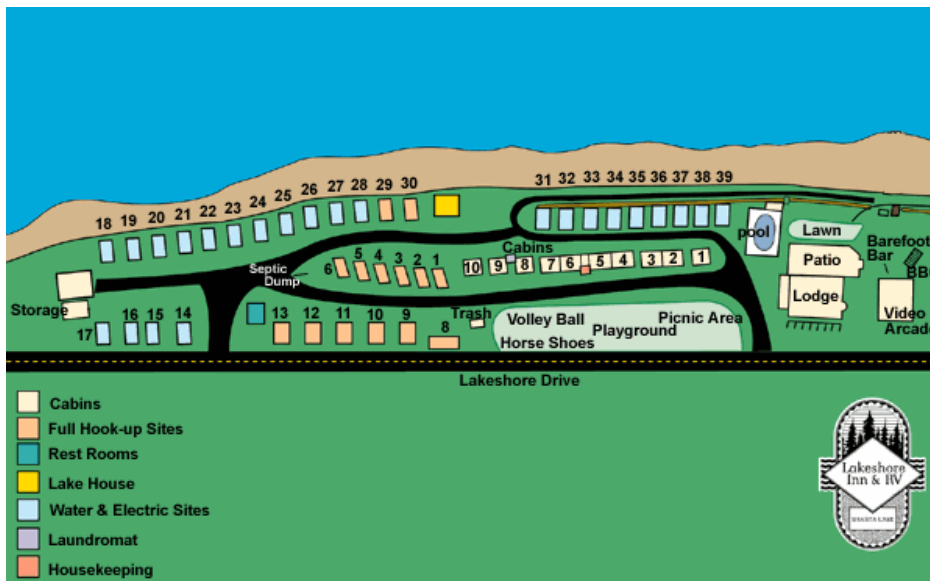
her husband, Robert Nebeker. They have been married 3 years and live in El Cajon so we get to see them every Sunday for dinner. Bonnie Jean works full-time for a firm that does clinical testing for pharmaceutical companies and her husband, our computer master-guru, is a Systems Analyst III for BD BioSciences, a company that manufactures medical equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals. Our youngest daughter, Jennie, is now a high school grad who is off to college in Costa Mesa next month, where she will study music and photography. Soon Scott and I will be empty nesters, except for the Beagle puppy I bought him for Christmas – WHAT WAS I THINKING?! Scott is a licensed architect, an alumnus of Cal Poly, and a Plans Examiner for the City of Chula Vista. Architecture is the only thing he has ever wanted to do his entire life and he has been blessed in it. After an eclectic life of jobs in banking, retail, and bridal, I returned to academia in 1997 and have been in school ever since. I graduated San Diego State University with my BA in Humanities in 2000 and my MA in History in 2002. I am currently working on my PhD at UC Santa Barbara (and YES I do commute) in Public History with my focus in Modern Jewish History. I am archivist for the Jewish Historical Society of San Diego and assistant to the Director of the Lipinsky Institute for Judaic Studies at SDSU. My kids tease me all the time if I am really Mormon, or just a frustrated Jewish mother in disguise. I love the work I do and the association with the Jewish community I am able to enjoy. I hope to land a terrific position as a Professor of History when my PhD is completed so my husband can retire and go golfing!!

Please send me pictures of your family with a write-up about everybody so we can get to know each other before the next reunion in 2007. You can either email it to me as file attachments or snail mail it to me and I can scan and digitize them myself.

REUNION 2007 SITE CONSIDERATION



SHASTA LAKE in Northern California has outdoor activities including boating, water skiing & wake boarding, fishing, houseboating, picnicking, and hiking & biking along the lake and through the forest. Shasta Lake is the largest man made reservoir in California with 370 miles of rugged, picturesque shore-line with caverns, forests, rock cliffs, waterfalls, and numerous islands. Shasta Lake is fed by three major rivers, the Pit, the Sacramento, and McCloud as well as abundant streams. The many arms, coves and bays with their varied terrain makes the lake seem like several lakes rather than one.



From the site map of Lakeshore Inn and RV we see that there are cabins right at the same location as the campsites and RV sites. That allows the group to stay together. There are great amenities at this site such as a Laundromat, a pool, and an arcade. I'm thinking an arcade tournament for teenagers! All of the campsites are right there on the lake. What we need now is for someone who lives up north to go and check the place out. The website indicates travel distances as follows:

Los Angeles, California – 545	Medford, Oregon - 145
Sacramento, California – 163	Grants Pass, Oregon - 177
Eureka, California – 158	Eugene, Oregon - 316
San Francisco, California – 218	Reno, Nevada - 201
Portland, Oregon – 423	Seattle, Washington – 595

If anybody has any plans of being in this area over the next few months maybe they can swing by and give us an evaluation of the site. If there are any other sites you would like me to consider, PLEASE SHARE!! We will keep the reunion during the third week of June 2007.