

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Friends and Family

As 2012 draws to a close, we wanted to send good wishes your way and hope that you have had a happy, successful and memorable year. For us, it has had its ups and downs.

Martin and I continue to stay quite busy, but love the fact that we can work from home. My



entertainment bookings are still rather slow, but that's okay – I'm slowing down a bit too. I think people are still feeling skeptical about the economy and especially on the ability of our politicians to make decisions for the good of the country.

Martin is continuing our Media & IT contract with the University of Texas Center for Disability Studies and we just had our contract renewed for another five years, which is great.

I'm sure most of you know that Martin has a state of the art collection of reel to reel recorders, now numbering 152 as well as over 100 microphones and all the supporting catalogs, memorabilia, etc. We get over a million hits each month on our current website and have enquiries from all over the World.

A few months ago, Martin began pondering where his collection was going to end up. We decided to try to find a permanent space for the collection, so that it could be enjoyed by others who share the same passion about the recorders. To that end, we have formed a non-profit company, The Museum of Magnetic Sound Recording. We're excited about the positive responses so far and are working to create a permanent Austin museum. We'll keep everyone posted. MOMSR.org



Our ups and downs mentioned earlier are mostly from our four legged friends. We lost Troubadour in early November. He was diagnosed with encephalitis over three years ago and had done very well until September. He was very courageous and was still as sharp as a tack, but his body just gave out and we made the decision to not put him through any more surgeries, etc. We miss him terribly. He was such a wonderful dog. Bracken is still grieving for him too, he was her daily companion for all of her five years and they got on so well together. Time will be the best healer.



Dancer, who is now 29 continues to do well. She has some arthritis, but that is to be expected at her age (approx. 85 in human years). I was riding K.D. until September,



when he was diagnosed with bone spurs in his stifle area

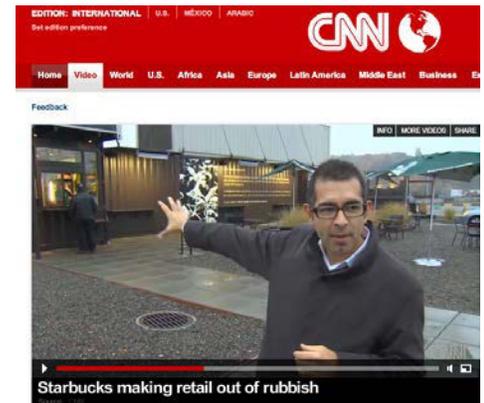
and the vet said that he would be comfortable to graze out in the pasture, but could no longer be ridden. I have had some offers from neighbors and friends that have several horses to ride with them and I will try to take them up on their offers in the New Year.



Anthony, Sharon, Julius and Rowan are doing well in Seattle. We just wish they were closer, but we do participate in regular Skype sessions, so we can see what the boys are up to. Sharon is excellent about sending us pictures of the boys activities too. We are hoping that they will be able to come to Texas for a visit in February and very much look forward to that. Anthony just had a five minute segment which aired on CNN nationwide on his project for Starbucks. He came up with the idea to recycle shipping containers to build Starbucks's stores. We are very proud of all that he has accomplished in just under two

years with Starbucks. Here is a link to the CNN segment:

<http://edition.cnn.com/video/#/video/business/2012/11/29/holmes-green-sustainable-starbucks.cnn?iref=allsearchre%0D>



Ken is back in the Austin area again. He has been helping his Dad build an apartment in Lockhart for the past several months, but now that it is almost complete, he is looking to get back into a video gaming job. Ken, being the creative artist, actually designed the Museum of Magnetic Sound Recording logo (above), which we love. He is also designing a poster for the museum, which will be given to anyone who invests in the project.

Please feel free to visit our website, where Martin does a great job of posting pictures and video clips of our activities throughout the year.

The link is: <http://phantomprod.com/sc2012.html>

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope that 2013 brings you good health, happiness and most importantly lots of love.