



Chuc Mung Nam Moi!

Or, Happy New Year in Vietnamese. We have just returned from a wonderful trip to Vietnam and Thailand and were lucky enough to be there during their lunar New Year celebration welcoming the "Year of the Ox".

It was a road trip of sorts in that we took almost every conveyance you can think of including rickshaws, bamboo boats, bamboo rafts, elephants, ferries, Junks, and good old buses. There were a small group of us and we had the time of our lives. We highly recommend Overseas Adventure Travel for their spirit of adventure in taking us places that large groups can't go and for planning activities so varied that we were always trying to guess what might come next.

So now it is back to work.

Phil and Carol

The latest news..


After nearly four years of publishing this newsletter, I've decided to take it to a blog format instead of this periodic epistle. I'm hoping that it will give you more timely information in shorter, more digestible bites and make it easier for all of you to leave comments and ask questions.

I do need your help though to make this transition.

You can subscribe by [going here](#) and telling me in the upper left hand side just how and where you would like it delivered or you can "follow me" and get notifications when I post something new. This is so much more

flexible than just having me send it to your inbox. I hope this will make our communication even more effective by taking advantage of new technologies.

Try it - I think you'll like it. I promise to have more giveaways, great tips, free stuff, real-life stories and more.

 Living your dream... others sharing their stories.

Here is a new website that tells all kinds of interesting stories of retirement, reinvention and travel - among other things.

www.topretirements.com

 Idea of the Month

Last month I promised a copy of "Essential USA" for your best tips.

And the winners are:

Steve Albrecht

We struggled with the question, "What do we collect as souvenirs?" for a long time before we left on our 6 month trip.

On the 2nd day of our adventure, at the Grand Canyon, my wife had an epiphany. "We should get a Christmas ornament everywhere we go," she said.

"They're small, inexpensive, and every year when we decorate our tree, we can relive our adventure." We'd keep a small box on hand, and add ornaments until the box was full, then send it to my parents for safe keeping.

We plan to put up our "Adventure Tree" this evening (we now do 2 trees), and I am so looking forward to reliving our great adventure.

Sharry Buckner

Measure the height and width of your rig, in BOTH feet and meters, then write it down and tape it to the dashboard of your rig or tow vehicle. You don't have time to think when you're headed for an underpass in Canada. Here's a link to convert: <http://www.metric->

conversions.org/length/feet-to-meters.htm

Congratulations!

Your books will be on their way to you this week.

Thanks to everyone who entered an idea.

 **Tell Us What You Think**

We are eager to hear from you... share your feedback...

Till next time.. Keep Dreaming...