

'Twas slightly into Christmas, when all through the house
both of our creatures were berzerking, perhaps they'll find a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
until Loki & Freya shredded them, just to see what was in there.

Catherine and Dave were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of roller-coasters danced in their heads;
You see to celebrate, a trip to Florida was took;
After several years, and a whole lot of work, Catherine can finally shut the book.

When from downstairs there arose such a clatter,
We sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Around the kitchen there flew like a flash,
Two kitties pulling the tree in some sort of mad dash...



As you can see, Christmas is just about the same here every year. Two cats doing what cats do best (destroying things), Dave doing what Dave does best (writing semi-humorous Holiday letters and working for the State of Georgia) and Catherine doing what Catherine does best (finishing up her PhD at Georgia Tech). What's that Cath, stop cutting and pasting from previous years? She's telling me that a few weeks ago "having met all the requirements" she received her PhD in Aerospace Engineering from Tech. I don't mean to make light of this accomplishment, I am exceptionally proud of her! She has worked very hard and that is why I am so happy to introduce for the first time.... Dr. Catherine A. Moseley Matos (and her slacker husband Dave)! Pictures will be up soon. Catherine is currently teaching part time at Clayton State University and Dave is anxiously awaiting a full-time position to open up at one of the local universities.

This past year Catherine & Dave decided that our previous exercise program of sitting on the couch watching TV just wasn't working and we decided to do something about it. After a lot of hard work (roller blading, biking, running, etc.) we have lost more than 4 Freyas (~80 lbs) between the two of us. On July 4th, Dave ran his first 10K, the "largest 10K in the world", the Peachtree Road Race. Catherine slept through it as her way of showing support ☺. The picture above was not doctored in any way, if it had been Dave would have more hair. We actually are getting skinny.

We actually decided to start settling in the house. We painted the dining room and the kitchen. In a special research project, we decided to see just how many times Dave could hurt himself while putting crown molding on our kitchen cabinetry and ceramic tiling the backsplash areas of the kitchen. The projects are finally finished and we are happy to report that Dave lost no appendages, though not for lack of trying.

In celebration of Catherine's graduation, we took a whirlwind trip to Florida (just last week). We visited Busch Gardens in Tampa and Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure in Orlando. This trip was 'Phase One' of our Roller-Coasters of America Tour. So if you have a good coaster nearby, we might just drop in!

Dave's brother, Mike, is doing very well; he is still in Arizona building houses and attending Arizona State. Catherine's sister, Suzie still lives in Alabama with her now-lawyer husband, Jason, and is finishing her Masters. As for our parents, Dave's are doing great. Dad still works at the Savannah River Site. Mom is still at the school district, but will be retiring soon. Catherine's Mom and Dad are doing well in their semi-retirement. They took a nice long journey to Hawaii this past year and Dad Moseley is busily preparing for tax season.

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Catherine and I would like to wish each and every one of you the happiest of holiday seasons and a healthy 2002. Hopefully we will see everyone soon. Please keep in touch and have a happy holiday season. Our phone number is (770) 434 - 1837 and please remember you're welcome to come by any time (really!), we'll leave the light on! We love and miss everyone.

Dave, Catherine, **Loki & Freya**