



***Sacramento***  
***November 2015***

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***This was our fourth visit this year to see Christopher, Cyndi and Samantha and one that was very special. Not only would we be in Sacramento on Sammy's actual birthday but we would also celebrate Thanksgiving and a "Mini-Christmas" with our California family.***

## **Monday November 23**

We had stayed overnight at the airport Marriott and caught the 7am shuttle to get our 8:30 flight to Salt Lake City and then on to Sacramento. Both flights were on time and uneventful and we had picked up the rental car and checked in at the Natomas Courtyard by shortly after 1pm. We drove to Starbucks for a light lunch and then I went for a 4 mile walk. It was a sunny and warm afternoon – in contrast to the below-freezing temperature we had left in Cincinnati.

This evening we met our California family and Cyndi's cousin Tim for a meal at Chili's and spent a very pleasant 90 minutes together.

***The trees were at their best in Sacramento***



## **Tuesday November 24**

We went to iHop for breakfast and then we stayed in the hotel room on a rainy morning. Christopher stopped by about 1pm to deliver packages that we had had sent to his home and then Molly and I went to Starbucks for coffee. I went for a walk in the afternoon after the rain had stopped and then we met at Christopher and Cyndi's home for a birthday gift exchange for Sammy.



***Happy  
Seventh  
Birthday  
Sammy***



All eight of us (including Tim and Bill and Shirl) went to Rubio's for a birthday dinner followed by yogurt at the place right next door. It was almost ten by the time we got back to the hotel.



### Wednesday November 25

I woke up early so went for a three mile walk before Molly and I went to McDonald's for breakfast. It was cold first thing (37F) but the sun came out and it turned into a very nice day. At noon we met at JC Penney for family portraits. Every combination of picture was taken in a session that lasted over an hour.



Family Portraits



We all then went our separate ways for the afternoon before going to the home of a friend of Cyndi and Christopher's for a very nice dinner and some pleasant conversation.

### Thursday November 26 (Thanksgiving Day)





Dinner at Cyndi and Christopher's wasn't until 6pm so Molly and I had essentially the whole day to do as we pleased. I went for a slightly longer walk than on the previous days, we had breakfast at iHop, coffee at Starbucks and lazed away the day in the hotel.



### *The chef at work and the resulting feast*

Dinner was smoked turkey with all the usual trimmings plus many additional dishes suggested by each person present. So a big meal became an enormous feast and it lasted on and off for about three hours! It was after 10pm before we left to return to the hotel.

#### **Friday November 27**

We were up about eight and went for a light breakfast at Starbucks. Today was our "mini-Christmas" so we joined the family for a ham, ribs and trimmings lunch and then a gift exchange.



*"Christmas"*







This took us until late afternoon (including some time playing with our gifts!) and about 7:30 we went for dinner at Malabar. Bill and Shirl opted out of dinner and Tim had already left for home so we had our immediate family to ourselves. .Once again it was 10pm before we retired.

#### **Saturday November 28**

We were up before eight and packed all our gifts and other belongings before checking out of the hotel about 9:15. We picked up Sammy and took her to breakfast at iHop. It was really nice to have her “to ourselves” for about 1 ½ hours. Fter taking her home it was time for our good-byes and the short drive to the airport. Our 1:51 pm flight to Salt Lake City lefty on time and we made or short connection to the final leg back to Cincinnati.

After picking up the car at the Marriott and driving home it was almost midnight – but once again we had had a great time visiting our California family at a beautiful time of the year.



