

## 1994 Christmas Letter (well, stuff we did last year)

In January, Sharon and Jerry went to the Winter Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, where Sega was to announce the virtual reality project Jerry had been working on. And, concurrently, ASG Technologies was also presenting the Video Jukebox that Jerry had designed. Due to the rushed and somewhat ill-timed nature of the Sega project, the virtual reality demonstration was canceled. But, the Video Jukebox was a big hit and ASG started making plans for producing it in time for Christmas, 1994. After returning from CES, Sharon started writing video game scripts for ASG.

In March, Jerry went back to Florida on a business trip and stayed with his mother in Sanford. He didn't have a lot of spare time, but did get to drive around a bit and meet some old friends. Later that month, Jerry and Sharon attended the Cinequest Maverick Film Festival's Academy Awards party which had live coverage of the Academy Awards Ceremonies. Still later in March, Sharon's friend from Niagara Falls, Sandra, moved to California and is currently staying with us.

At the beginning of April, Sandra starting working as an illustrator at ASG Technologies, where Sharon and Jerry are continuing to do contract work.

In May, Sharon, Susan (Sharon's friend), Sandra, and Jerry spent a week in Stratford-Upon-Avon in England, which is W<sup>m</sup> Shakespeare's birthplace and home of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. They attended performances of "Peer Gynt" and "Henry V" while there. Jerry learned how to drive on the left side of the road (which they consider is the right (correct) side) and how to dodge military vehicles, like tanks with the letter "L" on them. In England, drivers with learners permits have to have a large "L" on their vehicle, even if it's a tank. They also visited Stonehenge and Avebury. It was warm and sunny the entire week. The following week, Susan flew home and Sharon, Sandra and Jerry turned in the car and moved into a condo overlooking the "river" in London.

Jerry and Sharon were originally to attend to some business there that week, but the business was postponed so they were forced to be tourists for a week along with Sandra. The 3 of us spent most of the week traveling around London on the Underground (we had 1 week unlimited passes), eating more great food (pubs are the greatest for dining), seeing "Merchant of Venice" with a gazillion British school children at a matinee performance of the Royal Shakespeare Company, and generally getting rained on. We had fun. Sandra also spent a day with a friend she had only met through e-mail on the Internet. Newsweek magazine featured an article on Sandra's Internet group that week, so we all picked up the British edition. And Jerry and Sharon did a bit of tide-pooling along the banks of the Thames (the tide's about 20 foot high, so it's interesting what lies in the muddy shores). We even saw a real British fox along the banks of the Thames.

In June, Sharon and Jerry attended the ShowBiz Expo '94 in Los Angeles. We attended all the seminars we could relating to multi-media and Sharon took a class in film directing. We purchased some script writing software (a specialized word processor) and have been working with the company that wrote it to create a multi-media version of the software.

In August, Sharon, Sandra & Jerry attended the Weekend with Shakespeare seminar at Shakespeare Santa Cruz. We saw their productions of "Merchant of Venice", "The Merry Wives of Windsor", and the Western hemisphere's premiere of "The Rape of Tamar". There were discussions with the actors and directors after the performances covering some of the background of the plays.

In September, Sharon, Susan, Sandra & Jerry attended the last Renaissance Pleasure Faire to be held in black Point Forest (the lease was canceled).

In October, Tom and Helen (Jerry's sister and her husband) stopped by for their first visit to the area. They were on their way to Monterey, so they only stayed a short while. It was good to see them again after so many years.

In November, Jerry, Sharon, & Sandra went to Los Angeles to see the only American performance of "Henry VI" by the Royal Shakespeare Company. We also attended the Cinequest Film Festival and saw the premiere showing of the recently re-edited film "Don Quixote", which was presented by a close friend of the late Orson Welles. Sharon wrote and submitted a one act stage play to a New York competition, but the judging hasn't been held yet. And, Ablin Entertainment is currently considering one of her scripts as a basis for a possible new TV series.

In December, Jerry's mother is arriving for the holidays and Sandra is flying back to Niagara Falls the next day to spend the holidays with her family. Sharon also recently began a writing project for a San Francisco stage director. And, Jerry & Sharon will finally send out Christmas presents and cards way, way too late. But, we send our love to all,

Merry Christmas!