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James Robert Bigham Film Maker

article submitted by Pat Journeyay

Dolphin Tale is #1 in the Box Office this week and you can thank a Pennybaker for producing this entertaining film. Winter, an injured dolphin with a prosthetic tail, resides at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Although the story line is fiction the dolphin is real and can be visited in Florida. This is a must see film for adults and children alike. Jim Bigham has been working in the film business for the past 35 years. Other award winning films produced by Bigham include For Once in My Life and Sweet Land. Go to the Internet Data Movie Data Base website for more information <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0081875/>

Jim's Pennybaker lineage includes Anabelle Pennybaker + Robert Bigham> James E. Pennybaker +Elma Belle Hammond> Charles Pennybaker and Catherine Murray> John Pennybacker + Catherine Duncan> Abraham Pennybacker + Elizabeth Ruffner> Dirck Pennybacker + Hannah De Haven> John Pennybacker + Anneke Keyser> Hendrick Pannabecker and Eve Umstat (m. 1699)

In addition, Jim has worked side by side with the illustrious film maker DA Pennybaker while producing the video portion of the Coca Cola Museum in Atlanta, GA. He attended the July 2-4, 1999 Pfannebecker-Umstadt Family Reunion in Pennsylvania with his wife Cathy Bigham and their daughter Juliana.

Pannabeckers finish up as "road angels"

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By Karen Rafferty

They served 10 years as mobile missionaries on the highways and byways of North America.

Ken and Dee Pannabecker, longtime members of LGC, are finishing up their time with MMAP. which they began in January of 2001.

What is MMAP?

It stands for Mobile Missionary Assistance Program. It is an organization begun, almost casually, in the late 70's. Some retire folk with RVs were moved to serve with their construction and other skills at Christian organizations (churches, camps, missions, orphanages, etc.) who might otherwise not be able to afford the assistance.

It transformed, over a short span of years, into a highly organized and structured non-denominational



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Through a well defined system of communications, MMAPers can choose the months they are available, as well as request in which of six regions they would like to work.

Each couple is joined by at least two other RVing MMAP couples on each job. The jobs run three weeks, four work days per week, seven hours per day.

The wives are not “required” to contribute labor, but often get involved as “road angels” in other ways.

Ken and Dee began and are ending their work at Mount Gilead Camp near Sebastopol. On that first outing, they were working with eight other couples. They have returned to that site more than any other.

They have also served in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Michigan and Texas, and as far as Richmond, Indiana, near the Ohio border! They were sometimes able to combine their volunteer work with visiting friends and family near the sites, or on their way to and from them.

Ken’s expertise as a cabinet maker was often a boon to those sites fortunate to receive his help. He soon learned to carry along his specialized tools, as he was nearly certain to need them!

Ken reports that they always arrived with a general idea of what sort of work needed to be done, but that emergencies, or the arrival of just the right set of skills, trumped original plans.

A common MMAPers’ saying comes from repeated experience with God’s sovereignty and grace. “God gets the right people to the right places at the right time!”

Ken and Dee are not LGC’s first MMAPers. Dan and Shirley Bartel and Leonard and Jean Bartel are faithful servants who helped lead the way.

The Pannabeckers were thanked in church recently for their faithful service on 41 MMAP projects.

President’s Message

Appears another year is rapidly coming to an end. I trust you have enjoyed it for the most part. I was happy to learn we are getting a huge 3% increase in SS benefits while we have our Medicare premium raised.

Weather has certainly been different this fall. It is currently 36 degrees and not a flake of snow on the ground. Last year on the 9th, we had tree breaking, heavy, wet snow and the year before, the same thing on the 12th. This year a couple flurries at my location though I understand there is snow on the ground in northern Wisconsin.

I have nothing earth shaking to comment on. I do want to stress again that our newsletter will be newsy if we get some news from you, the readers. I thank those who do provide some input. We have received some kind words for our efforts and I do want to thank you for those. We will continue to try to provide an interesting forum for you. No one has taken advantage of the offer to post queries in our newsletter so do want to remind you that we will post any queries you may have in at least the newsletter following receipt of your query.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Pleasant New Year.

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Pannebakker Familie Association



The Pannebakker Family Association is an outgrowth of the family reunion held at Pennypacker Mills, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on July 2-4, 1999. The reunion celebrated the 300th year wedding anniversary of Hendrick Pannebecker and Eve Umstat, in Germantown, Pennsylvania in the year 1699. In the words of the Steering Committee of the reunion, "We hope that the 1999 Pfannebecker-Umstat Reunion will lead to the growth of a family association, which will provide a forum for conversation, collection and preservation of information, and a sense of lasting community among the heirs of this rich cultural heritage."