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I decided to start this zine because of all the health problems that prevented my regular publication of *Feline Mewsings*, whose title I've changed to *Feline Journal*. *Feline Journal* will not have personal information other than trip reports. This new zine is envisioned to keep me in touch with pen pals and recipients of *Feline Journal* between issues of that publication. My intent is to publish *Feline Journal* once or twice a year. *Purrsonal Mewsings* is intended to be two to four pages in length.

This first issue of *Purrsonal Mewsings* covers events since the most recent publication of *Feline Mewsings* back in February 2013.



Back in February I was looking forward to trips to San Diego and Portland (see photo above from Portland) for conventions in March and May respectively. Those trips did transpire, and the trip reports will be in the first issue of the newly retitled *Feline Journal*.

Unfortunately after the second of those trips, the various dental problems I was taking care of soon took a back seat to a worse medical problem. Towards the end of July, I fell victim to an illness, best diagnosed as Lyme disease eventually. I was basically very limited in activities for two months. I cancelled the trip we had previously planned to Albuquerque and San Antonio for conventions. As I start this zine in late September, I am still in the process of regaining my normal strength and stamina. The church choir started back up after a summer hiatus shortly after Labor Day, but I was only able to start participating at the end of September.

A new implant had been placed in my mouth earlier in the year but had to be removed due to problems. Before I was able to go back for a replacement, I developed two more minor dental problems on the other side of my mouth. The problems may have been minor, but they were also urgent. Since I didn't want both sides of my mouth disabled at the same time, I took care of those minor problems first. Unfortunately one of the problems turned into a more major one, as I ended up needing a root canal.



There were also a few problems fitting a crown on that tooth. I finally got a replacement implant in October; it took a long time for my mouth to heal from that. My oral surgeon will prepare the implant for a crown in February.

After discussing making changes in our communications services for almost a year, we downgraded our landline service to basic and are using our mobiles primarily for making phone calls. We couldn't see the point of paying two phone companies for long distance calling. We also terminated our DSL service with our phone company. The speed was slow and was becoming increasingly unreliable. We signed up with HughesNet for their high end service, which provides the most data and fastest speed of the satellite Internet services. Because of the impact to our data caps on the satellite Internet, Mike had to stop watching TV on his computer—mostly news and football. In order for him to be able to continue watching football, we bought a second, smaller HDTV for our bedroom. We ordered an upgrade to DirecTV's Genie service. This allows me to record five shows simultaneously. The second TV receives signals from the DVR, so I can watch recorded shows on that TV or Mike can watch football. We switch off who gets the big set about every other day. I also revised our DirecTV subscription and brought down our costs a bit, but that that was a relatively minor change. Basically we got rid of a lot of channels that we never or hardly ever watch.

The figure skating season started in October, and I've been busy following the coverage provided by NBC.

The weather started to cool down in November, and we had one night when the temperature dropped below freezing. We also had our second winter rain recently; we got more than an inch and a half of rain

in a couple of days. The tallest mountains in our area have a dusting of snow. We received more rain or snow in December, but January was a completely dry month. So far we've received about a quarter of an inch of rain in February.

In early November there was a reunion of A-7 pilots that Mike enjoyed. I went with him on the day there was a tour of Davis-Monthan AFB, including the Bone Yard.

In mid-November one of Mike's nieces visited for a week. That was when the second Arizona Science and Astronomy Expo happened as well. Linda and I attended. I enjoyed the several talks and panels that were presented. There was a mini-planetarium in the exhibit hall that Linda enjoyed. We also took Linda sightseeing to the Titan Missile Museum, the Pima Air and Space Museum, and the Arizona Sonora-Desert Museum. While Mike was busy helping to set up for the expo, I took Linda to Biosphere 2.

This zine was originally intended to be sent out in late fall. Unfortunately the holidays turned out to be too busy for me to get this done. I started 2014 with another illness, which I eventually with the help of one of my Facebook friends decided was a silent dental abscess. This happens when a tooth which has had a root canal becomes infected. Because the main nerve is dead, there is only very minimal dental pain that's easily overlooked. It took me about two weeks to figure this out. Even though the infection was easy to get rid of, it took my body more time to recover its usual strength.

By the way I'm not entirely pleased with my title graphic. If any artists reading this are interested in trying their hands, please do so.

The photo on the previous page is of a Desert Spiny Lizard, one of many colourful animals around our area.

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