

## The 2009 Wallace Christmas Letter

Well, another year is about to roll by and it's time to deliver our report on the highlights once again.

Barb and I took a couple of weeks this summer to head to the east coast by car. We stayed at some very nice B&Bs along the way and took a route around the Gaspé Peninsula to see what we'd heard so much about.

We enjoyed the cafes and fromageries but failed to see a damn thing.



Dense fog and rain all the way around! We drove by Percé Rock and couldn't even see the end of the dock. Even so, we thoroughly enjoyed the people, their hospitality, and great food. We'll really will have to go again!

We met and dined with vacationing friends Anne-Marie & Dave on PEI and spent a great couple of days with friends Anne & John near Yarmouth. Then it was on to Cape Breton Island for a 5 day stay (that we'd won in a church auction) with yet more friends Mary & Larry at their summer home.

A lovely inn near Joilette, QC

We enjoyed ourselves immensely with CBI's offerings of food, drink, live music, dancing, and concerts all with the backdrop of breathtaking scenery AND great weather! We even took in a tour of Canada's only single malt Festival distillery... Hmmm, yummy!



Glenora Distillery



Celebrating our 40th at the Broad Cove Scottish Concert

We continue to enjoy the company of our grandchildren, Vanessa (5yr) and Ayden (2yr) on a regular basis. It's great to have them so close. About a 5 min. walk away.



**The Magic of Leaves**



**The Dance Recital**

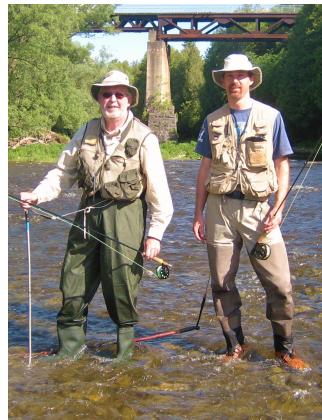


**Hidin' Out**

The big news is James and Rachel are about to deliver their first child any day now. They recently purchased and moved into another house with more room, so all is set for the arrival of the next Wallace.



**The new parents to be**



**The Anglers**

Andrew and I were treated to a day of fly-fishing (new to both of us) on the upper Grand River where we caught and released some brown trout.

On a lower note, the tremors I've had in my right hand for the last few years have been increasing and have finally been diagnosed as Parkinson's. There are a lot of worse things to find out you have at this age and since there's no pain involved, I'm thankful for that. There's no cure but I will start medication soon to control and minimize the shakiness involved.

As always, I wish all of you the very best life has to offer...

Love, Tony

And so it's my turn:

I continue to work  $\frac{1}{2}$  time (supposedly) for the Occasional Teacher Union as Vice-president. Our President was elected to the Provincial Executive of the Teachers' Union which includes a  $\frac{1}{2}$  time position on the Ontario Teachers' Federation so she is away from the office more than last year. This splits a lot of the work between the First VP and me. The bottom line is I'm losing the struggle to work only 3 days a week. But I keep trying.



**Me (in custody) at the Tall Ship Festival on Cape Breton Island**

I am chair of the committee selected to find a new minister for our church. This means several more hours of work a week. But it's exciting and fun most of the time. We hope to have a person selected by the end of March and the plan is that s/he/they will start in Sept.

Our hope is to have a holiday in the UK this spring. Details are not worked out yet but we're hoping for 1 week in Scotland with new friends we met recently leisurely driving from distillery to distillery and another week in Ireland with old friends from Ottawa.

Have a great holiday season and the best to you and yours in 2010  
Love, Barb



**Brave who?**



**A wish is granted!**



**4 Old Geezers**