

Something New: Shed Dog!

Brooklyn and I are ready to try for a new dog sports title: **Shed Dog Level 1**. Three weeks ago, we started taking shed dog classes at the Napa Valley Dog Training Club. Brooklyn is now learning to search and retrieve antlers.

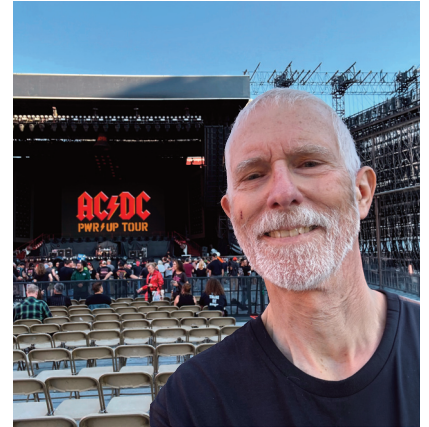
This relatively new competitive dog sport evolved from how shed deer antlers can puncture farm equipment tires & cost thousands of dollars in damage. Farmers then figured out how to train dogs to hunt and retrieve dropped antlers before running farm equipment on their fields.



Seeing AC/DC

On August 5th, Robert was off to see a favorite band of his performing in Santa Clara.

His choice of travel to & from: The train! This included getting dinner in the dining car.



Seventy Seven on the 15th

Robert really, really would have liked it if I had given him a tractor for his birthday. The best I could do though was to ask AI to create a picture of him in his garden riding one. Even though we no longer have chickens, somehow a few showed up.

52 and Counting

After going to Carmel, New Mexico, and Washington State, we had our fill of eating out. So, instead of a fancy dinner this year, we celebrated 52 years of marriage on August 17th with take-out pizza and beer.

The 2026 Gray PEAR Affair

This year's family reunion, held at my Mom's house, turned out very nice. With Mom, now almost 98, needing help getting the house & yard ready. Bonnie, Kalsoum, Matt, Nissa, Tristan, Tim, Kathy, Darcy, Robert and I all pitched in to make it happen. To put on a 2-day family reunion event meant lots of yard work, shopping for supplies & food, setup, barbecuing, and of course taking care of lots of behind the scenes details (which Bonnie did a lot of).

The pearñata coloring contest (see June's newsletter for details) was a pleasant success! Twenty-two of 32 attendees colored a pearñata! What a variety of entries there were! Ribbons & prizes were awarded.



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