

Hot XMAS News Flash

DEAN SENDS X-MAS GREETINGS

News from the South

Merry Christmas to you and yours. I hope this holiday season finds everyone happy and healthy.

I hope this season finds you in a good enough mood not to be bothered by yet another form letter. Seems as though people are just too lazy to take the time to sit down and write out what they have been up to and include a short personal message. So what do they do? They crank out some sappy message that is neither family or gender specific. Doesn't that just chap ya? If I were you, I wouldn't send a card to that person just to show them what you think. Or better yet, send them an empty envelope so that they get the message about how you feel about form letters.

Nothing much new to tell everyone this year. Work continues to go well and I have recently completed certification to be a FCR operator here at NASA. For those of you who are not hip to the lingo, FCR stands for Flight Control Room, which is the big room that you usually see on TV. So now I can be one of the big boys and be seen on TV. Whooo-eeee. The first mission I am assigned to work in that capacity is not until next summer, but you never know, I may be called upon to substitute for someone if anyone were unable to fulfill their duties due to some emergency, such as really good vacation plans.

As you may have already surmised, I recently purchased a computer and I type this message from the comfort and safety of my own home. It is a big, expensive job that has large amounts of computing capability that I completely underutilize by using it for word processing and playing games. Anyone out there a fan of DOOM II. This game is extremely violent and not for the faint of heart.

In other news, most of you probably already know that Dean is once again as single as they come.



THE LITTLE MERMAID SENDS X-MAS GREETINGS ALONG WITH DEAN (NOT SHOWN)

Fear not however! My cat and I are learning new ways to enjoy our time together such as my griping at her and she in turn ignoring me. Great fun for the entire family. Again, as you may have surmised, the cat is well and showing no signs towards a likelihood of kicking off in the near future.

How is this year treating you (and yours?) Is your job/retirement/schooling/prison sentence going as you hoped? I'm glad to hear that. Hopefully, your correspondence to me will include the kind of information that will allow me to piece together the details for myself.

As far as vacation plans go, I will once again be traveling home for the holidays so I can once again appreciate just how cold it can get. Nothing like leaving the airport and once again experiencing the thrill of sub-zero weather. It makes my toes lose feeling just thinking about it.

I hope this Christmas note hasn't put you off the spirit of the season entirely. I really do wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See ya soon.

Dean