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DEAN SENDS X-MAS GREETINGS

Despair sets in as to whether he can top previous efforts

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

As the Christmas holiday comes lumbering around the bend like a train that has left Cleveland at 12:30 while New Years Day is yet another train heading the opposite direction out of Sioux Falls that left the station at 2:45, you are left to wonder, "If they were to collide, what's the name of the bus driver?". You have 15 minutes and partial credit will be given so be sure to show your work. Remember to use a No. 2 pencil. Begin.

But enough silliness (for now anyway). As long time readers are aware this is the part of the letter where I state: "I still work at the same job here in Houston. I still live in the same place, and drive the same car." Of course if I said that this year I'd be lying as I have finally moved! No, I haven't joined the landed aristocracy, but I have moved into a bigger place with proportionately higher rent. However, be advised that this place isn't really all that big and you wouldn't want to come visit me for an extended stay. However, I can recommend some fine hotels.

Work is going fine with me still working for the United Space Alliance as a flight controller. You may have even caught me on NASA TV during one of the recent missions. As you should already know, I'm the balding guy sitting at the Propulsion console in the left front corner of the room. Wave and I'll try to wave back!

My nuclear family hasn't exploded in a giant fiery ball consuming life for dozens of miles in all directions yet as the core group remains just me and my cat. She hasn't done anything particularly memorable in the last year so just dig up my last 4 newsletters and read what I had to say about the cat on those occasions.



Nothing says Christmas like French Impressionist art!

What? You didn't save the last 4 newsletters? Well it just so happens that I have them all available on-line (I found this transparent little segue to be particularly clever) and you can keep up on all things Dean Lenort by visiting my homepage on the Interweb (as those of us who are part of the cabal (there is no cabal) refer to it). http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Dean_Lenort/homepage.htm

Alas, I shant be making the trek home for the holidays this year so take the locks off the liquor cabinet and have one for me. I'll try to make amends by coming up for a trip or two this summer. Mark your calendars now!

All in all life has been good and I really don't have any complaints. But ya know, I really could use some so if you have any to spare send 'em in this direction. But please label the envelope as I don't want to be surprised by a vicious complaint that hasn't eaten in days.

Despite the apparent tone of this letter things are going pretty well and the holiday season promises to be full of fun. I really do wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See ya, Dean