



# DARTMOUTH CLASS of 1952

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Even if they're not still working, '52 classmates continue to take "vacations". Some are unusual. A sampling;

**Frank Osgood** retired in 1985 and lives on the Main Line outside Philadelphia. Frank had long known that "I'd rather be outdoors than indoors". His open air accomplishments are impressive: Every year for fourteen years he's been going to Argentina for fly fishing in Patagonia. He and Priscilla have spent a month hiking the kingdom of Bhutan – it's next to Nepal. They've hiked all over Tuscany and Umbria and from Cuzco to Machu Picchu. When we caught up with them they were just leaving to hike Turkey.

The Osgoods own two houses in Montana from which they take camping trips. To carry the camp equipment they rent llamas – that's right, llamas. Frank advises that successful use of llamas as pack animals requires that early on you establish a close personal relationship with your llama. This is done by blowing into the llama's nose. The llama instantly blows back, which is a very messy business Frank relates.

We talked to **Jim Fowler** just as he was setting out on a cross-country train trip for a reunion of bicycle friends from 1949 including **Bruce Dayton**. Talk about enduring friendships! We knew that Jim had recently returned from a birthday party in Australia. Seemed to us like a long way to go to watch somebody blow out candles. But Jim explained that in 1969 when he was in a Washington military hospital recovering from Viet Nam wounds, he met an Australian marine officer with whom he became good friends. But the man returned to 'Straylia and for thirty-eight years Jim never saw him; until a few months ago when his children invited him to Australia for their father's seventy-fifth birthday. So Jim and Betsy went and had a wonderful time.

We learned that **Pete Zischke** has an unusual summer vacation. We asked him about it. He responded that "In 1945 and '46 I worked summers on a ranch in Wyoming. One of the best lunches I ever had was lamb stew cooked by a couple of Basque shepherders in their traditional wagon on the ranch.

"Fast forward to 1991 when in Idaho I ran into a broken down shepherd's wagon with the original 1910 wood spoke wheels. I bought it and found a guy who could rebuild it. So now Midge and I spend some time each year camping and sleeping in the wagon by

the Wood River in Hailey , Idaho. The only problem is when Midge has to climb over me in the middle of the night – no small task!”

**Angus Russell** and **Liz** are *serious* hikers. They’ve hiked Sicily, Corsica, Sardinia, the Sierra Nevada in Spain, gone up to 13,000 feet in Peru, and up to 10,000 feet in the Montana Rockies. Also the southeastern coast of England, Guadalupe Peak in Texas at 8,700 feet, the Italian Dolomites and countless climbs in the White Mountains in New Hampshire. A *lot* of effort!

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