

Kulzer Communique

Crazy Rants and Other Random Info



Twenty Twenty

We couldn't simply go with a smile.

Second Try

The photo above was our second try for a decent Family Photo in 2020. The first was taken outside on a cold windy December morning. We were dressed for Church early and decided to do a quick photo. After 20 or so shots we ran back inside to warm up. Well, as it happens, the bad photos went out in our Christmas letter.

Thankfully on Christmas Day we gathered for some shots INSIDE. We got quite a few good photos and at the end of our shoot, the girls said we had to take a crazy one. You see the result above. It's one of my favorite family pictures of all time!

58 Miles Per Gallon

The little car to the right was my 1993 Geo Metro XFI. It was rated at 58 MPG. The Honda Civic coupe from the same year got 62 MPG. Note the year: 1993. Why can't they make gas fueled cars now, nearly 30 years later, that exceed those figures? THAT is frustrating!



Lego

Since I was 5 years old, Lego has been a constant in my life. Some people go through their “Dark Ages” when Lego takes a back seat to friends or cars or whatever. I, however, have always enjoyed building and collecting while also still having friends. In fact, it was an embarrassing hobby for many years because in the 1980’s and 90’s Lego was considered a kid toy.

Now, however, Lego is considered appropriate for kids as well as adults. Many websites showcase amazing builds from adult builders called Adult Fans Of Lego or “AFOL’s”.

The towering castle seen on the right is an example of one of my builds as an adult. It stood over 3 feet high and had a functioning wind mill and draw bridge. It stood for a month or so before I used the pieces for other builds.

And that’s the thing about Lego. It is meant to be a learning toy and creative outlet. I don’t understand people buy Lego sets, build it once and display it. What satisfaction do they derive from following step by step directions that, in many cases, don’t challenge a person to think even the slightest bit? Granted, I enjoy a good build, and have learned many things from building according to the directions.

But after that, take it further. Stretch your imagination and creativity to see what you can do on your own.

In the early days Lego sets would include inspirational pictures of different things a person could build with the pieces included in the set. It challenged us to figure out how those models were built and then come up with even more models from our own imagination. I believe Lego could do the world a great service by inspiring kids to build their own creations again. Exercising one’s creativity is beneficial in every aspect of our lives from our jobs to our interactions with others.

Lego is a great way to exercise one’s creativity and learn ways to “think outside the box”



Artwork

Below are a few of my favorite things. Yes, these are my favorite sculptures, but they represent the people who have had a huge impact on how I look at the world. They are some of my favorite people. The Angel represents Gabriel, one of our babies that died before we could play with him. The other one is my Grandpa who recently passed away at the age of 103. And the large one is my wife, Karen.

