

Partying in Macedonia Ohio at the Vadas'

Early in the morning of Friday November 17th found Wayne and I picking up a rental car and heading out on a journey to visit [Bob](#) and Donna Vadas to celebrate Bob's birthday; a 6 hour drive that took us across the Canada/USA border to the southern shores of Lake Erie. Driving long distances with Wayne has always been a very relaxing experience for me so I was eager for the journey.

An hour and a half into our journey, before we crossed the border, we had one very important stop to make. In the small border town of Fort Erie, resides Jason, our adult son, along with his partner Melissa and their son Aidin, a brand new 1 year old. Being Grandparents has turned out to be one of the cleanest joys in life for us, arriving with gifts in hand and breakfast planned at a local restaurant.



Kat and Aidin opening presents.

Here's Aidin sitting in the restaurant high chair posing for the camera. What an adorable little ham. ☺



After breakfast, there is a round of kisses and hugs (we do a lot of kissing and hugging as you will find out) as we climb back into the car to complete the rest of the drive. It takes only moments for us to cross the border and off we go, arriving at the Vadas' mid afternoon.

Again we arrive with presents in hand.



[Bob](#) opens his birthday present with the delight of a small child.



And of course there was a gift for the hosts. [Bob](#) and Donna really love [Tim Horton's](#) coffee so a lot was brought.

That evening saw the 4 of us drinking some wine and having many hours of laughter. Plans for potential future collaborations were discussed; there are many amazing things coming yet as a result of that conversation. What fun was had!!

Bob and son Mark. (Many thanks to Bob Vadas for photo.)

Saturday afternoon Bob and his son Mark took us for a stroll along their favorite outdoor space – The Toe Path.



A bridge on the Toe Path.

Still on the Toe Path looking at the sights.





Don't you just love this broken stuff on the Toe Path?

Beauty, peace and tranquility. What a wonderful afternoon.

That evening everyone piled into the Vadas truck and drove to the horse barn where daughter Melissa spends the majority of her time riding horses. The grace and passion that Melissa rides with held everyone's attention captive.



Beautiful Melissa and one of the majestic creatures she likes to spend her time with. (Photo by Mark Vadas.)

Melissa doing what she loves most. She is really good at jumping horses. (Photo by Mark Vadas.)



Sunday morning Bob cooked his famous (and very delicious) fire house breakfast for everyone. Satisfied by the wonderful meal and a bit tired as travelers often are, we kissed and hugged all 4 of the Vadas' thanking them for their hospitality and made our journey home, music blaring and happy that we got to spend some time with such good friends.

In Gratitude

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Wayne's 2 cents:

Not to take anything away from the visit with Jason, Melissa and especially Aidin, but to experience time with all the Vadas' is one memorable slice of energy that everyone should add to their list of to do's.

Thank you Donna, Melissa, Bob and Mark for being the thriving out loud people you are. You are appreciated as my friends and connections in life.

Peace and Love

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