

Patricia Lindsey (Lynn) McBurnett:
a readheaded "born comedian". She
died at age 2, before Neal was born. p33

Neal's co-workers at Bell Labs - a good group! p30

Neal's mom and grandmothers tracked down
genealogical records for years. Neal took the
data and produced this chart showing names and
timelines for 387 of his direct ancestors. Note
the scale of centuries at the bottom. More info
is at <http://mcburnett.org/> p33

Neal's mom Pat, age 17, a Cadet Nurse

Holly and Amri, in San Francisco. p34
My first, and only, affair!

Holly's original design Esperanto
sampler won a blue ribbon at the
Boulder County Fair.

On vacation in DC in 1989, Neal and Holly toured the
C-SPAN studios. Brian Lamb needed to interview
someone for their "Viewer of the Week" series, and
Neal said he'd be delighted. p40

At 36 years old, Holly was accepted into medical school, p41
one of two theater majors, and one of four folkdancers.
What a rush. It was an amazing accomplishment that had
taken a great deal of work and commitment.

Of historical interest is the mention, on the second page of the letter, of the requirement to participate in "dog labs." CU was one of only 3 medical schools in the country still requiring participation in live animal labs. There was no option for ethical non-participation. The labs resulted in death of the animal, and were of dubious value to many. One of my classmates brought suit against CU for not providing an acceptable alternative which did, eventually, force the university to do so.

Lookin' good! p42

Residency graduation: Trish, Sidney, Roe, N, H, p44
and Dr. Gilbert

Neal and Holly with a group from the Denver Museum of p46
Nature and Science, standing in the embrace of a tree at the
Tiputini Biodiversity Station in the Amazon jungle in
Equador, 1999. On the left is our fabulous guide, Carol
Walton, widow of the neotropical bird expert Ted Parker.

The canopy walkway, which peaked at 116 feet above
ground.

Tiputini is a research station of record-breaking biological
diversity-- our rainforest destination!

Holly carrying our UUCB banner at General Assembly p48
in Quebec, the annual meeting of the Unitarian
Universalist Association.

Holly doing Loving Kindness meditation directed at Bush and Cheney during Bush's visit to Denver before the Iraq invasion. I experienced this as a surprisingly powerful intervention.

Neal co-founded the Boulder Community Network, pioneering the idea of web sites for community groups in 1993. This picture from a July 9 2004 story in the Boulder County Business Report shows him demonstrating an idea for KGNU: the free AGNULA Linux distribution for audio workstations.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

GREG!

On the occasion of your 21st birthday,
with anticipation of decades to come of watching you unfold
and experiencing some of that with you,
we would like to present you with some of the
background, experiences and stories that have moulded our lives
and those of our relatives so far.
May it serve over the years to remind you
of the many people who love you.

Holly and Neal

On our return to Boulder, Holly started medical practice at Internal

Medicine Associates, and Neal returned to his office at Bell Labs, after telecommuting from Portland for 3 years. In 1999, we took a trip to the rainforest in Ecuador and the Galapagos.

Neal had a major career shift at the same time. After 22 years with Bell Labs (a part of that master of the corporate "split up" - Ma Bell/Western Electric/AT&T/Lucent/Avaya), a variety of trends and other callings led him to leave. Since then, he has been working part-time for Internet2, consulting on Internet Security. That leaves more time for his addictions to learning anything and everything, volunteering with community-building organizations like KGNU, the Boulder Community Network, and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder, singing with Planina, and contributing to a variety of causes related to Free Software, open standards, on-line freedom and the Creative Commons, election and voting reforms, Non-Violent Communication, the environment, astronomy, birding, complexity and emergent behavior.

For more than you want to know about the above, visit his home page at <http://mcburnett.org/neal/>

The canopy walkway, which peaked at 116 feet above ground.

In our front yard on the well-travelled corner of Alameda and 47th stood a monument to the motion of the sun, made by Neal. Observe the spot of sunlight within, which enters thru a pinhole in the back. Inside is a diagram showing how the spot of light travels every few minutes during the day (the horizontal paths). The curve of spots is a figure-8 analemma showing the Equation of Time: where the spot is every week of the year at noon, mean local solar time. It reflects the degree to which the sun's westerly progress slows down and speeds up, due to its seasonal digressions north and south, and the eccentricity of the Earth's orbit.

Neal was honored as a Distinguished Member of Technical Staff while we were in Portland.

Comet Hale Bopp, taken in Eastern Oregon, at Malheur Wetlands.

Planina - Songs of Eastern Europe: the group that Neal sings with

Neal (born 6/19/1957) plays in the yard in Utica (near Albany NY)

Neal's family heads out on a rare fishing trip in about 1963. Neal, Roe, Rusty and Trish

Neal's dad, Roe, rushed through college and the Naval Academy during World War II, and was crossing the Pacific towards Japan, when the atomic bombs were dropped and they surrendered.

Neal's family poses at his brother Rusty's wedding. From the left: grandmother Dada (semi-pro basketball player, photographer, ballroom dance champion), uncle Pat (a lover of music whose small business made parts for the Apollo program), father Roe (patent lawyer and champion golfer with a great sense of humor), aunt Barbara (business manager, Japanese flower arranging judge), aunt Virginia (matron of the clan), mother Trish (nurse, award-winning photographer), uncle Glenn (surgeon, bird watcher, community leader) and grandmother Mimi (taught in a one-room schoolhouse in Texas, skywatcher)

Since Neal's dad worked at the generous Western Electric company, Neal's finalist status in the National Merit Scholarship program actually resulted in a scholarship.

What else - the Senior Prom in 1975. This is a bunch of good friends from the Bridge Club. From the right: Neal and Martha, Michael and Adrienne, Tom and Joan Paulson (Neal's previous sweetheart), and Dan and Debbie.

During his first year of college, at Brown University, Neal got involved in international folk dancing through his friend Peggy (to his right). This is an informal performing group in New Jersey, during a summer vacation.

Marilyn, Larry, Chris, Neal, Kate and David pose after a performance of the Bavarian Schuhplattler in about 1978.

At Brown's Computer Science reception for graduating seniors in 1979, Neal demonstrates his program which allows you to view the solar system in motion from any vantage point. His dad is dozing off, but at least his sweetheart Kate is smiling.

Neal got a job with Bell Labs just north of Denver. It was the first time he had been west of the Mississippi. He spent the summer there, then they sent him for a year of graduate work at the University of California, Berkeley.

Neal's first vehicle, a motorcycle, sufficed for a year in Colorado and California, even for furniture shopping.

The diversity of ideas and culture on the Berkeley campus was an eye-opener. The polka-dot guy was a regular fixture in Sproul Plaza.

Sproul Hall - site of the historic student sit-ins in the '60's

Neal finished his Master's degree in Computer Science and moved back to Colorado, settling in Boulder. The stovepipe on the left marks his townhouse.

Stephen McBurnett - Neal's nephew, born 1981

Nora McBurnett - Neal's niece, born 1985

Norm Chan, Gary , Deb Hill, Don Gallagher, Gary , Bob Mesenbrink,
?, Teresa Matsushita, Kevin Stiles, Neil , , Mary and ?.

?, Neil, ?, Bob, Neal, Teresa & Angela, Donna, Ron, ?, ?&kids, Dirk, Gary, Gary, ?, Mary H, Kevin, ?

Neal's grandmother, Martha Patricia Berrien Wylly Davis

Neal's older brother Rusty, dad Roe, and Neal, 1982

Neal's parents, 1983

Neal's brother Rusty and his wife Debbie

Neal, in the early 1980's

Neal and his sweetheart Charlene Galarneau (still a good
friend of the family) enjoying the forests of Colorado.

Neal with his brother Rusty, nephew Stephen, sister-in-law Debbie, and dad Roe
in 1981

Neal in a Storm Mountain folk dance performance
about 1982.

Neal and Sandy North (third from the right) stumbled across
an opportunity to drop by and help with the construction of
the famously-efficient Rocky Mountain Institute headquarters

in about 1982. Here the crew enjoys the comfort of an impromptu shelter with solar heating.

Preparing to pound more nails into the roof of RMI

Neal and his college roommate David Auty did a three-week bicycle trip in Japan in 1982. Here they pause near Usami on their first day of bicycling.

David enjoys the beautiful, healthy and delicious dinner that came nearly every day in Japan. Visible thru the window is the spectacular gorge below the Inn.

Neal enjoys another everyday treat that is ideal for bicyclists - a soak in the bath.

Neal and Holly with a group from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, standing in the embrace of a tree at the Tiputini Biodiversity Station in the Amazon jungle in Ecuador, 1999. On the left is our fabulous guide, Carol Walton, widow of the neotropical bird expert Ted Parker.

Planina - Songs of Eastern Europe: the group Neal joined in 2004

Neal takes advantage of a broken water main to make the easiest kayaking run of his life. He took Holly's kayak out of the garage, carried it to the bottom of the driveway, and "put in". Here he floats in front of the front yard.

Neal's grandmother, Dada, 1989

Holly's original design Esperanto sampler
won a blue ribbon at the Boulder County Fair.

Posing before the sacrifice, which will then p.19
become a meal.

Skinning the goat, facilitated by hot water p.21

Doing tai chi in a local park in China

Yep, those are cockroaches for sale in a market in Thailand.

Fish market in Thailand

Peace monument with thousands of origami
cranes in Hiroshima

Camping in Japan is just as crowded as everything else there.

Baby carriage, China

Our hut for 6 weeks on the island of Koh Samui,
off the Thai coast. \$1 per night, for 2. Heaven.

The Great Wall of China

A Japanese pachinko parlour

Redo of p 25 captions below (3)

Neal and Holly at the New Year's Party,

1/1/84, held by Boulder International
Folkdancers. Holly is dressed in a baku,
a traditional Tibetan dress.

Neal playing kaval, a Bulgarian end-blown
flute, at Balkan Music camp in 1983.

Holly playing dumbek, a middle eastern
drum, at Balkan Music camp

Sidney and her niece, Shelley

Harbour in Hong Kong