

What I Did on my Summer Vacation

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Most summers, I travel up to the mid-Atlantic states to see many of my siblings, who are clustered in the [Washington D.C.](#) area. I usually start with my brother Norman, who lives in [Annapolis](#)

. We're both car guys and tech guys and love to mull over the merits of the latest plasma HDTV over a frosty beverage. I also use Norm's place as a launching point to travel to points further north. This year (I wrote this in the summer of 2008), I visited some cousins in

[Lakeville, MA](#)

and

[Norwich, CT](#)

. I won't bore you with the details of the bipolar granddaughter whose visit with her grandparents (my cousins) coincided with my visit, nor will I go into any detail about one of my favorite cousins and his delightful wife and their many, many cats. Fortunately, I like cats, so it just added another fun element to the brief visit.

An unexpected and pleasant surprise was the presence of a good friend, Palm Beach Macintosh User Group (now defunct) president, Brian Bahe, who, as a personal trainer/masseuse/etc., was staying with his client on Maryland's eastern shore, who, let's just say, is extremely comfortable both there, and her home in south Florida. What a great job. Other than exercising with the client for an hour or so a day, and running a few errands for her, he's pretty much footloose and fancy free.

Oh, did I mention that she was pretty comfortable? Well, to discuss the value of her home would be gauche and very low class, but just between us girls, it's a magnificent home with all the comforts, including a rather large garage, which houses some of her favorite rides, including her Bentley convertible--oh, sorry, drophead coupe, a Range Rover, an AMG Mercedes-Benz SL65, and bringing up the rear, a 1970s vintage [Volkswagen Thing](#) . More about the latter two cars in a moment.

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