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Dear Dennis -

Hope you have as nice a time together as we did, and that your weather is even better.

One of the issues that surfaced regularly, as it did the last time we were together two years ago, was what is to become of this place in the future. We (Sydney & John) wanted to leave you a note just so you know what our thoughts are. (We even had a chance to try to sort out some of the complexities with Lisa and Dennis, ^{and Bill} when they were here)

Basically, what we figure is this: there are a lot of us with some strong feelings about trying to work out a feasible way to keep the camp in

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the family. Lynn and I were talked to the Gen. Manager, Wes Surk (an extremely nice guy), who filled us in on the various requirements for membership, etc., and indicated that the Preserve has a strong interest in maintaining traditions and legacies. So, on the one hand, there is a ^{family} contingent who would like at least to begin serious discussions about the possibility of having one of this generation ^{eventually} become a member + the camp ^{property} owned by a group.

On the other hand, there are a great many obstacles. Not one of us is particularly affluent. Peter + Bill Ritchie are the only people who seem competent enough to work

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on the place, and it clearly needs constant ~~set~~ upkeep + maintenance. Many of us live quite far away. None of us is very much involved in life on the other side of the lake. And on and on.

Basically, this note is only intended to bring you up to date on the discussions we had over the last couple of years. It seems really important to us that we all at least talk about what would be involved in trying to keep the place. There might be enough of a group with enough interest to make a go of it. Or when we all talked

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and looked at what money and work would be involved, we might all say "It would be wonderful, but it's just not realistic." But why don't we, as I said, try to figure out what the issues + costs would be.

Obviously, there can and should be no pressure on anyone to join in a venture they aren't interested in, but I have enough faith in all of us that we would all keep everyone else's feelings + circumstances in mind, and respect them, in making decisions.

So, here's to a great vacation + the beginning of an attempt to sort out a knotty problem (over) ^{love} ~~family~~ ^{family}

Aunt Frances - Hope you don't get
the feeling reading this that
your snooty little nephew +
niece are reaching conclusions
about the future of property of which
you are the legal owner. It just
does seem to us that it's
better to talk about these
things than not talk about
them, and Mom is always there
to remind us of the hard realities
of joint or cooperative membership
ownership - Love to you

To you all - I'm really sorry it
didn't work out that we got to see
you this year - we're back to England
on Friday but do hope we'll get to
see you before too many more years
pass. Best love - Jimmy